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ELABORATE ADVICE TO THE CHURCH PAPERS.

In a recent issue of the Nashville Christian Advocate, Dr. Jno. M. Moore, of this city, had a lengthy article of advice and suggestion to the family of Church Advocates. It was written in a brotherly spirit and it contained no word of captiousness or carping criticism. He manifested a disposition to be really helpful to the editorial fraternity and gave the views and ideas of one who was speaking from the standpoint of a reader and a student of the several papers. We read the article with care and meditation, for we are anxious to learn, from every source possible, the very best methods of making up and conducting a Church paper. We have long since abandoned the idea that we already know all about the profession of religious journalism. Really we have it nearly all to learn yet, and we are striving after light to help us in the work. So we searched the article with a desire to obtain help. We soon came to the conclusion that one of Dr. Moore's suggestions contained a thought of which we would take advantage, and that was for the editors to write more editorial matter for their papers and to clip less from their exchanges. We at once pounced upon that as a pointer, but about that time the noon mail came to our desk and the first thing we opened was a letter from a brother minister as wise as Dr. Moore, giving us some private advice, and among other things he said: "Why do you not draw more upon your able exchanges and write less for the Advocate yourself?" So we were stumped right there, and we stopped and meditated. But reading further along in the Doctor's communication we thought we saw another streak of light break over our mental obtuseness, when he advised the editors to make larger use of the many able and learned men in the pastorate and in our schools who never write for the papers; and he went so far as to intimate that all in the world that we would have to do would be to ask these brethren for well-written articles on given subjects and that they would hasten to send them in without money and without price. Well, we thought for the moment the suggestion a good one, and we began to pick out several of these learned pastors and wise professors to write to them at once for contributions. But on reflection we recalled the fact that not long before we had done that very thing and to that good moment not one of them had responded. And to this good day we have not heard from one of them! So even that little spark of light went out in darkness. And when we had reached the end of the Doctor's able and brotherly article and tried to find something in every sentence to help us, we found out that in reality we had often gone over the very same ground that he traversed and at the end of our quest we had failed to find the realization of the hope inspired by the experiment. The fact is, we

have concluded that there is not, in his article, any more real help for the poor editors than the city preacher finds in the learned editorials we often publish in the Advocates on the best methods of sermonizing, how to run a prayer-meeting, the way to reach the people and the wisest plans for pastoral visiting. The man who never edited a paper may imagine that he knows just how it ought to be done, but there is not one in a hundred who can sit down at the editorial desk and make a success of the undertaking. His ideas of a successful paper probably differ from those entertained by almost everybody else. And even were he to try to reduce his own conceptions to a working basis he would fall very far short of his ideals. Not every man who is a success in the pulpit and pastorate of a city Church is competent to lay down exact rules for the conduct of a Church paper. He has ideas of what a paper ought to be, but he is a novice in that sort of work, and to run the Church paper according to his advice might suit him, but the large circle of readers might not be so well pleased. But we thank Dr. Moore for his frank and elaborate article, and especially for its fraternal spirit; and we intend to reread its contents and, if on reflection, we can make application even of one of its many suggestions, we will certainly do so. Speaking for the Advocate, we are always glad to get the advice of our brethren, and we get lots of it, whether we are able to make use of it or otherwise. We are not perfect, but we are groaning after approximate perfection in the difficult work of editing a paper for the vast army of our Texas Methodism. Brethren, if the rest of you can throw any light on this subject, let us hear from you, and we will promise to give your suggestions our best thought, and then whatever help we can get from you, we will make use of it and continue to exercise our candid judgment in giving to our readers the most helpful and useful Church paper possible.

HIGHER CRITICISM IN THE PULPIT.

Now and then, even in Texas, we hear of a preacher attempting to preach the results of his studies in Higher Criticism to his people. There are two striking reasons why this sort of preaching should be eschewed. First, no ordinary pastor knows very much about that subject, if he is giving the attention to his pulpit and pastoral duties which these two spheres demand. And even if he is taking time from his evangelical studies and from his pastoral work to read up and study Higher Criticism, it goes without saying that he is not prepared to speak with authority upon this much mooted subject. When a man has given his whole life to a critical study of the authorship and literature of the Scriptures and is recognized as a specialist and an expert in these matters, people may learn something of value from his writings and utterances; but the man who has not done this and has not had the advantages of long training in colleges and universities is surely not the man to open his mouth and attempt to expatiate with his superficial nonsense on a question of this char-

acter. The Methodist Church did not set him apart for this sort of foolishness, and she does not support him with this end in view. It is sheer presumption for the pastor of a congregation in Texas Methodism to endeavor to feed his people upon such husks. In the second place, there is nothing in what we call Higher Criticism to strengthen the character or deepen the piety of our people. It converts no one from sin to righteousness and it establishes no one in the principles of holy living. It is well enough for our preachers to read up enough on this and all other questions so as to keep themselves abreast of the progress of inquiry; but to take such stuff into the pulpit and undertake to cram it down our earnest Methodist folk is the climax of folly. People need the gospel, and we commission our preachers to preach it to them; and if they do this faithfully they will have no time to confuse knowledge with the vaporings of speculation and learned pretension. No preacher can do better than to tell the people how to become converted and how to live right before God and the world. Away with pulpit foolishness!

EXPENSIVE AND SHOWY FUNERALS.

There is nothing more sacred than the funeral services which we have conducted over our dead, as we lay them in their last resting places. Yet it is to be regretted that we are establishing a custom in our cities and larger towns of making these services needlessly showy and expensive. Not that we desire this sort of thing, but that custom is making it necessary. Other people are doing it, and, when we have this sad duty to discharge, we do not want to appear different from the usages of those about us. Hence, we purchase a costly casket, hire several expensive carriages, and pay for an extravagant hearse. It would look a little bit out of taste under such delicate circumstances to take the question of expense into consideration and apply the rules of economy to such an occasion. Hence we go along against our judgment and greatly to the detriment of our ability, and meet the obligations of an expensive funeral when, in fact, we are not prepared to do anything of the kind. All this suits the undertaker and the livery-stable people, who share in the proceeds of the expensive outlay; but often those who are dependent upon us have to suffer correspondingly on account of it. As a matter of fact, a poor man can hardly afford to die in the cities on account of the enormous expense attached to putting his lifeless remains away. Looking at this matter as we do, we have come to the conclusion that somebody ought to be brave and sensible enough to break up the custom of observing these showy and expensive funerals. Our dead bodies do not need costly caskets in which to dissolve and go back to mother earth, and our friends do not need a long procession of carriages to follow us to the grave. If so, and they are in reality our friends, each one will gladly furnish his own transportation. The dust of our dead

is too sacred to expose us to such exorbitant tax and to such coarse display. Let our people throw this sinful custom aside and bury their dead quietly and decently, and in accordance with their means. Nothing else is becoming to such sacred service.

CHRIST'S TEMPTATIONS.

There was a genuinely human side to the nature of Christ. It is with this side of him that we have most to do. To this side of him came his temptations, for he was in all points tempted as we are, yet without sin. In fact there was no temptation known to him that was in any sense more peculiar to him than to us. And whatever may have been the effect of temptation upon his power or resistance, he never resorted to the use of any means with which to resist it, except such as he has ordained in the gospel for our use when we are tempted. He prayed earnestly to the Father for strength, and then he applied the promises and commands of the Scriptures. "It is written, it is written, it is written," is what he said to the tempter. This same help is in our reach when the tempter comes to us. We can do under such circumstances what Christ did. True he was sinless and pure; but when we become his followers by faith, he gives to us grace which more than supplements all our weakness, and thus we are placed toward temptation just where he stood. In our own strength we will fail when tempted, but in his strength we can overcome and stand victorious in the end. Owing to this fact, Paul said, "I can do all things through Christ who strengtheneth me." In the case of Christ's temptation we have an example to encourage us. He was tempted and we need not expect exemption from like ordeals. Some people imagine that they are beyond this sort of trial, but it is a mistake. If you are any account, the devil will pursue you to the end; but if you trust in God, you will have power to triumph. And every victory over temptation is a special preparation for larger triumphs. Thus by resisting temptation successfully we develop spiritually and become stronger for all the ordeals of life. It is by testing us in this way that God is willing to place upon us large responsibilities. After Christ came down out of the wilderness, the great issues of life were entrusted to him. God tried the human side of him and saw that he would do, and thus it is that he tries us and then gives us our sphere in the spiritual battle. The man who endures is the faithful one, and God puts him in the forefront when there is work to accomplish.

Under the old dispensation God governed his people like we govern very young children. He appealed to their fear and had often to threaten them with punishment, but under Christ's administration he appeals to us as grown up and well-developed men and women. He claims our obedience on the ground of filial love and reverence. He takes it for granted that we are capable of intelligent service and he asks us to render it to him because in it is our highest good and his greatest glory.

OUR FLORIDA LETTER.

I am delighted at the way Texas is giving the rum devil the "black eye." My heart thrills with enthusiastic pride at Dr. Rankin's "On with the battle!" May battle after battle be fought till the accursed stuff shall no longer find place in Texas, America—the world! Amen! All America should be proud of Texas and Texas Methodism. It is our prayer that the things which impede her progress and prosperity in spiritual and temporal things, may all soon disappear.

But some one will ask me "Why praise Texas so and remain in Florida?" To all such enquiry I answer, "Not that I love Texas less, but Florida more." The even climate here has charms for me, and on the whole we have a noble people. Our people here are as responsive to the financial claims of the Church and gospel as any people I ever saw. True, our lands, in the main, are poor, but I've learned long since that "there is more in the man than in the land."

Our groves here are now in flourishing condition, having fully recovered from the "big freeze" of 1895. Our oranges are not to be compared with California nor Jamaica fruit, as every one who has ever tried it will testify. I am filled with almost unutterable gratitude to God for his good providence which has enabled me to purchase a forty-acre tract of this Florida land, with an eight-acre grove on it, which will give us a good living in a few years, and enable me, at superannuation, to contribute to the conference fund, in lieu of receiving help therefrom.

Let me give some information to my Texas friends in regard to groves, and their yield, etc. I was in a twenty-acre grove a few weeks ago, which was purchased, two years ago, for twenty-five thousand dollars, and the crop of fruit (oranges and grape fruit) sold last year, on the trees, for ten thousand dollars. Another grove, some larger than this one, three miles south of here, brought its owner ten thousand, five hundred dollars worth of fruit—sold on the trees. One of my stewards, who has a fine little grove, sold the grape fruit on two seedling trees a few years ago for three hundred and twenty-five dollars, and the man who picked and shipped the fruit sold it in market for seven hundred and twenty-five dollars! These are truths, and startling truths, and I write them as such, for information to any who may be interested.

Florida never was in better condition financially, but it is with sadness we chronicle the fact that her spiritual life is not commensurate with her material prosperity. Oh, how we need spiritual life in all our borders! Not that we have no spiritual life. No! But such large per cent of our prosperous citizens, some even members of the Church, who are not devoted to God in heart and life. Yet I believe from what I have observed both here and in Texas, there is not much difference on these lines in the two States.

It is the prayerful hope of Florida Methodism that spiritual life may be universally revived, and that the Spirit of Christ may soon swallow up the evils found in many places here under guise of "Christian Science" and other teachings too numerous to mention; and in order to this happy result, we have established at Sutherland the Florida Seminary for the fostering and furtherance of Christian education. Its opening may indeed auspicious, its growth phenomenal, and now the attendance has increased so that another (making three) large building is in course of construction. I prophesy for the Seminary that it will prove to be the rod of Moses which swallowed up the rods of the magicians. Christian education! When we fail to conquer on this line, when we fail to impress the world and bring the lost to Christ by this method, we had as well quit the field and write "Ichabod" across our banner. "Precept upon precept, line upon line," teaching. Teaching! No man can read the Pentateuch and discount teaching. Teaching by the parents, teaching in public, teaching in all places, everywhere, observance of God's laws. And when our children begin to learn at all, they should begin to learn of God. Everything else is evanescent. God, and knowledge of, and union with him, abides forever.

Kindly greetings to all the brethren. May the Advocate force and all its readers share richly the mercies and blessings of our divine Lord!

J. L. YEATS.

Clearwater, Fla., April 25.

FROM THE FIELD.

I sometimes hear some of our friends in Texas express a wish that our missionaries in foreign lands would give more attention to the matter of telling us what is being done in their fields of work. Some people do not know the lack of leisure among our missionary workers. I have been on missionary ground in Mexico enough to see that our missionaries there are very heavily worked. I do not know of one who is not overwork-

ed. I also know that many times when the reader might presume leisure—there is need of rest. The modes of travel among the mountain burro trails, where no vehicle can pass and the unaccustomed fare among the mountaineers, has to be experienced in order to be appreciated. Then the frequent changes of altitude are trying to any one. On one day he may be at an elevation where two blankets are needed under which to take his sleep, even at noonday in July or August, then the next day he may be where even a thin sheet would prove an oppressive covering. This writer has had these experiences in Mexico, and he knows what he is talking about; and yet some people think that he should send more copious notes from the field. Well some of the complainers ought to take our

and not bother too much as to what goes on them. * * *

* * * My salary has been cut this year, through a mistake of somebody. So I am on the financial mourners' bench, but think I shall 'come through' in some way. One thing is sure, that I have a better hold upon God and feel more surely his leading; so will be all right some way, somehow my work is prospering, and more and more do I feel it to be my meat and drink to do His will in all things. Blessed privilege! * * *

"Our State Convention of Young People's Societies and Sunday-schools meets here on the 22d. I wish you could be here and see our progressive West and what stirring Christians we have over here. * * *

"Last week some ratico entered our house some way and stole some valu-

ables, among which was a watch and a pair of shoes presented to me by Bro. G., where I was last at home in Texas * * *

I have given you these extracts from a letter of my missionary son, Rev. F. S. Onderdonk, that the reader may gain some insight to missionary life, labors and surroundings among the mountains and vales of Western Mexico.

G. ONDERDONK.

SOME INTERESTING REMINISCENCES.

A while back the Advocate published a sketch of Rev. T. S. Ewell, and we gave a picture of him and his faithful old horse. He wrote us a private letter and made reference to himself for our benefit, and he spoke of other matters that will interest our readers. So without asking his permission we assume responsibility and publish what he wrote to us:

The photo came back all right. You and Bro. Blaylock have me and Robbie fixed up so nicely in the Advocate that I believe the engraving is a better picture than the photograph. There might be in danger of taking the big head were I a score or so of years younger; but I hope that at my present age I shall not be spoiled. I was 71 the 9th day of March ult. Some tell me that I look as young now as I do in the picture. I could have written a great deal about the Brenham paper and persons connected with it. James Fisher and I were boys together. We worked, ate and slept together, told each other our boyish plans. We both wrote articles that were put in the paper. I wish I had kept copies. James Fisher and I loved each other devotedly. After the lapse of over a half century I grieve his early death. In boyhood I knew well the old Texas preachers: heard them preach often. They often stayed and preached at my father's. The last time I heard "Father" Fisher preach was at our house. Some of his attitudes and remarks on that occasion are before my mind now as I write these lines. He was a great divine and preacher, and would have made a good Bishop. I have known him after preaching to hold class-meeting. I heard him tell my father and mother all about the horses running away with him and his wife in a buggy or hack. His wife escaped with slight injury. He was dashed against a tree or log; was supposed to be dead, and was for a time out of the body. Bishop Fitzgerald "In California Sketches" gives a brief account of this occurrence. My father owned one of the horses after they

flowed with great rapidity. As a young preacher I have never heard him exalted. But I must close this desultory scroll. I was glad to hear that you had got well and that Richard was himself again. I was also glad to hear that you had abandoned your trip to the Orient. I think, Doctor, that you will do more good by staying in Texas. You are needed here all the time, and we cannot spare you. We need you to preach and write and edit the Advocate and lead in the great temperance movement. Praying the good Lord to bless and sustain you in your great and arduous work, I am your brother in the kingdom and patience of Jesus. T. S. EWELL.

"WHERE WILL HEAVEN BE?"

Under this caption in the Advocate of April 7 there appeared an article by Bro. J. C. Palmer, of Duffau, Texas. He begins his article by stating that this world will be the place. He then undertakes to prove his proposition by a very flimsy process of reasoning, such as "for God created the world and all things therein for man." Does it follow from hence that the world is eternal in its duration? Certainly not. This world was evidently created for a habitation for man, but it was only intended for his probationary state. Man failed to stand his first probation, and God in his mercy provided a second, and man is still on probation, and the earth remains as his dwelling place; but there is not a doctrine more plainly taught in God's word than that man's probation will come to an end some time—we knew not when—and Christ shall come back to earth and judge man. After this transaction "the earth and the works therein shall be burned up."—II Peter 3:10. The plain teaching of this Scripture and many others that I might quote is that this earth shall be dissolved when the elements shall melt with fervent heat. Every planet in the solar system and every other system will doubtless go in the same way, according to Scripture.

He infers from the fact also that man was created here, babes are born here, man dies, is buried and the resurrection is here; that God intends for him to spend his eternity here, and from hence it naturally follows that the earth must be eternal in its duration. But such a conclusion is contrary both to reason and Scripture. What use can we have for such an abode as this earth? It is adapted to man in his physical condition, but not to him in his glorified, when the corruptible shall have put on incorrup-

tion and the mortal shall have put on immortality. So Bro. Palmer will have to prove that this earth can be immortalized like unto the inhabitants. Now we read in Rev. 22 that in the saints' bright home there will be no night there, and they need no candle, neither light of the sun. I wonder if Bro. Palmer supposes that God is going to destroy our greater and lesser light (sun and moon) and leave the earth? The Scripture has more to say of the destruction of the earth than it does of these, but the last chapter of Revelations proves beyond a doubt that the sun will not shine in the abiding place of the redeemed, "For the Lord God giveth them light."

He also states that God's attributes were only known to himself and were never known and understood anywhere but in this world. Does not Gabriel know about as much about God's attributes as Adam after his fall, Bro. Palmer or any other man? Now, according to his reasoning, sin was necessary, and if it was God is its author. Such a conclusion is absurd, when the Scripture plainly says God cannot look upon sin with the least degree of allowance. Then in the face of such Scripture statements for us to conclude that God desired man to do that that he positively forbade him to do, and punish him so much for what he did do in order to show his willingness to forgive, is preposterous. And if sin was necessary to manifest God's attributes, as Bro. Palmer thinks, heaven had already had its rebellion, and the sinners of heaven had already been placed in chains of darkness to await their judgment. Hell was prepared for the devil and his angels, and not man; but since he, too, has sinned, if he does not repent, hell will be his final home, and the righteous shall "go" into life everlasting "from" the earth where the judgment takes place. These are the two, and only two, eternal abiding places for man after death.

From these facts we see that if sin was necessary to manifest God's attributes, it already existed with the fallen angels, and God's attributes had been pretty well manifested both in hell and heaven, though Bro. Palmer states that God's attributes were only known to himself and on earth. Now we want to see if this heaven on earth idea harmonizes with the teaching of Christ. We read in Acts 1:9, 10, 11 that Christ was received up into a cloud, and while his disciples were gazing up into heaven there stood by them two men in white that informed them that he would come again, as they had seen him go. So it is beyond question that he left the earth and went to the Father somewhere far apart from the earth, somewhere that is only indicated as to direction or locality by the word up. Now let us see what was the object of his going. He told his disciples (John 2:2, 3) "I go to prepare a place for you; and where I am there ye may be also," etc. Now the circumstances of Christ's ascension and the words of his mouth are positively against Bro. Palmer's theory. If this does not teach that he left earth, went somewhere else to prepare a home for the righteous, it does not teach anything. And so the earth is not the place according to reason, according to Scripture, nor according to our doctrinal standards. So far as this writer knows Bro. Palmer has this idea all to himself, and I hardly think any well-informed Bible student will try to deprive him of his inheritance.

R. A. CLEMENTS.

SUMMER INSTITUTE OF THEOLOGICAL.

I regard it as one of the greatest privileges of my life to have attended the Summer Institute of Theology at Georgetown last year.

The promoters planned for great things. How wisely they planned is shown by the fact that the success of the institute greatly exceeded the most hopeful expectations of all concerned. Instruction was given in all the undergraduate courses by the most capable and experienced pastors in Texas Methodism. The instruction and work in the post-graduate courses was of such a high order as to be worth the time and attendance of any preacher in Texas who has not gone to seed. Most of the lectures were delivered by men of national and international reputation. It was a privilege indeed to hear such men. The manager have planned on a still larger scale this year. There will be eight courses in post-graduate work instead of four as last year. No preacher in Texas who can possibly go can afford to miss the Institute this year. I have written this in the hope that some preacher who did not go last year may be helped to realize more fully the greatness and importance of the work and make a stronger effort to go this year.

JOHN U. POLLARD.

Lindale, Texas.

The worst blasphemy is that of professed without practice.



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Devotional and Spiritual

HOLINESS AND USEFULNESS.

True holiness has a higher end than to make men happy. The deepest and divinest joy in earth or heaven is born of holiness. This is a necessary consequence, and not an end. The objective point of holiness is usefulness. Christ "gave himself for us that he might redeem us from all iniquity and purify unto himself a peculiar people, zealous of good works." "If a man purge himself from these he shall be a vessel unto honor, sanctified, and meet for the Master's use, and prepared unto every good work." "Every branch in me that beareth not fruit he taketh away, and every branch that beareth fruit he purgeth it that it may bring forth more fruit." From these citations it is clear that God makes men holy, that they may perform better service and produce better and more fruit. No believer is fully prepared to do the work of God until he is endued with power from on high. The command to go was supplemented by the command to tarry for the endowment of power.

The sphere and usefulness of the Church were very narrow before she received Christ's baptism with the Holy Ghost. This gave her purity, power, and aggressiveness. She became at once invincible, and went forth a conquering army. "Apart from me," said Jesus, "ye can do nothing." No man can be at his best whose moral relations with God are disjointed. Holiness is the normal condition of man. Sin is a state of abnormality and inherent weakness. Just in so far as sin has deteriorated men he is less himself. Jesus Christ says to every man, "Wilt thou be made whole?" Salvation at its best makes men whole men, as well as new men. A fractional Christianity can never cope with a perfected devilry. A purified Church, filled with the Holy Ghost, is more than a match for the combined powers of darkness. No sooner did the Church reach her Pentecost than three thousand souls were born unto the kingdom. A new era broke upon the Church, and the Word of God grew mightily, and prevailed everywhere. Barnabas was a good man, full of faith and of the Holy Ghost, and much people was added unto the Lord.

Such a result is neither accidental nor exceptional, but inevitable. A man or a Church which is full of the Holy Ghost and of faith is master of the situation, and will win out in spite of all opposition. The gates of hell cannot prevail against such a Church. If every minister of the gospel should so adjust his moral relations with God as to be filled with the Holy Ghost and faith a moral revolution would result within the next six months. Such a revival as has never been known would visit all the Churches of Christendom. God is a holy God and a jealous God, and cannot be served acceptably by an unholy people. Caleb followed the Lord fully, and was as strong for the battle at eighty-five as he was at forty-five years old, and was able to dislodge and drive the giants from the highest mountain fastness in Canaan.

Full salvation takes the weakness and cowardice out of a man and makes him a courageous and invincible warrior. "The people that know their God shall be strong and do exploits." A new revelation of God's holiness opened the eyes of the Prophet Isaiah to a discovery of his moral corruption and humbled him to the earth; he cried, "Woe is me; for I am undone." Immediately there flew to him a seraphim with a live coal fresh from God's altar, and said, "Lo, this hath touched thy lips, and thine iniquity is taken away, and thy sin is purged." Just then he heard the voice of the Lord saying, "Whom shall I send and who will go for us?"

