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## Editorial.

### THE FACILITY OF OUR SYSTEM.

Three of our conferences have already been held and the other one is now in session. By the time it will have adjourned, more than seven hundred preachers will have been sent to their annual appointments. They will go to meet the spiritual needs of more than two hundred thousand people who will wait upon their ministry during the year. Many of these men have been changed from one field to another, and they will have to make long moves to reach their places of labor. Yet inside of four weeks these conferences have met, transacted their business and are settled down for another year of labor. Every preacher has a charge, and every congregation a minister, and nobody seems to realize that any change has been made. All over this great State this work is now going on as though no conference had been held, and as though no preacher had been changed from one town or country place to another. The United States army does not carry on its operations with as little friction as we carry on our great Methodist economy. And we meet the needs of the people. Our very system makes us a pioneer Church and a missionary enterprise. We never ask as to the wealth of a people, whether they live in cities, towns or country districts—we simply find out where they live, and we send them a preacher. Hence there is no place in Texas that does not have the opportunity, at some time during the year, to hear the gospel at the mouth of a Methodist minister. Yet we retain our individuality as ministers, and go as men who love their Lord and their fellowmen; but not as slaves. The manliest men in the world are our Methodist ministers. They know how to approach people, and how to adapt themselves to all conditions. No other system of Church government works as efficiently and successfully as ours in these particulars. And no Church will compare with ours in carrying the gospel to the masses of mankind; and wherever we go we take the spirit of education and intellectual improvement, as well as the spirit of revival. Our ministers are blessings to the country in all relations of life. This is why God honors our system and our work. We co-operate with his Son in saving men and women from sin. And as long as we carry out our plans, our system needs but little improvement. It is well nigh perfect in its present form.

### THE SECRET OF PREVAILING PRAYER.

That God is a prayer-hearing and a prayer-answering God is a truth accepted without qualification by all truly Christian people. If the prayer is heard and not answered, then there is something wrong with the prayer, for a true prayer is never left unanswered. It may not be answered in our way, but the good Father will answer it in his own way and that will be the right way. If we hold

malice in our hearts when we pray, we need not expect any answer. God tells us this in so many words when he says, "If I regard iniquity in my heart, the Lord will not hear me." And the Savior tells us to say when we pray, "Forgive us our debts as we forgive our debtors." The heart must be at peace and in good will with all men when we ask God for his blessings. If we feel wickedly toward others, and are not willing to forgive any wrong they have done to us, neither will God hear and answer us when we pray for his goodness and mercy. But when we are right with God and right with mankind, and our prayer is mixed with faith, God is just as certain to hear us and answer us as we go to him in prayer. "Ask and ye shall receive, knock and it shall be opened, seek and ye shall find." When we comply with the conditions, God will always fulfill this promise and we will ask and be refused. We will not knock without finding admittance, and we will not seek without finding the quest of our seeking. And if at times we feel our ignorance and feebleness more than we can overcome when we attempt to pray, there will be an unseen Presence to help us with wisdom and strength. "Likewise the Spirit also helpeth our infirmities, for we know not what we should pray for as we ought; but the Spirit himself maketh intercession for us with groanings which can not be uttered." So that if we have the proper frame of mind, but feel a sense of our inability, the Holy Ghost will come to our relief. Hence the prevailing prayer can not remain unanswered. It will reach the throne and wield the arm of the Almighty.

### THE HIDDEN CHRIST.

When is Christ hidden from us? Whenever, from sin or lack of faith, we fail to seek for and to appropriate him. Once upon a time a poor distressed woman went to the sepulcher early in the morning to minister to his dead body, and she found him gone and the tomb empty. But Christ himself spoke to her, and she recognized him not. Her thought was associated with his death, not his resurrection. So she cried out, "They have taken away my Lord, and I know not where they have laid him." In the midst of her personal grief, her faith was not sufficient to apprehend him, even though he was speaking to her. Sometimes the sorrows and distress of life obscure our spiritual vision while in fact the object of that vision is near to us. What a happy thought it is to know that when we are honest and sincere in our purpose, though our faith is muddled, Christ often speaks to us and leads us up to the point where he can make a full disclosure of his presence to our gaze. He did not long keep this poor woman in suspense. He called her by name, and she opened her eyes and beheld him; and she became one of the first witnesses to his resurrection. The darkest hour is just before day, and when the darkness of a fading hope envelops us, we may rest assured that if our faith fails us not, the light will soon dawn upon us. And then we will find the Master in his resurrection glory standing not far from us. How

overwhelmed was Mary's heart when she looked and saw the Savior speaking to her. She had mistaken him for the gardener, but at once she gazed and saw the living Christ! He is not dead; he is alive forevermore. No one can take him away from us. That act is left to us, in our sin or blindness. Let us always open our eyes and behold the Christ standing by us, even when the shadows fall round our pathway.

### FOLLOWING CHRIST AFAR OFF.

This is exactly what Peter did the night that Christ was arrested in Gethsemane and taken before Pilate for trial. Up to that time he had been closely associated with the Savior as one of his most intimate disciples, and he expressed himself as willing to die for him. Christ knew Peter's weakness and admonished him of his danger, even telling him that before the next morning he would so far forget himself as to deny him. With this warning ringing in his ears he was present at the arrest, his courage began to fail him, and when the guard started with Christ to Pilate, he dropped behind and before they reached the judgment hall he was following at a distance. And when he came to the place of trial, instead of going into the hall where the hearing was taking place he stopped in the outer court among the servants. By this time he was in such a state of mind as to lose all self-control and his profanity and denial occurred. Great moral and religious catastrophes are not the result of sudden transition. They come gradually and silently, like the operation of natural forces, and while their results startle us they are caused by subtle influences that may have been at work for months or even years. When traced back to their beginning their origin is often found in what we regard as rather insignificant lapses in life and character. But these, when not checked, grow in force and influence and in the end they result in the ruin of those who have unconsciously yielded to the weaknesses of the flesh through a series of weeks or months or years. Whenever we get to following the Savior at a distance we may rest well assured that these influences are quietly at work in our lives. Our place as followers of the Savior is by his side and under his immediate influence, whether he is in the garden or on his way to Pilate's judgment hall. His hold upon us weakens in proportion to the distance at which we follow him. It is not safe to get beyond the warmth of his presence and the touch of his hand. We grow cold and timid as he recedes from us. It is near his side that we get strength, comfort and courage.

### LOCAL OPTION WINS IN THE COURT.

Something like a year or so ago the people of Orange County voted on local option, and the barrooms were defeated, signally. But as is usually the case, it was taken into the courts on a writ of injunction. The lower court and the Court of Civil Appeals decided it in favor of local option. Then it went to the Supreme Court, where this week the decisions of the courts below were affirmed.

So those people have local option at last. The fact is, local option almost invariably wins in the civil courts; but it once in a while gets a very black eye in the Court of Criminal Appeals. It seems that this last decision of our high court is sufficient to put a quietus on this "injunction" business; but the resources of the barroom are very inexhaustible. So, we presume, that whenever a county goes dry, the antis will continue to resort to injunction, by some sort of hook or crook. Decision after decision has been rendered in all the courts in favor of local option, but these divers decisions seem to be no stay to the saloon as against the people. But the civil courts are doing their duty by the law and by the people. We have no ground of complaint against them. Sometimes they are a little slow, but when they act, they always act wisely by local option.

### SLEEPING AT THE POST OF DUTY.

Under the old regime of war it was death to be found asleep at the post of duty. The safety of the whole army is in the hand of the sentinel who guards the danger points while the camp is wrapped in slumber. For this reason the penalty is severe if he is found wanting. Every Christian is stationed at some danger point in the life of the Church, and he is expected by the Master to be alert and on his guard. Great responsibilities are intrusted to him, and vigilance is one of his bounden duties. To sleep when he is under orders to watch, is a violation of his trust. Samson slept while Delilah clipped the locks from his face wherein resided his strength. The foolish virgins slept, and when the bridegroom came they were left without oil in their lamps, and the door of the bridal chamber was forever closed against them. The three disciples slept in the garden of Gethsemane when Christ left them with the command to watch while he retired in prayer. There are times when it is actually criminal to sleep, and it was such a time when the disciples slept instead of giving their time to watching. To sleep spiritually is to grow indifferent to the compunctions of conscience, to the opportunities of accomplishing good results in Christ's name, to sit silently by and see the Master reviled or hear his name profaned, and to let a soul pass through our hands without an effort to rescue and save him. In the midst of this sort of sleep the Church loses many a battle, truth is defeated, religious enterprises retarded, and moral sentiment is vitiated. The devil neither slumbers nor sleeps. He lives in perpetual wakefulness. He is sensitive to every opportunity for getting in his work, and he guards well all the interests of his kingdom. If eternal vigilance is the price of liberty, it is also the price of progress in spiritual life and in the expansion of the Church of God. Sleepy disciples are not the true promoters of Christ's kingdom. The Church does not prosper in their hands. Very insignificant results follow their feeble efforts. "Awake, thou that sleepest, and Christ shall give thee light," is an appeal to those who sleep in time of spiritual peril. Watchfulness is the duty of those who guard the Master's interests.

### "LOYALTY TO GOD MEANS LOYALTY TO THE CHURCH."

(Copy of an address made before the M. E. Church, South, March 6, 1904, by J. M. Williamson on the subject, "Loyalty to God Means Loyalty to the Church.")

I especially desire to call attention of the young people of the Church to the discussion of this subject, and admonish them to an earnest consideration of it. A man or woman seldom forms new convictions, or changes his or her manner of thinking or living after reaching 30.

Before entering upon the discussion of the subject proper, and in order that I may not be misunderstood, let us discuss a matter closely connected with "Loyalty to God Means Loyalty to the Church."

There are times in the lives of individuals, as there are in the history of nations and institutions, which are of greater moment than others. To illustrate: Who can gauge or conceive of the momentous responsibility of that famous Fourth of July in 1776, when a nation was born which has blessed her millions, and I trust may continue to bless until time shall be no more. "There is a tide in the affairs of men, which taken at the flood, leads on to fortune. Omitted, the voyage of their life is bounded in shallows and miseries."

To young people there is no moment in life fraught with such momentous responsibility as that in which they select their Church, through the organization of which they are to perform the mission for which God created, and to which he has called them. I think the failure to give due consideration to this important step accounts for so much lethargy in our Master's work. Some people say one Church is just as good as any other. This is not so; there is no Church in which I could serve my Master so well as I can in my own. The Church simply furnishes the channel through which the ends of life are to be accomplished. Every person in determining his Church relationship should study carefully the polity of the different Churches, and then in the light of the Holy Bible and the institutions of the Holy Spirit select the one that conforms most nearly to his ideal, thus formed. And the young person who follows this plan, unbiased by friends or uninfluenced by mercenary motives or prejudice, will find little to criticize and no reason for being disloyal to their conscience or their Church. And such a person will find the Church a great help in performing his life mission. If the Methodist Church did not teach in doctrine and polity what I believe I should ask my pastor for a certificate of dismissal before another day closed. And believing this "beyond my highest joys, I prize her heavenly ways, her sweet communion, solemn vows, her hymns of love and praise."

Church membership thus selected furnishes an ideal condition for accomplishing the ends of life and as a monitor of our duty to God and man. Thus situated one cannot be loyal to God without being loyal to the Church, nor disloyal to the Church without being disloyal to God. No person should be persuaded to join any Church until he has made a careful investigation, and found that in doctrine and polity it conforms to what he believes. Any person joining a Church without first finding out what it teaches and steadfastly believing it, is very likely to find the Church a stumbling block, and many things for adverse criticism.

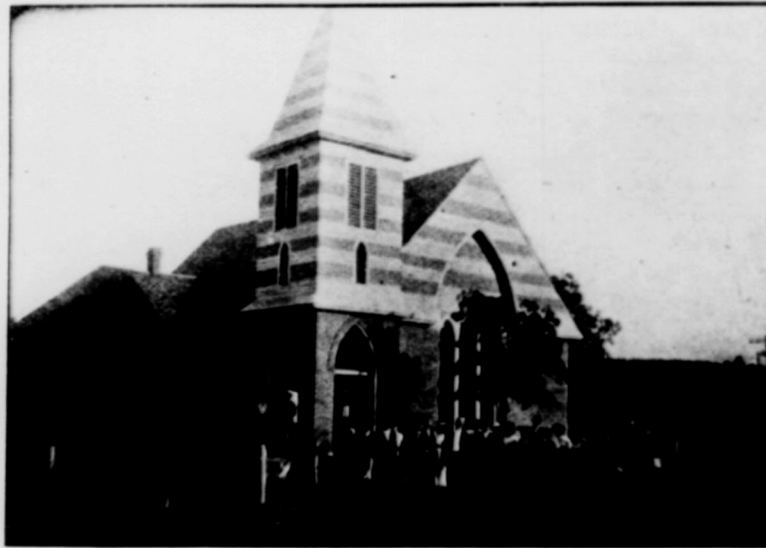
If all the Churches could free themselves from all the communicants who do not know or sympathize with their teachings, the few left would do more than the multitude who now fill their pews. Many young people with high aims in life and a spirit of enthusiasm and work have been crushed by some old barnacle, whose highest ambition is to criticize his Church, her ministers or her efforts to bring about the salvation of the world. If you do not believe in the way your Church does things, get out of it and get into one in which you do believe. If you cannot be loyal to God and perform your vows to the Church, get out and find a Church in which you can keep your vows and do your duty to God. A man who cannot be loyal to God without being disloyal to his Church is in the wrong Church, and should get out.

Oh! for a revival of the spirit that will make men think, and then act because they have thought. Young man, young woman, study your Church and see what she teaches, then compare her teachings with God's Word as his Spirit shall interpret it to you, and if it accords, then go to work; if not, then find the Church that does, and keep her vows and do your duty to God and man.