Then said I, here am I; send me." Purity not only prepares men for the service of God, but it makes them willing and anxious to run in the way of God's commandments. "Thy people shall be willing in the day of thy power." Holiness and power are inseparable. "But truly, I am full of power by the Spirit of the Lord."

Wealth, culture, and numbers are all elements of power, when harnessed to Pentecost. A holy Church would soon fill the Lord's treasuries with consecrated money, gird the world with consecrated missionaries, and usher in the millennium.—Rev. J. W. Hill, Sr., in Western Christian Advocate.

THE GRACE OF FORGETTING.

To forget is both a vice and a virtue. All depends upon the character of the thing forgotten. Kindness ought to be remembered and wrong forgotten. This is Christ's

way; the opposite belongs to evil. One of the hardest things to do is to forget. It requires an abundance of grace, not always at command. The very term implies a mental impossibility. One cannot undo the past or change it from what it is. And still the obligation rests upon every Christian. Christianity is above nature. It belongs to the supernatural, else has no existence. Forgetfulness and forgiveness are half sections to the one circle. Neither is possible without the other. The two in the Scriptural sense imply a heart condition rather than a mere mental effort. One must feel his own sins forgotten before he is in position to forget the sins of others. And even then our personal wrongs are easily remembered. Many people cherish their grievances as if they were a priceless legacy. They rehearse them with all the zest and zeal of a genuine pleasure. Such people are to be pitied. They do themselves a greater wrong than it is possible for one to inflict upon another. Injuries grow with exercise. Our fancied woes become real, and molehills are magnified into mountains. Imaginary wrongs are seldom forgotten. They are created and fostered by the same mind. A large proportion of injured people were never injured at all. Their deepest wounds were self-inflicted. It is always unfortunate when one makes an overcoat out of his nerves. He is sure to come in contact with life, and often upon its rougher side.

But all injuries are not imaginary. They are sometimes the result of a deliberation for which there was and is no excuse. The law of evolution certainly accounts for some men. In the upward tramp from the animal world they have brought their ancestors along. The distance between Herod and the fox

was not very far. They were so much alike that even Jesus spoke of the two as one. Those who would deliberately wrong their fellows, we believe, are comparatively few. Still they exist. Self is a constant factor. The ethics of success are often doubtful, they jostle each other in the race of life and the swiftest runner is the one to receive the prize. But the verdicts of time may not be those of eternity. Those who are first upon the earth may not be the last above the stars.

When one has sustained an injury from his fellow two ways are open to him. He may become his own avenger, or he may try to forget. The latter commends itself to our highest discretion. Apart from all Christian obligation it is the wiser course to follow. Personal retaliation is degrading. It places the offender and avenger of the same level. When the Israelites were bitten by the serpents in the desert, they did not bite the snakes in return. This they might have done, but in all probability the effort

lectual life than all the other days in the week. But to-day you will find them riding in the parks, stuffing themselves with rich foods, going to receptions on Sunday night. They did not have a single great conviction. They are merely sleek animals, living for their pleasures. For them the world is a barnyard, the occupations are ricks and mangers, and they are beasts feeding in the stall. These are the saddest events in life—not the ruin of the Parthenon, not the wreckage of the Temple of Diana, not the fall of the great statues of Phidias, but the decay of the great convictions.—Dr. Hillis.

LAWLESSNESS.

Is not the temptation strong in this American land, perhaps stronger than in any other under the sun, for a man to decide that a thing is right because he thinks it right? Then, the seducing temptation leads him easily on to the second step, to do what he decides to be right because he thinks it right. Do rea-



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sonable freedom and manly independence demand, even in America, that another consideration should be discarded, viz: Do other people think it right? And, have other people's thoughts been embodied in law, or have they grown into custom, which by the old maxim, *mos pro lege*, may be counted in for law? If yes, though the individual man's thoughts need not be hampered—one could not hamper them if one wished—yet, how can he deem it wise to let his thoughts dominate his will, and how can he count it right for his will to project himself into action, along a line at variance with the custom of the law? ***

Dear brethren, may I plead with you to be law-abiding? In the family, in the State, in the Church, law-abidingness is the most wholesome practice that Americans can turn themselves to. The Greek word *anomia* sums up a deal of shame and hurt that came to the early days of Christian history. Its English equivalent, lawlessness, may scarcely claim to originate or promote much that is sweet or sound or strong. It was a time of wanton idolatry in Israel, when "every man did that which was right in his own eyes." Here, in America, there are not wanting voices, loud and strident, lifting themselves up against the law and the courts. Competing activities lack horns in almost daily struggles. Individualistic contentions threaten the very being of society. Selfish out-reachings lay hold of forces which misused, shatter the welfare of the race. Chaos is threatened, and cosmos is not invited in when every one looks on his own things and not also on the things of others. Is now the time or this the age or ours the country in which religion

WITHOUT CONVICTIONS.

I can point you to a score of young men about you who climbed up to power on the shoulders of their great Christian fathers and mothers, who owe everything they are to their Puritan parents, who have come up to this city to make their fortune, who spend their nights at the clubs in gambling, who have used their unrivaled talents to buy the richest foods and the oldest wines, whose bodies are mere sieves for pleasures, who have despised every ideal of their beautiful mother, and whose journey through the city by day or night is like the journey of swine through a rose garden. Twenty-five years ago these men and women would have been in some Church every Sunday. This day of rest would have been the soul's library day for them, the day of worship, of which Emerson says that it means more to the country and its higher intel-

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Hooker's enthroning eulogy of law we know. God mercifully incline our hearts to honor her sovereign majesty! "Of law there can be no less acknowledged than her seat is the bosom of God; her voice the harmony of the world. All things in heaven and earth do her homage; the very least as feeling her care, and the greatest, as not exempted from her power. Both angels and man, and creatures of what condition soever, though each in different sort and manner, yet all with uniform consent admiring her as the mother of their peace and joy."—Bishop Tuttle.

"Count your mercies, count your mercies, my dear," was good old Grandmother Comfort's never-failing advice when things went wrong with those around her. She was not unsympathetic or unkindly—quite the reverse; but she was a philosopher in her homely fashion. She knew that, if she could only get people to count their "mercies," the list would be so long that it would crowd out altogether the ill that at first sight loomed up so large. It is a simple remedy for real or fancied ills, and easily applied—"Count your mercies."

It is easier to destroy than it is to build. A man whose constructive power is below zero may develop great activity as an incendiary.—Baptist Standard.

SOAKED IN COFFEE

Until too Stiff to Bend Over.

"When I drank coffee I often had sick headaches, nervousness and biliousness much of the time but about 2 years ago I went to visit a friend and got in the habit of drinking Postum."

"I have never touched coffee since and the result has been that I have been entirely cured of all my stomach and nervous trouble."

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"I could also tell you about several other neighbors who have been cured by quitting coffee and using Postum in its place." Name given by Postum Co., Battle Creek, Mich.

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Secular News Items.

Heavy rains and hail have done some damage in several sections of North and East Texas.

The Ottawa (Canada) Government will soon introduce a bill prohibiting all Sunday labor except of necessity and mercy.

A clear title to the Panama Canal was passed to the United States by the signing of documents in Paris by representatives of the United States and the canal company last week.

The British Secretary of the Admiralty, in a recent parliamentary paper, says the total tonnage of battleships now building and projected is as follows: The United States, 299,180; Great Britain, 187,000; Russia, 125,270; Germany, 103,976.

The total loss by fire which destroyed the wholesale district of Toronto, Ontario, April 19, will reach \$12,000,000, while the total insurance is thought to be \$8,268,000. The area burned embraces fourteen acres, and from 5,000 to 7,000 persons are thrown out of employment.

The Springfield Republican says: "Still another movement among Western farmers for combination in the marketing of their product is reported—this one taking the form of a corporation with \$50,000,000 capital and chief offices at Pierre, South Dakota, and Chicago. It will amount to no more than a dozen similar movements started in recent years."

Samuel Smiles, LL.D., author, surgeon, journalist and railroad man, died in London, England, recently, aged ninety-two years. He was best known to the world through his books on character-building, especially "Self-help," which passed through innumerable editions and is known all over the civilized world.

Sarah Jane Lippincott (Grace Greenwood) died at New Rochelle, New York. She was a native of New York and was eighty years old. Mrs. Lippincott had been connected with periodical literature as editor and contributor for years and was also the author of a large number of books, some of them stories for children.

Dr. Roswell Park, of Buffalo, the surgeon who operated upon the late President McKinley, is at present in Berlin as delegate from the United States to the annual Congress of German surgeons. Dr. Park recently delivered an address, in the course of which he made the startling announcement that in the United States the disease most prevalent of late was cancer.

The Interstate Commerce Commission has issued a report showing that in the United States, during October, November and December last the total number of railroad casualties aggregated 14,485, a decrease of 792 as compared with the preceding quarter. There were killed 175 passengers and 991 employees, and 1,937 passengers and 11,282 employees were injured. The damage by these accidents to cars, engines and roadways amounted to \$2,527,000, a decrease of \$57,348.

Samuel Bowne, a well-known farmer of Bedford Township, Calhoun County, Michigan, has a remarkable family record. It is an unbroken genealogical record reaching back for three hundred years to his ancestry in England. From that time to this every member of the Bowne family has been a Quaker. Every family has had a son named Samuel.

A dispatch from Tokio, dated April 22, says: "In the diet to-day Count Okuma warned the people of Japan to be prepared for intervention during the war by some European power, and also that it would be necessary, after the termination of hostilities, to float a loan of at least \$250,000,000. Matsuoka, the progressive-party leader, expressed the belief that Germany would take the initiative in intervention. M. Oishi criticised the foreign policy of Japan, saying the white book showed clearly that the great concessions offered to Russia would have been a national calamity had Russia accepted the lenient terms offered by Japan."

Vassili Verestehagin, the Russian painter, was Vice-Admiral Makarov's guest on the Petropavlovsk when the Russian battleship sank off Port Arthur, April 15. It is reported that he was lost with the ship. Nicholas T. Kravtchenko, the Russian literary man who was acting as correspondent for the Associated Press at Port Arthur, is also believed to have gone down with the Petropavlovsk. Verestehagin had been a participant in several of the wars of recent years, led by his aim to paint war as it actually is. Among his pictures are included battle scenes from the Russian war in Turkestan in 1867, the Russo-Turkish war in 1878, the Transvaal conflict, the Santiago and Philippine campaigns of the Spanish-American War, and the Boxer campaign in China, made from sketches drawn on the spot. In 1901 he visited the Philippines and China, and made many sketches of battlefields and soldier types, being favorably impressed with

the American soldiers. Some of his pictures were shown in Chicago a year ago. In 1902 he visited Cuba at the suggestion of President Roosevelt to make sketches of the Santiago battlefields and the scene of the destruction of Cervera's fleet, and then came to the United States to paint a picture of the battle of San Juan. He left St. Petersburg for Port Arthur early in March.

It was decided by the St. Louis Association of Congregational Churches the other day that a student should not marry while pursuing his studies, as the burden of supporting a family and carrying school work is too much. The case in question was that of a young divinity student, who was permitted to preach in a small Church, provided he remained single.

Otto von Bohlingk, the eminent Sanskrit scholar, whose death is reported from Leipzig, Germany, was born at St. Petersburg in 1815. He became a member of the St. Petersburg Academy of Sciences in 1855, and in 1885 he removed to Leipzig. It was in collaboration with Prof. Rudolph Roth, of Tubingen, that his most important work was published. This was the "Sanskrit Worterbuch," or dictionary.

There is to be a "Times square" in New York City, as well as a Herald square. The open space formed by the intersection of Broadway and 7th Avenue, extending from 42d to 47th Street, hitherto known as Long Acre Square, has been named Times Square by the Mayor and Aldermen. The subway station at 42d Street and Broadway is in the basement of the new Times building, now in construction, and that is the occasion for changing the familiar and picturesque name of Long Acre.

The United States Supreme Court decided recently that books published periodically are not entitled to transmission through the mails as second-class mail matter. The question decided has been the subject of long controversy between the Postoffice Department and the publishers, both before Congress and in the department. For sixteen years and under eleven Postmaster-Generals these publications were carried as second-class matter, though under protest from the department, which made many efforts to have the law modified or repealed, but without success. Failing in this, the Postmaster-General issued an order in 1902, excluding the books from the second-class rate. Thereupon the matter was taken to the courts, the effect being that the Postmaster-General was sustained by the final decision.

The Philadelphia North American gives the following information about the Mason and Dixon line: "William Penn and Lord Baltimore, having failed to arrive at an amicable settlement of their differences regarding the boundaries of the land grants they had both received from the British Crown, the case was taken to London and there decided in Penn's favor. A compromise was then arranged in 1732, which was enforced by the Court of Chancery in 1760, and in accordance with it a boundary line was drawn in 1767 by two English surveyors, Charles Mason and Jeremiah Dixon. This line was marked with posts, which bore on one side the arms of Penn and on the other those of Lord Baltimore. It became known by the names of its surveyors and was, in after years, looked upon as the line dividing the free States from the slave-holding States.

Of the 12,763 newspapers and periodicals published in Germany more than 27 per cent are in other languages than German, 9 per cent being in English alone.

Drillers in the T. F. Driscoll oil well at Crockett, Texas, are reported to have encountered the trunk of a large tree at a depth of 1000 feet. Large pieces of perfectly preserved bark and wood of clear grain have been brought to the surface. The wood is of very hard texture and the tree is estimated to have been between two and three feet in diameter.

The adulteration of candy and the use of inferior materials in making it are beginning to attract much attention in England. Prof. Coston recently lectured on "saccharomaniacs." He expressed the opinion that future scientists would place the evils of sugar glutony on a pedestal as conspicuous as the drink question, as causing deterioration of individuals and races.

In 1891 an old woman left to the British Lifeboat Institution the sum of \$2000, to be paid on the death of a favorite kitten which had survived her and which was to be provided for with the interest. In 1902 the cat disappeared and the courts have now decided to assume its death and let the institution have the money on giving a bond to provide for the cat in case it should come back.

One of the Japanese field marshals, Marquis Yamagata, is 66 years old and looks decrepit. He represented the Mikado at the coronation of the Czar at Moscow in 1896. The other

Field Marshal, Marquis Oyama, is four years younger and looks portly and phlegmatic. He married a Japanese girl who had got her education in the United States. He went to France during the war with Prussia and was in Paris during the siege.

An extraordinary rich find of precious stones has been made in Hope Valley, Orange River Colony, South Africa. The gems include rubies, sapphires, beryls, emeralds, carbuncles, topazes, amethysts, turquoises and small diamonds. Thousands of dollars' worth were washed from a few loads of gravel and there are millions of tons of similar soil in sight. At a meeting of the syndicate which owns the property a bucketful of gems was shown as having come from two loads of earth.

Atlanta University is to undertake the study of crime this year. The study will be confined to the State of Georgia, but there will be an attempt to make a careful study of law-breaking among negroes its causes and suggestions for its cure. Investigations are in progress and a conference on the subject will be held May 24 at the university. This will be the ninth of the Atlanta conferences. The conference of last year studied negro religion and its report was issued recently.

At a recent meeting of the British Institute of Naval Architects it was asserted by Mr. Ratau that reciprocating engines must be used along with steam turbines in the propulsion of ships to correct certain deficiencies of the turbines. He contended that under no circumstances can turbines be worked economically alone at low speeds, and in stopping, reversing and manoeuvring they may prove a serious hindrance. Whether Mr. Ratau's views are sound or otherwise will soon be determined, as the two large Cunarders now being built, which will be the largest vessels afloat when launched, are to be equipped with steam turbines only, the company's engineers having complete faith in their efficiency.

Mr. H. J. Arnold, a retired merchant of Westport, Ontario, has just died at the age of seventy-nine years. He was a grandson of Benedict Arnold and a descendant of Egbert, an early English King. This fact is authenticated by the genealogy of the Arnold family. In this case it was better to be a grandson than a son.

The silence of Japan as to its plans, its forces on land and sea, their disposition, and the time that they will strike, contrasts impressively with the interviews and declarations of the Russians. The orientals have a reputation for chattering and boasting. It would appear that among the other improvements of the Japanese they have acquired the arts of reticence, secrecy, and precision.

Only one correspondent of the far East is working the wireless system. He is Captain Lionel James, of "The London Times" and "The New York Times." He uses the wireless system of the De Forest Company, an American corporation, and his news is sent and received by two ex-Western Union operators. Colonel James has a little steamer sailing under the British flag. Russia has declared that those correspondents who make use of that will be treated as spies, and the question arises, What will happen to Russia if she applies that to Americans or Englishmen?

The French Academy of Sciences has recently discussed the question of rat destruction, and scientists of high repute demonstrated to the Academy that these animals are able to resist the effects of arsenic for an extraordinarily long period. They can absorb a dose seven times greater than any other animal of the same size, and may become accustomed to doses of it which seem incredible. In fact, the confiding French farmer "who has been pinning his faith to arsenical rat killing preparations has been feeding them on something on which they appear to thrive."

In the Monthly Review Maurice A. Gerotwohl, a competent authority, analyzes Russia's financial resources. At the beginning of the year Russia had at its disposal the round sum of \$200,000,000, with a possible reserve of \$275,000,000 more. From this total \$75,000,000 must be deducted to meet the gold charges on the external debt for one year. The cost of supporting the Russian army in Manchuria may be reckoned on the basis of Russia's expenditures in China in 1900. That campaign cost Russia 61,900,000 roubles (about \$30,950,000.) The Russian forces in Manchuria and Pechili at that time amounted roughly to 100,000 men, "if then, to-day," says Mr. Gerotwohl, "Russia sends to the front 400,000 with the periodic drafts to fill up the gaps we may multiply the previous bill by 4½, making 270,000,000 roubles a year (about \$130,000,000.)" By this reckoning Gerotwohl estimates that Russia has now enough funds for an eighteen months' campaign. In the meantime she can begin to borrow.

LATEST WAR NEWS.

Washington, May 2.—The Japanese legation has to-day received the following cablegrams from Tokio: "General Kuroki, Commander-in-Chief of First Army Corps, reports from Chin Tien Chang that on May 1 the second and twelfth divisions and the imperial guard, forming the four army corps advanced, notwithstanding the stout resistance on the part of the enemy by three roads, driving the enemy before them and at 8 o'clock at night occupied a line extending from Antung to Lushu Kon. The imperial guards surrounded the enemy on three sides and after a severe fight captured twenty guns with horses and carriages and more than twenty officers and men. The general reserve corps advanced by the Lia Kang road. The enemy was composed of the whole Third Division and the Twenty-second and Twenty-fourth Regiments of the Sixth Infantry Division of sharpshooters and General Mischenko's cavalry brigade with about forty guns and eight machine guns. The enemy fled toward Zeng Huang Cheng. Our casualties will not exceed at most, 700. Twenty-eight quick firing guns and large quantities of small arms and ammunition were captured. Four heavy field guns were very effective. A Russian officer, who was taken prisoner, says that both of the commanders of the army corps and the division were wounded and that the Russian casualties exceeded 800. Admiral Kamimura's fleet arrived at Gensan on the 26th of April without having effected the intended bombardment at Vladivostok, owing to the thick fog continually prevailing. Learning that the Kinshu Maru was overdue, the fleet left port on the 27th in search of the steamer and again proceeded near to Vladivostok, but the incessant fog prevented any further operations and the fleet returned to Gensan."

Tientsin, May 2.—Two hundred Russians are entrenching themselves on the Liao River, three miles from Sin Min Tung, employing Chinese laborers. Sin Min Tung is two miles from Koumpang Tse, a permanent Russian camp. A detachment of 180 men is patrolling the railroad line. The extent and location of the movements along the lower Yalu River were somewhat obscured by the confusion of geographical names. Lantien Cheng, which was the main objective of the Japanese attack, the spelling of which is given in the Russian dispatches as Turenchen and in the Tokio reports, Chiu Tien Cheng, is on the west bank of the Yalu a few miles north of Antung. The preliminary operations which resulted in the Japanese occupation of Kasan, or Khusan, also took place on the west bank of the Yalu, thus enabling this force to move down from the north in conjunction with the main Japanese attack delivered on Sunday morning against Kullen Cheng. The fall of this strategically important point made the holding of Antung, nearly opposite Wiju, across the Yalu, impossible and caused the Russians to burn and abandon the town. It is evident that the fighting has been confined to the Yalu estuary, which is now in the hands of the Japanese. Feng Wang Cheng, to which the Russians have fallen back, is some thirty or forty miles northwest of Antung, inside or west of the famous Willow Palisade, which was once the boundary of Manchuria. This point also controls the famous Peking road, the great caravan and trade route running via Liao Yang. Feng Wang Cheng and Antung, and connecting the Chinese capital with Korea.

London, May 2.—The Japanese legation to-day gave out an official dispatch from the admiralty at Tokio reporting an engagement between Japanese warships on the Yalu and Russian shore batteries. It reads as follows: "The Captain of the gunboat Maya reports that a flotilla consisting of the gunboats Maya and Uji and some torpedo boats ascended the Yalu on May 1, bombarding the enemy. While they were returning the enemy's artillery suddenly attacked the torpedo boats. The latter silenced the enemy after a severe engagement lasting thirty minutes and the flotilla all returned to Yongampho. There were no casualties. Our armed launches reached Antung the same morning and repulsed the enemy's infantry after thirty minutes of sharp fighting. Fire was seen rising from the town, and a native says the enemy fled from Antung after setting fire to it." A dispatch to the Central News from Seoul says that after the Japanese charge which resulted in the occupation of the Russian lines at Chin Tien Cheng, the Russians fell back in confusion. The Japanese, the dispatch continues, have now secured a firm hold on the Manchurian side of the Yalu.

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UNANSWERED LETTERS.

April 28.—E. A. Sample, sub. J. J. Creed, sub. W. H. Vance, sub. L. C. Matthis, sub. R. S. Adair, sub. has attention. J. J. Canafax, sub. April 29.—D. W. Gardner, sub. W. C. Hilburn, sub. J. M. Armstrong, sub. F. L. McGehee, sub. E. L. Sisk, sub. April 30.—E. S. Hursey, sub. J. R. Wages, sub. M. M. Morphis, sub. J. F. Sherwood, sub. W. B. Wilson, sub. May 2.—W. H. Wright, sub. has attention. J. T. Bloodworth, sub. M. J. Allen, sub. J. W. Bowden, sub. B. W. Allen, sub. M. L. Story, sub. I. F. Pace, sub. A. A. Kidd, sub. has attention. C. A. Evans, change made. H. A. Hodges, sub. May 3.—A. L. Moore, sub. Ed R. Wallace, sub. J. W. Hill, sub. J. W. Bridges, sub. L. A. Reavis, sub. W. B. Wilson, sub. T. B. Vinson, sub. J. C. Moore, sub. May 4.—O. P. Thomas, sub. H. E. Carter, sub. R. L. Ely, sub. O. C. Swinney, sub. W. B. Wilson, sub. J. B. Curry, sub. M. L. Moody, sub. H. B. Smith, sub.

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Notes From the Field.

NORTHWEST TEX. CONFERENCE.

Crowell.