The man who pays the salary of his pastor because he likes him or refuses because he does not like him, or who contributes in any way to any interest of the Church for any reason than that he owes it to God, is disloyal to God and the Church. Back of every act of our lives should be a well-grounded

conviction that we are doing what God has called us to do. With this kind of a Church membership we would not be long in bringing the world to Christ. Too many of us are not moved to act because of convictions, but for social, political or mercenary reasons. We need men and women with cultivated minds, minds stored with knowledge, and a will to do their duty to God, and a heart filled with charity for their fellow workers. Criticisms, bitterness of spirit, disloyalty to God and the Church are born of ignorance, bred and reared in inactivity.

May we by our active loyalty hasten the day when "wolf shall dwell with the lamb, and the leopard shall lie down with the kid, and the calf and the young lion and the fatling together; and a little child shall lead them."



M. E. CHURCH, SOUTH, GORDON, TEXAS—REV. J. F. TYSON, PASTOR.

#### ADVOCATE AGENT ABROAD.

Brother Tyson has written something of my visit to his charge—Gordon and Thurber and Strawn. Though he told of the dedication of the splendid and beautiful new brick church in Gordon, by Bishop Hoss, and the great sermon by the Bishop, and the good his visit did, and told of the large number of new Advocates we put into the homes of the people, he did not tell of the good, abiding work done on the charge by Rev. J. F. Tyson the past year. The Church at Gordon has a unique history. There was no organization there when the Texas and Pacific Railroad reached there in 1880, and very few Methodists in that section. Hon. W. P. Gibbs was intrusted with \$400 by the Board of Missions of the Northwest Texas Conference to be used as he deemed best for the good of the Church—the only time, probably, that such a donation has been made. This resulted in a church being built north of the railroad—which is now used as a residence. Only four of the members who formed the original organization are now at Gordon. Brother I. E. Hightower built the parsonage and started the

church and parsonage. We ought to be there now—there is no section on earth more properly missionary ground than Thurber. There are hundreds of foreigners working in the mines who go out, or send out their children, into other sections and industries of Texas, and unless brought under the teachings and practice of Christianity they will help to debase our civilization. The Churches there are doing a good work, but they also need the co-operation and influence of Methodism. I talked with many of the leading people there, some Methodists, many of other Churches, some of no Church, and all were anxious that we again enter the field. The manager of all that great property, I was informed, would build a church and furnish a parsonage and give them both, rent free, with fuel and electric lights added, if we will take hold again. Bishop Hoss remarked: "We ought not to have abandoned that field; it is a shame we are not there to-day. It is un-Christian to refuse to preach the gospel to needy people because they do not feel able or the necessity of paying its full support." And all the Methodists with whom I talked at



PARSONAGE, GORDON, TEXAS.

subscription for a new church. The matter then rested for a few years, and Brother Tunnell revived it and made some progress. Brother Tyson finished it and we have, in the heart of the town, south of the railroad and near a towering hill, the splendid, substantial brick church shown in the photograph. It is neatly furnished, and the Woman's Home Mission Society, which did this, got the lots and looks after the parsonage, and is now working to make an exchange of the present parsonage so as to have a preacher's home on the same side of town as the church. The present parsonage is a neat one, as shown by the photograph, and has ample grounds, which will make a trade easy to make. Brother Tyson has had a fine body of officials to work with and his entire

Thurber, at Gordon, at Strawn and Thurber's Junction (Wings P. O.), said "Amen!" to that. Gordon is growing and improving and will be an important station some day. The leading people want local option—and say they will vote it out of Palo Pinto County next time, under our great Terrell election law. That reminds me of a strange anomaly: The Thurber Coal Mining Company own the whiskey and beer saloons that supply their men and when Erath County went local option they moved them over the line into Palo Pinto County—a mile or more from the town! They also have a saloon at the Junction on the T. & P. right of way—the only saloon I know of on the Texas and Pacific right of way. The company also owns the churches and parsonages in their

town! This is the only instance of which I know where a concern is in the business of conducting saloons and building and supporting Churches at the same time. And they pay the world's high tribute to the Church by wanting more churches! And these will do away with the saloons! Let us occupy the field. WM. A. BOWEN.

#### SPECIAL SERVICE IN THE CISCO METHODIST CHURCH.

To-day the pastor asked the man in the pew for expression on the following topics: "Relation of Pastor and Members," "Love for Our Church," "Scriptural Sabbath Observance," "Popular Sins to Be Avoided," "Old Time Piety and Love for Each Other."

It is always interesting to a congregation, as all will agree, when a new minister, fresh from the convocation which has assigned to him a home and a charge, first comes into the presence of the people who are to bring either joy and comfort to his heart, which is ready for cordial sympathy, or else thwarted hopes and regret. So to-day we, exactly as other people who are only "just folks" and like something new, settled ourselves in comfortable positions after the last song, to listen to what we, ourselves the body politic, thought about things.

It is productive of interesting thought to contemplate the personality of the man who is to speak upon this subject, or that when looking over a program. As I ran my eyes down the program to-day, I said, "Calhoun, the eminent jurist, but more the eminent Christian gentleman, member of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South; Calhoun, the faithful, always-to-be depended upon, never-falling-down-on-his-preacher, genial, orthodox—he will follow along unsensational lines, giving expression to strong, sensible, practicable suggestions, and will hit hard him who has been derelict. Then his name was called and he went away above even the most optimistic expectations.

"It is my part to put as much of my earnings into the gospel channel," he said, "as will equal the minister's financial loss by giving his life wholly to the service of Christ."

Owen, the man whose life expresses as much energy as does his shouting (and that is saying much), and to whom the exact second, when he was converted, is the most momentous of his life, closely followed the Judge on "Love for Our Church," and mounted at once to the high plane upon which his predecessor had stood. Among other things he said: "A man cannot differentiate love for God from love for the Church. Christ, the head of the Church, has said, 'I am the light of the world,' hence the Church is the light of the world. The moment a man turns his back upon the Church he begins to drift away from God. As he treads upon the Church he strains to be breaking the great heart-strings of God. In order for him to enter the kingdom of heaven his inner consciousness must be touched with the tuning fork of God's love and set his soul in unison with the throbbing of the great heart of God."

The energetic Doctor was followed by Yeargin, the old timer, the shut-his-ear-to-the-call-of-the-siren modern methods! Yeargin, the way-my-mother-did-was-good-enough-for-me—who admonished us of the times when the Church was in better spiritual condition from pulpit to pew, the preachers more zealous, the members more faithful, when the mothers did their baking on Saturday, the horses feed was prepared, the boys blacked their boots, and the Sabbath was observed scripturally. "But now, alas! we read our newspapers on Sunday and go picnicking. No, old times are best, brethren."

When the pastor called the name of M. V. Mitchell, a pleasant smile settled on the face of every one present, for Mitchell is our humorist, our Church comedian, who never rises but that he makes us laugh. He began by saying he was scared and felt like fifteen cents, but presently got to his subject, which was stirred with faith and mixed with humor, and left this pregnant thought with us, "If there is a question about whether or not it is right, boys, girls, let it alone."

Abbott, the clear-headed, clean-hearted, where pupils and teachers from the west to the most dignified teacher, love him for his kindly sympathy. Abbott we knew would say something we would want to remember, so we straightened up (Mitchell had shaken most of us from our positions), and were not disappointed in his expressions concerning "Old-Time Piety." He crossed swords with all pessimists and scattered sunshine in little flings of showers; believed that this, our Church, has just as much power as Churches had 100 years ago; that ministers of to-day (which included our own) were just as zealous as in John Wesley's time.

"The idea that the world is growing worse is, in my opinion, very close akin to pessimism. Mr. Rockefeller said in the Sunday school at Cleveland a few weeks ago: 'There is so much bad in

most of us, and there is so much good in the worst of us, it hardly behooves any of us to talk about the rest of us.' I believe there are more people to-day who read good books, and live good lives than ever before in the history of the human race. The world is growing better. We have more happy homes, more Churches, more Bibles, more good books, more institutions of learning, more intelligence, more music, more kindness, more love and sympathy in the world to-day than ever before. The present is the richest hour in the history of the world. All the priceless heritage of the past, all that men have said and thought and done, the best for which lives have lived and died is a part of the present."

Personalities were interesting just then, for we had heard from an "old-timer" who is now followed by a young man, and the question, "Is the world growing better?" lodged in our hearts, but we said way down deep in our souls, "Yes, 'tis!"

"Love for Each Other" was well put when H. C. Rominger was called upon. He came with his Bible and said, "Let's all pray." After having asked God's blessing on his word, he read one passage after another all full of love and hope and promise. "The only way," he said, "we can serve God is to serve humanity."

The program began with a prayer by Lee Owen, and ended with prayer by E. M. Brown. The songs were selected from the Hymn and Tune Book, and thus passed a most dignified, helpful and beneficial service, which fully justified Bro. Vaughan in promulgating the same, and intensified our interest in the evening program to be furnished by members of the Epworth League.

Our Church, by general consent and the records, has never been in such fine condition; the pastors' salary all paid, collections paid, and the year closed without a penny's indebtedness. It is good to be members of a growing Church. Ours has had a net gain of 100 members in the last two years.

Sunday evening, Nov. 6, at 7 o'clock the Epworth League conducted the services, discussing the following subjects:

"Chief Requisites of Intelligent Bible Study," by W. T. Batchellar.

"What May Be Done By a Young Lady in Church Work," by Miss Sadie Yarnell.

"Loyalty to God Means Loyalty to the Church," by J. M. Williamson.

"Our Duty to Strangers," by Mrs. Frank Vernon.

"The Gospel of Song," by E. J. Stocketon.

"Worldly Amusements, Innocent and Harmful," by Miss Bettie Harbison.

"Do we Study the Bible to Establish the Truth, or Do we Study It to Establish a Preconceived Notion of Our Own?" by Mrs. Minnie Williams.

Mesdames Beatrice Collie Gorman and W. T. Batchellar sang a duet, which was well received. The songs for the evening were selected from the Young People's Hymnal No. 2.

The paper read by Mr. Williamson is in this issue of the Advocate.

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Cisco, Texas, Nov. 6, 1904.

#### THE ADVOCATE AND THE PEOPLE

I often wondered how Methodist people could do without the Texas Advocate, and I believe it is for the proper knowledge of its usefulness in their homes is why so many Methodist people are without it to-day. Our pastors, I believe, are largely responsible for the circulation of the Advocate among their people. While I believe the most of them usually have their hands full of work, it seems to me they should never let an opportunity pass without calling the attention of the people to the fact that the Advocate is indispensable in their homes. As Dr. Rankin often remarks, where he finds the Advocate circulated, "He feels that he's no stranger." So it is with Methodist people everywhere. If they find the Advocate in the home they feel that they need no introduction. Not long since this writer, in making a welcome address at a Sunday school celebration, referred to Dr. Rankin, and one of his editorials in the Advocate. After we had dismissed for dinner I received an introduction to some good people from Crockett, Texas. One good sister remarked that she did not need any introduction to me. Why? Simply because I referred in my talk to Dr. Rankin and the Advocate, and that was enough. She said she felt like she already knew me. Two young preachers went home with a layman one Saturday from Quarterly Conference. One on entering the house saw the Advocate lying on the center-table and quietly remarked: "Here is a Methodist home, Tom." And so it is everywhere. People certainly cannot afford to be without the Texas Christian Advocate in their homes, especially Texas Methodists. It not only keeps them posted on all matters pertaining to Church work in Texas Methodism, but it brings us in touch with our very best men. The editorial page is worth the price.

C. S. JONES.  
Enterprise, Texas.

# Devotional and Spiritual

## GREATNESS STANDING ON HIDDEN PILLARS.

"Poor Matthew Arnold!" said Thomas Carlyle to James Anthony Froude one day as Mr. Arnold left the home of the sage of Chelsea after a somewhat heated argument. "Poor Matthew Arnold! He thinks that if he were to die, God Almighty could never make another Matthew Arnold!"

It is interesting to reflect—and very encouraging for us who constitute the obscure multitude—that not only is God Almighty under no such limitations as Mr. Arnold seemed to think, but that he very frequently produces Matthew Arnolds, and greater, from very much humbler stock than that from which the great English essayist and literary critic sprang. Out of "stones" he is able to raise up children unto Abraham and he is constantly doing it.

The student of history cannot but be struck by the number of really great lives that stand on hidden pillars. Why so great a majority of the world's leaders—especially its religious leaders—should have sprung from the dust is a psychological as well as a religious problem of unusual interest. That it is in harmony with definite laws I do not doubt, if only the data could be clearly arrived at. Unfortunately, no biographies are strictly scientific—that is, give all the facts and the explanations. Hence the best we may do is to gather such data as come within reach of our own vision and draw our inductions and attempt to trace a law. Following this method we deduce the following:

Greatness of capacity springs from greatness of aspiration or longing, as far as the transmission to children of greatness of capacity is concerned. It is what a man or woman longs for and dreams of that gives trend to the child's mind, rather than what he or she has already achieved. And aspiration is apt to be in inverse ratio to achievement—intensest therefore among the obscure, for the high have already reached the point of self-satisfaction and even satiety.

We saw a few years ago a plain old farmer couple—exceedingly plain and uncultivated in appearance—on a Western train. They had been denied early advantages and their lives had been filled with hard toil and scant rewards. Yet they cherished the thought of high things and longed for the best the empire of mind could furnish. It was denied them, but it came to fulfillment in a gifted son, who stands at the very front of the United States Senate to-day.

A Rossini traces back his musical genius to the passion for music in his father, whose untutored skill kept him a strolling horn-blower all his days. An old organist of Eisenach, of limited gifts, gives to the world a Sebastian Bach. So with Mozart, and so with a multitude of great men in their several fields of achievement. Back of each, in an obscure father or mother, or forbear a generation further back, glowed the fire of love for that which was afterward to come into magnificent expression in child or grandchild.

Add to aspiration the other elements of a noble character, such as self-control, unselfishness and devotion, the passion for goodness and the redemptive purpose, and you have the human groundwork for great lives—the pillars in obscurity for sons or daughters who shall shine forth as the sun in the days that are to be. And such groundwork qualities are oftener developed in obscurity than elsewhere.