M. L. Moody, April 29: We are yet at our post and hopeful. Our meeting goes on; not much done in the taking of the enemy's works. Bro. Thornton was with us several days and did us most faithful work and splendid preaching. The drouth has prevailed for more than a year and still continues; no grass, no crops; a great many stock have died for food and water. Viewed from the human standpoint, the situation is distressing. I know of no man in all this country who would not gladly leave if he "could sell out." A better day is coming.

Bristol Circuit.

M. S. Leveridge, April 30: We have just closed a very fine meeting at Clemma, in which much good was accomplished. There were about thirty conversions and fourteen accessions to the Church. Rev. R. J. Tooley, of Venus Circuit, did most of the preaching. Bro. Tooley is a plain, enthusiastic gospel preacher and his services were appreciated by all. We would not forget to express our appreciation for the helpful sermons of Bros. Bonner, Vincent and Hightower. We are now rebuilding our church at Bristol and it will be ready for use again in four or five weeks. This makes four new churches for Bristol Circuit in the last eighteen months. Everything is moving on nicely and we are expecting great things from the Lord.

Whitney.

J. H. Braswell: We closed last night, in many respects, one of the greatest meetings ever held in this town. Our town is moved from its depths towards God and the better life. About fifty or sixty bright conversions. About thirty-five have given their names for Church membership. The Methodists lead by a large majority. Hard sinners have been saved; many who drank have pledged to "cut it out" of their lives. Many family altars were erected. A young man's prayer-meeting of twenty-two names enrolled. Rev. R. J. Birdwell, of Fort Worth, was on hand at the beginning and stayed with us ten days. He came in the power of the Spirit and proclaimed the

truth as he alone can do. He is a master of men, a leader of the hosts of God. He holds up Christ as the only Savior of sinners and urges immediate acceptance. He is the pastor's friend. He magnifies Church membership. A nice sum was presented to him, all the people taking part. Our people were delighted and greatly helped by his ministry. Bro. Hightower, his singer, did us much good and his services added much to the success of the meeting. The local pastors came into the meeting with their people and were much benefited thereby. To God be all the praise.

A Great Day for South Side Church in Corsicana.

Reporter: Rev. J. B. Berry, our pastor, came to us three years ago. He soon organized the ladies of the Church into a Home Mission Society, who worked with might and zeal for a year and a half and paid for three lots at a cost of \$500. Then he had a Building Committee appointed of four of his best men, and Rev. Solomon, of First Church, had appointed four of his best men, with Bro. J. H. Woods as chairman. They laid before an architect the plans for a building to seat 600 people, modern in every respect, brick veneered, which, when completed and furnished, will cost \$10,000. Owing to the boll weevil and abatement of oil business, it has been a very heavy pull on the pastor, and could have never been built without an Herculean effort. We are in the church in an unfinished condition, without windows and doors at present. Five thousand dollars have been expended on the building. Through the urgent solicitation of Bro. Berry, Rev. H. D. Knickerbocker, of Trinity Methodist Church, Dallas, came down and preached a powerful sermon in the unfinished church, after which he took a collection which resulted in \$700 in subscription. The mother Church came over to the house warming of her daughter, which was beautiful to behold. At 8:15 p. m. all assembled at the mother church, and Rev. Knickerbocker preached a very eloquent and thoughtful sermon, after which there was a second collection which resulted in a subscription of \$300. Though it was a damp, rainy day, yet there was no misconnection. Special music was provided at each service. Solos were rendered by Mrs. Carter and Mrs. Anderson. The Harmony Quartet favored us with a very enjoyable selection at the morning service. After the benediction and congregations the day's work was closed and the mother seemed proud of her daughter's debut. The pastor's heart was overflowed with joy. The South Side people enter in with new vigor and hope and expect to write soon about the entire completion, and then follows the dedication.

Midlothian.

M. K. Little, May 2: I am proud to report our meeting here a great victory. We had thirty-five conversions and thirty-two accessions. The Midlothian Church has had a wonderful uplift, which is manifest in every department, and as we are having professions and accessions at our regular services I feel that we may hope for some fine results of the year's work. Rev. J. H. Stewart, our pastor at Vernon, did most of the preaching. He gives no uncertain sound nor spares on any line. His preaching is of the type that God honors in conviction; that makes men feel that they are sinners. He is a great preacher. Our second Quarterly Conference has passed and finances are ahead on all lines.

Peaster.

J. L. White, May 2: Our second Quarterly Conference was the very best. Had the best representation of officials I ever saw at a conference. Bro. Boone preached two very fine sermons. Had old-fashion shouting. The financial report was very good for the time of year. We believe that prospects are fine for a sweeping revival of religion all over the work. Our congregations are large. The congregation at the Quarterly Conference was like a Sunday congregation and it was on Wednesday. The good ladies had a very fine dinner on the grounds. "Every prospect pleases" and only prayer and right living required to produce "abundant fruit." God is always ready to bless. The winds of higher criticism from the south of Peaster are blowing some, but my people have strong dugouts in their minds and hearts and we don't think serious damage will be done.

Granbury Station.

W. B. Wilson, May 2: This is the first from Granbury since conference. It has not been dull with us here though. The Christmas pouncing and the flow of good things to the pantry since then, has been duly enjoyed; besides the great kindness of friends during much sickness at the parsonage in the winter, which kindness abides in our hearts as a lasting fragrance. My liberal Board of Stewards moved the mark for the support of their

preacher \$80 above last year, and are paying it up by the month. Our assessments for all purposes are in cash and good subscriptions. The spiritual condition of the Church is better. We closed a week's revival a few days ago, with twenty conversions as result, and most of them received into the Church. Rev. Jno. R. Henson did the preaching and R. H. Woods the singing. Both are from Abilene. They are good help. All departments of Church work are doing nobly. We have all the societies known to the connection. Last week a Woman's Home Mission Society was organized with twenty-four members, and more to follow. It began a year's subscription to "Our Homes" with a list of twenty-six. We now have in all of our Church papers and periodicals taken by these good people nearly 200. We expect to reach above that before conference. I am sure the friends and former students of Granbury College will be glad to learn that we expect to clear the debt on the plant and set it in good running order in a few more days. Have nearly \$2200 raised in good subscription on the debt already and hope to have at least \$2700 by the first of June, elect a president and be ready for school work by the first of September. We have not as yet appealed for help outside Granbury, but stand in a state of agreeable receptivity toward all liberal friends. Send it on in any amounts; small favors thankfully received, and larger ones in proportion. We organized a Church at Fairview last Sunday afternoon with twenty-one members to begin on. That community is five miles from town and is made up of the very best of people, good lives, freeholders and of intelligence. We expect at an early day to see one of the best country Churches in this section. Among those received was Rev. M. F. Whitaker, of the Methodist Protestant Church, a good and useful man, who, with his entire household, becomes one with us. Several others from the M. P. Church, who will prove valuable additions to our Church there, were also received. We have already secured eight subscribers to the Texas Advocate among these new members. Well—I had better save something for the next time.

NORTH TEXAS CONFERENCE.

Denton Street, Gainesville.

J. F. Pierce: We have just closed a successful revival at Denton Street Station. Judged from every standpoint, it was the best and most far-reaching meeting we have had in years. The meeting commanded a hearing from the entire town, something which has not occurred for a long time. The Church has been wonderfully strengthened and encouraged. Thirty-five have given their names for Church membership. The character of work done may be judged by the fact that every adult who made a profession went right into the Church. Excepting the children, the people reached even middle-aged men and women. The results, I am sure, will be permanent and abiding. Bro. L. S. Barton did the preaching. As a man and preacher he made a fine impression. He has the respect and confidence of all who heard him. His preaching was clear, strong, scriptural. He proved himself to be "a master of assemblies." He met our expectations and went beyond them. As a revivalist, he is the strongest I know. Bro. Nichols and Broadway cooperated throughout and added much to the success of the meeting. E. G. Phillips lead the singing and did fine work both as a singer and a personal worker. We are grateful to all these brethren. This, my last year here, is proving to be the best. We are grateful to God!

Burns Circuit.

Chas. H. Armstrong, April 29: Our second Quarterly Conference convened at Zion the 23d and 24th inst. Our presiding elder, Dr. Alderson, was providentially hindered from being with us, which we regretted very much, yet we had a very pleasant and profitable session. Bro. Rutherford, one of our own local brethren, preached us two very fine sermons. Finances are little behind. We are preaching to large congregations—full houses. Our people are spiritual. We hear the "old-time" shouting at our regular services. We have organized a Church and are planning to build a church house. Our prayer-meetings are doing good work. Our Sunday-schools are not doing as well as we desire. We are praying and working for a revival of religion, pure and undefiled, all over our work. We are expecting to see sinners born to God. Yes, with Sister Martin as leader our people at Canaday pounded us "goodly," for which we are very thankful. Our parsonage home has been repaired some during this quarter.

Woodbine.

E. L. Silliman, May 2: I was a transfer from the Indian Mission Conference to the North Texas last No-

vember, and am glad to get back to the portion of the State so long my home, and especially proud of the privilege to serve the noble-hearted people of the Woodbine Circuit. One fact favorable to this charge is that its former pastors all speak well of it and its people. It is indeed a pleasant place to be. The work is progressing right nicely at present, with prospects for better times ahead. Quite a number of the good women of Woodbine, and I organized a Home Mission Society a few days ago, and we intend to do more acceptable service for our Lord and the Church. The Sunday-schools and prayer-meetings are increasing in interest and attendance and doing good work. There have been about \$300 raised for purposes other than salaries since conference, such as putting in an organ at one church, repainting another and reseating another. We have suffered the loss, by death, of three members—Bro. J. E. Bunch, of Woodbine, and two of our best young ladies of Callisburg, Katie Clark and Edith Miller. "Our people die well." I serve an appreciative, pious, prayerful people, and am praying for God to use me for their good and His glory.

Anna.

P. G. Smith, L. D., May 2: Please give me room in your good religious paper to give my thanks to my friends who were so kind to me while I was sick in Dallas and Mesquite. Rev. W. C. Young, of Dallas, invited me to his home, where I had all the kindness shown me that could be thought of by him and his daughter, Mrs. Tillman. Saturday evening I took the train and ran over to Mesquite and was met by the pastor, Rev. T. N. Weeks, and spent the night very pleasantly with him and his good wife. Sunday morning I went to see my old friends, R. W. Buford and wife, and there it was that an old-time Arkansas shaker got hold of me and shook me up and down for one hour and fifteen minutes, and then the fever gave me a rounding up, and then it was that I knew what it was to be sick. I just want to say that it is not so bad after all to be sick if we fall in hands with such good folks as Bros. Young and Buford. God bless them and theirs. Bro. Buford gave me the money to pay my way, and more too, which impressed me very much that he was a kind-hearted, Christian man. I went there to preach, but failed to do so on account of sickness. Well, thank the good Lord, I am well again, and preached yesterday to a full house, and I trust good was done.

TEXAS CONFERENCE.

Honey Grove Circuit.

J. T. Bludworth, May 2: A committee appointed by the second Quarterly Conference for Honey Grove Circuit has bought a parsonage on the corner of No. One and West Market Streets. We moved in this beautiful home a few days ago. All the interests of the work are moving on nicely.

Bellville.

Allen Tooke, April 28: We have just closed a successful meeting here, having received six members on profession of faith, and the Church much profited by the truth as preached by Bro. J. C. Carr. He endeared himself to the good people here, and in my humble judgment he is the soundest on our doctrines of any preacher I have heard in many a day. He knows how to help the pastor by exhorting and encouraging the people to stand by him. Let us all learn a lesson here and preach not ourselves, but Christ; seek not our own, but some other pastor's benefit, thereby establishing, fulfilling and not destroying. I am here for one purpose only, viz: to glorify God, and if I can only see many precious souls saved, I shall be satisfied and no one can blame me for shouting. "Oh, praise the Lord for saving grace!" Hurrah for Bro. Green; let us study more about "laymen in the altar" and less about "laymen in the cabinet." We need to comply with the condition of answered prayer (Jno. 15:7) and ask a "refreshing from the presence of the Lord." Praise God for a "running over" religion anyhow. "Come, Holy Ghost, our hearts inspire."

MARRIAGES.

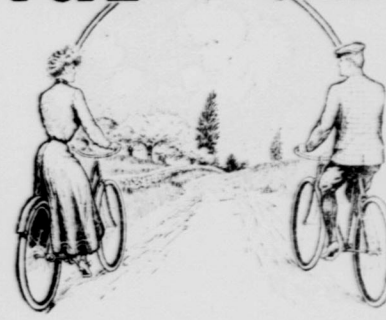
English-Sowell—At the residence of Mr. L. M. Garrett, in Haskell, Texas, April 27, 1904, Mr. D. B. English and Miss Edith Sowell, Rev. J. H. Chambliss officiating.

Kirkpatrick-Harper—At the residence of the bride's father, Sam Harper, Coleman County, Texas, April 24, 1904, Mr. Jesse Kirkpatrick and Miss Emma Harper, Rev. M. H. Major officiating.

Hall-Wilson—At the Methodist Church at Wallisville, Texas, April 21, 1904, Mr. George W. Hall and Miss Johnnie Wilson, Rev. J. I. Weatherby officiating.

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O'Rear-Tarver—At the residence of the bride's father, near O'Farrell, Texas, April 24, 1904, Mr. O'Brien O'Rear and Miss Pearl Tarver, Rev. S. N. Allen officiating.

Vernon District—Third Round.

Quannah sta, May 28, 29.
Chillicothe cir, June 4, 5.
Wellington mis, June 19.
Wellington sta, June 11, 12.
Childress cir, June 18, 19.
Childress sta, June 25, 26.
Munday cir, July 2, 3.
Seymour cir, July 5.
Spring Creek mis, July 8.
Seymour sta, July 9, 10.
Crowell cir, July 16, 17.
Vernon sta, July 23, 24.
Matador cir, July 30, 31.
Paducah mis, August 6, 7.
Vernon cir, August 13, 14.
J. G. Miller, P. E.

Fort Worth District—Third Round.

Polytechnic College, May 15, 16.
Glenwood, May 15, 16.
North Fort Worth, May 22, 23.
Peach Street, May 29, 30.
Mulkey Memorial, May 28, 29.
Missouri Avenue, June 12, 13.
Trinity, June 12.
Riverside, June 15.
First Church, June 19, 20.
Arlington, June 25, 26.
Other appointments to follow later.
Jas. Campbell, P. E.

Clarendon District—Third Round.

Claude, at Fairview, May 21, 22.
Clarendon, May 28, 29.
Canyon City, May 28.
Memphis, at Union Hill, June 4, 5.
Amarillo, June 11, 12.
Tulia, at Hart, June 18, 19.
Plainview, June 22.
Hale Center, June 23.
Lubbock, at Plock, June 25, 26.
Flordada, at Bethel, June 28, 29.
Dickens, at Wake, July 2, 3.
Lockney, at Moller, July 6.
Silverton, at Red Hill, July 9, 10.
Cataline, at River Side, July 16, 17.
Alamogordo, at Heald, July 16, 17.
Stratford, at Huff's Chapel, July 23, 24.
Dalhart, July 27.
Channing, July 28.
Dumas, at Palo Duro S. H., July 30, 31.
Canadian, at Miami, Aug. 6, 7.
Higgins, at Second Creek, Aug. 9, 10.
Hereford, Aug. 12, 13.
Hereford mis, Aug. 15, 16.
Rowe, Aug. 20, 21.
James M. Sherman, P. E.

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The Home Circle

A BOY'S OPINION OF HIS MOTHER.

By Essie Malone McCollum.
Our mother, she can't run at all.
Er play the games 'at suit us boys;
'N she can't pitch er ketch a ball.
Nur never joins our yells an' noise;
But she can do a lot o' things.
'At we can't do, nur never can;
She rubs the blain' on ant-stings.
An' ties up finger, toe er han'.

Whenever they git burnt er cut,
'N they are well, fust thing you know,
Then when we're sick, I tell you what,
We want our mother, certain, sho!
Fur no one else can fix the bed.
Er turn the pillow over right,
Er ease the pain 'at's in your head,
Like mother can, by day er night.

An' evenin's, when we come fr'm school,
'N throw our books 'n baskets down,
Ef mother ain't in sight, our rule
Is jest to hunt her till she's foun'.
'N then she gives us pie an' cake—
She knows we're hungry as can be—
The's no one else, jes fur love's sake,
Would do as much fur us as she.

Now some folks might not think her face
Is pretty; but we'd not agree,
Fur though you search in every place,
Hers is the prettiest face to me;
She may not be the people's queen,
But she is father's—our, too—

An' though she doesn't wear a crown,
We'd not trade her fur queens that do.
One time I saw two grown up men
The n'ice had caught, han'cuffed 'n all,
'N both their mothers come, 'n then
Said their boys wuzn't bad at all.
So you may have, now, fur my part,
The kinfolks, nice as they can be—
Uncle, cousin er sweetheart—
But mother's good enough fur me,
Huskle, Texas.

WHY JACK LOVED THE FLAT-IRON BUILDING.

It was only last September that it happened—September 16, that the huge block of stone coping fell from the upper part of the twenty-story Flat-Iron Building, on Twenty-third Street, Broadway and Fifth Avenue. A great hole was torn in the pavement, and fragments flew in all directions. A Broadway car, filled with passengers going "down town," was damaged somewhat, but nobody was seriously hurt. A man passing by had his leg broken, and there was a newsboy waiting on the corner—a grimy, ragged, thin-faced little chap—who was struck on the head, and fell senseless to the ground.

How long he lay there, or what happened next, he never knew. But when he came to himself he was in a strange place, the like of which he never had seen before. It was quiet, for one thing—far away from the noise and din of the city, it seemed to the child. There was a carpet on the floor which looked like "rals, sho' nuff flow'rs spilled out," and soft white curtains which fluttered to and fro at the windows. There were all sorts of pretty things in the room—curious things—and he could not imagine for what purpose they were used. There were pictures on the walls, and one in a round gold frame above the mantelpiece was of a boy, about his size, but not a bit like him, for the face was full and rosy, the eyes blue and laughing, and the hair curled and golden.

"But th' nertiest kid I ever seed," he was thinking, and just then there was a keen, shooting pain in his temple. He tried to put up his right hand to his head, but the effort made him almost scream.

What had happened? Had he gotten hurt? How did he come to be here? He opened his eyes on the still, sunshiny room, and just at the moment a door opened, too, and a lady, followed by a tall, gray-haired man with a small black case in his hand, came up to the couch where the newsboy lay.

"I'll help you, Doctor Harris," the lady said, in a low, sweet voice. "I've done it once or twice before. You remember the time when our little Ronald—"

she stopped a moment, and her lips quivered—"broke his arm? I got everything ready and held him myself while the doctor set it. We were in the country then, and—"

"Is that what's up with me?" the boy asked, weakly. "Is my arm—broke? How come it?"

"Why, don't you remember the big stone that fell out of the Flat-Iron an hour or two ago? Some pieces struck you, and not only broke your right arm, but cut your head a little. But we are going to make them all right in a jiffy—Mrs. Burbank and I. We'll have you as sound as a dollar in a week, or so, if you are quiet and careful."

"Is this a—horsepittle?"

"Oh, no, my child! I happened to be passing along where you got hurt, and brought you home with me," smiled the lady. "I didn't know your arm was broken, you see, or how bad you were hurt. You looked so pale, and I didn't know where you lived or—anything."

They were very busy in the pretty room after this.

Two or three times the boy screamed under the doctor's needle—for the cut in his head had to be sewed up, and the arm straightened—but at last it was "all over," he heard them say, and then he—fell asleep.

This time he woke up to find the

pretty, dark-haired lady sitting beside him, and almost before he knew it, the little newsboy was telling his pitiful story—how he was quite alone in the world, and a woman he called "Aunt Brown," but was "not sho' nuff kin," let him sleep in the cellar at night for the food he earned by selling papers. Lately she had threatened "to lock him out," because he had been "so weakly somehow," and not able to work! One of the kind ladies who helped to send poor, sick children out—one of the managers of the country-week fund—had promised to get him in last month, but the man wrote for a stout boy, large for his age, and he was not able to get in that time—there were so many boys. He had never once had an outing; winter and summer he stayed in the dark, old cellar, sleeping on a pile of straw. How old was he? Oh, he was ten—nearly eleven—and had been selling papers and running errands for folks since he was seven.

Mrs. Burbank looked thoughtfully in the thin, old-fashioned face of the little waif—the boy who slept in a cellar, and had never had an outing. There was something in the expression—a look in the blue-gray eyes, with their long, dark lashes, that made her think of Ronald—her own darling boy—who went home to heaven when he was eleven, leaving her quite alone in the world. Would it please him if she should give a home to this pitiful little fellow—if she should tell him he might stay on, after his head and arm got well?

The more she thought of it, the more she liked the plan. And as the days went by—those golden-bright Indian summer days—she began to feel a strange tenderness for the little newsboy. They had many long talks together, and she had told him all about Ronald. He was never tired of hearing stories "of the purty kid."

Jack was getting sound and well by the second week. He must go back before long to the old life in the great city, to the hard work by day, and the cellar at night. But meantime he was growing "no end fond" of Mrs. Burbank, of the dear little home, and the lovely old garden. He was so happy here with her—or he would have been if the shining October days had not begun to say, with every golden hour:

"Your good times are most over, Jack Lane, and you must get a move on yourself, or Aunt Brown'll give yer the shake."

And the cellar was better than nothing on rainy, freezing nights next winter, and he earned so little—too little by far to provide shelter and food both.

The late roses were in bloom in the garden, and as he strolled along the clean, white walks, thinking of all that had happened he could not help the great longing which swept over him. All of a sudden he stopped quite still, and sobbed out:

"I jus' love that Flat-Iron, I do! An' if it 'ud jus' fall enuff to break my other arm, why, I'd—"

"Jack, my boy," said Ronald's mother, coming toward him with a smiling face, "I've got something to tell you! I've been talking to Doctor Harris, and—oh, well, it's this: I want you to stay on with me—to be my little boy, and keep me from being lonely."

"Does yer—mean it?" cried the little fellow, growing white about the lips.

"Yes! You shall have Ronald's room, and we'll see if we can't make each other happy, you and I."

Did she mean it? Was he, Jack Lane, "to stay on" at the cottage, to be her little boy, and perhaps to call her "mamma," as Ronald had done?

He took a deep, deep breath, and gave a glad cry of surprise and joy, and ran into Mrs. Burbank's arms.

There was a good deal of complaint in New York about the Flat-Iron Building with its twenty stories towering up among the clouds, a sky-scraper sure enough, for on windy days that is a bad corner. Passers by declare they are fairly lifted off their feet, the wind comes so strong and swift around the peculiarly-shaped building, and try to go some other way.

But there was one person who had nothing unpleasant to remember about the Flat-Iron on the corner of Broadway and Fifth Avenue. On the contrary, he declared he "jus' loved it better nor anything." This was Jack Lane. For if it had not been for the big block of stone coping which fell from the Flat-Iron that September day, and caused his accident, he might never have known anything about Mrs. Burbank, and the dear little cottage on an old-fashioned street in the suburbs, far away from "Aunt Brown's" cellar. The wounded head and broken arm had brought a wonderful change to his vagabond young life, and given to the poor waif of the streets and slums that precious piece of good fortune, a Christian home.

And you never saw a happier or more promising boy than Jack turned out to be. God's pure air and nourishing food changed the pitiful little face

so much you would hardly have known him when he had been in his new home a few weeks longer, and he could not help smiling a great deal, he was so happy; and as for Mrs. Burbank, she was happy, too.

It would be hard to say which loved the Flat-Iron best; both felt that they owed it much.—Kind Words.

FAITHFUL TO DEATH.

The Pioneer Press, Minnesota, prints the following incident, which occurred at Great Falls, Mont., last spring: "The victims of the recent blizzard which swept over the northern portion of that State, killing thousands of lambs and a number of cattle, are now being found with the passing of the snow. In nearly every case the victims were sheep-herders, who were caught in the storm, and frozen to death before they could reach shelter. Almost without exception these sheep-herders are men without connections of any kind."

"One of the most pathetic cases that have come to light is that of William Plumber, an aged man, whose sole friend, so far as known, was a handsome shepherd dog which he had raised from a puppy. This dog could do almost everything except talk. When Shep, as he was called, dragged himself into the little sheep town Shelby, with two of his legs frozen the fate of Plumber was known. It was useless to prosecute a search for him without the aid of the dog, and as the animal was, apparently, too disabled to make another move, it was proposed to wait several days before searching for the body of the missing man."

Shep, in spite of his condition, was ready to lead the party, however, and although the progress was slow and painful over the snow-covered hills and vales the faithful dog led the party to the body of his master. Crouching beside the frozen corpse the dog, worn almost to a shadow by the hardships he had undergone, uttered a long, penetrating wail, and then, licking the cold face of his master, expired. Plumber and the dog were buried in the same grave."

THE SALOON LIZARD.

Naturalists tell of a lizard found in the Arabian deserts which strikingly resembles the sand in color. On either side of its mouth is a fold of skin of a pale crimson hue. These folds can be blown out until they look like a small red flower common in the desert. Insects in quest of honey seek this flower-looking object, and are instantly destroyed.

The tactics of the lizard and the saloonist are much alike. The rum-seller puts on a splendid exterior. He makes his den as attractive as possible, to both young and old. No place is more brilliant than his. Light, revelry, music—all are there. "That's the place for a good time," says the young man. "Life's honey may be had there," says the old, cheating himself with the same old lie for the thousandth time. Too late both discover that this seeming splendor was but the fold on the lizard's mouth—a decoy leading to death and destruction. Seeking the sweets of life, they get instead the exceeding bitter gall of death. No man who values his place and opportunity for usefulness in the world will be entrapped by the saloon lizard.—Keystone Citizen.

HOW A QUARREL BEGINS.

Once upon a time said a farmer to his wife, "Suppose we keep a buffalo."

"Very good," said the wife; "only it were wise to count up the necessary cost before buying it. If we get a buffalo we must get a peg to tie her to."

"Yes," said the farmer, "and a rope to tie her with."

"And a cask to feed her in."

"And a blanket to keep her warm."

"And a pail to milk her into."

"And a churn."

"And a butter-paddle," said the wife, "and I think that is all, except that we might get a second pail so that I might give my mother half the buttermilk."

"What!" shouted the farmer, "you feed your mother on my buffalo's buttermilk!"

"And why not, pray?" If my mother hadn't fed me you would have had no wife to churn your buttermilk for you!"

"And a good thing that would have been for me. If my mother hadn't been inveigled into promising me to you—who knows?—I might have married a princess!"

"Well, since you are so grieved you got me instead of your grand princess—who couldn't milk a buffalo if you had her—I'll go back whence I came!"

Then in their overmastering anger the couple scold and shout both together, neither waiting to hear what the other is saying, until they are purple in the face the veins of their necks stand out like whin-cord, and at last the throat of each "sits down"—as the picturesque Hindustani idiom

has it—and refuses to work longer. Then the husband, still whispering, because he has no voice with which to talk, goes out to his plowing. The wife, also whispering, gathers together a bundle of clothes, and goes away to her mother's house. There she abides for the space of three months.

When the wife's brothers see that so long a time has elapsed, and that the farmer has not come in contrition begging his wife to come home, they realize that the matter is serious, and that something must be done, or their sister will be left on their hands, and the "face" of their family will be "black" before the whole world. So, arming themselves with a stick apiece, they go to the farmer's house. Finding to find him there, they go to his field, and find him working among the corn. Then they fall upon him, and beat him soundly, saying:

"Your buffalo has ruined our fields!"

"Impossible," says the farmer, "since I have no buffalo."

"No buffalo! Why our sister, you said, fed our mother on your buffalo's milk. So it must have been your buffalo that ruined our fields, and we want satisfaction."

"But I have no buffalo."

"Indeed," says the brothers, "you have, for it is your buffalo who for the past three months has been feeding at our expense. Come, take her away."

So the farmer goes and gets his wife, and indeed he is glad enough to have her help again. And the wife is glad enough to get back without having had to apologize. Therefore, it is a lesson to both.

So the quarrel is cured—until next time.—Hindu Folk-Lore.

CONVEYING A MILD REBUKE.

"That is ungrammatical," said Mr. Upperby, a smart young man much given to criticism. "What is?" asked his business partner, an elderly, blue-eyed man of a sly humor but unfailing good nature.

"That sentence you just now uttered."

"Perhaps it was. I did not notice how I spoke it. By the way, suppose you look in Webster's Dictionary and see if you pronounced that word 'ungrammatical' correctly."

"I am quite certain I did," returned Mr. Upperby, taking the volume down from the shelf and opening it.

"Why," he exclaimed, after a moment's search, "I can't find it in Webster!"

"I thought perhaps you couldn't," rejoined his partner, with a twinkle in his eye.

QUEER ALMANACS.

The boundary-riders of the great Australian sheep-ranches have each a district to look after, in which one must keep the wire fences in repair, and see that the sheep come to no harm. It is a hard and lonely life, living, as each boundary-rider does, quite alone in the wilderness.

A writer tells of some of the curious ways in which these solitary men keep count of the days.

One old chap, who had lived in the back country for thirty years, used two jam tins and seven pebbles. One tin marked, "This week;" and the other, "Last week." On Monday morning he would take a pebble from "Last week," and drop it into "This week," and one every subsequent morning, till "This week" had swallowed the seven. They were returned to "Last week," and the old fellow knew that another Sunday had passed.

Another man had tried and failed with several plans. At last he hit on a new idea. He made a big damper (cake of flour and water) on Sunday night, and marked it in seven sections, each section being a day's allowance, so that every time he picked up the damper the grooves would remind him of the day. Unfortunately, one Tuesday there came a visitor with a ravenous appetite. The host stunted himself that the hungry one might be satisfied with the day's section. But he wasn't. With anxious eyes the host saw the knife clearing the boundary line, and the hungry man ruthlessly carving into his almanac. At last he could stand it no longer.

"Stop! stop!" he cried, as he grabbed the damper, and glared at it.

"There," he said, you've eaten Toos-day and Wen's-day, and now yer wanten slice the best o' the mornin' off o' Thursday; an' I won't know the day o' wick.—Young People's Paper.

THE BRAVERY OF A WOMAN.

How brave is a woman? asks the Baptist Commonwealth, and answers its own question thus:

That depends on circumstances. It is woman's nature to be afraid of little things. She screams when a mouse runs over her feet. Fear clutches her heart when she is alone at night. Almost every woman will say, "I'm a terrible coward."

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ITS FIRST USE.

"Maria," said a business man, residing in the suburbs, to his wife, "you have been wanting a telephone in the house for a long time. The workmen will come and put one in to-day. Call me up, after they have gone away, to see if it works all right."

Late in the afternoon there was a call at the telephone in his office downtown.

Putting the receiver to his ear, he recognized the voice of his wife, pitched in a somewhat high key.

"Is that you James?" she asked.

"Yes."

"Will you please go out right now and mail that letter I gave you this morning?"

He had forgotten it, of course, and he obeyed.

NOT ON MEAT

Man Couldn't Regain Strength Until He Changed to Grape-Nuts.

It's a common joke to say "He eats so much it makes him poor to carry it around" when speaking of some thin, scrawny fellow who eats as much as a horse, but it is frequently true if the food is not the kind the body calls for.

A person might eat a ton of improper food and never get an ounce of nourishment from it but put them on a Grape-Nuts diet and four teaspoonfuls of this food (which is all nourishment) quickly brings pounds in weight and a fortune in health and strength. This has been proved over and over.

A German woman of Chicago gives an instance in her own family. It's briefly told but the truth is there: "My husband lost his left hand in an accident and lost a terrible amount of blood, kept getting weaker for five months and finally got a terrific cough. He would eat big meals of meat and potatoes to get well but didn't get any good from them. Finally I persuaded him to try Grape-Nuts food and from a skeleton of 83 pounds he soon regained his normal weight of 207 pounds and is strong and well and declares he wants no other food for the main part of his meals."

"As for myself my flesh was flabby, I tired so easily and my memory was so poor I could keep nothing in my head but after three months of the Grape-Nuts diet I gained 12 pounds, my flesh is hard and firm, I am stronger and my memory has improved wonderfully. I keep a candy store, but I sell Grape-Nuts, too, for I think it is the best thing to give the children." Name given by Postum Co., Battle Creek, Mich.

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HOW THE ADVOCATE STARTED.

By Rev. Wm. A. Bowen.

For many years I have been getting data regarding the men and measures and institutions that made Texas Methodism. Among these I have tried to get at the first efforts to establish the Texas press, both secular, religious and educational. In doing this I have always tried to get what is known as "history from first hands," that is, facts from those who made or had a hand in making them. The recent letter of Brother T. B. Graves anticipated by a few days the matter I had been asking for regarding the first appearance of a Methodist paper in Texas. My idea was to show that, really, the old Texas Christian Advocate ought to be dated from the fall of 1846 (for Sister Wells used the year 1847 because the paper was first generally circulated in that year) and numbered Volume 59. For, as a matter of fact, from the time it was determined to start the first Methodist paper until now there has been one issued almost continuously—in fact, without a break except a short sheet during the war.

Brother Graves gave the facts briefly and accurately, except he makes it started by Brother "Wells," when it should have been Wells. I requested Sister Mary S. Wells—who is still living in Gatesville, Texas—to give me the facts of its establishment, which she did, as will be seen by the letter below. Sister Wells is a daughter of the late Rev. Oreneth Fisher, D. D., and is a sister of the late O. A. Fisher, of the West Texas Conference, and an aunt of Rev. Sterling Fisher, Secretary of that conference and President of Cornal Institute, at San Marcos. She is a woman of rare culture and intellectual powers, and still hale and hearty and alert of mind. Her letter is as follows, and contains several names familiar to those acquainted with Texas Methodist history:

The Texas Christian Advocate was first published in Brenham, Washington Co., Texas, in 1847. The preachers of the Texas Conference were anxious for the paper and consulted with each other about the probable success of such a venture for some time. Finally Rev. O. Fisher, D. D., Rev. J. W. Kenny, Rev. Chauncey Richardson, D. D., of Rutersville; Rev. Homer Marshall, Rev. Josiah W. Whipple, Rev. Mordecai Yell and many others, proposed to Rev. R. B. Wells, then a member of the Texas Conference, to take charge of the matter and publish the same. It was then decided that Brenham was the best place for the paper. As a matter of course, the citizens of Brenham and Washington County were anxious for such a boon. Many of them sent in as much as \$5 and \$10 each for the first papers. Among them were Col. J. D. Giddings, Col. M. E. Howth, A. C. Mitchell, A. Lestard, John Estes, Dr. Hoxey, Ed. Tarver, Rev. R. Belvin, Rev. R. Elander, Proper Hope, W. Y. McFarland. This is just a few to show how much interest these noble people felt in the Church and paper. They were all liberal to their paper. But when we came to the work, and tried to get printers to set

State. It has risen like a large, brilliant star and spread its bright rays all over Texas, and now, in traveling over Texas, you will find this great paper in our homes with its messages of love and truth. It has become a necessity. We look for it, and feel as if we must through it have some good cheer. Great is the Advocate, and its influence will live forever.

MRS. M. S. WELLS.

Gatesville, Texas.
Where Sister Wells refers to Dr. Fisher taking charge, and says that she knows no more of its ups and downs, is where the name was changed from "The Texas Christian Advocate and Brenham General Advertiser" to the Wesleyan Banner. The latter part of the appalling name was tacked on by the insistence of the citizens of Brenham because they wished to use it as an advertisement of their city and county, since they were supposed to be putting up most of the money for getting it on its feet. Instead of simply dropping the latter part, leaving it simply "Texas Christian Advocate," the brethren thought



Mrs. Mary S. Wells.

it necessary to make the entire name new. I got this from the late Colonel Giddings, of Brenham. Dr. Fisher, Dr. Homer S. Thrall, Dr. Chauncey Richardson, and perhaps others, successively edited and conducted the paper as the Wesleyan Banner, until it became apparent that the brethren would never be able to tide it over the financial difficulties. Then it was that the late Mr. Charles Shearn—for whom our leading Church in Houston is properly named—came to the rescue. Dr. Fisher told me that Brother Shearn paid him and the other brethren the money they had lost in the enterprise and then put the paper on its feet, naming it the same name Brother Wells wished to give it at first—The Texas Christian Advocate. This was in 1853 or 1854. Dr. Fisher informed me. Since then the old Advocate has been making its visits pretty regularly in Texas, being moved soon after Brother Shearn put it on its feet, to Galveston, where it remained until 1887, when it moved to Dallas.

Bishop R. Paine ordained Robert B. Wells an elder at the Texas Conference held at Cedar Creek, Texas (Bastrop County), March 14th, 1847, and the next day he asked for location. The photograph of the founder of the Texas Christian Advocate is the only one in existence—taken when photography was first discovered. He returned to the itinerancy after he left the Advocate.

WOMAN'S PART IN THE EVANGELIZATION OF THE WORLD.

"Another parable spake he unto them: the kingdom of heaven is like unto heaven which a woman took and hid in three measures of meal till the whole was leavened."—Matt. 13:33.

"Tis woman's to nourish affection's tree;
And its fruit domestic bliss shall be:
'Tis hers to culture with patient toil
Each heaven born plant in the heart's soil.
And fruits and flowers her toil shall greet.
Richest flavors and odors on earth shall meet."

That it is God's intention and purpose to send the gospel to all the world no one can doubt who reads the Bible intelligently and prayerfully. The Great Commission (Matt. 28:19-20) makes this so clear that there is no room for argument. This is the marching order of the Great Head and founder of the Church, and no loyal man or woman will or can afford to ignore this imperative command. It will be admitted then at the very outset that the evangelization of the world is the duty and work of the whole Church of God. That the most of this work is to be done by men, I suppose, will not be questioned by any one. But my theme is woman's part in this great and glo-

rious work. It is very gratifying indeed to know that the good women of the Church are becoming awakened as they have never been before, and more of them are taking part in this noble work than at any former period of the world's history. But while this is true, it is a deplorable fact that there are yet thousands of women and girls in our great Church that take no part in this glorious work, and that are utterly indifferent to the needs and wants of their suffering sisters in heathen lands. This writer earnestly wishes that he could get the attention of those women who do not believe in foreign missions and get them to read and consider the burning facts and great truths that are found in the Bible, and in our great missionary literature that is being published today.

1. Note the Scripture passage at the head of this article, "The kingdom of heaven is like unto heaven which a woman took and hid in three measures of meal till the whole was leavened."

Dr. Clarke says: "As the property of heaven is to change or assimilate to its own nature the meal or dough with which it is mixed, so the property of the grace of Christ is to change the whole soul into its own likeness; and God intends that this principle should continue in the soul till all is leavened—till the whole bears the image of the heavenly as it before bore the image of the earthly. Both these parables are prophetic, and were intended to show principally how from very small beginnings the gospel of Christ should pervade all nations of the world and fill them with righteousness and true holiness." No woman who is opposed to foreign missions can study this strong passage of Scripture in the right spirit without seeing that it is God's plan to send the gospel to all nations of the world.

2. Surely if the women in this heaven-favored land of ours would study the Bible, and then acquaint themselves with the condition of their heathen sisters, they could not be indifferent on the subject of missions. Look at this picture of heathen women drawn by the facile pen of Mrs. Isabella Bishop, who has traveled over the East and knows the degradation that exists there.

"Of the Christless population of the world over 500,000,000 are women. We are here chiefly concerned with them. Throughout Asia the natural result of the universal distrust of women by men and of the degrading views held concerning women is seclusion behind high walls, in separate houses, known to us as the harem, the zenana, and the anderoon. I have seen much of the inmates of all, owing to the detentions in traveling, which have made me frequently their unwilling guest, and have unveiled for me the mysteries of their secluded lives. Such contact has banished from my mind, so far as Asiatic countries are concerned, all belief in purity in woman and innocence in childhood. We know what Christianity has done for us. We realize it more or less fully to-night as we meet to discuss the important and unfettered work of women. We know, or rather guess, and that only in part, what Islam and heathenism have done for our sisters. May God give us sympathetic instincts by which alone we may realize their contrasting lives. I have been a storm or peril-bound guest in more than fifty women's houses, including the women's tents of the large nomadic population of Persia. In all the arrangements, so far as means allow, are the same. The women's rooms are built around a yard and have no windows to the front; a room near the entrance is tenanted by eunuchs, or by an old woman, who acts as custodian or spy in the husband's interests. Such secluded women can never stir outside except in rigidly closed chairs by day, or in some cities on foot at night, properly attended, along streets from which men are excluded. In many countries it is a crime or a folly to teach a woman to read; in some a lady loses caste by employing her fingers even in embroidery. They know nothing. They have no ideals. Dress, personal adornment and subjects connected with sex are their sole interests. They are regarded as possessing neither soul nor immortality; except as mothers of sons they are absolutely despised, and are spoken of in China as 'the mean ones within the gate.' With dwarfed and childish intellect is combined a precocity on a gigantic scale in the evil passions of adults—hatred, envy, jealousy, sensuality, greed and malignity. The system of polygamy, the facility for divorce and the dread of it, the fiendish hate, the vacuity and apathy, and the tortures inflicted by the ignorance of the native female doctors, specially at the time of 'the great pain and peril of child birth,' produce a condition which makes a piteous appeal to every woman here. Yet those illiterate, ignorant women, steeped in superstition, despised as they are in theory, wield an enormous influence, and that against Christian-

ity. They bring up their children in the superstitions and customs which enslave themselves. They make the marriages of their sons and rule their daughters-in-law. They have a genius for intrigue; and many a man in the confidence of a ruler or another loses his position owing to their intrigues. They conserve idolatries, and keep fetich and demon worship alive in their homes. They drag the men back to heathen customs, and their influence accounts perhaps for the larger number of lapses from Christianity. It is impossible to raise the men of the East unless the women are raised; but real converts among Asiatic women, specially among the Chinese, make admirable Christians."—Ecumenical Missionary Conference, Vol. I, pages 287-288.

I have given this extract from Mrs. Bishop's paper read at the conference in New York in order that our women may have at least a glimpse of the awful degradation of their sisters in heathen lands. My dear sisters, does not this appeal to your sympathetic hearts and kindle within you a desire to send the gospel to those poor, degraded women in the East? In another article I wish to show something of what is being done by female missionaries in heathen lands.

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type and hands to work off the papers, we were at a loss to know what to do—a long way from market, and news of interest was scarce. The editor was a good printer, and a good manager, and also a rustler, for he worked night and day on the paper and had it ready on time. His wife, Mrs. Mary E. Wells, made up the mail with very little help. Houston was our nearest market, and in rainy weather the road was almost impassable. We would have trouble with our press, and it was hard to get paper. We soon found that Brenham was not the place for the Advocate—there were too many difficulties to overcome; there being no conveniences at hand, it was such an uphill business. But we struggled on until the end of the year, when its managers decided to move to Houston, where there were more conveniences. Then the Rev. O. Fisher, D. D., took charge, Rev. R. B. Wells returning to traveling and preaching. After that time I know nothing of its hardships, etc. It had its name changed after it left us.

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Bishop E. E. Hoss will hold the Texas, Indian Mission and New Mexico Conferences this fall. Further announcements later.

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For the first time in the history of the Epworth Era, the organ of our Epworth League work, is now self-sustaining. Heretofore it has been published at a loss, in dollars and cents, to the Church, though we could well afford the loss, were it necessary, on account of the good the paper is doing. But now it is demonstrated that there is no necessity for a loss in its publication, since it is on a self-supporting basis. Dr. DuBose, the editor, has had a hard struggle to bring the paper up to this point; but he has worked manfully to this end, and we congratulate him and those associated with him in the successful result. Let the young people rally round their organ and there is no reason why it should not become a strong factor in the material, moral and religious development of our great League movement. Dr. DuBose is enterprising, and he is engaged in the improvement of this sprightly periodical. He has recently adopted the plan of bringing out a Magazine issue of the Era once a month. The other three weekly issues will continue as heretofore, but the Magazine idea will dominate the one issue. The present number is of this character. It is now before us and very attractive. It has twenty-four pages, and they are filled with interesting matter. And this improvement will cost the subscribers nothing extra. We hope that every Leaguer in Texas will become a subscriber to this excellent Church periodical. It is in every way worthy of such support.

A SUNDAY IN TIMPSON.

Last Saturday we boarded the T. & P. "Cannon Ball" train and went to Longview. This is one of the fastest trains in the State and it is elegantly equipped. The run was made in a very short time, as we made but few stops. At Longview I entered the car on "The Windy" for Timpson. Maybe the readers of the Advocate remember a description we gave of this road about five years ago, just after it passed into the hands of its present owners. At that time it was in very bad condition, and it took it from half past one in the afternoon till about nine o'clock at night to reach Timpson—a distance of sixty miles. Since then the road has been put in good condition, and the rolling stock has been greatly improved. The same conductor was aboard who had charge of the train on my former trip. He is a jolly, good fellow and enjoys a joke. He made it interesting to us all the way over by his witticisms. The road has no connections to make and hence its time is still a trifle slow. But it runs through an interesting country, and there is much to attract one's attention. It made the run in four hours. Rev. J. T. McClure, the pastor, Brother Tower, the presiding elder, and Brother Ramsey, the Superintendent of the schools, met me at the train. I was taken to the new parsonage home of Brother McClure, where I was pleasantly entertained. A little drive over the town showed me the growth and improvement that had taken place since I was last there. Sometime ago a fire cleaned off many of the wooden structures along one side of the square, and since then a nice row of brick houses has taken their place. Also the old school building has passed away and an elegant brick on a ten-acre campus has taken place. The railroads have made improvements in their depot property. Scores of nice homes have gone up in every direction. In fact, the town has gone forward in many respects. Local opinion prevails and the saloon will never return. The morals of the place are on a high plane, and the community is one of the best in East Texas. The Church has doubled its membership, and so has the Sunday-school. This is Brother McClure's fourth year, and he has rendered very fine service. The people are devoted to him and his family. After a good night's rest, the Sabbath came in beautifully and bright. The rain during the night had put the atmosphere in good condition. The object of my visit was to preach a sermon at the close of the public school of the city. The principal, the teachers, the pupils, and the whole community gathered at the Methodist Church for the service. The music was good and an inspiring audience filled all the available space. I think we had a good service. Brother Ramsey has made a great success of the school work. He has a fine set of teachers, and the school is the pride of the town. In the afternoon there was a large gathering of the young people, and I spoke to them for a time. At night we had another large audience, and I preached again. At the close of the service, a collection was taken under the auspices of the Home Mission Society for the Rescue Home in this city. They realized \$105. Thus ended a hard day of work. We retired at about eleven, and at two in the morning Brother McClure, Brother Tower, myself and several laymen boarded the Houston, East and West Texas train and made connection with the T. & N. O. at Nacogdoches, and by daylight we were speeding toward Dallas. A number of the brethren were aboard, bound for the Waco meeting, and we had good company as far as Nacogdoches and Athens. By noon I was back in the office at work. I enjoyed my visit to Timpson. Met many readers of the Advocate, and felt at home among them. Was sorry to miss my old friend, Brother Smith Garrison, who was absent at Louisville, Kentucky, at the meeting of the Church Extension Board. The Church there has

some of the most devoted and devout women of any charge in the conference. They move out in every good work. In fact, the congregation is composed of very intelligent and religious people, and it is a good congregation. They will build them a good new church one of these days. The old one is now too small, even for the large Sunday-school. I found the work of the Church throughout all that territory in good shape, and the preachers are all greatly encouraged.