In a word, character, wherever found, is an energy and cannot be lost, for the law of conservation of force holds in the mental and mor-

al as in the physical realm. Character is a seed, and tends ever to reproduce itself. If it cannot produce its effect directly it will indirectly. You cannot cheat it any more than you can nature anywhere else, or God. It may be delayed, but like a hidden river, it will reappear somewhere farther on. The pent-up current of several generations of individual thinking and high aspiring in and back of Susannah Annesley and Samuel Wesley burst forth at length in John and Charles Wesley.

Gray, the poet, was unscientific and unconsciously atheistic when he sang of men:

"Full many a flower is born to blush unseen  
And waste its fragrance on the desert air."

for God lets nothing go to waste. Now, as by the Galilean lake, he is ever gathering up the fragments for the feeding of humanity—fragments of capacity and aspiration and out-breathed prayers and tears on behalf of the kingdom. Tennyson was not only in harmony with a scientific age but with the written word when he declared that—

"Nothing walks with aimless feet;  
No one life shall be destroyed  
Or cast as rubbish in the void,  
When God hath made the pile complete."

Paul gave an illustration of it when he told how the faith which dwelt in Timothy had first dwelt in Lois and Eunice. And these two women are brought thus for a moment out of the shadows of obscurity to show how God makes his leaders.

A little later we catch another glimpse of the working of the same law when we see the obscure Leonidas bending over the bed of his child, Origen, and kissing his bare breast, saying: "It is the temple of the Holy Ghost." And later still we see Augustine, majestic and saintly, standing as the leader of the hosts of God, and we read in him the finished story of the seraphic Monica's life of devotion.

Those who have read of the wonderful work of Fidelia Fiske in Persia, and her equally wonderful work in the girls' seminary at South Hadley, Mass., will be interested to know that her father's mother, Mrs. Ebenezer Fiske, used to set apart whole days for prayer, "that her offspring might to the latest generation prove a godly seed." By the time of the fourth generation there were 300 members of Christian Churches who could be traced to this one devout woman.

The hidden pillar of the Beechers—the six brothers and sisters who became famous, as well as of their famous father, Lyman Beecher—was the blacksmith grandfather, David Beecher, strong and positive in character, and whose great black eyes flashed with the genius that slumbered beneath, in the obscurity of his shop at New Haven.

How we rejoice, too, in the honor which came to David Dudley Field, the New England village preacher, never pastor outside of the two towns of East Haddam and Stockbridge, Mass., yet privileged to see six of his sons attain national prominence, and two of them, at least, world-wide influence.

And how it must gladden the hearts of the mother of the Boverds—the half-dozen eminent ministerial brothers of our Methodism—in her modest farm home in Indiana—unless, indeed, she has recently passed to her heavenly home, to think how God has honored her!

God does not confine himself to motherhood and fatherhood in making his hidden pillars, however.

Obscure lives, unrelated by blood, have profoundly influenced great lives or lives which became great.

Lord Salisbury said that the seventh earl of Shaftesbury was the mightiest force for good in England of the nineteenth century. Lord Shaftesbury had frivolous, godless parents, but in the kitchen was a servant, Maria Willis, who loved God and who patiently and lovingly taught the youth that fear of the Lord which was the beginning of wisdom. And he distinctly ascribed to this woman the trend of his life.

Jonathan Edwards was not the only one who was greatly influenced by the character and brief career of the obscure missionary among the Indians, David Brainerd.

If I mistake not it was the influence of Phebe Palmer upon the life of Frances E. Willard, when she touched her in Chicago, and upon Washington C. DePauw, when she touched his life in New Albany, Ind., that made a new era for both these eminent servants of the Church. Indeed, neither had been either eminent or particularly useful until the meetings held by this saintly woman—now almost forgotten—led them to see the possibilities of a life wholly devoted to God.

Down through the years the refrain of a song comes floating to me:

"Kind words can never die, never die,  
never die—"

Whether that be true or not, one thing beyond question is true—that the loving life can never die. The loving life, purer, self-controlled and devoted to the kingdom, like the obscure life among the Galilean hills, cannot be hid. It will reproduce itself. The influence of such lives is the redemptive force of the world. And so I feel like singing with the sage of Concord, only with a new application of his song—

"I see the inundation sweet,  
I hear the spending of the stream  
Through years, through men, through  
nature fleet,  
Through love and thought, through  
power and dream."  
—Northwestern Advocate.

### THE FOUNTAIN OF HAPPINESS.

The fountain of happiness lies in the spirit of man; its flowing out through his being depends upon the condition of the heart and mind. If they are clogged with the mud of gloomy thoughts, or the debris of petty aims or selfish desires, the divine fountain can not flow, and happiness can not be experienced.

Pleasurable emotions of a temporary nature can reach the mind from the outside, but this is not happiness. A new costume, a new house, a new equipage, or a journey will produce a passing delight and gladness, but these feelings subside when the costume loses its freshness, when the house and the equipage become old stories, and when the journey is over. Indeed, with the average mind, which depends upon "things happening" for its enjoyment, the pleasure lies almost wholly in the anticipation. The moment the longed-for event arrives, disappointments arrive also. Men toil and hoard their earnings, living in impatience until the day they have accumulated enough to go forth and purchase what they believe will be happiness. After it is purchased they sigh, and say there is no such thing as happiness. But they are mistaken.

A woman longs for a fine house, and tires of it; then she longs for hotel life, and tires of it; and again she seeks happiness in travel, and does not find it, and says there is no such thing. But there is.

To obtain happiness we must clear the mind and heart of all obstructions, and look into the clear Fountain of the Spirit, and so you realize your oneness with the Great Cause, and know that Cause is Love, and that from Love you came,

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and in Love you live, and to Love you must return. Once this consciousness takes possession of you, the fountain of happiness is set in action, and will flood your being, even in times of sorrow and in hours of pain.

Pleasurable events, success, material gains or gratified desires will add to your means of enjoyment; but if you are deprived of all these things, you will feel only passing disappointment; the waters of the fountain within will flow on, and leave you with their gladness. Though you fall asleep in tears, you will awaken in joy. Though you meet with a thousand disappointments and are encompassed with cares, you will feel hope rising in your heart, and the rapture of life tingling in your veins. Solitude will be a delight to you, yet will you love to mingle with your kind, knowing all are one kin. And as you walk down the western slope of life, you will find happiness growing sweeter and deeper, realizing that life is eternal, and that you are entering upon a wider experience. —Mark Hanna.

### BEAUTIFYING THE BEAUTIFUL.

Beauty can be skin-deep, or heaven-high. It depends on how we look at it. Some delight to picture the grinning skeleton beneath the rosy cheek, to dwell on the ashes into which the rosebud shall drop away; others see the eternal prophecy in the beautiful. No lovely thing is too frail or fleeting to find something in it which shall never die. He who has practiced the truth of Richard Baxter's famous saying, and "taken of each bird a feather to make him wings to fly to Christ," has made eternally beautiful the transient beauty of those feathers. She who has used the influence of the beauty of the face that fades to awaken ideals and purposes which never die, has beautified with immortality the beauty which was of mortal breath. We can paint the lily without hurting it, if we touch its colors with eternal meanings. We can gild the gold of earth's treasures, and make them more glorious, if it is the glint of heavenly sunlight that we bring to these treasures by the heavenly things for which we have used

them. Every beautiful thing is made more beautiful when the mind and heart of man put the spiritual light upon it.—Sunday-school Times.

### DEBT AND BENEVOLENCE.

In all of our Churches is to be found a class of people who cannot contribute anything toward the running expenses of the Church and special funds because they are in debt, and feel that the money they hold is not their own. Yet if these good people are observed closely, it will be noted that this objection does not seem to have much weight with them when they want some delicacy for the table, or when they enter the confectionery or ice cream parlor, or when there is to be an excursion, or if there is something special in town in the way of a lecture, or when they want some desirable article of dress. When the desire is strong upon them they forget for the time that they are in debt. How can people afford all of these things when they are in debt? Isn't it strange that they think so suddenly and powerfully about it when God's call for funds comes to them? And, after all, are not the most of us in debt to the Lord?—Zion's Herald.

When we turn away from some duty or some fellow-creature, saying that our hearts are too sick and sore with some great yearning of our own, we may often sever the line on which a divine message was coming to us. We shut out the man, and we shut out the angel who had sent him on to open the door. There is a plan working in our lives; and if we keep our hearts quiet and our eyes open, it all "works together;" and, if we don't, it all fights together, and goes on fighting till it comes right, somehow, somewhere.—Annie Keary.

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STATISTICAL TABLE OF THE NORTH TEXAS CONFERENCE, 1903-04.

NAME OF DISTRICT.	Local Preachers.	Members.	Total Members.	Additions on Profession of Faith.	Additions by Certificate or Otherwise.	Removal by Death, Certif. or Otherwise.	Adults Baptized.	Infants Baptized.	Societies in Charge.	No. Houses of Worship.	Value of Houses of Worship.	Indebtedness on Houses of Worship.	No. of Parsonages.	Value of Parsonages.	Indebtedness on Parsonages.	Value of District Parsonages.	Indebtedness on District Parsonages.	Value of Other Church Property.	Money Expended for Churches & Parsonages.	No. Churches Damaged or Destroyed.	Amount of Damage.	Insurance Carried.	Premiums Paid.	Losses Sustained.	Collected on Insurance.
Dallas	16	6,192	6,208	4,219	2,000	620	131	80	11	18,500.00	\$12,277.00	13	19,850.00	\$10.00	\$2,000.00	.....	.....	\$21,650.00	\$28,890.00	.....	.....	\$90,850.00	\$173.00	.....	.....
Terrell	11	4,976	4,987	4,214	2,000	620	131	80	11	16,850.00	1,000.00	11	16,850.00	140.00	2,000.00	.....	.....	1,200.00	14,000.00	.....	.....	161.00	.....	.....	.....
Greenville	15	5,575	5,590	3,914	2,000	620	131	80	15	22,500.00	1,000.00	15	22,500.00	1,000.00	4,000.00	.....	.....	21,500.00	31,000.00	.....	.....	17,300.00	193.50	.....	.....
Sherman	13	4,621	4,636	3,014	2,000	620	131	80	13	18,500.00	1,000.00	13	18,500.00	1,000.00	2,500.00	.....	.....	18,500.00	25,500.00	.....	.....	130.10	.....	.....	.....
Bonham	9	4,627	4,642	3,014	2,000	620	131	80	9	12,500.00	1,000.00	9	12,500.00	1,000.00	1,200.00	.....	.....	12,500.00	17,500.00	.....	.....	120.50	.....	.....	.....
Paris	12	6,021	6,036	4,014	2,000	620	131	80	12	20,000.00	1,000.00	12	20,000.00	1,000.00	3,000.00	.....	.....	20,000.00	28,000.00	.....	.....	163.50	.....	.....	.....
Sulphur Springs	10	5,147	5,162	3,414	2,000	620	131	80	10	18,000.00	1,000.00	10	18,000.00	1,000.00	2,000.00	.....	.....	18,000.00	25,000.00	.....	.....	101.80	.....	.....	.....
McKinney	13	5,332	5,347	3,614	2,000	620	131	80	13	20,000.00	1,000.00	13	20,000.00	1,000.00	2,500.00	.....	.....	20,000.00	28,000.00	.....	.....	126.50	.....	.....	.....
Gainesville	12	5,916	5,931	4,214	2,000	620	131	80	12	18,000.00	1,000.00	12	18,000.00	1,000.00	2,000.00	.....	.....	18,000.00	25,000.00	.....	.....	141.95	.....	.....	.....
Bowie	16	4,771	4,786	3,014	2,000	620	131	80	16	22,500.00	1,000.00	16	22,500.00	1,000.00	3,000.00	.....	.....	22,500.00	30,500.00	.....	.....	133.30	.....	.....	.....
Total	152	52,379	52,531	35,038	21,770	4,814	1,801	747	152	\$820,500.00	\$29,527.00	152	\$820,500.00	\$9,566.00	\$25,500.00	.....	.....	\$2,550.00	\$136,031.75	.....	.....	\$2,181.29	\$766.00	\$154.00	.....

NAME OF DISTRICT.	No. Senior League Members.	No. Junior League Members.	Total League Members.	Raised by Leagues for Missions.	Raised by Leagues for Other Objects.	Total Raised by Leagues.	No. Sunday-Schools.	No. S. S. Officers and Teachers.	No. S. S. Scholars Enrolled.	Collected for Sunday-School Supplies.	S. S. Collections for Missions.	S. S. Collections on Children's Day.	S. S. Collections for Other Objects.	Total Raised by Sunday-Schools.	No. Wom. Foreign Missionary Societies.	No. of W. F. M. S. Members.	Total Money Raised by W. F. M. S.	No. Woman's Home Mission Societies.	No. W. H. M. S. Members.	Total Money Raised by W. H. M. S.	Total Collected by Women's Societies.	Total Amt. Reported on this Table, Not Elsewhere Reported.	
Dallas	13	513	526	\$176.70	\$69.10	\$245.80	39	1,309	4,011	\$1,809.87	\$391.76	\$107.96	\$333.15	\$2,445.78	.....	.....	\$719.52	.....	.....	.....	.....	\$8,262.58	\$7,142.65
Terrell	10	474	484	265.00	315.00	580.00	29	1,000	3,124	707.82	181.11	41.00	90.00	1,228.93	.....	.....	587.82	.....	.....	.....	.....	2,825.51	2,972.55
Greenville	15	557	572	87.00	195.00	282.00	24	800	2,124	825.48	199.69	47.75	65.00	1,119.92	.....	.....	1,000.00	.....	.....	.....	.....	2,918.79	3,187.79
Sherman	13	462	475	87.00	65.00	152.00	18	600	1,500	550.00	100.00	25.00	25.00	700.00	.....	.....	500.00	.....	.....	.....	.....	2,018.79	2,187.79
Bonham	11	424	435	43.00	169.29	212.29	12	400	1,000	309.47	123.74	31.29	60.00	1,116.18	.....	.....	200.00	.....	.....	.....	.....	1,303.79	1,503.85
Paris	14	519	533	79.15	168.76	247.91	19	600	1,500	396.29	149.43	64.18	319.15	1,083.43	.....	.....	162.00	.....	.....	.....	.....	1,468.79	1,841.90
Sulphur Springs	4	115	119	8.60	86.29	94.89	4	100	200	58.91	15.15	15.15	95.00	606.06	.....	.....	65.00	.....	.....	.....	.....	1,763.79	1,822.90
McKinney	9	328	337	41.00	296.89	337.89	6	200	500	120.00	38.80	25.00	25.00	1,260.77	.....	.....	150.00	.....	.....	.....	.....	1,457.19	1,849.88
Gainesville	8	278	286	131.00	246.00	377.00	4	100	200	95.52	163.63	42.50	165.00	1,219.99	.....	.....	125.00	.....	.....	.....	.....	2,563.68	2,819.88
Bowie	16	471	487	89.70	89.70	179.40	16	500	1,200	56.44	196.55	12.15	12.15	1,289.29	.....	.....	132.00	.....	.....	.....	.....	1,111.29	1,294.50
Total	80	1,717	1,737	\$819.90	\$2,167.00	\$3,000.00	370	1,314	3,121	\$8,886.00	\$1,621.28	\$508.37	\$1,808.79	\$12,765.00	.....	.....	\$3,829.02	.....	.....	.....	.....	\$27,662.97	\$27,836.48

NAME OF DISTRICT.	Assessed for Presiding Elder.	Paid for Presiding Elder.	Assessed for Preacher in Charge.	Paid for Preacher in Charge.	Assessed for Bishops.	Paid for Bishops.	Assessed for Conf. Chalmants.	Paid for Conf. Chalmants.	Assessed for Foreign Missions.	Paid for Foreign Missions.	Assessed for Domestic Missions.	Paid for Domestic Missions.	Assessed for Church Extension.	Paid for Church Extension.	Assessed for Education.	Paid for Education.	Paid American Bible Society.	Paid on Payne and Lane Fund.	Assessed for Orphanage.	Paid for Orphanage.	Paid for Other Objects by Church.	Total Amt. Raised for All Purposes.		
Dallas	\$2,250.00	\$2,131.00	\$14,800.00	\$14,716.15	\$276.00	\$269.50	\$880.00	\$877.00	\$1,600.00	\$1,607.00	\$576.00	\$577.00	\$604.00	\$584.00	\$677.00	\$669.00	\$46.85	.....	\$550.00	\$501.00	\$60,256.33	\$66,917.61		
Terrell	1,829.00	1,761.00	9,300.00	9,262.96	198.00	181.15	700.00	633.89	1,207.00	1,165.50	700.00	606.20	432.00	288.40	486.00	401.75	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	29,452.25		
Greenville	1,814.00	1,788.25	10,700.00	10,727.37	196.00	171.00	700.00	630.50	1,207.00	1,165.50	700.00	592.00	431.00	248.00	453.00	336.00	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	28,616.00		
Sherman	1,832.00	1,750.00	11,000.00	10,886.73	236.00	185.00	840.00	680.00	1,145.00	1,123.00	840.00	600.00	475.00	276.00	341.00	273.15	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	17,500.00		
Bonham	1,820.00	1,760.00	8,500.00	8,248.00	150.00	128.00	560.00	518.00	955.00	802.00	560.00	430.00	275.00	208.00	264.00	216.00	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	18,176.50		
Paris	1,800.00	1,736.10	11,212.00	10,538.95	216.00	173.25	700.00	629.11	1,208.00	1,169.80	700.00	520.00	475.00	239.00	264.00	199.25	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	15,176.50		
Sulphur Springs	1,518.00	1,366.00	7,750.00	7,100.75	150.00	102.00	560.00	463.00	966.00	592.00	560.00	430.00	288.00	214.00	295.00	201.00	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	12,020.50		
McKinney	1,497.75	1,403.75	9,765.00	9,178.85	177.00	164.41	560.00	500.14	1,086.00	901.00	560.00	430.00	288.00	214.00	295.00	201.00	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	11,582.00		
Gainesville	1,550.00	1,434.80	10,212.00	9,777.45	297.00	182.00	700.00	629.00	1,208.00	1,148.00	700.00	670.00	431.00	297.00	453.00	354.25	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	13,464.00		
Bowie	1,681.00	1,506.40	10,975.00	10,797.99	194.00	151.00	702.00	674.00	1,211.00	964.00	700.00	675.00	430.00	291.00	461.00	333.00	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	12,934.50		
Total	\$17,733.75	\$16,188.45	\$105,582.00	\$96,272.20	\$2,000.00	\$1,700.31	\$7,000.00	\$6,530.00	\$12,314.00	\$10,129.00	\$7,000.00	\$5,903.00	\$4,250.00	\$3,662.00	\$4,688.00	\$3,572.00	\$380.00	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	\$2,550.00	\$2,718.50

The North Texas Conference

The North Texas Conference met in the city of Bonham on Wednesday morning, Nov. 24, with Bishop E. E. Hoss in charge. This is the first time in ten years that Bonham has had the conference, and right well did she take care of it. The town is a large one and shows indications of thrift and prosperity. Evidently there is much wealth in the place. The public buildings, the business houses and many of the residences indicate this. There are some as elegant homes as one need to possess, and the hospitality of the people is marked and cordial. Every courtesy was extended to the gathering. The street cars offered the freedom of their lines to the members, carrying them at any time free of charge. The congregations tendered the use of their churches, and the whole people opened their doors to us. Everybody claimed the best home. We know that the writer and Louis Blaylock had the best entertainment in the city. We stopped with Mrs. S. B. Allen and her grandchildren, Dr. and Mrs. Kennedy. There was nothing lacking to make our welcome and comfort complete. No two guests could have desired more than was placed at our disposal in that elegant home. Our church is the best structure in the city. It is brick, beautiful in architecture, convenient in arrangement, handsomely furnished and well equipped. It has elegant pews, a fine pipe organ, and a Sunday-school room so arranged as to become a part of the auditorium. The windows are filled with splendid art glass, appropriately designed. It is equal to most any church in the conference. Rev. C. M. Harless, the pastor; Rev. J. H. McLean, the presiding elder, and the membership deserve much praise for the excellent manner of their entertainment. They more than did their whole duty to the conference, and their work was praised upon all sides. In fact, the conference never had better hosts than at Bonham.

Bishop Hoss arrived a few minutes late, but, according to his request, the devotional service was in progress. He requested the former Secretary to call the roll. Most of the preachers and delegates answered to their names. The connectional brethren were introduced. The presiding elders were called and they all uniformly made good reports, financially and spiritually. They gave fine accounts of the condition of the Church throughout the conference. The names of the old guard were called. Several of them spoke. Among them, Rev. J. H. Reynolds. He is a sweet-spirited old man. Had sup-

plied the Denison Mission, and his reports were all full. Also Brother May spoke sweetly and tenderly and his words met with many responses. Bro. McDougal also spoke of his case. He had done all the work possible during the year. Rev. Isaac Crutchfield gave a grand account of his work during this year. Rev. W. L. Clifton had a few pleasant words to say. In Brother Frank Sherwood's case a contribution was made by the brethren toward paying for his little home. Brother Sherwood had worked considerably in the Territory. Brother I. S. Thomas, though still rather a young man, yet his health was such that he could not accept regular work. Brother Palmer had been in failing health. He stated that he was a son of the first licensed preacher in Texas, and he was living in the first superannuate's home ever proposed west of the Mississippi. He spoke beautifully. When he sat down the old song, "How Firm a Foundation," was sung, and the brethren spontaneously made him a handsome contribution, while many of them took the old man in their arms and cried like children. At this stage Dr. Jacob Ditzler was introduced to the conference and made a few remarks. Several other visiting brethren were also introduced. Dr. A. F. Watkins spoke a few words in behalf of the endowment fund for superannuate preachers of the Church. His address was to the point and he interspersed it with many interesting incidents. He said some pleasant things about Texas and Texans and appealed to the Bishop to know if Texans were not the greatest people in the world, and the Bishop replied: "I have never seen people who have such great respect for the things they are going to do."

The names of preachers in charge were taken up. Dr. Moore reported the First Church in Dallas; showed large progress in his work. He and his people have purchased a valuable lot at a cost of \$15,000. For all purposes they have raised \$17,000. Rev. H. D. Knickerbocker had a great report for Trinity. He gave an account of this fine work in our last issue. Rev. P. R. Knickerbocker showed large progress at Grace Church. He reported a membership of 858. They raised during the year about \$21,000 for all purposes. The new building is progressing finely. All three of these charges are almost a marvel, all things considered. Rev. W. F. Bryan, of South Ervay, had done a great work, but he was called home on account of family affliction. Rev. J. P. Lowry reported Oak Lawn charge up in all things. Rev. M. L.

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Bonham	72.00
Paris	99.00
Sulphur Springs	72.00
McKinney	71.00
Gainesville	80.00
Bowie	61.00
Total	\$818.00

Hamilton had done excellent work at Oak Cliff. The outlook for that charge is most encouraging. Rev. W. F. Clark had a good report from Clark's Chapel. The Church is out of debt and they had a good Sunday-school. He asked for superannuated relation.

Rev. W. L. Nelms, of the Northwest Texas Conference, addressed the conference on the Swain Institute of Theology and also of Southwestern University. He said he felt that he was a member of this conference, since he was pastor of so many of the sons and daughters of its members at Georgetown. He said the outlook for the Summer School is fine. Southwestern University is at high water mark in its attendance. Including all departments, they have in round numbers 500 pupils.

Rev. J. M. Binkley preached at 3 o'clock to a good audience. His sermon was unique, evangelical and now and then was a flash of genuine wit and humor. At night Rev. J. W. Hill preached a fine sermon to a packed house. His eloquent words met with many responses of joyous approval.

Thursday morning was beautiful and bracing. Bishop Hess was in his place and conducted the devotional services. He read a portion of Scripture and gave an exposition of it. Dr. Hamill was introduced and spoke to the question of Sunday-school work, and explained the study circle and called attention to the books in the course of study. Both of them received a close hearing.

At yesterday's session the preachers of the Greenville District called Rev. O. S. Thomas, their presiding elder, to the front and presented him a handsome cane, in token of their appreciation of his services during the past four years on that district. He has shown himself to be a very efficient and capable man in that position. A special collection was taken for the building of a church in Hiroshima, Japan, and it amounted to \$600. This was given cheerfully.

Dr. McReynolds, of the Medical Department of the Southwestern University, spoke interestingly of the work of the medical branch, and presented many matters concerning it. It has a faculty of more than forty of the leading physicians in the city of Dallas. It is well located. We have a lot upon which to build our new structure for the school, and we have a good attendance. The Doctor spoke highly of the qualifications of Rev. J. R. Nelson, the Financial Agent, to accomplish the completion of the new building. His address was truly eloquent and he had a close hearing.

The hour for the Thanksgiving service having arrived, the Bishop at once began the exercises. The choir rendered an appropriate hymn, aided by the congregation. Dr. H. P. Whisner led in the opening prayer. The text was Rom. 10:21-23. "Civil Government as it Stands Relative to the Individual Citizen," was the proposition discussed. "There are three institutions which have the sanction of God—civil government, the family and the Church. Man is a social creature. He can not exist in isolation. He necessarily stands related to some one else, otherwise life would be desolate. The great bulk of us could not live one year by ourselves. We are born into a social compact. We can not get away from this if we were to try. Society can not exist without government. This is the bond that holds society together. Without this, there would be anarchy. The fact that government is of divine origin, is no warrant for the conclusion that God has defined any

Collected on Insurance... Total Amt. Reported on this Table, Not Elsewhere Reported... Total Amt. Reported for All Purposes... Total Amt. Rated for All Purposes... Total Amt. Paid... Total Amt. Due...

the collections were up in full. The Bishop said: "That charge is properly called Merit." When the Bishop asked Brother Blackburn how many babies he had baptized, he said none, for the reason that there had been no babies born the past year. When Dr. Jno. R. Allen's name was called, he gave an account of his work in connection with the Girls' Annex at Southwestern University. The institution is full and if they had room many more girls would be in the school.

Dr. Neely, of Plano, said: "Of all the forty-eight years of my itinerant life, the past year has been one of the happiest, and I trust it has been useful also. My people have taken good care of me and all matters are up in full."

The preachers of the Dallas District presented Rev. I. W. Clark a handsome gold fountain pen, as a token of their love for him. He has done four years of fine work and the people and preachers of that district give him up regretfully. Rev. J. W. Smith had a most encouraging report from Wichita. His people raised for all purposes \$4,000 and the work is progressing.

At night Dr. Hamill spoke at the Sunday-school anniversary. It was an interesting service.

Friday morning the Bishop was in the chair, and after the singing, Rev. J. M. Binkley led in the prayer. The Scriptures were then read and the Bishop expounded the lessons. The call of the names of those for admission on trial were made and a number of young men were taken on trial. Rev. J. E. Roach read the report on education. The report covered all phases of our conference and State work, and it emphasized the interests of Southwestern University. The medical branch at Dallas was given special attention. At the close of his reading Dr. Hyer was introduced and addressed the conference on the work of the University. The address was brief, but to the point. Bishop Hoss followed with many appropriate remarks. He expressed the deepest interest in our educational work in general and of Southwestern University in particular. He did not believe that we are over-organized as a Church, but he did believe that the growing complexity of our organization was evidence of life and growth. Hence the young people who come into our Church must be educated. He rejoiced in the success of our periodical literature, especially the Texas Advocate. He expressed the hope that it would continue the one religious paper in the State, also the missionary spirit of the Church, but after all the "central interest in your work at this time is your Southwestern University." He spoke of the work of Dr. Mood in this capacity; also of Dr. McLean's long service in the University; and he expressed great interest in the Regency of Dr. Hyer. He then remarked: "We have an account of the acts of the apostles, but nothing of the resolutions of the apostles. You have passed divers resolutions on the subject of the Southwestern University. If we had them all, they would make a body of curious literature. But we do not want any more resolutions. We want actions. We must now do some paying. You have the money and the people will respond with it, if the matter is properly presented." Judge Thurmond, a worthy layman, spoke very entertainingly. The Bishop introduced him as an East Tennessean. Brother Thurman said: "Yes, I am from East Tennessee. So is the Bishop. When we first found him up there he was as common as the rest of you. But after he became educated, you see what he has done for us. I want what I give to this cause for the benefit of lay education. You have been educating preachers a long time; but what you need is to put behind the preachers an educated laity." He followed his address with a subscription of \$1,000. Revs. O. S. and O. P. Thomas became responsible for \$1,000 more. Brothers Riddle and Harless followed with another \$1,000. Rev. Jno. M. Moore assumed \$1,000. Rev. W. L. Clifton and Rev. Jno. R. Allen put down \$1,000. Brothers Scales and Morgan assumed \$1,000. Rev. J. M. Binkley and Rev. Gibbs Mood gave \$1,000. Mrs. Viola Hunt and Rev. W. F. Bryan gave \$1,000. Then followed other subscriptions from \$250 on down, until the amount reached \$16,400. When the collection closed the congregation sang "Praise God, From Whom All Blessings Flow," and they sang it with a zest. The like of it was never seen in the North Texas Conference on the subject of education. Rev. Jno. R. Nelson spoke a few words in behalf of the Medical Department of the University and of his appointment to the agency of this institution, and his remarks were kindly received. He is the right man in the right place.