G. C. R.

A NIGHT IN HONEY GROVE.

Last Thursday we made a little trip to Honey Grove to lecture for Rev. J. T. Bloodworth and his people in the interest of the newly purchased parsonage for that circuit. When Brother Bloodworth went to that charge last fall, the appointment known as Whiterock, was taken from that charge and added to another one; and as the parsonage for the Honey Grove Circuit was located there, the charge was left without a home for the pastor. So they went to work and bought a good one for \$1400 in the town of Honey Grove. It is a good cottage, almost new and very comfortable. Brother Bloodworth and his family are well housed in it. The people will pay for it on the installment plan, the first payment having already been made. We called for a while and looked at the property. It is well adapted to this use and we congratulate the pastor and his people on their ownership of it. At night we had the lecture in the City Hall, and it was very well attended for a pay lecture. While there, was entertained in the brand-new parsonage home by Brother and Sister Riddle, pastor of the station. He and his people concluded that the old parsonage on a part of the church lot had served its day, and they abandoned it, bought a new lot further off, and upon it erected one of the neatest parsonages in the conference. It is complete in every particular and elegantly furnished. Its occupants know how to keep and care for it. We had a delightful stay with them. This is their third year there and the work has prospered in their hands.

REV. J. F. PIPKIN AND THE ADVOCATE INCIDENT.

In a few issues back, we published a short communication from Rev. B. W. Allen, of Wharton, in which reference was made to alleged incidents in the life of the late Rev. J. F. Pipkin. Brother Allen gave these incidents as coming from a relative of Brother Pipkin. At the time the communication was received it did not occur to the editor of the Advocate that the person involved was the Rev. S. W. Pipkin of sainted memory, else the matter would not have found its way into these columns. The Advocate holds in reverential esteem and love those worthy old veterans who wrought nobly in their day and have passed to their reward. And having read Brother Allen's correction of his statement, we are sure that he did not intend his utterance as a reflection upon one of those grand old men. But when his statement got into cold print, it read very differently from an anecdote spoken in friendly converse. But the mistake has served to bring out in its true light the splendid record and the noble character of that devoted and consecrated servant of Christ, the Rev. J. F. Pipkin. He was a noble specimen of Christian manhood. He was an uncompromising patriot, a brave soldier, a consistent and upright citizen, a devout Church member, and an earnest preacher of the gospel. His memory is as precious ointment all over the Southern part of Texas, and there are hundreds still living who rise up and call him blessed. And he has left to the State and to the Church a noble and devoted set of children, whose lives are an honor to his name Mrs. W. C. Young was one of his daughters, and the sweet perfume of her life pervades the Church throughout Texas. Such a man, such a Christian, such a

preacher, such a husband, and such a father as Brother Pipkin is known to have been, cannot suffer in his life and character from the unfortunate mistake thus unwittingly committed in his case. His record is not only fixed in the memory of the living, but finds a sure place in the annals of the sky.

A FEW PASSING NOTES.

The general Church work of Dallas is on the up-grade. The preachers are all active and their people are co-operating with them. The Sunday services were never so well attended as now and there is an air of thrift pervading all the congregations.

The preachers and good many of their leading men and women are now at Waco taking in the great meeting. They want the inspiration of that marvelous gathering and they will return with a deeper inspiration. We expect far-reaching results from that splendid gathering.

Police matters are assuming fine shape in this city. A partial organization of the force has taken place, to be completed the first of next month, and the whole thing is now on a business basis. Gambling and Sunday saloon violations are being taken care of, as never before. In fact, all the laws are being enforced, and the people are rejoiced at the change.

Great gatherings have taken place in the city within the past few weeks. The Saengerfest was held here last week under the auspices of the German Musical Associations of the State and it was a great success. They were instrumental in bringing to the city many outside musical attractions, and among them were musicians of national and international repute. This week the Woodmen of the State are holding forth.

A few of our State weekly exchanges whose editors are under the apparent control of the brewers have shown very decided symptoms of rabies over a little breeze the Advocate stirred up the other week. But the great majority of the weeklies agree with the Advocate touching the effort of the anti to dominate the politics of the State against our local option laws, and they quote freely from these columns. They stand by the people, while a very few of the other stripe side with the brewers—poor things! Well, the Advocate has its own way of doing, and if the friends of the liquorites do not like it, we would love to know what they are going to do about it, wouldn't you?

SOUTHWESTERN UNIVERSITY NOTES.

Our meeting closed Sunday. The last two days were days of great power, the meeting growing in interest until the very close. Drs. Nelms and Chapman did the preaching after Bro. Barcus left, and they both preached with great power.

On Monday night Miss Bowen's class in elocution gave a recital, which was largely attended and greatly enjoyed. Miss Bowen began her series of recitals for the benefit of the University at Tenth Street Church, Austin, Friday night, April 29.

Several of the faculty and a number of the young preachers of the University are absent this week at Taylor in attendance upon the Georgetown District Conference.

LET TEXAS METHODISTS SMILE WITH US.

The Baird Weekly Star offers the following advice to the Methodists of Texas. As this piece of advice would be lost on the sandhills of old Callahan, were it forced to confine itself to the twinkling "Star" of Baird, we kindly insert it here so that people will see it:

The Texas Christian Advocate, edited by Dr. G. C. Rankin, recently pitched into Railroad Commissioner Colquitt, accusing him of being the tool of the anti to defeat Governor Lan-

ham. Colquitt replied in an open letter published in the daily papers of the State, in which he refuted the charges made by Dr. Rankin in a way that must have been anything but flattering to the vanity of the doughty religious-political editor. The Methodist Church of Texas should make Dr. Rankin keep politics out of the Advocate or fire him as editor, unless the Church wants the impression to go out that it is aligning itself with the Prohibition party. Leaving out the merits of the case entirely, the question is, can the Methodist Church, South, afford to permit its Church paper dragged in the mire of politics in order that its editor, Dr. Rankin, may vent his spleen against those who do not accept his theories on prohibition?

THE WILLACY BILL.

A number of people have asked us to reproduce the text of the Willacy bill as it passed the Senate and was amended by the House Committee, as they have never read it. So we publish it in full as follows:

Section 1. That article, 3391, of the Revised Civil Statutes of the State of Texas of 1895 be and is hereby amended so as to hereafter read as follows:

Article 3391. The order of the court declaring the result and prohibiting the sale of such liquors shall be published for four successive weeks in some newspapers published in the county wherein such election has been held, which newspaper shall be selected by the county judge for that purpose. If there be no newspaper published in the county, then the County Judge shall cause publication to be made by posting copies of said order at three public places within the prescribed limits for the aforesaid length of time and prohibition shall not take effect until sixty days shall have elapsed after the results have been published or posted for four consecutive weeks as herein before provided. The facts of publication in each mode shall be entered by the County Judge on the minutes of Commissioners' Court, and an entry thus made, or a copy thereof, certified under the hand and seal of the clerk of the County Court shall be held prima facie evidence of such facts of publication.

Section 2. That article, 3393, of the Revised Statutes of the State of Texas of 1895, be and is hereby amended so as to hereafter read as follows:

Article 3393. No election under the preceding article shall be held within the same prescribed limits or within any greater portion of the county including the same in less than two years after an election under this title has been held therein, but at the expiration of that time the Commissioners' Court of each county in the State, whenever they may deem it expedient, may order another election to be held by the qualified voters of said county, or of any Justice of the Peace Precinct or other political subdivision or subdivision of said county, or in any city or town, or any school district, as may be designated by the Commissioners' Court of such county for the same purpose; provided it shall not be the duty of the said court to order the election as aforesaid unless petitioned to do so by as many as two hundred and fifty voters in said county or fifty voters in any other political subdivision of the county or school districts as shall be designated by said court or in any city or town, as the case may be, provided that if the precinct or precincts designated embrace within their limits an incorporated town or city, then such an election shall only be ordered when petition for the same is signed by qualified voters or less than one-fourth in number of the total votes cast for Governor at the next preceding election in such incorporated town or city, which election shall be ordered here, notice thereof given, the votes returned and counted and the results declared and published in all respects as provided by this title for a first-class election, and the order granting such other elections, as well as that declaring the results, shall, if prohibition be carried, have the same force and effect and the same conclusiveness as are given to them in the case of a first election by the provisions of this title.

Section 3. That article, 3395, of said Revised Civil Statutes of the State of Texas, of 1895, be and the same is hereby repealed.

Section 4. That all laws and parts of laws in conflict herewith be and the same are herewith repealed.

There have been 4,400 additions to our Methodist Churches in St. Louis in the last six months, nearly two-thirds of them by profession of faith, not by transfer from one Church to another. Finances, too, are at a high-water mark. Six of the Churches have increased their pastors' salaries, and fifteen out of the eighteen have their conference collections all provided for.

TEXAS PERSONALS.

Rev. L. L. Naugle was in the city recently, and made the Advocate force a pleasant visit.

Rev. J. A. Walkup, of Polytechnic College, made us a pleasant call not long since. He is a brotherly man.

Rev. W. B. Wilson, of Granbury, will preach the baccalaureate sermon for the Jarvis College, Thorp Springs.

The address of Rev. L. B. Saxon, pastor of Mt. Sylvan Circuit, has been changed from Ben Wheeler to Van, Texas.

Dr. T. P. Pipkin, now of San Angelo, called to see us recently. He was formerly a member of the Indian Mission Conference.

Brother I. T. Harper, of Harper's Chapel, in the Como Charge, made the Advocate a pleasant visit last week. We had the pleasure of abiding with him when at his place a while back.

Rev. J. A. Wyatt, of Annona made us a pleasant call on his way to the Waco meeting. His venerable father has been quite ill but is better at this writing.

Mr. Earnest A. Sharpe and Miss Virginia Rhoades were married April 15 at El Reno, Oklahoma. We extend to this worthy young couple our sincere congratulations.

Bro. A. P. Norman, of West End Church, Galveston, was a pleasant visitor at the Advocate office this week. He is Police and Fire Commissioner of his city, and his visit was one of both pleasure and profit to the publisher of the Advocate. "A fellow-feeling makes us wondrous kind."

Among the many good letters we are receiving, and we appreciate them all, the one from Mrs. B. S. Crow, of Waco, is exceedingly encouraging to us in the work we are trying to do.

John R. Allen, D. D., of the Southwestern University will preach the commencement sermon of Wall School, May 29, 1904, at 11 a. m., and Rev. W. L. Clifton will preach at 8 p. m., same date.

Rev. E. W. Alderson, D. D., has been elected to the duty of leading the invocation at the opening of the Texas Building at the St. Louis Exposition. The choice is a good one and Brother Alderson will render the service well.

Brother T. V. Elzey, of Hobart, Oklahoma, was in the city not long since and made the Advocate a brotherly call. He is a young man, but his country has nominated him for Treasurer, and this is equivalent to an election. He is a reader of the Advocate.

Rev. W. B. McKeown, broken down under the excessive labors of the past three years, has had to give up his work and has gone to Clarendon for rest. The entire Church will join us in prayers for the restoration of this useful man to health and his return to active service.

Col. J. D. Cunningham, formerly State Revenue Agent, called the other day to see us. He looks out upon the State from a public man's position, and he says the Advocate is doing more for the moral and civic purity of Texas than all the papers combined.

Rev. J. T. H. Miller, of Beeville, was a pleasant caller at the Advocate office the past week. He was enjoying his first vacation for seventeen years, but was making it one of profit as well as pleasure. Having attended the Sunday-school Institute at Cisco, he was on his way to the great missionary meeting now in session at Waco.

Professor R. B. McSwain, of the Southwestern University, has been elected to the Presidency of the Epworth University at Oklahoma City, and the papers say he has accepted the position. This is the joint school of the two Methodisms of the Terri-

tory. Professor McSwain is a Vanderbilt man and eminently qualified to meet high responsibilities. He is a man of great scholarship.

In a note from Rev. H. M. Pirtle he says, "Your issue of April 21st is worth the price of a year's subscription to the paper." We are inclined to believe that he is correct.

Rev. E. L. Egger and Brother Charles Morris, of Winnsboro, were in the city last week looking after plans for their contemplated church enterprise, which is to cost \$10,000. They called to see us, and they are elated over the work in that community. Recently Rev. J. L. Morris, of Paris, aided them in a meeting, with good results.

CHURCH NEWS.

Missionary representatives conferred with Secretary Hay about cruelties in the Congo Free State.

Dr. A. F. Watkins raised at the Montgomery District Conference, \$1,150 for the Superannuate Fund.

There are eight deaconess institutions in America under the management of the Lutheran Church.

Mr. R. M. Scruggs, one of the princely laymen of St. Louis, sailed April 28 for a three months' trip to Europe.

It is claimed by one of our editors that the New Order of Worship is more acceptable to the laity than to the preachers.

The Baltimore Conference at its recent session gave Bishop Wilson a special contribution of \$700 to build a church in Tokio, Japan.

A new Deaconess' Hospital has just been dedicated at Los Angeles under the auspices of the German Methodist Church, at a cost of \$100,000.

Rev. J. H. McCoy, ex-editor of the Alabama Christian Advocate, brought into the office of that paper one day recently, eighteen new subscribers.

Dr. Dowman, presiding elder, says that in the Atlanta District last year it took seventeen members at a cost of \$38 to bring one person into the Church.

The effort to secure 20,000 subscribers to The Christian (New York) Advocate in twenty months had succeeded up to April 7 in securing 17,141.

Dr. Charles C. Miller, President of Centenary College, makes the encouraging report that the enrollment of students this session is the largest since the Civil War.

Dr. W. A. McCarty, aged 86 years, and for over fifty years a member of the Alabama Conference, died at Anniston, Alabama, recently. Dr. McCarty was a strong preacher and an author of several books.

A home for girls has been opened by deaconesses of the Methodist Episcopal Church at Thomasville, Georgia. This was made possible by the munificent gift of a wealthy citizen, as a monument to his mother.

There is every prospect that the new tune-book to accompany the new hymn book about to be published by the English Wesleyan Church will be one of the best collections in existence. Its editor-in-chief is Sir Frederick Bridge, organist of Westminster Abbey.

The North Carolina Conference passed a resolution requesting the preachers to secure 150 new subscribers for the Raleigh Christian Advocate from each district by May 1. New subscribers are being sent in rapidly. There were 911 reported up to last week, and one week to go on.

Dr. Theodore L. Cuyler, that grand old gospel preacher, seems to feel that his writing days are about numbered. In sending an article to the syndicate of religious papers some weeks ago, he said that he had determined to use his pen now "only for soul-winning." In a later message he begs his agent to remind editors that March is always "the best season for revival work." "At eighty-two," he says, "I feel that my ministry through the press is almost over, and I want to do all I can with my remaining strength." Would that the clan of Theodore L. Cuyler were coincident with the number of ministers of Jesus Christ. And why not?

MAGAZINE NOTICES.

The May number of Scribner's Magazine is at hand and its contents are instructive and entertaining. One article, "The War of 1812," by Captain A. T. Mahan, is worth the price of a year's subscription.

Frank Leslie's Magazine has a replete May number, including in part the following subjects discussed: James, Cardinal Gibbons, frontispiece; Open Air Sculpture, The Work of American Artists at the Louisiana Purchase Exhibition, Karl Bitter; The Makers of the Statuary, Edward Hale Brush; The Happiest Woman, a story, C. Grace Kephart; The Old Whale's Story, Frank T. Bullen; Reparation, a story, Ina Brevoort Roberts; Bostonians by Adoption, a story, Geneva Forest; Pilli-Pang-Wang, a story, Frederick Walworth; The World's Roughest Riding, M. E. Stickney; Americans as Quitters, Cy Warman; The Brave Little Man, verse, Wm. Page Carter; The Race of the Swift, a story, Edwin Carlile Litsey; Imported Americans, IV. The Voyage, Broughton Brandenburg; Silent Forces of Congress, W. H. Hunter; Hearts and Clubs, a story, Maud Lindsey, San Domingo; Island of Chaos, William Bayard Hale.

The American Review of Reviews for May is fine. The special features of this number are a character sketch of Verestchagin, the Russian painter of war scenes, who went down with his friend, Admiral Makaroff, on the ill-fated Russian battleship, Petropavlovsk, with reproductions of some of his most famous paintings; a brief sketch (with portrait) of Admiral Togo, Japan's great sea-fighter, from Japanese sources; an account of Japan's half-century of progress since the opening-up of the country by Commodore Perry, contributed by Adachi Kinoshita, a Japanese journalist—with illustrations showing the primitive conditions in Japan in 1854; an illustrated article by Hudson Maxim on "Torpedoes and Torpedo Warfare," a comprehensive treatment of the great World's Fair at St. Louis by William F. Saunders, with a description of the art exhibit by Halsey C. Ives; several articles on the war in the far East—"Climatic Features of the Field of the War," by Frank Waldo; "Japanese Opinion on America's Attitude," "The Effect of the War on the Internal Affairs of Russia," and "What the People Read in Japan;" an account of the recent victory for municipal ownership in Chicago, by Victor S. Yarros; and a forecast of the great conventions and other gatherings of the year.

The American Home Journal for May is an attractive number. Its front page is adorned with the picture of a May girl, in colors. The opening article is "A Chat with Mothers," containing many useful suggestions. Following this is a story by Evelyn M. Wood Lovejoy, entitled "The Broken Medallion," with illustrations. Then comes "The Magazine with a Hundred," by W. H. Mansfield. Then Mrs. Augusta Prescott tells young ladies "How to Lift the 1904 Skirt," when on the streets and in public places. "Handel's Messiah," by Schmidt Wayland, which is a fine description of that marvelous musical production. "Talks With Girls," by Hester Grey, is a helpful article. The editorial page by Homer M. Price, is written in his usually interesting style. The rest of the number deals with matters of special interest to the general reader and especially the household. The Journal is a Texas enterprise, edited and published in Dallas. It is a magazine pure and simple, and its pages are clean and attractive. Its communications are instructive and entertaining and its illustrations are original. It is now about three years old and it is worthy of its success.

THE THEOLOGICAL INSTITUTE.

May I be indulged a word upon this important matter? And I say important advisedly. Nothing is of more vital importance to the minister of the gospel than the improvement of these special opportunities the Church has provided to make his ministry more efficient and helpful. A call to the ministry is also a call to prepare for the work of the ministry. The cry of the Church to-day is for "skilled labor."

I believe God will graciously supplement the lack in any man that is without opportunity. But it is not true that we dwarf or thrive as we employ or neglect the opportunities for our improvement? No pastor or layman attended the last session of the Institute without great profit. The program for this year, so far as I am able to determine, far exceeds that of last. Surely no pastor in the State can afford to miss it. On to Georgetown!

C. A. CLARK.

MISS HELEN GOULD.

In last week's Semi-Weekly Fort Worth Record was an extract of a letter from Miss Helen Gould to the Christian Women's Association being established at St. Louis for the especial purpose it seems of looking after and protecting and warning young women and girls concerning the devices and snares that are likely to be set to decoy them into trouble and ruin, of which the Texas Christian Advocate and the good women sound a note of warning also a short time ago. I think Miss Gould's letter deserves more than a passing notice, for I think it ought to immortalize her, if she was not already immortalized. She being a comparatively young woman herself, she writes her heart is very much set on that work. She further says she knows that young women and girls will be exposed to great temptations and snares, knowing it from her own conscious nature; but also feeling from her own conscious nature that she herself is invulnerable in regard to these same temptations and snares, she volunteers with many other "blessed" good women to tide over or steer over the shoals of the most delicate temptations of her sex, and it will have a most wonderful influence for good. When I read her letter I instinctively kissed the paper upon which it was printed, and tears of joy flowed unbidden from my eyes, and ejaculations of, "Bless her soul," welled up from my heart. I verily believe that the influence that she is exerting, in connection with other good Christian women in their high positions and calling, is worth more than all the accumulations of all the millionaires and multi-millionaires on earth to the world at large when properly considered. My heart was also warmed in reading the account of the Gospel Settlement Home as published in the Advocate of last week by Miss E. M. Winn, located at Dallas. By the way, "verily," is not the world growing better? Let us hope so and help it on in that direction all we may.

F. C. McMILLAN.

Hillsboro, Texas.

NOTES FROM POLYTECHNIC COLLEGE.

Faculty Elected and a Committee Appointed to Build New Dormitory for Young Men—Increased Attendance, 118.

Last Wednesday, April 27, at 2 p. m. the Board of Trustees of the Polytechnic College met in the office of the president. Reports were submitted by Treasurer George Mulkey, Financial Agent Rev. R. C. Armstrong and President H. A. Boaz. These reports showed the affairs of the college to be in a most gratifying condition. The members of the entire Board were very much pleased and so expressed themselves. The property of the college is now valued at more than \$100,000 on which there is an indebtedness of about \$8,000, \$4,000 of which is secured by good notes and gilt-edge subscriptions. After discussing and disposing of the financial affairs the faculty for the ensuing year was elected as follows: Rev. H. A. Boaz, M. A., President and Professor of Mental and Moral Philosophy; W. F. Myster, M. A., Mathematics; Jas. F. Sigler, M. A., English Literature, Economics, etc.; A. C. Hunt, A. B., Latin and Greek and German; Jas. H. Wyson, Ph. D., M. D., Natural Sciences; Mrs. W. F. Myster, Preparatory Department; S. P. Williams, Preparatory Department; W. O. Siler, M. A., Commercial School; W. H. Shumate, Commercial School; C. Wilbur MacDonald, Director of Instrumental Music; Miss Lillian Bonnell, Piano; Mrs. Jas. F. Sigler, Piano; Jacob Scheiner, Violin; W. A. Hemphill, Vocal Music; Miss L. Cameron Boone, B. O., Oratory; Miss Ella Ray, M. E. L. Art.

The teachers having been elected, President Boaz stated to the Board the imperative necessity of a first-class dormitory for young men. He brought out the fact that attendance for the present session was 118 in excess of that of the past year and that a similar increase was expected for the coming session. All available room being occupied the present year, new quarters were absolutely necessary. The situation seemed so plain an active committee was appointed to build a brick dormitory that would accommodate 100 or more young men. The building is to cost between \$10,000 and \$12,000. A joint stock is to be formed. Between \$3,000 and \$4,000 in stock were secured before the meeting adjourned. It is hoped the new building will be in readiness by September 6, when the next session opens.

The present session now closing has been the most satisfactory in the history of the school. The student body is enthusiastic and confidently expects a largely increased attendance next year.

GILBERT, College Reporter.

BOARD OF CURATORS.

The Board of Curators of Southwestern University will meet at Georgetown on Friday, June 3, at 9 a. m.