Mrs. Bishop Key was introduced and she spoke eloquently on the subject of North Texas Female College. Said she would not ask a collection, since such a munificent subscription had been taken for the University, yet her interests were important and she begged the continued prayer and co-operation of the conference. Said she was not running a cheap school, but a school of the best quality; that she did not spare money in supplying the best teachers within reach. She spoke of the fire which destroyed two of the buildings, and their replacement by two better ones, and of the prosperity of the college. The Bishop added appropriate words to what Mrs. Key said.

In the afternoon there was another short session. Rev. F. A. Rosser, of the McKinney District, was called forward and presented a fine umbrella by his preachers. He accepted the token in suitable words.

There were only two candidates for admission into full connection. They were called to the altar and addressed by the Bishop. We give only a few of the many truths to which he gave expression: "You may not be eloquent and learned men, but you can and must be eminently good men. The everyday and common-place pieties and moralities of our religion are not only the mud sills of the ministry, but they are also our crown jewels. Be gentle to your wives and love them as your love your own souls. God pity the minister who does not grow more and more tender toward his wife as she grows older in years. Be hospitable in your own homes. It is a bad sign when the preacher has no guests in his own home. But do not tax yourself and your wife beyond your ability. You need to be intelligent and teaching preachers. Be diligent students. Not only finish your conference course, but keep up your studies through all time to come. Stick to the old version of your English Bible, but keep a Revised Version. It is a fine commentary on the old. Now and then a preacher eschews a commentary for fear he will interfere with the original movements of his mind. But sensible men need a good commentary. It will be helpful to you. The Speaker's Commentary and Wescott's Commentary are good. But the Cambridge Bible is exceedingly fine. At first get one volume and master that, and then you will be prepared to go into the other volumes. Then branch out and read history, biography, poetry, get a touch of science and keep up with current events. Make yourselves broadly and finely intelligent ministers. Be strictly temperate men in your habits; avoid covetousness. No minister can afford to cultivate the love of money. It is a dangerous experiment. No man can preach an unearthly gospel with his eyes firmly fixed on the main chance. Do not be too fresh. There is a popular demand for young men. The people love 'greens' once in a while. But it takes experience to make matured wisdom. Do you work like men who are watching for their Lord?" The young men were then voted into membership of the traveling connection. This is the fourth time we have heard the Bishop deliver addresses on similar occasions; but no two of them were the same. Each one has been made to adapt itself to the cases before him. They have been rich, unique and comprehensive. And they always receive a close hearing.

Mrs. Johnson addressed the conference in the interest of the Rescue Home. Rev. H. A. Boaz, of Polytechnic College, made a good speech in behalf of his school, which is a marvelous success.

The Conference Teller, B. M. Burgher, reported that he had received from the different boards, including missions, extension, education, etc., \$31,000 and upward. Rev. W. H. Vaughan made a statement in the interest of our Orphanage, showing its condition and progress. Rev. J. L. Pierce preached an excellent sermon to a large congregation at the night service. It was thoughtful, comprehensive and eloquent.

Saturday morning Dr. H. M. DuBose led the opening prayer. Bishop Hoss read the incident of the Pharisee and the Publican and expounded it. The brethren were present in force and undivided attention was given to the Bishop's utterances. The call was made for those who were up for re-admission and two were readmitted into the traveling connection. The deacons of the third year were called, made their reports and were passed. Bro. L. G. White made an exceptionally fine report. He brought up every item in full and his report on the Advocate was fine. In fact, all the young brethren did well during the year. Brother Egger, of Winstboro, had a very fine report. The spiritual state of the Church there is good, and his people built a new church. They collected for all purposes \$11,000. Brother Thomas brought up a clean record and his work for the Advocate was pitched on a high plane. Bishop Hoss humorously introduced Dr. DuBose as the editor of the "Epworth Error." The Doctor made a most excellent address on the work of the Era. The brethren gave him a good hearing. His speech abounded in some of the

most laughable anecdotes ever heard by the conference. Yet it contained point and pith and it produced results. The brethren subscribed right and left for the Era.

The Committee on Episcopal Residence reported a deficit of \$700 on the assessment formerly assumed of \$2500, as the amount apportioned to the conference for the purchase of the residence. A subscription was at once taken for the amount of the deficit and \$813 was subscribed. The North Texas Conference never does anything on a small scale. Rev. P. C. Archer reported for the Joint Board of Finance.

An afternoon session was held and Dr. A. J. Lamar conducted the devotional service. The report of the Committee on Conference Relations was reconsidered and the names of Brethren Martin, C. M. Smith and S. P. Pirtle were referred to the committee for a supernumerary relation. The Committee on Books and Periodicals reported. Dr. Lamar spoke to the report and he presented very clearly and strongly the interests of the Publishing House. He won the hearts of the brethren, not only by his speech, but especially by his brotherly dealings with them as one of our Book Agents. His address was a survey of the whole question of the production and distribution of good literature. The editor and the publisher of the Texas Advocate were given a good opportunity to present the claims of the conference organ. The report of the Committee on District Conference Records submitted a well prepared report. It pointed out errors and inaccuracies of some of these records and suggested methods for their improvement. After this the reports came in rapidly and they were adopted without much discussion.

At night there was the missionary anniversary and Dr. Seth Ward made a great speech and the meeting was a success. The work in the conference has made progress and the general work throughout the connection is most encouraging.

Sunday was a high day in Bonham. The service started off with a fine love feast. It was full of fervor and the tide of feeling ran high from beginning to end. It put the occasion in excellent trim for the great sermon which followed by Bishop Hoss. This discourse was pitched on a lofty key and it was pronounced a wonderful success by those who heard it. This writer was away at another service. After the sermon a class of young men were ordained to the office of deacon and the service adjourned. In the afternoon Dr. DuBose addressed a mass meeting of young people. At night Dr. Jacob Ditzler preached a remarkable sermon. He is far advanced in age, but he retains his mental vigor and physical vitality. His sermon had the old time ring, and it was one that is rarely heard in these days. It was listened to by a large audience, and its effect will abide.

Monday morning continued bright and beautiful. The conference met at 8 o'clock in order to finish up the business in time for the noon train. Bishop Hoss was detained an hour with his cabinet and Rev. J. M. Binkley was called to the chair. The reports came in quick and they were disposed of in short order. After all the reports had been acted upon and the Bishop was still away, Brother Binkley filled in the time with a most excellent talk on the spiritual state of the Church. Following this the Bishop appeared and took the chair. "Nearer, My God, to Thee" was sung with much spirit. The volume of song rose like the roaring of many waters. The question, "Where are the preachers stationed this year?" was asked and the Bishop made a few remarks: "Were it not for the fact that thirty-five years ago I unreservedly gave myself to a submission to the authority of the Church in matters of this character, I could not stand here and read these appointments. It is the greatest responsibility I have ever had to bear. It hurts me to the heart to have to send some of you to appointments not according to your liking, especially our older men with their wives and children. But I have done my best and I have acted after careful consideration and prayer." Here Brother Hemphill sang a beautiful solo, the appointments were read and the conference session passed into history. In less than an hour nearly all the preachers had left Bonham and were on their way to their new fields of labor.

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Question 1. Who are admitted on trial? Henry E. Carter, C. L. Bounds, Samuel

L. Crowson, Harvey Bruce Day, Henry M. Cosby, Luther F. Tannery, Minor Bounis, Major C. Dobbs, Charles H. Armstrong, Finis A. Crutchfield, Bert L. Wheeler. 2. Who remains on trial? J. O. Peterson, M. P. Hines, M. H. Read, C. F. McKinney, W. J. Holder, J. T. Howell, T. E. Bowman, G. C. French, W. R. Rosser, W. E. Kirby, E. M. Huff and W. B. Byars (the last two in the class of the first year). 3. Who are discontinued? None. 4. Who are admitted into full connection? C. P. Combs, E. L. Silliman. 5. Who are readmitted? Charles H. Rice, Hugh L. Hare. 6. Who are received by transfer from other conferences? E. K. Bransford, C. Pugsley, E. R. Barcus, G. W. Blanton, Jno. L. Williams, H. B. Johnston, J. E. Short, L. O. Rogers, J. E. Disch, F. L. McGehee, W. C. Howell. 7. Who are the deacons of one year? A. P. Highsmith, D. L. Coale, G. W. Whistling, E. E. Porter, R. B. Moreland, J. H. Taylor, W. J. Palmer, L. G. White, J. G. Forrester (4th year). 8. What traveling preachers are elected deacons? Charles Finer Combs, Edwin Leon Silliman. 9. What traveling preachers are ordained elders? C. P. Combs, E. L. Silliman. 10. What local preachers are elected deacons? Frank B. Wheeler, Henry E. Carter, George M. Massey, J. O. Peterson, Harvey Bruce Day, Collin F. McKinney, William Harrison Long, S. Lee Habern, Charles Hardy Armstrong, William T. Gray, Enoch Marvin Huff. 11. What local preachers are ordained elders? Frank B. Wheeler, Henry E. Carter, George M. Massey, J. O. Peterson, H. B. Day, C. F. McKinney, W. H. Long, S. L. Habern, C. H. Armstrong, W. T. Gray, E. M. Huff. 12. What traveling preachers are elected elders? Robert Lee Ely, Ernest L. Egger, William A. Thomas, Thomas P. Turner. 13. What traveling preachers are ordained elders? Robert Lee Ely, Ernest L. Egger, William A. Thomas, Thomas P. Turner. 14. What local preachers are elected elders? None. 15. What local preachers are ordained elders? None. 16. Who are located this year? G. W. Day, J. T. Turner, both at their own request. 17. Who are supernumerary? W. H. Hughes, S. J. Martin, W. A. Smith, S. P. Pirtle, H. E. Smith, M. C. Blackburn, W. M. Hay, J. A. Kerr, W. M. Leatherwood, A. W. Gibson, J. W. Murphy, C. C. Williams, H. A. Bourland, Jno. S. Davis. 18. Who are supernumerary? J. R. Rando, L. P. Lively, J. W. Chalk, Jos. McDougal, L. W. Harrison, F. B. Carroll, J. H. White, W. A. Coppedge, J. H. Hunter, M. H. Dunn, J. B. Rabb, W. S. May, I. N. Crutchfield, S. Crutchfield, W. A. Edwards, B. H. Bounis, W. L. Clifton, M. E. Johnston, C. M. Sherwood, T. E. Norwood, L. A. Thomas, L. F. Palmer, M. R. T. Davis, W. Clark, P. A. Edwards, B. A. Thomasson, J. B. Minnis, I. T. Stafford, J. H. Reynolds, H. M. Pirtle. 19. What preachers have died during the past year? None. 20. Are all the preachers blameless in their life and official administration? The names of the preachers were called one by one and their characters passed. Questions 21 to 23, inclusive, see statistical table. 24. What are the educational statistics? Southwestern University, value of property, \$29,000; endowment, \$28,000; professors, 21; pupils, 428. North Texas College, value of property, \$29,000; professors, 22; pupils, 322. 25. Where shall the next session of the conference be held? Sulphur Springs. 26. Where shall the preachers be stationed this year? (See appointments).

APPOINTMENTS. DALLAS DISTRICT. J. L. Morris, P. E. Dallas, First Church—John M. Moore. Trinity—H. D. Knickerbocker; H. A. Bourland, supernumerary. Grace Church—P. R. Knickerbocker. Ervay Street—J. W. Smith. Oak Lawn—E. R. Barcus; W. H. Hughes, supernumerary. Oak Cliff—M. L. Hamilton. Clark's Chapel—H. B. Day. Cochran and Caruth—S. P. Ulrich. Wheatland—W. A. Pritchett. Lancaster Station—C. E. Lamb. Cedar Hill and Duncanville—J. P. Archer. West Dallas—Franklin Moore. Grand Prairie Circuit—R. H. Webster. Argyle Circuit—C. H. Rice. Denton Station—T. H. Morris. Lewisville Station—E. K. Bransford. Professor Southwestern University—John Editor Texas Christian Advocate—G. C. Rankin. House of Correction and Reformatory—George F. Boyd, Chaplain. TERRY DISTRICT. O. S. Thomas, P. E. Terry Station—L. S. Barton. Terry City Mission—O. P. Thomas. Kaufman Station—J. R. Wages. Elmo Mission—J. B. Sims. Rockwall Circuit—W. J. Holder; W. M. Leatherwood, supernumerary. Fate Circuit—S. L. Ball. Garland Station—J. J. Morgan. Mesquite Circuit—W. B. Douglass. Reinhardt Circuit—R. B. Moreland. Forney Station—R. F. Bryant. College Mound—J. O. Peterson. Kemp Circuit—T. N. Weeks. Crandall Circuit—E. B. Thompson. Roysa Station—D. H. Aston. Mabank Mission—L. L. Naugle. Chisholm Circuit—J. R. Smith. GREENVILLE DISTRICT. J. M. Peterson, P. E. Greenville, Wesley—J. L. Pierce. Kavanaugh—S. C. Riddle. Greenville Mission—W. H. Stephenson. Merit Circuit—L. A. Hanson. Floyd Circuit—H. L. Hare. Kingston Circuit—J. C. Moore; A. W. Gibson, supernumerary. Quinlan Mission—J. N. Hunter. Neola Mission—L. W. Crowson. Lone Oak Circuit—W. T. Morrow. Commerce Station—R. C. Hicks. Commerce Circuit—J. W. Beckham; M. A. Smith, supernumerary. Fairlie Circuit—G. W. Blanton. Campbell Circuit—C. W. Dennis. Wolfe City Station—J. E. Vinson. Celeste and Lane—S. A. Ashburn. Leonard and Orange Grove—E. G. Roberts. MCKINNEY DISTRICT. I. W. Clark, P. E. McKinney Station—P. C. Archer. Farmersville Station—A. R. Nash. Weston Circuit—D. L. Coale.

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L. Crowson, Harvey Bruce Day, Henry M. Cosby, Luther F. Tannery, Minor Bounis, Major C. Dobbs, Charles H. Armstrong, Finis A. Crutchfield, Bert L. Wheeler. 2. Who remains on trial? J. O. Peterson, M. P. Hines, M. H. Read, C. F. McKinney, W. J. Holder, J. T. Howell, T. E. Bowman, G. C. French, W. R. Rosser, W. E. Kirby, E. M. Huff and W. B. Byars (the last two in the class of the first year). 3. Who are discontinued? None. 4. Who are admitted into full connection? C. P. Combs, E. L. Silliman. 5. Who are readmitted? Charles H. Rice, Hugh L. Hare. 6. Who are received by transfer from other conferences? E. K. Bransford, C. Pugsley, E. R. Barcus, G. W. Blanton, Jno. L. Williams, H. B. Johnston, J. E. Short, L. O. Rogers, J. E. Disch, F. L. McGehee, W. C. Howell. 7. Who are the deacons of one year? A. P. Highsmith, D. L. Coale, G. W. Whistling, E. E. Porter, R. B. Moreland, J. H. Taylor, W. J. Palmer, L. G. White, J. G. Forrester (4th year). 8. What traveling preachers are elected deacons? Charles Finer Combs, Edwin Leon Silliman. 9. What traveling preachers are ordained elders? C. P. Combs, E. L. Silliman. 10. What local preachers are elected deacons? Frank B. Wheeler, Henry E. Carter, George M. Massey, J. O. Peterson, Harvey Bruce Day, Collin F. McKinney, William Harrison Long, S. Lee Habern, Charles Hardy Armstrong, William T. Gray, Enoch Marvin Huff. 11. What local preachers are ordained elders? Frank B. Wheeler, Henry E. Carter, George M. Massey, J. O. Peterson, H. B. Day, C. F. McKinney, W. H. Long, S. L. Habern, C. H. Armstrong, W. T. Gray, E. M. Huff. 12. What traveling preachers are elected elders? Robert Lee Ely, Ernest L. Egger, William A. Thomas, Thomas P. Turner. 13. What traveling preachers are ordained elders? Robert Lee Ely, Ernest L. Egger, William A. Thomas, Thomas P. Turner. 14. What local preachers are elected elders? None. 15. What local preachers are ordained elders? None. 16. Who are located this year? G. W. Day, J. T. Turner, both at their own request. 17. Who are supernumerary? W. H. Hughes, S. J. Martin, W. A. Smith, S. P. Pirtle, H. E. Smith, M. C. Blackburn, W. M. Hay, J. A. Kerr, W. M. Leatherwood, A. W. Gibson, J. W. Murphy, C. C. Williams, H. A. Bourland, Jno. S. Davis. 18. Who are supernumerary? J. R. Rando, L. P. Lively, J. W. Chalk, Jos. McDougal, L. W. Harrison, F. B. Carroll, J. H. White, W. A. Coppedge, J. H. Hunter, M. H. Dunn, J. B. Rabb, W. S. May, I. N. Crutchfield, S. Crutchfield, W. A. Edwards, B. H. Bounis, W. L. Clifton, M. E. Johnston, C. M. Sherwood, T. E. Norwood, L. A. Thomas, L. F. Palmer, M. R. T. Davis, W. Clark, P. A. Edwards, B. A. Thomasson, J. B. Minnis, I. T. Stafford, J. H. Reynolds, H. M. Pirtle. 19. What preachers have died during the past year? None. 20. Are all the preachers blameless in their life and official administration? The names of the preachers were called one by one and their characters passed. Questions 21 to 23, inclusive, see statistical table. 24. What are the educational statistics? Southwestern University, value of property, \$29,000; endowment, \$28,000; professors, 21; pupils, 428. North Texas College, value of property, \$29,000; professors, 22; pupils, 322. 25. Where shall the next session of the conference be held? Sulphur Springs. 26. Where shall the preachers be stationed this year? (See appointments).

APPOINTMENTS. DALLAS DISTRICT. J. L. Morris, P. E. Dallas, First Church—John M. Moore. Trinity—H. D. Knickerbocker; H. A. Bourland, supernumerary. Grace Church—P. R. Knickerbocker. Ervay Street—J. W. Smith. Oak Lawn—E. R. Barcus; W. H. Hughes, supernumerary. Oak Cliff—M. L. Hamilton. Clark's Chapel—H. B. Day. Cochran and Caruth—S. P. Ulrich. Wheatland—W. A. Pritchett. Lancaster Station—C. E. Lamb. Cedar Hill and Duncanville—J. P. Archer. West Dallas—Franklin Moore. Grand Prairie Circuit—R. H. Webster. Argyle Circuit—C. H. Rice. Denton Station—T. H. Morris. Lewisville Station—E. K. Bransford. Professor Southwestern University—John Editor Texas Christian Advocate—G. C. Rankin. House of Correction and Reformatory—George F. Boyd, Chaplain. TERRY DISTRICT. O. S. Thomas, P. E. Terry Station—L. S. Barton. Terry City Mission—O. P. Thomas. Kaufman Station—J. R. Wages. Elmo Mission—J. B. Sims. Rockwall Circuit—W. J. Holder; W. M. Leatherwood, supernumerary. Fate Circuit—S. L. Ball. Garland Station—J. J. Morgan. Mesquite Circuit—W. B. Douglass. Reinhardt Circuit—R. B. Moreland. Forney Station—R. F. Bryant. College Mound—J. O. Peterson. Kemp Circuit—T. N. Weeks. Crandall Circuit—E. B. Thompson. Roysa Station—D. H. Aston. Mabank Mission—L. L. Naugle. Chisholm Circuit—J. R. Smith. GREENVILLE DISTRICT. J. M. Peterson, P. E. Greenville, Wesley—J. L. Pierce. Kavanaugh—S. C. Riddle. Greenville Mission—W. H. Stephenson. Merit Circuit—L. A. Hanson. Floyd Circuit—H. L. Hare. Kingston Circuit—J. C. Moore; A. W. Gibson, supernumerary. Quinlan Mission—J. N. Hunter. Neola Mission—L. W. Crowson. Lone Oak Circuit—W. T. Morrow. Commerce Station—R. C. Hicks. Commerce Circuit—J. W. Beckham; M. A. Smith, supernumerary. Fairlie Circuit—G. W. Blanton. Campbell Circuit—C. W. Dennis. Wolfe City Station—J. E. Vinson. Celeste and Lane—S. A. Ashburn. Leonard and Orange Grove—E. G. Roberts. MCKINNEY DISTRICT. I. W. Clark, P. E. McKinney Station—P. C. Archer. Farmersville Station—A. R. Nash. Weston Circuit—D. L. Coale.

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DETROIT.

N. G. Ozment: We are closing out our third year at this place. These have been most pleasant years to us and we trust profitable to the Church. We have had some of the best revivals in the history of the charge. Have organized two Leagues, with a present membership of sixty-five. Have a loyal and industrious band of workers in the W. H. M. Society. They have made a splendid record and have a fine report for the present year. We have this year put a new organ in the church and built a parsonage that would reflect credit on any charge in the district. It is with a sad heart that we sever our connection with the dear people of this charge, and the brethren of the old North Texas Conference, yet we gladly take our place among the brethren of the West Texas Conference to share with them their joys and their sorrows, their prosperity and their adversity; in fact, we are delighted with the prospect of laboring for the Master in that field.

WALLER.

C. H. Adams: I am closing out my second year on this charge. They have been very pleasant as well as years of labor. I have never served a people that were more zealous in their work and love to their pastor. We have made some advancements during the two years. We have had gracious revivals at almost every appointment. The membership seems to be nearer a unit than ever before. They are ready to respond to every call made by the Church and pastor. To show their devotion, we had to hold several of our meetings without ministerial help, and they rallied to the support of the pastor and the Lord graciously blessed us all in our labors. For the second time in a great number of years (if ever before) this charge will report everything from episcopal residence to Payne and Lane paid in full. The salaries are within a few dollars of being paid in full. Taking everything into consideration, this work is in fine shape. We are preparing to build two new church houses. The material is on the ground to build at Smith's School House. There is being circulated a subscription list toward building at New Hope. I am sure we will succeed. I am under lasting obligations to the following brethren for very efficient help during my meetings: Bro. A. J. Haygood, of Hempstead; J. J. Callaway, of Manchaca, West Texas Conference, and Allen Tooke, of Bellville. The Lord has blessed me this year and to his name I ascribe all the glory. I am ready for a trip to Marshall and there render my report, receive my work for another year and go forth praying the Lord to make me more useful in his work during the coming year. The Advocate is in great favor with all my people that take it.

LORDSBURG, N. M.

N. D. Wood, Nov. 21: We were moved last conference from Elda to Lordsburg, a distance of about 500 miles. The people of Lordsburg gave us a kind reception. We have a very fine Woman's Home Mission Society. They have papered, painted and furnished the parsonage with a nice folding bed, at a cost of \$22.33. On October 27 the people tendered us a "get acquainted" reception at the church, after they had gone we found supplies they had left to the amount of \$29 or more. Surely we serve a good, kind-hearted people. We are about sixty miles from Deming, where we find our nearest associate pastor. This isolation is something awful. We don't hardly know from one conference to another that there is another preacher in the territory except as the presiding elder comes around, and we quiz him with reference to the other brethren. We were loth to give up Bro. Lallance as presiding elder, but Bro. French is here, and we have already learned to love him. In fact, it was a case of "love at first sight." Under God we expect to accomplish great things this year.

Wharton.

B. W. Allen: We have it. It is alive, too—a Junior League 24 strong. Mrs. Lillie Davidson is the Lady Manager. On the afternoon of the 15th they visited the parsonage in a body, brought goodies galore, sang and recited, made everybody happy. They say that they can't all visit Waco, so they are going to send their compliments in a box to Bro. Vaughan's children. He is like the old woman in the shoe, you know.

Sanger and Valley View.

G. F. Boyd, Nov. 19: Our Fourth Quarterly Conference just over at Valley View. Good congregation to-day, Saturday—most all the official members present. The presiding elder, Rev. J. A. Stafford, preached a splendid sermon and delighted all in the chair. The financial report from the stewards was \$40 more than the salary assessed at the beginning of the year. This closes my labors among one of the kindest people I ever served. I have held seventeen funeral services. The sorrowing ones will not be forgotten by this writer. The pastor who comes here will find fine help in Rev. Hugh Isbell, who is loved by all the people, and Rev. Lee Habern, the good women of all three of the Churches, and Sanger in particular, and all the people.

Staples Circuit.

V. G. Thomas, Nov. 15: Have just returned from conference to begin my second year's work on this charge. The phone has been kept busy all day bringing messages of glad welcome from all over the work. To-night the climax was reached in a genuine old-time pounding in which almost every

family of the Staples Church took part. Our best thanks are hereby given to all who participated; especially to Miss Minnie Drum and Miss Belle Waldrip, who were the leaders in the movement. Our work last year was hard, but successful. Many souls were converted and 43 added to the Church. Salaries were overpaid, as also were the collections. Only one charge in the conference (Travis Park) reported more raised by Sunday-schools for missions. A good, substantial fence was placed around the parsonage lot. The good people showed their appreciation of the work done by presenting their pastor and worthy local preacher, Rev. William A. Scott, with a \$25 suit of clothes apiece. We are suitably grateful especially to Mrs. W. A. Scott, who raised the money for the pastor's suit, and Mrs. Dr. Coke Williams, who procured the suit for Bro. Scott. They are fine people, and by the help of God we are going to do our best for each and all of them. The lumber is on the ground for extensive improvements on the parsonage. We propose to build an extension to one room, put in a good hall, recover the house, weatherboard the whole building and paint it. Then for more work of other kinds. Pray for us.

Maysfield.

J. B. Gregory, Nov. 18: In the sweet solitude of this lonely parsonage I now knock at the door of your sanctum for the last time. I'm busy, closing the affairs of my ministry. I've preached two farewell sermons, and it is quite gratifying to this preacher to note the fact that my congregations were unusually large, and also that I received such kind words of encouragement from the people I've served this year. Both preacher and people were sad to say farewell. O! what sadness clusters around that word! I've had a pleasant year, and put in full time in discharge of duties of the pastorate. Our church building progresses slowly at Ben Arnold, but hope it may be completed soon. We have received our new \$65 organ for Maysfield Church, and it is a thing of beauty, and sweet toned. It is the "Epworth" organ, which I heartily recommend to all who wish to purchase a good church organ. How are you getting along in your parsonage solitude, Bro. Nelson? Come over to see me. You know you owe me a number of visits, in return for mine to you last year, in New Boston. I shall not attend conference; but my application for work next year will be on hand.

Travis.