I. W. CLARK, Chairman.

That Tired Feeling

That makes a daily burden of itself and has nothing to do with work, is quite common just now. It comes from a low condition of the blood, and is therefore so serious as to demand attention.

It is always removed by Hood's Sarsaparilla and Pills, whose peculiar tonic action on the blood gives new life, new courage, strength and animation.

Take these two great medicines now, and you will be satisfied with the result.

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Accept no substitutes for Hood's Sarsaparilla and Pills. No substitutes act like them. Insist on having Hood's.

DISTRICT CONFERENCE NOTICES.

Tyler District.

All persons who will attend the Tyler District Conference which meets at Edgewood June 29, whose names have not been sent in, will please write Joe P. Downs, Edgewood, Texas. Those coming by private conveyance say so. Bring your wives and daughters. We will take care of all. All trains will be met.

G. R. HUGHES.

J. P. DOWNS.

Weatherford District.

The pastors of the Weatherford District are kindly urged to send at once the names of delegates that will attend the District Conference. Please attend to this by return mail so your delegates and yourself may get the best places. Arrange to stay over Sunday. A cordial welcome awaits you. On to Gordon June 2.

Gordon, Texas. J. F. TYSON.

Bowie District.

The following committees are hereby announced for the Bowie District Conference:

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"What doth the lord require of thee,
but to do justly and to love mercy,
and to walk humbly with thy God?" (Mic. 6:8.)
T. H. Y.

ALABAMA LETTER.

Rev. F. M. Grace, D. D.

Your obituary of Rev. T. J. Duncan in the Christian Advocate (Nashville) reminded me of the very pleasant day that we spent together in Knoxville in 1880, when he came there with the Knights Templar from Columbia, Tennessee, to deliver the annual address. After the grand march and assembly we were your guests, and we all went forth for a walk on the brow of old Methodist Hill in East Knoxville, overlooking the Holston River—a spot sacred to the memory of McAnally, Patton, Isaac Lewis, Sam Atkin, and other founders of our Church in that city. By the way, Col. Gaut has just passed over, of whom you once said to me that you believed he was as good a man as the Apostle Paul. Dr. Brunner and Dr. Stradley still linger with us, though the latter has been nigh the gates of death. Those old memories I know are dear to you, and you have not forgotten them afar off in Texas.

But these remarks are only introductory to the main subject of my letter, which I write under a promise to the Rev. J. W. Norton, Agent of our North Alabama Conference, for the building and procuring of homes for our superannuated preachers. I visited yesterday at his home, where he has been suffering from an attack of grippe, and he told me of an effort that has been made in Texas of a similar character. As he told it to me it was the case of one of the oldest preachers in Texas who had been left destitute in his old age, and had been compelled to retire to a temporary shelter prepared by himself with a very few of the necessary articles of furniture borrowed from his neighbors. This pathetic case appealed to the heart of another preacher, who wrote to Brother Norton inquiring about the plan adopted by the North Alabama Conference and which has worked so admirably that within a single year about twenty good homes have been provided for our superannuated preachers. Brother Norton is so fully persuaded of the excellence of this plan that he is desirous to see it adopted in other conferences, and has requested me to write you this letter in its behalf.

Two years ago a layman, Brother John E. Morris, built and furnished with his own means a house worth \$2500 for one of our old preachers, Rev. W. P. Patillo, in the town of Montevallo. The presiding elder and other preachers dedicated the house as if it had been a church; and Brother Patillo was duly installed as its first occupant. Seeing the interest which had been aroused by this generous deed, Bro. Morris went before the next session of our conference and proposed to pay our conference of an agent, if the conference would appoint him, to take up this important work, and to make an effort to locate one of these homes in every district in this conference. Brother Norton was selected as agent, and, as already stated, within one year he has reported the donation of more than thirty thousand dollars, including the gift of twenty furnished homes for our superannuated preachers.

So successful has been the work of this agent that the conference re-appointed him to the same work for the current year, and it is confidently expected that a suitable home will be provided for every old preacher, or widow and orphans of deceased preachers, within the bounds of this conference. Nor has this work detracted in any way from the other collections. The conference has subscribed ten thousand dollars to the general superannuated fund, of which Dr. Watkins is agent, and last year it paid over seven thousand dollars to the annual collection for worn-out preachers and their families, making a total of about \$50,000 raised for the benefit of these needy veterans. In fact, it has proved to be the most popular collection of all our benevolences. In many instances single individuals have followed the example of Brother Morris, and have given to the Church houses and lands for the use of the beneficiaries, the first of whom may be named by themselves.

Now, although I have been furnished with a home of my own by friends outside the Church, my sympathies go out to other old men who have not been so fortunate. I see the old veteran of

forty or fifty years at last laid on the shelf, and just as his work is ended and his salary is cut off, he walks out of his last parsonage to go into homeless and houseless destitution at the very time when his active powers have been spent and exhausted in the service of the Church. Surely if he ever needed a parsonage it is when his earning capacity has ceased. And as he walks out his younger and more vigorous successor walks in and takes possession of both the home and the salary! Surely there is something needed here both in justice and in policy, if we expect men to devote their lives and their incomes to the work of the Lord.

Birmingham, Alabama.

A GREAT BOOK AND A NEEDED BOOK.

"Great Revivals and the Great Republic," by Warren A. Candler, D. D., L. L. D. This book is now in press, but by the kindness of my friend, the author, I have had a peep into its advance pages. It is in Bishop Candler's best style—plain, direct, inspiring. As all men know, this brainy Bishop is one of the great men of this day. Elegant, witty, learned, he is one of the soundest of theologians, judged by the orthodox standard. He has given great and careful attention to the advanced criticism, the rationalism, the liberalism and broad Churchism, which so menace vital religion in these times, and has been more than confirmed in his view that we do not need new truths or new methods, but the vigorous use of old methods, and the stressing of the truths of the New Testament. He believes in vital Christianity, in experimental religion, and this book has been written to give emphasis to the great value to this Republic of those works of grace known as revivals. There are only ten short chapters in this burning book, but each one is weighty. He shows what effect religion has on a nation's life; that no nation from the days of the Jewish theocracy was ever strong except as it was strong in righteousness; that our Republic is no exception; that Franklin, broad as were his views and lax as was his life, saw this clearly; that the wise and clear-sighted Washington, that the men who composed our early National Assemblies, many of them far from being saints, were wise enough to see this; that men like Edmund Burke, and even Rousseau, Guizot and Max Muller were all agreed on the point that a people who had no God could have no stable government.

The American Republic was founded by faith that religion was the chief thing in the settlement of the Colonies; that not only in New England, but in Virginia, there was the same purpose set before the people to form colonies of God-fearing people; that it was the great revival during the Reformation and the great revival under the Puritans of Elizabeth's time, and that of James and Charles and the great religious movements in Germany and Holland which led to the opening of the new colonies in America; that after the first coming there was in America, as in Europe, religious declension, and these came to great awakening. Beginning in New England under Edward and Parsons, reaching to New Jersey under Tennents, going forth to Princeton College, and receiving its immense impetus from the untiring toils of Young Whitefield, until it swept over all of settled America. He then gives an account of the great Wesleyan revival which followed Whitefield, and then of that phenomenal work, the revival of 1800. He glances at the laymen's revival of 1858, and of the revival of Moody. This history is of necessity merely glanced at, for every one of these great epochs would call for a volume, and much has necessarily to be passed over, but all is introductory to the chapter in which he says: "That evangelical Christianity is the security of the great Republic and the hope of the world, and presses the vast importance of the next great awakening. It would be a waste of time for me to defend the view he presents. They are, it seems to me, so clearly borne out by all the facts of the past, that no one not judicially blind can fail to see them. I honestly believe that the great hour of the conservative South has come, and that unless we stand firm against rationalism and fanaticism—in one word, against radicalism—the tide of religious anarchy will deluge the land. No man has thought more wisely and more widely than the Bishop who writes this book. It comes in time when some of the most gifted Christian ministers of what were evangelical Churches are more concerned about culture and what is attractive and popular and spectacular than about revival fires and soul-winning—that one who is the peer of any man of his time in Church and State, shall cry out for a return to the old paths. The great doctrines which made the Reformation—the great Puritan renovation in England; the great Methodist movement and Pietist movement in Germany, and the great revival

among Congregationalists, Presbyterians, Baptists and Methodists of the last century in America were the same. They are as old as the days of Isaiah and Hosea, as the times of Peter and Paul, and they are the need of this time as they were the need of those days.

I trust every young preacher will get this book and read it carefully, and that we will subordinate everything to the one great work of securing a great revival in all this land.

GEO. G. SMITH.

IN ANSWER TO PHILOSOPHY OF A HOLY LIFE.

Bro. J. C. Palmer, of Duffau, answers Bro. Mood under above heading, taking the position that children are all unholy. He quotes from the Seventh Article of our religion: "Original sin is the corruption of the nature of every man that naturally is engendered of the offspring of Adam whereby man is far gone from original righteousness." This has the same reference to grown people as to children, and if it debars one it debars both. I admit children are inclined to sin, and that continually, but if this makes them unholy, then Christ was unholy; for he was tempted in like manner according to the Scripture. Christ's baptism of the Holy Ghost precedes that of water. That is, we as Methodists say baptism took the place of circumcision; and the Bible says without the circumcision of the heart that of the flesh becomes uncircumcision, and he promised Abram to circumcise the heart before the eighth day. Now, if children are unholy, is not water baptism of children an inconsistent practice? Zacharia's taking the Savior into his hands prophesied saying "that he would grant unto us that we, being delivered out of the hands of our enemies, might serve him in holiness and righteousness"—not from a necessary change—but "all the days of our life." Did Zacharia understand that David, who was conceived in sin and shapen in iniquity was under different law to those above spoken of? Through the prophet Ezekiel God says: "Say to my people." God, of course, considered it of vast import as he calls attention to it especially. Say "Why use ye this proverb in Israel, saying the fathers have eaten sour grapes and the children's teeth are set on edge?" He adds: "Ye shall have occasion no more to use this proverb." Therefore, Bro. Palmer, the Scripture as above says you have no occasion for using such doctrine, but like thousands of others you use it. I would advise you to use the entire eighteenth chapter of Ezekiel in your study. Herein we find God is no respecter of persons. He says "all souls are mine even as the soul of the father also the soul of the son."

I will not take up too much space in a valuable paper, but I will say I have reserved unto myself a world of evidence and I challenge Mr. Palmer or any other man to confute it. I should like to show him how Christ regenerated, made all alive, atoned for all, and all who contend otherwise, are subtracting from Christ's honor and his accomplishment. I should like to call attention to the fact that if it be impossible for children to love and serve God prior to a change, then a great deal of our Scripture is untrue; and no sensible child will try to do the impossible if you make it believe it's impossible. "Ye must be born again" had reference not to Nicodemus merely, but to all people whom Christ came to atone for and succeeded nicely and completely. "Train up a child in the way," if Solomon had viewed it as Mr. Palmer would have read, "Train up a child so when it comes to 'the years of maturity,' it will seek to be placed in the way." Instead of reading as it does, the parable of the two sons would read if written as he understands "our religion" quoted: There was a certain woman who had two sons born in a far country. These children were at enmity toward their father, and they could in nowise please him till they came to know him. Prior to this they lived on spiders, snakes, lizards, and all kinds of "pizen," and knew only their mother (the Church), their father having nothing to do with them. No, brother, all souls are his as the soul of the father's. Also the soul of the son, and I long to see the stumbling block (a necessary change before one can love and serve God) removed and we agree with the holy Zacharias: "All the days of our lives." If you say I tamper with your sacred ideas I would reply you shall not subtract from Christ's accomplishment here; for this was not a partial failure.

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ANNOUNCEMENT.

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WOMAN'S FOREIGN MISSIONARY SOCIETY, NORTHWEST TEXAS CONFERENCE.

The Annual Meeting of the Woman's Foreign Missionary Society will be held in Corsicana, Texas, June 21-24, 1904. The usual reduction in railroad rates will be secured on the certificate plan. Miss L. Elizabeth Hughes, returned missionary from China, will be with us and will add much to the interest of the sessions. Too, our own Miss Sophia Manns, from the Training School, will give added pleasure and profit. Do not delay in the election of your delegate, who is expected and urged to be present at the opening and remain to the close of the meeting.

A full program and other particulars will appear later. We are glad to say that Miss Hughes will begin her itinerary of the conference immediately upon the close of the Annual Meeting. District Secretaries will please take note of this and be ready for any arrangement of dates for her coming.

MRS. W. F. BARNUM, Cor. Sec.
Fort Worth, Texas.

NOTICE.

The names of delegates to annual meeting W. F. M. Society, North Texas Conference, to be held in McKinney, June 4-8, are requested sent to Mrs. J. H. Forbes, McKinney, in order that homes may be provided. All auxiliaries are entitled to two delegates—the President of the auxiliary and one elected delegate—and it is hoped that each auxiliary will be represented, and this is urged by the President of the Conference Society.

We are authorized by the President W. F. M. Society, North Texas Conference, Mrs. J. H. Bowman, to say that Mrs. J. Scooner, of Greenville, has been appointed District Secretary for Greenville District, to fill vacancy caused by the death of Mrs. Eva Adams.

TAKE NOTICE, W. H. M. SOCIETY, WEST TEXAS CONFERENCE.

Superintendents of Press Work: The Monthly Bulletin will not be issued for May, as Mrs. Luke Johnson will be too much occupied preparing for the Board Meeting and attending it in Kansas City, April 15-24. Perhaps you can, yourselves, find items of interest to present to your societies, in our homes and elsewhere.

MRS. LEILA E. WERLEIN,
Supt. Press Work Conf. Society.

A LIVE SOCIETY.

The Home Mission Society of Tenth Street Church, Austin, is proving itself full of life and energy under its zealous President, Mrs. T. A. Brown. Under its auspices the women of the Church have been rallied together and the whole city divided into districts, for each of which the Tenth Street Church women living in that district are responsible. In other words, the women of the Church are organized into "Circles," according to location—six or eight of them—each circle under an efficient chairman, who chooses her own assistants. They visit every house in their district to discover strangers and find Sunday-school children, and hold weekly or semi-monthly meetings at various homes to cultivate good-fellowship, draw new members into active Church life, and make garments for the poor, etc.

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Why may not other auxiliaries adopt them?

FATE, NORTH TEXAS CONFERENCE.

An Auxiliary of the W. H. M. Society was organized at Fate last Sunday evening, by our pastor, Rev. L. L. Naugle, and Sister W. S. Holmes, District Secretary, of the Terrell District.

After scripture reading and prayer by Bro. Naugle, Sister Holmes made us a very fine and helpful talk on the work of the W. H. M. Society, and organized an auxiliary with the following officers: President, Sister L. L. Naugle; First Vice-President, Mrs. Joe

McKey; Second Vice-President, Mrs. J. W. Bost; Third Vice-President, Mrs. Nom McKinney; Recording Secretary, Mrs. Jennie Chambers; Corresponding Secretary, Mrs. H. B. Chambers; Treasurer, Mrs. J. W. Nual, agent for "Our Homes," Miss Verna McKey. Pray for us that we may go forward in His cause.

MRS. H. B. CHAMBERS, Cor. Sec.

HONOR TO WHOM HONOR IS DUE.

Mrs. Lillard gives most encouraging reports of the faithful band of workers at Seguin. A society so full of godly zeal and desire to do its best, cannot fail of success.

A fine report comes, also, from Mrs. C. A. Brown, of Blanco. With fifteen members, and only two years organized, nothing seems to escape their zealous care—they contribute to Church, parsonage, district parsonage, preacher's salary, and supernumerary fund! All honor to the faithful little band at Blanco!

MRS. L. E. WERLEIN.

WEATHERFORD DISTRICT MEETING.

A joint meeting of the W. F. M. and W. H. M. Societies of our district was held in the First Methodist Church in Weatherford, April 6-9.

On the first evening we had a fine address from Brother J. R. B. Hall of Couts Memorial Church. He struck a high missionary key that gave out no uncertain sound. The highest point in missions is not reached until we work for that which brings no material returns, that goes beyond our own Church, our own town, our own country. This note was sounded throughout the meeting—Our home work so important, so necessary, but "This ought ye to have done and not to leave the other undone." Our delegates were few in number, but I never saw any more interested or more helpful. We had with us, too, some very helpful visitors. Mineral Wells sent us Mesdames Oliver and Zippie, Springtown Brother and Sister H. B. Owens and Mrs. Robinson, Gordon Mrs. Sims, Benbrook Misses Childress and Kelly, Couts Memorial Mesdames Aldridge, Camp and others, and Bro. and Sister J. O. Gore came from Mil-sap.

An address of welcome from the W. F. M. Society of our Church was made by Mrs. C. C. Armstrong, and one from the W. H. M. Society by Mrs. C. A. Donovan, to which was given a beautiful response by Sister Owens of Springtown. We had the great pleasure and benefit of the presence of Brothers Owens, Hall, Boone and Rowlett at each session, and of Brothers A. P. Smith and Gore at one session each. They each and all rendered us valuable service.

The sessions were presided over by our most excellent District Secretaries, Mrs. D. M. Alexander of the foreign work, and Mrs. J. B. Price, of the home.

These two energetic, earnest workers are bringing their best gifts to bear on woman's work, and laying broad and deep foundations of consecration and spirituality. I could but think in looking back to the beginning of woman's work and comparing it with to-day, of the great development it had wrought in the women of our Church. Truly, the reflex action has been great. We can do work for Christ that brings no material returns, but none truly for him but what enriches our spiritual natures.

We had exceptionally fine papers, as follows: "Why Was the Home Mission Society Organized?" by Mrs. J. W. Brazleton, of Weatherford, and another by same on "Individual Responsibility in Mission Work." Sister Rowlett also gave us two—one on "Tithing" and one on "Relation of Auxiliary to the Parsonage." Mrs. Aldridge one on "The Deaconess," Mrs. T. D. Lemons on "Press Department," Mrs. D. M. Alexander on Scarritt Bible and Training School, and Mrs. Oliver, of Mineral Wells, on "Our Schools."

The report of the District Secretary of the W. H. M. work showed an increase of members almost double that of last year, with sixteen Auxiliaries. Our Secretary of the W. F. M. had a fine report of work done, of effort to increase organizations, but had received very few responses from pastors addressed on that subject. We have some very faithful little bands of foreign workers on the district, but only six in number. A query box was a very interesting feature of the meeting, bringing out many important points. Indeed, all the main features of both organizations passed in review, showing great interest and arousing much enthusiasm. Our baby roll and the McEachern Brigade were not forgotten. We have in our Church quite an efficient Third Vice-President,

Mrs. J. P. Webster, who keeps it always on her heart.

Our annual sermon was preached by Rev. G. C. Rankin, and was all the most devout soul could have wished. Taking for his text, "Put on the whole armor of God," we were shown the vital importance, yea, the necessity, if we are going to do battle for the King of kings, to be panoplied by all the help and power he has given us. All who heard it will surely always feel the deep necessity of heart preparation for our work.

Mineral Wells was chosen as the place for our next district meeting. I am sure an interest was aroused by this, our first district meeting held separate from the conference, that will bring in many more delegates to the next. If all our dear women had the zeal of Sister Gore, who, though not a delegate, drove in twelve miles with her young baby to study the work, the whole district would be alive to its interests. We have in our presiding elder, Brother Boone, a most efficient promoter of woman's work. At our meeting he reported having assisted the evening before at organizing a W. H. M. Society at Bethel with rather a unique membership, consisting of sixteen gentlemen and fourteen ladies. He gave us, also, a fine address, showing his deep insight into the spiritual phase of our work. Truly, God was with us, and that was the best of all.

MRS. C. C. ARMSTRONG,
Weatherford, Texas.

A CALL FOR THE DEACONESS.

In biblical writings we find with the name of woman connected the word "deaconess." This has led to the conclusion that in apostolic ages there must have been on order analogous to that of deacon. We infer that the woman mentioned in Romans 16:6, 13, belongs to such an order. I love to think of good old Dorcas as one of these. We read of her going about doing good. She died lamented—she was worth restoring. To show the importance and growth of this work, at the last General Conference of Kiserweth Deaconesses there were present representatives of 75 different training schools, hospitals and homes, reporting that there were employed 14,501 deaconesses, of whom 5,524 were on probation, 8,974 had been ordained; so we must admit it is a mistake that this branch of Church work has peculiar and exclusive affinity with Romanism. It belongs, also, to Protestantism, especially in its German form. In view of the recent rapid growth of this movement, it has been difficult for even professionals to keep up with the procession, for within fifteen years, at least 140 deaconess homes have been founded in the United States alone—90 under our denominational control—and in that time the number of deaconesses increased to 1,800. This has been an amazingly fruitful enterprise grown out of the effort in the place Pastor Flidner, at Kiserweth, on the Rhine. This was a great center of Christian activity. But when we speak of our local institutions, there is the Elizabeth Gaimable Deaconess Home, Christ Hospital, Bethesda Hospital, and German Deaconesses Home, and others all over this wide country—one at Fall River, at Lake Bluff, Madison, Oakland, Beach at Freeport, Minneapolis, and I do not know how many at Chicago. So often we hear of one gone to rest. But still the loom of life weaves on. Soon a Home will be opened at Seattle, and the Dominion of Canada is waking up and calling loudly for a part in this work. The charity work done by Chicago alone amounted to \$12,744 in the past year, and 7,000 baskets of flowers. Pueblo has a fine home; more than 11,444 calls by the eight workers there; and I might tell of others that have done as well or better than these.

Now I have said nothing of the work in our foreign fields. That would require a paper of itself. The work in our Southland, although young, has done amazingly well. But if you wish to know of the work here, send for the Deaconess Advocate. If we could in this place send \$10, or at least \$5, to help support a candidate in the Scarritt Bible and Training School, where a good opportunity is offered to all young ladies who have a good common school education and good health, who desire to offer themselves to the greatest work on earth—the work of the Master. If one will give herself to this work, write to Mrs. R. W. McDonnell, Nashville, Tenn. "She needs no other rosary whose thread of life is strung with love for the Master." Just to help others along the way,

Sending out love through every day, Cheering the sad with a trusting song, This will be your life as you pass along."

This life that I invite you to must be, as the old darkey expresses it, "For the lub of the Lawd Jesus Christ." Every Wesleyan Deaconess is required to pass through three years of preparation. I find that the call of the Southern Methodist

Church for gifted young ladies is meeting with but indifferent success. You that have finished your education—why not give your talent where you can serve God and be a blessing here in this great South? The great masses that are non-church-goers, and the fast increasing foreign element that is crowding our cities, and the inability of the city pastor, unaided, to meet the heavy demands made upon him, are surely conditions calling to the Church for a forward movement in this line.

One of the most significant facts is the recognition of the need of organized work for woman, as we find in the work connected with the office of deaconess. She carries the message of salvation to the poor, sick, and to the orphan, the prisoner, and, above all, to the outcast. All have in her an intelligent friend and sympathizer. A consecrated deaconess, with the sanction of the Church behind her, has unsurpassed opportunities of doing good. Do you know Him whom you have believed? Have you not in your innermost soul consecrated your life to Him? Then put your words into action—begin your life for Jesus now. Have you gifts as a teacher? Have you the touch of a physician? Has God given you gifts that are indispensable in a sick-room? Are you consecrated? Have you a large, loving heart? Then give yourself to God and the work of a deaconess. Behold, the harvest is ripe and the laborers are few. The Master has come and calleth for thee. The Church, South, is calling for 100 young ladies. "But where is the need?" I hear you say. The call comes from Dallas, from Tampa, Mobile, Waco, everywhere they are waking up to the demands. The Master will say, "Daughter, where hast thou gleaned to-day?" Not

more than one month after the General Conference created the office till the letters began pouring in for help. O, sister, heed the call of such a friend. We can do no better than use the words of John Grimes:

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But himself was servant of all,
And the dear name of friend, did he give them

Who earnestly heeded his call;
And now when call sounds for service,
Where'er it be among men,

Give me only the mind of the Master,
I'll go for the sake of my Friend.

MARY GRAHAM,
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It is often the case that persons pronounced to have heart disease (some who

have had their physician call in relatives to see them die) are practically cured in fifteen minutes' time, all being necessary was simply to resupply the blood's circulating agent and keep it supplied, the patient leaving the bed and going about her work. One lady whose testimonial I have, was in above condition and in less than a week's time was doing her entire household duties, including a large washing. Her physician had called in her people three times. Her blood only lacked its circulating agent. Man not only has power to control this circulating agent, but he also has power over his vitality. Vitality is the opposer of fatigue, pain and weakness of all organs of the body or of the nerves, muscles and organs. Almost all diseases depend upon its deficiency. This discovery gives man immediate power, the above being true, to govern these things hence he becomes master of the diseases generally pronounced incurable. The diseases of women and sexual weakness in men are directly dependent upon a deficiency of the circulating and vitalizing agencies and Natural Law Discovery has direct and immediate effect. The two accomplishments of Natural Law Discovery (supplying the vitalizing and the circulating agents) are the two in which medicine is absolutely powerless. These two accomplishments can be had only by employing the natural law producing them. Natural Law Discovery teaches this natural law. An extreme case is here given by Prof. R. A. Long Terrell, Texas: "Thirty days ago my wife was a confirmed invalid. To-day she and I walked over my farm, at least two miles, and she felt no fatigue, and she is apparently well. So far as money goes, one thousand dollars would be no inducement for me to part with the information."

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HENDERSON.—Judge James C. Henderson was born Feb. 18, 1833, in Hamilton, Ga. He came to Texas in 1856, settling near Bolton, Cass County, where he lived up to three years ago, when he moved to Naples. He was twice married and was the father of eighteen children, thirteen of whom survive him. He was first married to Miss Francis W. Henry on Nov. 4, 1854, and the second wife was Miss Jennie P. Leake, whom he married Sept. 28, 1875. He was converted early in life and joined the Missionary Baptist Church. In 1881 he united with the M. E. Church, South, having decided he could not be satisfied within its pale. Judge Henderson was a man of sterling qualities, a man in whom the people reposed great confidence. He was four times honored by the ballot of Cass County, electing him its County Judge. Having filled this office with great credit to himself and the hearty approval of his many supporters, he retired from public life and settled down to spend his remaining days in peace and quietude with his family and among his many friends in Naples. Three years ago that dread malady, heart disease, struck him and he suffered and lingered to Jan. 2, 1904, when, in the midst of heart-broken loved ones and sorrowing friends, he peacefully passed away to his eternal home. Influential in his stronger days, he was none the less so to those around him the last three years of his life. With strong courage and a quiet, submissive faith, he calmly awaited the inevitable which he realized was likely to reach him at any hour. Many times he expressed himself as not afraid to go, and prepared to die. To the bereaved wife and children we would say, look up through your tears with a trusting faith, and you will find the hand of God in the all-wise heavenly Parent, and determine by his grace to meet your loved one in that home beyond the skies.

Naples, Texas. W. H. VANCE.

DAVIDSON.—Miss Annie Laurie Davidson died at the home of her mother in Houston, Texas, March 3, 1904. A young, attractive in person, cultured in mind, beautiful in character, it is scarcely possible for us to realize that we shall see her face on earth no more. In early life she confessed faith in Christ and identified herself with the church and in that fellowship and service her days were freely spent. In addition to the years spent in the schools of her native community, she was educated in the North Texas Female College. Several years ago she removed with her mother from Groesbeck to Houston, where she made her home until she was taken to that home "not made with hands, eternal in the heavens." She was the embodiment of kindness. Her very presence was a source of joy to her friends. The world was brighter because she lived in it. She did not live in vain. While she was loved by an unusually large number of friends, to mother, brother and the favored ones who lived in the charmed circle of special affection, she was the very light of life. From those saddened hearts no words of friendship or of sympathy can lift the burden of their grief. But One has spoken to earth's sorrow-stricken ones and His words give strength and peace to those who hear and believe. To Him I commend the dear mother and all who sit in the shadow of this grief.

SETH WARD.

REID.—George C. Reid, son of M. A. Reid, of Dallas, was born Dec. 11, 1877. After one year of intense suffering, he died March 15, 1904, at the home of one of his sisters near Rely Springs, Texas. He joined the M. E. Church, South, in 1896, at eighteen years of age, lived a faithful, Christian life, and was perfectly satisfied to die. He said all was well, only waiting and ready to go. His two sisters and brothers are of course lonely and sad now that he is gone, but they have the sympathy and prayers of many who loved him. We know where to find him. We would entreat those that are left behind to imitate his worthy example, so when the Master calls they may be as ready as he was to go to his heavenly home. The funeral was preached by Rev. J. B. Adair, of Como charge. "He is not dead, but sleeping." May we all live so that when we are called that we will meet around the throne of God in heaven, where all is peace, joy and praise forever and forever. Farewell, dear brother, till we all meet again.

L. P. TANNERY, P. C.

LEWIS.—Farris, the nineteen-months-old baby boy of Dr. and Mrs. A. D. Lewis, died at their residence in North Fort Worth, Texas, on the morning of the 23d inst. This little life came into being at Cherokee, San Saba County, Texas, Sept. 4, 1902. Farris was a most lovable child. Active, bright, affectionate and innocent, this little jewel was the light and life of the home that is now desolate. His constitution was delicate; a tender plant, far too tender for this world, and so God transplanted him to the sunny planes of the promised land. Farris is not with us, but he is with the angels. We are poorer, but heaven is richer. We can not call him back, but we can go where he is. So bereaved father and mother, you have a new incentive to draw you onward and upward to the city of the best. "Be thou faithful unto death, and I will give thee a crown of life." Remember that there are little hands beckoning papa and mamma heavenward to-day.

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HICKS.—Mrs. Eliza Margaret Hicks was born five miles east of Mt. Sterling, Montgomery County, Ky., Nov. 22, 1812. At the age of twelve she was converted and joined the M. E. Church, South; came to Texas in 1855, and settled at Duck Creek. In 1857 she was married to A. M. Keen. Three children were born to them, of whom one only is now living, Mrs. Minnie Keen Bruce. Sometime after the death of Bro. Keen, she was married to John J. Hicks, Sept. 1, 1865. Six children were the result of this union, of whom four are now living. She departed this life Feb. 17, 1904, being sixty-one years of age. These few words outline the history of a life "hid with Christ in God." The mere dates of birth, marriage and death tell us nothing of the real life. Grandma Hicks lived a life so sweet in temper, so patient in affliction, so beautiful in Christian character, that none but the Father who seeth in secret can know her life as she lived it day after day. She was loyal to her Church and loved "her sweet communion," but on account of her feebleness of body she was deprived in old age of attendance upon divine worship. Her death was peaceful and glorious triumph. Her last words will never be forgotten, and especially will this pastor remember her parting blessing upon him and his work. Thank God for such lives, such deaths. She lived for Christ, endured afflictions without a murmur, against God's will, and died in triumph—death was "swallowed up in victory." Just before she passed away we took her hand and quoted, "Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death I shall fear no evil. With the smile of heavenly peace she looked up into my face and finished the verse, saying, "for Thou art with me." Oh, weep not, dear children, as those who have no hope, for if you will be faithful unto death as mother was, you will meet her again in that beautiful "home of the soul."

J. J. MORGAN.

McCOLLOCH.—Mrs. Jennie L. McCulloch, wife of C. S. McCulloch, was born April 1, 1829, and died April 2, 1904. She was the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Robert Housell. She was married to Mr. McCulloch June 23, 1856. She was converted and joined the M. E. Church, South, in early girlhood. Her life was spent in kindly ministries to the sick and needy. Many a long vigil did she keep by the bedside of some sufferer. Of her the Master can say, "I shall visit her." She died a triumphant death. Conscious down to the end, she called her loved ones and friends about her and with a kind word for each she bade them an affectionate farewell. Her husband will miss her greatly, as also will the baby boy she leaves behind. She will be greatly missed by her father's family, for she bore the burdens of all. The Church and her friends feel poorer and the pastor and family feel greatly bereaved. Her kindly help and faithful service in the parsonage in an hour of affliction will not soon be forgotten. May the kind Father, who alone can heal a broken heart, minister comfort to the bereaved ones. Her pastor.

Vernon, Texas. J. H. STEWART.

WILSON.—Mary Wilson, whose maiden name was White, was born June 7, 1819, and died at her son's (J. L. Wilson) home near Drop, Denton County, Texas, Dec. 15, 1902. Grandma Wilson, as she was familiarly known, was converted in early childhood and up to the time of her death she lived a most exemplary life. Quiet in manner, gentle in disposition, she combined all the qualities of a true Christian, a faithful companion and an affectionate mother. Her only regret to die was to leave a daughter who has been afflicted from childhood, who will receive the tender care of a loving mother for so many years. But God, who takes knowledge of the sparrow, will care for the orphan. Her companion, Wm. Wilson, preceded her to the heavenly land a little more than two years. She leaves several children and a host of relatives and friends to meet her upon the eternal shore. "Blessed are the dead which die in the Lord from henceforth; yea, saith the Spirit, that they may rest from their labors and their works do follow them."

A. P. HIGHTOWER.

BARNETT.—The death angel visited the home of Mr. J. M. and Mrs. Melbie Barnett, of Edinburg, Texas, and took them little Dixie. She was sick four weeks with measles and pneumonia, when God took the little sufferer to live with him. Oh, how she will be missed! Though not two years old, she was unusually bright and happy. A loving mother for so many years. But God, who takes knowledge of the sparrow, will care for the orphan. Her companion, Wm. Wilson, preceded her to the heavenly land a little more than two years. She leaves several children and a host of relatives and friends to meet her upon the eternal shore. "Blessed are the dead which die in the Lord from henceforth; yea, saith the Spirit, that they may rest from their labors and their works do follow them."

AUNT ADDIE.

BALLARD.—Bro. B. W. Ballard was born July 23, 1824, in Oldham County, Kentucky. He was married to Miss Parthena Cull July 15, 1845. Eight children resulted from this union. He spent a few years in the State of Missouri; moved to Texas in 1879 and settled in Hill County. His wife died March 13, 1888. Two children also preceded him to the grave. Four sons and two daughters still live to mourn their loss. Bro. Ballard professed religion about 1845, and joined the Methodist Church, and lived a consistent Christian until his death, which occurred at his home in Aquilla, March 18, 1904, at 7:11 p. m., surrounded by his children, grandchildren and friends. He died in great peace. Death was not unexpected to him. He gave directions where and how he wanted to be buried. He was a steward in the strictest sense. A man of solid piety, one who knew and loved the doctrines and discipline of his Church. He was a good counselor, a true friend and a faithful father. His house was the preachers home. I stopped with him the first night I came into the town, in December. We were intimate from our first acquaintance. I was with him in his last hours. He lingered for weeks, but his hope and trust were unshaken. He is gone. We miss him, but we know where to find him. The funeral

took place at the Methodist Church in Hillsboro, March 20. The writer, assisted by Bro. Jerome Duncan, conducted the services and laid him to rest in the old cemetery at Hillsboro. The Lord bless the bereaved ones and grant that they may all meet in heaven. His pastor,

R. V. GALLAWAY.

ROSELL.—Sister Tolothia M. Rosell (nee Baker) was born in Missouri March 28, 1845. She died at their home near Golsen, McLennan County, Texas, March 27, 1904. Sister Rosell professed religion and joined the M. E. Church, South, at Wesley's Chapel in 1874. She lived a member of the same Church about thirty years. She was faithful until death. She was married to Thos. Rosell July 24, 1870. She was patient, unassuming, loving and kind. She loved the Church. She loved her pastor. The preacher always found a welcome in her home. She was sick only a few days. She "endured as seeing Him who is invisible." "Oh, death where is thy sting?" She died triumphantly. The writer, assisted by Bro. Layne, one of our local preachers, laid her to rest in the Wesley Chapel Cemetery. She leaves a husband, three daughters and two sons and many friends to mourn their loss. Oh, let us be "steadfast, unmovable, always abounding in the work of the Lord," that we, husband, children and friends may all meet in heaven. Her pastor,

R. V. GALLAWAY.

Aquilla, Texas.

WELCH.—William Austin Welch was born in Montgomery County, Alabama, July 4, 1843; was converted and joined the Methodist Episcopal Church, South, in early life, and lived faithful to God and the Church until God called him to the reward of the blessed March 9, 1904. He was a good man and full of faith. He served in the Confederate Army. Nov. 14, 1866, he was married to Miss Mary V. Ramsey. To this union were born seven children. Two of them died in childhood days. He moved to Texas in 1870. His last days were spent in Hardin County, surrounded by a devoted family and many friends. He suffered great pain, but with much patience and Christian fortitude he bore it all, and with a steadfast faith looked forward to the day when he could again take his place in the house of God; but God's will was that his servant should enjoy a more perfect worship than could be given on earth. He died in great peace, and left a sorrowing wife and five children the heritage of a good name. His pastor,

J. C. STEWART.

Kountze, Texas.

NELSON.—Little May, daughter of H. L. and Mary Nelson, died in Galveston, Texas, February 7, 1904, aged two years and seven months. This dear child was born in Topeka, Kansas, and had lived in Galveston only a month when the Master called her home. She had not been well for many months, and with a sweet child-like faith would often pray, "Dear Jesus, make little May well." The dear Lord has taken her where she will be "always well." May was a member of the Primary Class of Central Methodist Sunday-school, and during her short connection with our school learned to love it very much. The day before she left us she brushed her little shoes so they would be ready for Sunday-school on the morrow. But when the hour for Sunday-school came little May was with Jesus. How the precious children trust him, and how they love to sing his praises! This little one learned to pray before she could form sentences perfectly, and would often say, "Jesus away up in heaven—loves little May." The Sunday-school songs were her delight, and her face always brightened when we sang, "Let a Little Sunshine In," or "I Am Jesus' Little Lamb." When coming to Galveston she interested many of the passengers aboard the train with her dear little songs. Her last conscious act was to put her small arms tenderly around the neck of both papa and mamma a short time before she died. The little body was taken back to Topeka for burial. What a treasure these Christian parents have laid up in the heavenly world, and how the beckoning of little hands will help them on their earthly journey. We sorrow with them in the separation from their precious lamb, but we know that the all-sustaining power of Him who "bindeth up the broken-hearted" will be their source of strength in this hour of sorrow.

A FRIEND.

REV. D. C. ROBINSON.

Rev. D. C. Robinson died near Harper, Gillespie County, Texas, April 13, 1904, and was buried at Kerrville, Kerr County, on the 14th. The Masons took charge of the body after the funeral services of the pastor of the Methodist Church were concluded. He was born the 12th day of April, 1828, and at death was 76 years old. He removed with his family from DeSoto County, Mississippi, to Milam Coun-

ty, Texas, in 1857, where he lived for about twenty-seven years. He was licensed to preach about 1867, and four years later was ordained deacon. In 1884 he removed to Kerr County, Texas, where he lived till a few years past, when he moved to Gillespie County, Texas, where he spent his remaining years on a small farm ranch. He was a faithful and zealous local preacher for many years. He leaves an aged wife and a son and two daughters and a host of relatives who will sadly miss him here. He "fought a good fight," and died in the triumph of the Christian's hope. May the good Lord bless and guide his bereaved family till we shall all meet in "the better land."

HIS BROTHER.

BERRY.—Nancy E. Berry, daughter of Levi A. and Susan E. Berry, was born in Arkansas, near Arkadelphia, Dec. 11, 1852; moved to Texas with her parents in 1869; was married to J. H. Bay Nov. 17, 1870. To them were born nine children, one of whom had preceded her. She was converted and joined the Methodist Church, South, in 1870, at Bay's Chapel, Montgomery County, Texas, at which place she held her membership until she was called to place her membership with the angels, which took place April 5 at 6 o'clock a. m. She leaves an afflicted husband, eight children and eight grandchildren to mourn their loss. She was laid to rest in the Bay's Chapel Cemetery April 6, 1904. She was a devoted wife and loving mother. She was true to her Church; took a great interest in all Church services, and in each and every preacher that was appointed to that charge. She loved to go to Church. She was a good neighbor. No one knew her but to love her. The funeral was preached from Rev. 1:18 by the writer. "Weep not, dear loved ones, as those who have no hope," for your wife and mother is a bright, shining angel, waiting to welcome you home.

G. POWLEDGE.

WILSON.—Johnnie, son of Mr. and Mrs. R. L. Wilson, was born December 30, 1893; was baptized when two years old by Rev. T. J. Milam; died April 5, 1904, after a lingering sickness of about six months. Johnnie was a good, obedient boy, loved the Church and took great delight in the Sunday-school. He said to his papa a few days before he died, that he had no fear of death. He, with his little sister, Jessie, who died two years ago, is safe at home with Jesus. May the Lord bless the grief-stricken family, and may they be true to God, so when life's pilgrimage is ended on earth, they may make an unbroken family in heaven.

J. R. RITCHIE.

Clayton, Texas.

MORRIS.—Robert Lyster Morris, son of J. R. and Addie Morris, was born April 14, 1901, and died Aug. 23, 1903, near Sidney, Texas. Little Robert was a constant sufferer for about fourteen months, and death came as a blessing to him. Still the hearts of loved ones were made sad, and it was hard to give him up, but they have the blessed assurance that little Robert is safe in heaven, and some sweet day we shall meet our loved, our own where partings will be no more.

GEO. W. KINCHELOE.

AYNESWORTH.—Edwin Nelson Aynesworth was born in Liberty Hill, Texas, Oct. 8, 1887; died at Round Rock, Texas, in the afternoon of April 10, 1904. In 1900 he professed religion in a children's meeting conducted by the writer. In December, 1902, he was again greatly blessed. Like all mankind, he had his foibles, and sometimes yielded to temptation; but the general trend of his life was to-

ward a noble Christian manhood. He was taken away suddenly, and hence left no dying testimony. He had been to Sunday-school in the morning of the day on which he died. Nelson was of a genial disposition, and by uniform kindness and courtesy he endeared himself to his acquaintances so as to deserve the position of a general favorite among those who knew him. He had an eye to see the virtues and a disposition to overlook the faults of his fellows—a rare and noble trait of character. But Nelson is gone to the great beyond. Let his many excellent qualities be emulated, and may God's richest blessings constantly abide upon the sorely bereaved family. In the hope that some sweet day we all shall meet again, let us attend faithfully to the duties of life until the Master shall call us home.

J. M. ARMSTRONG.

DEATH BY NEGLECT.

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Austin District—Second Round.
Tenth St., Austin, May 7, 8
First St., Austin, May 8, 9
E. S. Smith, P. E.

Austin District—Third Round.
LaGrange sta., May 24, 25.
West Point cir., June 18, 19.
Smithville sta., June 25, 26.
Cedar Creek cir., July 2, 3.
Eastrop sta., July 16, 17.
Elgin sta., July 19, 20.
McNade cir., July 25, 26.
Manor sta., July 30, 31.
Webberville cir., Aug 6, 7.
Manchaca cir., Aug 13, 14.
South Austin sta., Aug 14, 15.
Walnut cir., Aug 20, 21.
Hotchkiss Memorial sta., Aug 21, 22.
Tenth Street sta., Austin, Aug 27, 28.
First Street sta., Austin, Aug 28, 29.
E. S. Smith, P. E.

Beeville District—Third Round.
Corpus Christi mis., 3 p. m., May 9.
Corpus Christi sta., 8 p. m., May 9.
Mathis, at Dinero, May 14, 15.
Goliad, at F., May 21, 22.
Alice, May 28, 29.
Beeville, June 1.
Rockport and A. P., June 25, 26.
Laveria, July 2, 3.
Oakville, July 9, 10.
Pleasanton, July 16, 17.
Berclair, at M., July 23, 24.
Stockdale, July 30, 31.
Kenedy, at C., Aug 6, 7.
S. Spring, at Caddo, Aug 13, 14.
Joe F. Webb, P. E.

Llano District—Third Round.
Bourne, at Selma, May 8, 9.
Center Point sta., 3 p. m., May 11.
Willow City, at Oxford, May 21, 22.
Blanco, at Live Oak, June 4, 5.
Johnson City, at J. C., June 11, 12.
Liberty Hill, at Marvin's Ch., June 18, 19.
Bertram, at Strickling, June 24, 25.
Burnet and Marble Falls, at B., July 2, 3.
Sunny Lane, July 9, 10.
Kingsland, July 16, 17.
San Saba sta., 8 p. m., July 22.
San Saba mis., 3 p. m., July 23.
Cherokee and Valley Springs, July 30, 31.
W. H. H. Biggs, P. E.

San Marcos District—Second Round.
Gonzales, May 1, 2.
Tillman, at Harwood, 2d Sun May.
Lockhart, May 9.
Jno. W. Stovall, P. E.

San Antonio District—Second Round.
West End, 11 a. m., 2d Sun May.
South Heights and South Flores St., 8 p. m., 2d Sun May.
Travis Park, 11 a. m., 3d Sun May.
Sherman Street, 8 p. m., 3d Sun May.
Prospect Hill, May 18.
W. J. Johnson, P. E.

Cuero District—Third Round.
Runge, at Cabesa, 3d Sun May.
Edna, 4th Sun May.
Hidleville, at H., 5th Sun May.
Nursery, at Terryville, 1st Sun June.
Yokum (at night), 1st Sun June.
Shiner, at Sweet Home, 3d Sun June.
Port Lavaca, at Traylor C., 4th Sun June.
Victoria, Wed. night, June 25.
El Campo, at Louisa, 1st Sun July.
Palacios, at Dew Br., 2d Sun July.
Leesville, at Union Camp, 3d Sun July.
Rancho, at R., 4th Sun July.
Clear Creek, at Seal's C., 5th Sun July.
Cuero, Wed., Aug. 2.
J. C. Wilson, P. E.

NORTHWEST TEX. CONFERENCE.

Weatherford District—Second Round.
Springtown, at Knob, May 7, 8.
Farmer, at True, May 14, 15.
Graham mis., at C. Ridge, May 20.
Graham sta., May 22, 23.
Edinburg, at Fish Creek, May 25.
Throckmorton, at K. Point, May 28, 29.
E. F. Boone, P. E.

Waco District—Second Round.
Elm Street, May 8, 9.
Georgetown, May 14, 15.
Mari, at Kiesel, May 21, 22.
Aquino, at Wesley Chapel, May 28, 29.
E. A. Bailey, P. E.

Georgetown District—Second Round.
Troy cir., at Oenaville, May 7, 8.
Temple sta., Seventh Street, May 6, 8.
Granger cir., at Jonah, May 14, 15.
Hutto cir., at Round Rock, May 21, 22.
Taylor Bohemian mis., May 25.
Pendletonville cir., at New Hope, May 28, 29.
Moody sta., May 27, 28.
J. S. Chapman, P. E.