D. W. Gardner, Nov. 18: Our Fourth Quarterly Conference is a thing of the past. Our most efficient presiding elder was on hand, looking carefully into all of the departments of the Church. Oh, how he did preach on Sunday. It was good to be there. Well, we will soon be off for conference. This is our second year here, and we feel that much good has been accomplished. The collections last year were full; this year a little more than full. The salary is at present a little behind. We think, however, all will be paid ere this goes to press. During the year two of our churches have been dedicated—Ward's chapel, by our presiding elder, Bro. Burroughs; Travis, by Dr. John R. Allen, of Georgetown. Both gave us fine dedicatory sermons and our souls were made glad. We have a fine set of stewards and some as fine people to serve as any man ever preached to. These have been pleasant years, though mixed with sorrow. The loss of our sweet little babe seemed more than we could bear, and the sympathy and kindness of these dear friends and neighbors at that time have brought them nearer to us than words can tell; and through it all God has upheld us with his tender mercy. The work has gone forward, and during the two years the assessment has been advanced from \$349 to \$680 for preacher in charge, and it is able to pay it all. We have added 222 to the Church in the two years, some of this number very fine young people who are ready to help their pastor at all times. The Advocate has attention and much good has come of its circulation. Travis Circuit is destined to be the best charge in the Texas Conference. May the Lord bless our people.

Central Church, Galveston.

George S. Sexton, Nov. 25: One more week closes the year's work. Results have not been up to the desire of the pastor and people, but we have much for which to be thankful. We have had more than one hundred conversions and reclamations. Quite a number of these have been at the regular Sunday night and midweek prayer-meeting services. Congregations have been large the year through, the average attendance of men at the night service being 200. The complaint that men do not attend church is not true here. More men come to our regular services than women. A forward movement has been made in all lines. The pastor's salary was raised \$200 over the preceding year, and a fine barn and servant's house

combined was added to our already excellent parsonage property. The auditorium has been furnished throughout with electric fans, a gift of one liberal man, Mr. D. M. Wilson. Things needful have been added to the parsonage, and an old church debt for current expenses of three years' standing, amounting to \$450, has been paid. The church has been blessed with two revivals. In the first part of the year Rev. H. D. Knickerbocker, of Dallas, came and helped us in a ten days' meeting, and the Galveston News said that it was the best meeting held in the city for the last ten years. Rev. George R. Stuart, of Cleveland, Tenn., is with us now in a co-operative meeting. The city is stirred and many have professed conversion, a large number of whom have given their names for membership in our two Methodist Churches. Those who ought to know say that Methodism in Galveston has never been so successful for a number of years. Brother Morton, our pastor at West End, has done a good year's work and is in favor with the people. The fruits gathered this year have not been alone due to the seed sown by the present pastors. Brother A. J. Weeks did a good year's work last year at Central. No more honest, self-sacrificing year's work has been done in Texas than Brother Weeks did here. Brother George worked hard and faithful at West End. The facts are, our predecessors live in the hearts of the people. The Methodist folks are planning great things for next year. The indications are that we will be able to report seventy or more accessions and the collections for all purposes in full.

Grand Charge, O. T.

W. P. Meador, Nov. 21: After a move of about 100 miles I am at Grand, my new field of labor for the next year. I have found some good people here. They have received me with gladness, and by the grace of God I am going to do some good work this year. Grand is the county seat of Day County, and a thriving little city; but the people are not as religious as they should be, but, by the help of God, we hope to remove sin out of it before the year is gone. Pray for me and my people.

Santa Anna Circuit.

M. H. Major, Nov. 25: No one was more thoroughly surprised at his appointment than this pastor. We expected a move. But here we are, and with a strong determination to do the best year's work of our life. Our officials at Santa Anna, with many others, gave us a most happy surprise in the shape of a most substantial donation of good things. A very large number of persons came along with the pounding and made the evening a most enjoyable one. Santa Anna charge has done well for the last two years. There has been an increase in membership and a large advance made in finances. We begin the new conference year with the brightest hopes. Our people are spiritually minded and are devoted to God in service.

Alamogordo, N. M.

F. E. Singleton, Nov. 22: Are beginning the year with fine prospects. The most of our people are from Texas, so, of course, we will finish all right. We need more Advocates. Send samples. I want my people to read one good Advocate at least, and the Texas can't be beat. We are looking out for our Texas members out this way. There is a fine opening in the boarding house business for some good Methodist who wishes to come to this church. We want to fill this growing town up with more good Texas Methodists. We would be glad to have our secretary write to any Methodist who contemplates coming out this way.

Alvin.

T. B. Graves: "God is our refuge and strength; a present help in every time of trouble." I had preached my last sermon of a four years' pastorate. The conference year lacked three Sundays of its limit, but my health seemed gone, and my P. E. had given his consent for me to consider the year out, that I might make provision for housing my family before the winter came on, as we all thought it impracticable, at least, for me to take work another year. There was no question as to where we should go. I had ground enough in Brazoria County to stretch a tent on, but where the tent was to come from was the problem. We were to leave on the midnight train the following night (Monday). After supper Sunday night, one of our neighbor women (not a Methodist) came in with a bundle under her arm, which proved to be a very excellent overcoat for our little orphan grandson. As we accompanied the lady home she made some reference to the coat pocket. On returning home we examined the pocket and, more to our joy than astonishment, we found a

check for one hundred dollars. The next morning I met a Baptist deacon, and, as I bade him farewell, he handed me five dollars, saying, "I was just going by to tell you good-bye and give you this small token of my appreciation of your services among us." I stepped into the store of a Lutheran friend to say good-bye. He said: "My collections have been good to-day, and here is a ten-dollar bill for you and your little orphans. If they ever get in need, let me hear from you." Just at night a Baptist brother and sister drove up to the parsonage and, handing me a well-filled purse, said, "An insignificant expression of appreciation from several of your friends." It contained \$10.50. An elect Methodist woman said: "You have chartered a car and haven't enough to fill it; send to my crib and get all the corn you want." I did it. I am feeding the corn yet, and that money has kept suffering from our door through a siege of scarlet fever contracted on the train. God bless our friends. God bless our enemies. God bless everybody. I will tell some other time what occurred at this end of the line. While these friends and many others not mentioned here, have our heart-left thanks, we want the Lord to have all the glory for he is "a very present help in every time of trouble."

Woodbine Circuit.

E. L. Silliman: Conference is upon us, and the year is fast dying. Soon the appointments, and then the moving and new relations. Whoever comes to Woodbine, whether that be myself or another, will find a loyal people to minister to, and good neighbors to live among. The year has been a pleasant one to me. We had several good meetings. Bro. W. H. Brown was with us last week at Callisburg. His earnest preaching did us all much good. Finances are in very good shape. Whaley's Chapel, another point on the work, is putting up a beautiful house of worship. A few years ago their church was destroyed by a cyclone, and since then they have been worshipping in a school house. The Building Committee deserves much credit for their care in the plans, securing of good material and having it put up substantially. When finished it will be a building of which they may well feel proud. About \$1300 have been raised during the year for all purposes.

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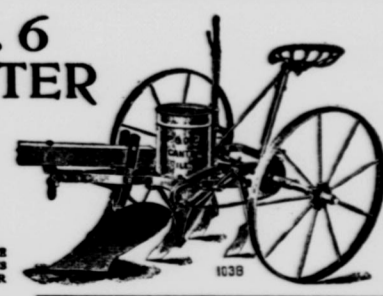
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TEXAS CONFERENCES. Held by Bishop Hoss, Texas, Marshall Nov. 29

A SUNDAY IN SHERMAN.

We left the conference at Bonham Saturday night and went down to Sherman to spend the Sunday at Travis Street Church. Of course we were entertained at the North Texas Female College, where we always stop when in Sherman. The school is in a most prosperous condition. They have over three hundred girls, and the new buildings give them ample accommodations. On Sunday at meal time we have rarely looked upon so much young life gathered at once around so many tables. At Church service they filled up nearly one-half of the auditorium. Mrs. Key has her hand upon every detail of the college work and she is doing great service for Texas womanhood.

A MEMORIAL HOSPITAL.

While in Bonham we had the pleasure of visiting the "Allen Memorial Hospital," which is located in the city limits. It was erected by Mrs. S. B. Allen in memory of her deceased husband, the late S. B. Allen. He was a prominent business man in the city and he was greatly loved by all the people. In building a monument to his memory, Mrs. Allen thought the most fitting one for a man who loved his fellowmen would be a hospital in which the poor and the needy would find relief in time of sickness and distress. So she erected this humane institution. It was built under the direction of professional men who know the needs of such an institution, and hence it has every modern equipment known to sanitary science. It is built of brick and it occupies a large lot with ample air and sunshine. While Mrs. Allen and her family are devout Protestant Episcopalians, yet this hospital is for the use of humanity regardless of Church or creed. The Masons, the city and the county make appropriations to meet its current expenses. It will prove a great blessing to the suffering.

The Colored Presbyterian Church of Africa has applied for admission into the Free Church of Scotland. It claims a membership of 35,000, has fourteen ordained native ministers, 425 lay preachers, forty schools, 2000 scholars, and raises annually the sum of \$20,000.

CONFERENCE NOTES.

There never was a more delightful and harmonious session of the North Texas Conference held than the one just adjourned at Bonham. Its spirit was religious, its preaching was evangelical, its social feeling fine, and the hospitality of the people could not be excelled.

Rev. C. M. Harless and his people showed themselves most excellent hosts. Nobody was neglected and the needs of all were supplied. All the homes of the town were thrown open, also all the places of interest. Even the street car people transported the brethren without charge. We have rarely ever seen such hospitality.

On Tuesday night before the conference opened Captain R. P. Hobson, of the United States Navy, lectured at the opera house and nearly all the preachers were present. His theme was "America's Mighty Mission," and we have not heard a more instructive and entertaining lecture in many a day. He is an eloquent speaker, eminently religious and full of his theme. To hear him is to get great benefit, mentally and morally.

The editor and publisher of the Advocate were entertained by Mrs. S. B. Allen and her grandchildren, Dr. and Mrs. Kennedy. There was nothing lacking to make it as delightful a home as one could desire. We had every comfort within the reach of money, good taste and full hospitality. Socially, mentally and religiously it was good to be in that home. We shall not soon forget our abode under that roof.

Our church at Bonham is a model of beauty and convenience and the people are delighted with their pastor. When his name was read out after Bonham there was a spontaneous cheer went up from the house. Bro. Harless has thoroughly won the affections and confidence of his people.

Bonham is a dry town, as is also the county, and the law is as well enforced as any other law on the statute books. Under some of the decisions of the Court of Criminal Appeals advantage is taken of the law and the whisky outfit give all the trouble they can, but the people are doing their best under the circumstances to rid the town of the evils of drink.

Dr. Jacob Ditzler, the aged controversialist and great preacher, attended the conference and was accorded a hearty welcome. He preached twice to the delight of large audiences. He is now a very old man, but he stands a very picturesque character among his younger brethren. To look at him is to realize that nature used large molds in producing him. He is still a man of power.

Bishop Hoss' sermon on Sunday is said to have reached true greatness in its thought, grasp of theme and delivery. The love feast had prepared the large audience for a great sermon and they were not disappointed. The fact is the Bishop did some of the best work of his life at Bonham. He greatly delighted the brethren in his ministry and contact with them.

The \$2500 apportioned to this conference for the Episcopal Residence is either in hand or provided for. More than two-thirds of it is now with the Treasurer and the rest is assumed and will be sent in at an early day. Much interest was shown in the enterprise. The presence and work of the Bishop made us all glad that he had decided to live in Texas.

The appointments gave general satisfaction. Of course among so many men and works it is impossible to give absolute satisfaction. Two or three men were unintentionally hurt a little in the wind up. Yet all believe that the Bishop did his best to meet the wishes of the people and

the preachers. He said himself that a few of the appointments did not please him, as he wanted to do better by some of the brethren than he did; but he had acted in the fear of God and did the best possible with the complications that necessarily arise in stationing so many preachers.

All the preachers of this city were returned but Rev. W. F. Bryan, of South Ervay Street, and Rev. J. P. Lowry, of Oak Lawn. The latter went to Nocona and the former to Wichita, both good appointments. Rev. J. W. Smith comes to South Ervay Street and Rev. Ed Barcus to Oak Lawn. They are both strong, active men.

Rev. J. L. Morris comes to the Dallas District, and his appointment to this important charge will give great satisfaction. He is a fine preacher, has large individuality, full of energy and a good executive. For years he has filled the best pastorates in the conference and it is a compliment to this district that the Bishop pulled him out of the pastorate and put him on the district. Many places were clamoring for him. He has had one year's experience in the presiding eldership, and hence he is no novice. Two years ago the Bishop took him off the Gainesville District and sent him to Centenary Church, Paris. All the people on his district wanted him to return, but Paris got him. He will get a warm welcome down this way.

Rev. I. W. Clark, who gave to the Dallas District four years of most excellent service, goes to the McKinney District. Rev. C. M. Rosser, who organized that district and put in four years of hard work on it, goes to Honey Grove Station. Rev. O. S. Thomas, who served four years most acceptably on the Greenville District, exchanges with Rev. J. M. Peterson and goes to the Terrell District. Bro. Peterson goes to Greenville after three years of good work on the Terrell District. No other changes in district work occurred.

Rev. L. S. Barton goes from Clarksville to Terrell, and Rev. J. R. Wages goes from Kavanaugh to Clarksville. Rev. J. J. Clark goes from Terrell to Denton Street, Gainesville, and Rev. J. F. Pierce goes to Centenary, Paris. He did four years of faithful work at Gainesville. Rev. W. A. Stuckey goes from McKinney to Sulphur Springs. He is no stranger there, as he went from there to McKinney two years ago. Rev. P. C. Archer goes from Travis Street, Sherman, to McKinney and his place at Sherman is supplied by Rev. A. L. Scales. These are a few of the changes made, showing that there was a general exchange in appointments.

The next conference will go to Sulphur Springs. It has been a long time since the conference was taken to this point, but it will receive a wholesome welcome. Sulphur Springs is one of our very best towns and our Church is strong up that way.

Dr. J. H. McLean is one of the veterans of the conference and he aided Brother Harless very greatly in looking after the comfort of the gathering. He is rendering the service of a regular yeoman on the Bonham District, and he is alive to all its interests.

The Hon. P. C. Thurmond, of Bonham, made himself generally useful while the conference was in session. Whenever he rose to make a few remarks he always had a good hearing, for he spoke wisely and often very humorously. He is an East Tennessean, and hence he needs no further characterization.