Dublin District—Second Round.
Iredell, at Iredell, May 7, 8.
Cariton, May 14, 15.
Fairy and Lanham, at Fairy, May 21, 22.
Huckabay, at Corinth, May 28, 29.
Granbury, at Granbury, p. m., May 30.
Glen Rose, June 1.
Bluffdale, June 4, 5.
E. A. Bailey, P. E.

Clarendon District—Second Round.
Rowe, May 7, 8.
Hereford mis., at Summerfield, May 14, 15.
Hereford sta., May 15, 16.
J. M. Sherman, P. E.

Fort Worth District—Second Round.
Cleburne and Mission Chapel, May 8, 9.
Jas. Campbell, P. E.

Waxahachie District—Second Round.
Midlothian, May 7, 8.
Ennis, May 11.
Alvarado, May 14, 15.
Grandview, May 21, 22.
Waxahachie, May 28, 29.
O. F. Sensabaugh, P. E.

Corsicana District—Third Round.
(In Part.)
Rice, at Rice, May 7, 8.
Alma, at Sans Chapel, May 14, 15.
N. Corsicana, at Tupelo, May 15, 16.
Barry, at Love's Chapel, May 21, 22.
Blossing Grove sta., May 28, 29.
Brandon, at Brandon, June 11, 12.
Frost, at Salem, June 18, 19.
Dawson, at Harmony, June 25, 26.
Blossing G. cir., at Dresden, July 2, 3.
Thornton, at Locust Grove, July 9, 10.
Cotton Gin, at Cedar Island, July 10, 11.
Camp-meeting at Porter's Bluff, July 15-24.
Kerens, at Bazette, July 24, 25.
Pleasant G., at Long Prairie, July 26.
Jno. M. Barcus, P. E.

Brownwood District—Second Round.
Comanche cir., at Mesquite, May 7, 8.
Proctor, at Downing, May 14, 15.
Coleman mis., at Indian Creek, May 21, 22.
Coleman sta., May 28, 29.
Blanket, at, May 28, 29.
Brownwood, June 4, 5.
W. H. Matthews, P. E.

Ablene District—Second Round.

Baird, May 7, 8.
Truby, May 10.
Lynn and Terry, May 14, 15.
Midland, May 21, 22.
Sweetwater and Roscoe, at S., May 28, 29.
E. A. Smith, P. E.

Ablene District—Third Round.

Albany and Moran, at M., June 4, 5.
Aspermont mis., at Hilton, June 10.
Clairemont mis., at Jayton, June 12, 13.
Haskell mis., at Marcy, June 16.
Anson, at A. Ch., June 18, 19.
Spring Creek, at Fairview, June 19, 20.
Stamford, June 25, 26.
Putnam, at Piegah, July 2, 3.
Big Springs, July 9, 10.
Colorado mis., at Iatan, July 12.
Haskell sta., July 16, 17.
Merkel and Caps, July 21.
Buffalo Gap, July 23, 24.
Gail, at Light, July 28.
Snyder and Dunn, July 30, 31.
Colorado sta., July 31, Aug 1.
Midland, Aug 2.
Truby, at Nugent, Aug 6, 7.
Sweetwater and Roscoe, Aug 11.
Rohy cir., Aug 13, 14.
Sweetwater mis., Aug 16.
Merkel cir., Aug 19.
Baird, Aug 20, 21.
Clyde cir., Aug 23.
Ablene, Aug 27, 28.
Lynn and Terry mis., Aug 30.
E. A. Smith, P. E.

TEXAS CONFERENCE.

Calvert District—Second Round.

Travis, May 7, 8.
Rosebud sta., May 8, 9.
Durango, May 12.
Lott and Chilton, at C., May 14, 15.
Marlin sta., May 21, 22.
Petteway, May 28, 29.
R. A. Burroughs, P. E.

Tyler District—Second Round.

White House, at Omen, May 7, 8.
Troup, May 8, 9.
New York, at Murchison, May 14, 15.
Mercedith, at Elm Grove, May 21, 22.
Marvin, at Marvin, May 29, 30.
E. W. Solomon, P. E.

Brenham District—Second Round.

Brenham, May 8, 9.
Bellville, at Sempronius, May 14, 15.
Lexington, at Center Point, May 21, 22.
Caldwell mis., at Deanville, May 22, 23.
Caldwell sta., May 28, 29.
Milano, at Gause, June 4, 5.
Rockdale, June 5, 6.
Maysfield, June 12, 13.
Chas. F. Smith, P. E.

Pittsburg District—Second Round.

Cason mis., May 7, 8.
Queen's City, May 7, 8.
Redwater mis., May 14, 15.
Dalby Springs, May 21, 22.
Daingerfield, May 28, 29.
J. T. Smith, P. E.

Marshall District—Second Round.

Arlington, at Mt. Zion, May 7, 8.
Hillville, at LaGrone Chapel, May 14, 15.
Longview, Kelly Memorial, May 15, 16.
Beckville, at Allison's Ch., May 21, 22.
Church Hill, May 28, 29.
Jas. W. Downs, P. E.

Beaumont District—Second Round.

Wallisville, May 7, 8.
Burkville, May 14, 15.
Silsbee, May 21, 22.
J. B. Cochran, P. E.

Huntsville District—Second Round.

Montgomery, at Plantersville, May 7, 8.
Zion, at Cotton, May 14, 15.
Midway, May 16.
Cold Springs, at Shepherd, May 21, 22.
Prairie Plains, May 23, 24.
Madisonville, June 4, 5.
Dodge, at Oakhurst, June 18, 19.
Chas. A. Hooper, P. E.

San Augustine District—Second Round.

Burk, at Diboll, May 7, 8.
Hemphill, at Bronson, Thur., May 12.
Geneva, at McMahan, May 14, 15.
Cushing, at Sacul, Fri., May 20.
Appleby, at Bonita, May 21, 22.
San Augustine, May 28, 29.
Clayton cir., June 4, 5.
Minden cir., June 11, 12.
Carthage sta., June 18, 19.
C. A. Tower, P. E.

Houston District—Second Round.

League City, at Pasadena, May 8.
White Oaks, at Crosby, May 8, 9.
Washington Street, Houston, May 8.
Angleton, at Velasco, May 14, 15.
Columbia, at Brazoria, May 15, 16.
Alvin, May 21, 22.
McAshan, May 22.
Richmond, May 23.
Wharton, May 29, 30.
Cedar Bayou, June 4, 5.
District Conference at Richmond May 23-27. Opening sermon Monday night, May 23, by Rev. H. B. Urquhart. The following are the committees:
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Elder's and Deacon's Orders—S. R. Hay, S. W. Thomas, S. H. Chambers.
Admission on Trial—B. W. Allen, A. Methvin, Nathan Powell.
C. R. Lamar, P. E.

Palestine District—Second Round.

Willard cir., at Carmona, May 7, 8.
Groveton sta., May 14, 15.
Trinity and Lovelady, at T., May 21, 22.
Kennard cir., at Tadmor, May 28, 29.
Augusta cir., at Pleasant Grove, June 4, 5.
Mt. Selman cir., at Myrtle, June 11, 12.
Alto cir., at Adams Ch., June 18, 19.
Rusk sta., June 19, 20.
Jacksonville cir., June 25, 26.
J. B. Sears, P. E.

NORTH TEXAS CONFERENCE.

Greenville District—Second Round.

Floyd, at Floyd, Wed., May 11.
Kingston, at Ballard Grove, May 14, 15.
Fairlie, at Wesley Chapel, May 21, 22.
Kerit, at Dulaney, May 28, 29.
Greenville mis., at Kellogg, June 11, 12.
Neola mis., at Vansickle, Wed., June 15.
Quinlan, June 18, 19.
Wolfe City, Wed., June 22.
Lone Oak, June 25, 26.
O. S. Thomas, P. E.

Sulphur Springs District—Second Round.

Relly Springs cir., at Prairie Valley, 2d Sun May.
Ben Franklin cir., at B. F., 3d Sun May.
Birthright cir., at Mahoney, 4th Sun May.
Cooper sta., 5th Sun May.
Furley cir., at Clopton, 1st Sun June.
Sulphur Bluff, at Collier's Ch., 2d Sun June.
Yowell, 3d Sun June.
Lake Creek, 1st Sun July.
Bonanza, 2d Sun July.
Klondike, 3d Sun July.
C. B. Fladger, P. E.

Sherman District—Second Round.

Gunter, at Ethel, May 7, 8.
Trinity and Messenger, at M., May 14, 15.
Waples Memorial, May 15, 16.
Sherman cir., at Hope Ch., May 21, 22.
Van Alstyne, May 28, 29.
E. W. Alderson, P. E.

Dallas District—Second Round.

Argyle, at Chin's Chapel, May 7, 8.
Grace Church, 11 a. m., May 15.
Trinity, 8 p. m., May 15.
Ervey Street, 11 a. m., May 22.
Oak Lawn, 8 p. m., May 22.
First Church, 11 a. m., May 29.
Oak Cliff, 8 p. m., May 29.
Cochran and Caruth, June 4, 5.
Clark's Chapel, 8 p. m., June 5.
L. W. Clark, P. E.

McKinney District—Second Round.

Blue Ridge and mis., at Verona, May 7, 8.
Farmersville sta., May 14, 15.
Nevada cir., at Josephine, May 21, 22.
F. A. Rosser, P. E.

Bonham District—Second Round.

Bonham, at Bonham, May 7, 8.
Lamasco, at Telephone, May 14, 15.
Bailey, at Hickory Creek, May 21, 22.
Ladonia, at Ladonia, May 28, 29.
Jno. H. McLean, P. E.

Gainesville District—Second Round.

Greenwood, at Sildell, May 7, 8.
District Conf., Aubrey, May 12.
Rosston, May 21, 22.
Woodbine, May 29, 30.
Montague, 1st Sun June.
J. A. Stafford, P. E.

Terrell District—Second Round.

Kemp, at Becker, May 7, 8.
Terrell sta., May 15, 16.
Chisholm, at Lawrence, May 21, 22.
College Mound and Elmo, at E., May 28, 29.
Crandall, at Crandall, June 4, 5.
J. M. Peterson, P. E.

Paris District—Second Round.

Douglass mis., at Avery, May 7, 8.
Bagwell mis., at Lone Star, May 14, 15.
Embersen cir., at Mt. Tabor, May 21, 22.
Chicota cir., at Round Prairie, May 22, 23.
Albion mis., May 28, 29.
E. M. Casey, P. E.

Bowie District—Second Round.

Crafton, May 7, 8.
Gibtown, May 14, 15.
Decatur cir., May 21, 22.
Decatur sta., May 22, 23.
T. R. Pierce, P. E.

Gatesville District—Second Round.

Jonesboro, at Union, May 7, 8.
China Springs, Tues., May 10.
Killeen, at Nolanville, May 14, 15.
Brookhaven, at B., May 21, 22.
Oglesby, Sat. June 4.
S. W. Turner, P. E.

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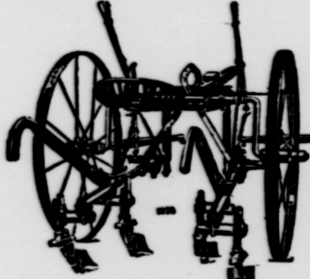
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It was the climax of events in San Angelo District, West Texas Conference. The laborers of the several churches evidently had kept an eye on the mid-year reckoning. Brady hospitality was pronounced as orthodox—hearty, ample, despite an epidemic of measles which was raging in the town. The pastor, W. B. Moon, and his people were equal to the emergency. The well-arranged program, together with benign dignity, the wise touch of dispatch and the devout spirit of the chairman, revealed Rev. J. D. Scott, presiding elder, to be no novice in this capacity of Church work. The reins, the whole team (Nath not excepted), he held well in hand and guided the affairs to best results. The attendance of pastors and laymen was large and the assemblies were characterized by intellectual and spiritual enthusiasm. San Angelo District Conference was a revival. The preaching, which was frequent throughout the session, impressed this scribe and others as exceptionally good. Nath opened Thursday night on "Zeal for Sinners." He left a strong impression for good upon a large audience. Bro. Leaton preached Friday morning. Brother Wootton again to a large congregation Friday evening. Bros. Burk Saturday morning and D. C. Ross Saturday night.

Sunday was a great day in Brady. At the Methodist Church the day was opened with a largely attended and spiritual love feast, which was followed by an excellent sermon from the presiding elder, at the close of which \$1500 was subscribed to the San Angelo District Training School. At 3 o'clock Rev. J. T. Farris preached, at the close of which a goodly company of the devout "did show forth the Lord's death till he come." At night Rev. W. T. Renfro preached at the Methodist Church, Rev. S. J. Drake at the Christian Church and Rev. R. D. Moon at the Baptist.

Monday was missionary day. It was inspiring to learn that the district, which was the banner district at the last session of the West Texas Annual Conference on missions, was fully abreast of the chiefest of her peers. Mrs. Will Newton, District Secretary of the Woman's Home Mission Society, and Mrs. Will T. Renfro, of the Woman's Foreign Mission Society, graced the session by reporting the progress and stating the needs of the work in their hands, stirring us to renewed zeal and declaring anew the wisdom of the Church in providing opportunities by means of which our helpmeet may help us.

Jno. M. Linn's review of Jno. R. Mott's book, "The Evangelization of the World in the Twentieth Century," was followed by obtaining twenty subscribers to the book.

The Epworth League received due attention. Mesdames Jno. Linn and Nath Thompson and Miss Mamie Melton, not in essays, but in plain, practical talks, encouraged us in this much needed Church work.

Educational interests were ably discussed by Prof. J. T. Farris, Revs. Campbell, Wootton and J. D. Scott,

President of the San Angelo District Training School. This new child of the district was found to be in a flourishing condition. During the year 162 pupils have been enrolled in all its departments. This school is destined to be a success. San Angelo is a strategic point, supplying vast miles of territory with trade. In the words of Dr. Jno. E. Harrison, President of San Antonio Female College, who has traveled all over the San Angelo District, and who is a good judge, judging from the success he has made of the San Antonio Female College: "I know of no more important point in Southern Methodism for the establishment of a training school than in San Angelo."

Strong resolutions were passed endorsing the Texas Christian Advocate as being second to none in all Methodism.

The following were elected delegates to the Annual Conference:

W. F. UTZMAN,
S. J. ESTES,
W. T. MELTON,
J. N. BROYLES.

Monday at 11 o'clock Bro. E. E. Thompson preached, and at night Bro. W. B. Campbell. Nath preached on the streets every afternoon, and as some one remarked, he "aired" himself, but men were moved to conviction under his preaching.

Tuesday at 12 o'clock the session adjourned to meet next year at Miles. WILL T. RENFRO.

DALLAS DISTRICT CONFERENCE.

The thirty-fourth session of the Dallas District Conference convened in the Methodist Church at Lancaster April 20, 1904, Rev. I. W. Clark in the chair. The opening sermon was to have been preached by Rev. C. E. Lamb, but not being able to be present at the opening of the conference, the sermon was preached by Rev. W. F. Bryan.

The conference was opened with a half-hour devotional service conducted by the presiding elder, Rev. I. W. Clark. This was a very profitable service, preparing us for the spiritual feature of the conference which was predominant throughout the entire session.

After the ordinary routine of organization the reports from the various churches of the district were called for and every pastor rejoiced in the bright prospect and outlook of his work. The writer was reared within the bounds of the Dallas District and two of his appointments have been within its bounds, and I believe beyond any doubt that the charges are in better condition now than they have ever been before.

Special time was devoted to the Sunday-school interest and every one seemed specially to enjoy this part of the conference. Almost every pastor seemed to think that he had the best superintendent and the best Sunday-school. The Sunday-school work is taking on new life in these parts, and it is well that our Church is looking well after its young life.

Mrs. Crow was present in the interest of the Woman's Home Mission Society, and Mrs. Searcy that of the

foreign missionary work. Prof. R. B. McSwain, of Southwestern University, Rev. J. M. Binkley, of North Texas Female College, Dr. G. C. Rankin, of Texas Christian Advocate, and Rev. I. Z. T. Morris, of Ft. Worth, were with us looking after the interests which they represent. Also our own Uncle Dick Thompson was there to represent the Orphanage.

Delegates to the Annual Conference were elected as follows:

W. C. EVERETT,
ALEC COCKRELL,
B. M. BURGHER,
W. C. YOUNG.

A resolution was passed memorializing the Annual Conference to redistrict the entire conference.

This being the fourth year for Bro. Clark on the district, the following resolution was unanimously passed by the conference:

Whereas, the time limit in our Church will necessitate the removal of Rev. I. W. Clark from the Dallas District at the approaching Annual Conference; and

Whereas, the Dallas District has made such splendid progress in the past four years under the wise leadership and efficient labors of Bro. Clark; therefore be it

Resolved by the Dallas District Conference, That we sincerely regret the necessity of his removal and that we pray God's blessings upon him in his future work.

Resolved, That we express our hearty appreciation both of the faithful work done and the kindness shown to Churches and pastors during his stay on the district.

W. F. BRYAN, Secy.

SHERMAN DISTRICT CONFERENCE.

The Sherman District Conference met in Van Alstyne, Texas, April 25, E. W. Alderson, a master of assemblies, in the chair. The attendance was the best for years. The session was most pleasant and profitable. The reports from the pastors, supplemented by reports from the laymen, indicated the district to be progressing religiously and advancing materially.

The following were elected delegates to the Annual Conference:

B. E. WILLIAMS, L. P.
L. C. HAMPTON,
E. S. JONES,
J. E. WEBSTER.

Alternates:

C. W. Bryan,
E. D. Hughes.

C. H. Armstrong was recommended to the Annual Conference for admission on trial and also for deacon's orders. The irrepressible J. M. Binkley and the ubiquitous "Uncle Dick" were on hand looking after their respective interests. We gave to each his portion in due time, whereupon they departed for Celina, where Ross had his wise men in session. We were glad to have with us Mrs. J. H. Bowman. Her words anent the work that lies next her mind and heart were full of cheer. Rev. Franklin Moore was introduced to the conference and received an offering for the Palmer home. W. C. Everett was with us. Judging from the line of books he is pressing his battle cry is: "Take heed to the doctrine," and "Be ware of covetousness." The preaching was well done, barring one exception, by J. B. Dodson, E. R. Edwards, D. F. Fuller, Chas. A. Spragins and Uncle Dick. Bells was selected for the next place of meeting.

CHAS. A. SPRAGINS, Secy.

THE GREENVILLE DISTRICT CONFERENCE.

The thirteenth session of the Greenville District Conference met at Wolfe City, Texas, April 23-26, with Rev. O. S. Thomas, presiding elder, in the chair. Rev. J. R. Wages set the preaching to a high key in the opening sermon on the Commission. The pastor, J. E. Vinson, was in his revival meeting and the Committee on Public Worship kept the spiritual good of the community uppermost in their minds in all the appointments, and the entire conference was marked for its spirituality. The preaching was direct and attended with the demonstration of the Spirit and with power. The love feast was a great blessing to all who attended it.

One whole day was given to the consideration of the spiritual state of the Church. Hindrances and helps were discussed. It was found that most all the pastors are neglecting the administration of the Sacrament, but as they confessed to their negligence they promised to do better. One of the helps suggested was faithful visitation from house to house. Several pastors said a marked difference was seen in attendance upon divine service, prayer-meetings and Sunday-schools, as a result of visiting in the homes of the people. Some revivals have been held, some excellent prayer-meetings were reported and conversions are being had at the regular

services. There is a fine outlook in the spiritual state of the Church.

The Sunday-school interest is increasing. Several schools have the Home Department; most of them are missionary societies. There are forty-three Sunday-schools in the district.

The salaries in most of the charges have been increased this year. The collections ordered by the conference are being taken. Celeste and Lane report these collections secured in cash and subscription. The conference moved to do better for the American Bible Society this year than last.

Nearly all the parsonages have been improved this year. Lone Oak, Floyd and Leonard have made very substantial improvement, and Commerce Circuit has wiped out the debt upon its parsonage.

Two churches have been finished, one built entirely, one is being constructed, while four are contemplated, three nice country churches and one \$10,000 church at Commerce. Wesley Station and Celeste have cleared off old debts.

Mr. Frank Ready interested the conference in the "special edition" books the Branch House is bringing out and made his stay very pleasant among us.

Dr. G. C. Rankin preached for us, mingled with the conference and found the Advocate in fine favor in these parts. Prof. R. B. McSwain represented the faculty of Southwestern University and gave special attention to the interest of the Summer Institute of Theology. Dr. H. A. Bourland represented the medical department of Southwestern University. Rev. J. M. Binkley represented the North Texas Female College and secured \$200 to replace the burned buildings. "Uncle Dick" Thompson represented the Orphanage. We felt better for the presence of the brethren.

The conference arranged to do some special missionary work within its own bounds. Some territory not reached by our Church will be covered this year, revivals will be held and literature will be distributed. Also the conference pledged itself to the endowment of a scholarship at Southwestern University available for needy young men within the bounds of the district. These two forward steps were taken with much enthusiasm.

The following are delegates to the Annual Conference:

GEO. S. PERKINS, Greenville.
W. E. MONGUM, Commerce.
J. E. JAMES, Wolfe City.
REV. J. A. THOMAS, Celeste.

Samuel Luther Crowson was recommended to the Annual Conference for admission. J. W. Beck and I. S. Ashburn were granted license to preach.

Leonard was chosen as the next place of meeting.

Wolfe City gave hospitable entertainment to the conference.

Appropriate resolutions of appreciation and love were adopted touching the removal by the time limit of the presiding elder from the district at the approaching conference.

The Secretary was greatly assisted by C. W. Dennis.

JNO. E. ROACH, Secy.

Resolution.

Whereas, our presiding elder has faithfully served the district with efficiency for the past four years and courageously led us to victories and successes to which the district has never gone before; and

Whereas, our relations have been so cordial and pleasant, and by the law of the Church, the time limit in the pastorate, these relations must be severed at the approaching Annual Conference; be it

Resolved, That this District Conference express its appreciation for Bro. Thomas in his faithful and persistent labors among us.

That we remember the four District Conferences and the many pleasant Quarterly Conferences that we have enjoyed as among the most delightful of our experience; and that we pray for him, that his labor in other fields may continue to be crowned with great blessings under the direction of the Holy Ghost.

J. E. ROACH,
C. W. DENNIS,
W. T. MORROW,
J. E. VINSON,
J. A. THOMAS,
E. L. SPURLOCK.

Adopted by the Greenville District Conference, April 26, 1904.

J. E. ROACH, Secy.

Dedication.

Our Church at Ward's Chapel, which was blown from its blocks in January, is now ready for use again, and will be dedicated the third Sunday in May by Rev. R. A. Burroughs, presiding elder. All former pastors are cordially invited to be present. We expect dinner on the ground Saturday and Sunday. Let all take due notice and govern themselves accordingly.

D. W. GARDNER, P. C.



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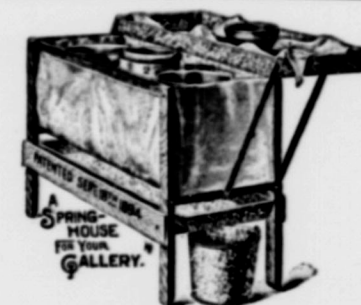
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A Double Wedding.

Promptly at 3 o'clock last Sunday, May 1, Mr. D. A. Alston and Mr. J. E. Wallace drove up to the parsonage at Gober with the Misses Lalah and Lula Turner (who are twin-sisters), and within a few moments four hearts beat as two. Rev. R. L. Ely officiated.