Bro. B. M. Burgher made himself very useful as the teller of the conference. He received all the money, placed it in the bank and gave checks

to the different boards for the same. The collections were very fine, showing a prospering condition of the country.

We had a number of the connectional brethren present, among whom were Drs. A. J. Lamar, H. P. Whisner, H. M. DuBose, Seth Ward, H. M. Hamill and perhaps others. Dr. DuBose carried off the palm as a popular platform speaker. He has completely changed his style of address and instead of too much of the florid he indulges in facts and humor to the delight of his brethren. He gets hold of them firmly.

That collection for Southwestern was a stunner. Sixteen thousand, four hundred dollars is beyond anything the North Texas Conference has ever done in this line; it is beyond anything yet done by any conference. Drs. Hyer, Kilgore and Nelms opened their eyes in wonder. No telling what the North Texas can do when you spring her to her best.

Mrs. Bishop Key won everybody in her address, and so did Dr. McReynolds, of the Medical Department of Southwestern. Dr. Nelson made a fine impression also. We are waking up on matters of our educational system.

REV. J. M. GREENE DEAD.

We are pained to chronicle the death of our dear old friend and excellent correspondent, which event occurred the 25th of November. He was a teacher by profession and a writer of great ability, and best of all, he was a good and true Christian man. We hope some one will write us a more extended account of his life for the Advocate.

A BEAUTIFUL MESS THIS.

The party prohibition people are never happy except when they either have trouble for themselves or trying to make trouble for those who do not always agree with them. Some time ago the Voice made merry over its deceptive work with the Texas editors, and because we did not approve of its questionable methods of journalism, it turned upon the Advocate and had some very ugly things to say about us. Later on it published a lot of infamous stuff about us, but a little further on corrected some of its statements—or rather it permitted others to correct them. Along with the Voice, a two-by-four paper in this city, assuming to run the interests of that party, took offense at the Advocate and made an assault upon us. We merely replied in a paragraph, as the thing was not worthy of further notice. Now it gets up its little back and comes at us in anything but the spirit of respectable journalism. It makes itself mean, contemptible and craven. Its editor shows himself unworthy of genteel treatment; and with this notice we dismiss the thing, as it seems to be on its last legs anyway. But the point we started out to make is, the party prohibitionists in their headquarters at Chicago are accusing one another of the meanest sort of crimes—crimes which if established in a court of justice would put somebody in the State Penitentiary. All along they have seemed to be holding a love feast, but now it is war to the knife and the knife to the hilt. It seems that somebody in their National Committee has made way with several thousand dollars, and they say that somebody on the inside got it and appropriated the money to his own use; and the Voice and the little thing published in Dallas are wailing like children lost in the woods. They have stopped, for the time being, charging the Church of God with being "in league with hell," and they are devoting their righteous attention to each other. It is a nasty mess, just such a one as might be expected from a lot of unbusiness-like cranks, who make it their chief concern to abuse the Church of God and her ministers. But it is their fight and we are willing for them to scrap until they rid their crowd of the wickedness that seems to have developed within.

AN AGED, BUT AN INTERESTING CLIPPING.

As the Texas Conference is now in session at Marshall, the clipping given below, with the letter preceding it, will be very interesting reading to the members of the conference. "The Eastern Texas Conference" has ceased to exist, officially; but its former territory is still intact. At the time this "list of appointments" was read all this North Texas country was included in the "Eastern Texas Conference;" but look now what a change! Not very many of the Methodists are now living who then took an active part in the work of this portion of Texas; and perhaps not a preacher who then received an appointment is out of the grave. But they multiplied themselves by their work a hundredfold. They being dead, yet speak:

I enclose you a clipping from a paper published, as you will notice on back, in 1853, giving the appointments of the East Texas Conference in that year. My wife found the clipping last week in looking over some old books, and no doubt her mother, Mrs. Jefferson Shook, now deceased, cut it out, as her husband's name (Rev. Jeff Shook) appears in the list of appointments. It is interesting to note in the assigning of preachers that Dallas is "to be supplied," and also the territory which that conference then covered.

I don't know whether a single preacher whose name appears in the list is living now, but it would be interesting reading for some of your readers, and I suggest that you publish it. J. R. MILBURN, M. D. Ector, Texas.

Appointments of the Preachers of the Eastern Texas Conference.

- SAN AUGUSTINE DISTRICT. J. T. P. Irvine, P. E. San Augustine Station—Alex Henkle. San Augustine Circuit—H. D. Palmer. Jasper Circuit—Woodham. Shelbyville Circuit—M. C. Simpson. Panola Circuit—E. F. Thwing. Henderson Circuit—H. B. Hamilton. Salem Circuit—Acton Young. Nacogdoches Circuit—Neill Brown. Henderson Station—William Craig. Agent Fowler Institute—S. A. Williams. MARSHALL DISTRICT. N. W. Burks, P. E. Marshall Station—J. B. Tullis. Marshall Circuit—J. N. Hamill; J. C. McDaniel. Jefferson Circuit—J. R. Bellamy and W. Coons; M. F. Cole, supernumerary. Mt. Pleasant Circuit—William McCarty. Gfemer Circuit—Job M. Baker. Harrison County African Mission—W. P. Hobbs. Wood County Mission—To be supplied. Cypress Mission—To be supplied. Sulphur Fork Mission—H. Pullingine. CLARKSVILLE DISTRICT. A. N. Ross, P. E. Clarksville Circuit—Sam'l W. Robbins and Calvin Cook. Paris Circuit—Sam'l Lynch and J. S. Vaughan. Bonham Circuit—M. C. Robinson; J. G. Hardin, supernumerary. Greenville Circuit—Nathan W. Johnson. Dallas Circuit—To be supplied. Grayson Circuit—Andrew Cumming. PALESTINE DISTRICT. O. Fisher, P. E. Palestine Circuit—Jeff. Shook; Johnson McMellon. Jacksonville Circuit—W. E. George, J. A. Seruzgs. Tyler Circuit—J. W. Fields; one to be supplied. VanZandt Circuit—J. K. Hawkins. Kaufman Circuit—F. H. Mideras. Rusk Circuit—S. C. Box; one to be supplied. Athens Mission—S. D. Samson. Knoxville Mission—James Green. Millwood Mission—E. P. Chisholm. WOODVILLE DISTRICT. W. R. Wilson, P. E. Woodville Mission—Bennett Elkins. Marion Mission—H. W. Cumming. Livingston Circuit—A. W. Goodjohn. Liberty Station—David M. Stovall. Liberty Circuit—To be supplied. Crockett Circuit—A. I. Kavanaugh; John McMellon. Beaumont and Sabine Pass—H. C. McElroy. Madison Circuit—Jarvis L. Angel. Indian Mission—W. P. Sansom. GEORGETOWN IS HAPPY. We clip the following pleasant note from the Williamson County Sun, published at Georgetown: Not only the Georgetown Methodists, but also her people of all and no religious denomination, are rejoiced at the return by the Northwest Texas Conference of Drs. Chapman and Nelms to their respective positions—the first named as presiding elder of the district, and the second as pastor of the Georgetown Church. No two preachers have, within the knowledge of the Sun, more firmly established themselves in the hearts of our people, and the regret will be universal when the rules of their Church force their retirement from our midst. POSTOFFICE ADDRESSES. Rev. K. S. Van Zandt, Fairy, Texas. Rev. J. B. Gregory, Davilla, Texas.

TEXAS PERSONALS.

We are in receipt of an invitation to the marriage of Miss Stella McCallie, of Gorman, Texas, to Mr. Frank Morrow. The wedding took place Nov. 13.

We note the following item in the secular press: "The stewards of the First Methodist Church of Fort Worth have met and fixed the salary of the pastor, Rev. Alonzo Monk, at \$3,600 per annum. This is the salary allowed Bishops, and is said to be the largest salary paid any pastor in the Southern Methodist Church.

BROWNSVILLE.

H. G. H.

At late session of West Texas Conference C. S. Mills was appointed to Brownsville. For nearly 45 years that field has been unoccupied by our church. Its distance, want of railroad facilities, and men and money, have been the cause. Now the great waste between the Neeces and that Government post has been traversed by a railroad, and Mills goes to a hard field. There was once a Brownsville District and the old Texas Conference and David W. Fly was the presiding elder. Prior to this Mordecai Yell was on the Springfield District, which included Brownsville and everything west of the Colorado. In 1849, from the Seguin session of the Texas Conference, N. A. Craven was sent to Brownsville. A church was built and a few members reported. A noted old Bro. Dye was among these members who stoutly contended that a Methodist preacher and God were always in the majority. Afterwards, Oscar M. Addison was stationed there, then D. W. Fly, and in 1859, from the Goliad Conference, Robert Paine Thompson was appointed missionary to the Mexicans in and about Brownsville. He and his wife went into the work and remained a year. In 1860, from the San Antonio Conference, Jasper K. Harper was appointed to labor among the Mexicans in the same field. They remained until war measures broke up most of our frontier work. Bro. Mills may find a trace of Methodism yet lingering. The people there have waited forty-five years for a railroad. Near this old town the United States troops under General Taylor first encountered the Mexicans in the war of 1846, and the defeat the Mexicans sustained was reported in every battle fought till the capture of the capital by General Scott. Just before this old town the last gun of the Confederacy was fired. A band of Texas Rangers, under Col. John S. Ford fired on some Federal soldiers, who had landed to convey to the people the news that Lee had surrendered, and war was over. Not aware of their mission, the Rangers attacked them. After the news had been conveyed to Col. Ford, one soldier, not believing it, raised his long range rifle and took the last shot of the Confederate war at the Federals. Mills will attack sin and the devil at short range. Amen.

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OUR NEW HYMNAL AND NEW ORDER OF WORSHIP.

An old Confederate soldier rejoices that the two Methodisms are sufficiently in harmony to work together in the production of a common hymnal. It ought to be, I dare say it will be, a great book. Some of the best thoughts of the highest thinkers are enshrined in verse. There is a certain educative value in the reading of good hymns, which applies not only to the intellectual, but to the moral faculties as well. Eternity alone can reveal the good which has come out of the thoughtful reading of that noble ode of Wm. Cowper's on "Divine Providence"

"God moves in a mysterious way His wonders to perform."

In this connection allow me to call the attention of music-lovers to the adaptability of the tune Zerach to the above words. The words and music harmonize admirably and the strains move on majestically. While I have always regretted the liberty which certain compilers of hymns have taken with some of Mr. Wesley's popular hymns, yet there are a few modern hymns, excellent in other respects, which obviously ought to be amended. One of which I have referred to in the public prints before, and will here ask the liberty of pointing out a verbal change in Miss Fanny J. Crosby's sweet hymn, "Savior, more than life to me," in order to make it conform more nearly to the heroic in Scripture teaching and also to the spirit of the older poets. For myself I prefer to sing, "Lead me safely," rather than "Lead me gently."

Isaac Watts' song: "Let cares, like a wild deluge, come, Let storms of sorrow fall; So I but safely reach my home, My God, my heaven, my all."

Horatius Bonar, following Mr. Watts, also sounds the keynote in the following stanza:

"Thy will, not mine, O Lord, However dark it be! Lead me by thine own hand; Choose thou my path for me. Smooth let it be or rough, It will be still the best; Winding or straight, it matters not, It leads me to thy rest."

How well these poets agree with Revelation may be seen in the following: "Remember the words that I said unto you, The servant is not greater than his lord. If they have persecuted me, they will also persecute you. . . . These things I have spoken unto you that in me ye might have peace. In the world ye shall have tribulation; but be of good cheer: I have overcome the world."

All that will live godly in Christ Jesus shall suffer persecution. But if Jesus be aboard the ship the storms will rage in vain. Our old form of worship has always been satisfactory to me with a single exception. I have occasionally introduced an innovation by singing two or three stanzas after prayer to allow time for the late comers to be seated and order restored that the people might hear undisturbed what the Lord Almighty had to speak to them out of the Scriptures.

Fortunately the new order of worship provides for an anthem or voluntary following the prayer. It ought not to be difficult to induce our people to adopt this change; for if the Bible reading be marred the whole service is marred.

I desire here to enter an earnest plea for prayerful preparation of the Scripture lessons during the week in order that this important part of divine service may occupy the place which God intended when he gave us a revelation of his will and enjoined that it be read in the assemblies of his saints. Important as this singing service is, it may not trench upon the time for the reading of the Word of God. Nay, the sermon itself may not consume the time allotted to Bible reading. Let God speak, for the Lord is in his holy temple; let all the earth keep silence before him.

In reports of revivals published in our periodicals we read of how manifestly God was in the singing, in the praying and in the preaching; but who ever read about any special manifestation of the Spirit in the reading of God's Word? The Spirit is responsive to faith; but where there is no faith, there is no response.

"Come, Holy Ghost—for moved by thee

The prophets wrote and spoke— Unlock the truth, thyself the key: Unseal the sacred book."

"The Spirit breathes upon the word And brings the truth to sight: Precepts and promises afford A sanctifying light."

In order to make Bible reading a marked feature of religious services a few things demand careful and prayerful attention: The reading should be easily audible. Those furthest from the pulpit should be able to hear readily all that is spoken. Ezra and his helpers read in the book of the law "distinctly." Distinctness of utterance is a very great help to the right hearing and understanding of the Word of God. This means that due emphasis be given to the more important words in a sentence the better to bring out their meaning. This is no perfunctory service, no effort at mere elocutionary effect. But it is giving earnest attention to one of the great essentials of effective public worship.

It is a sad fact that about all the Scripture some people hear is that which they get in the house of the Lord. When well rendered it appeals to their attention, and they are more apt to retain it. As illustrative of the importance of this contention let any one read in the new order of worship that time-honored doxology, Gloria Patri, first placing the emphasis on shall, then read it correctly, putting the emphasis on ever, and note how vastly more significant and musical the latter rendering. The reader must know and feel that it is God's word that he is announcing. It is also imperative that he recognize that he is an ambassador for Christ, and he must speak the word boldly, as one having authority; and yet the tenderness and compassion of Jesus the Christ must dwell in his heart and vibrate through his words. He must pray for and enjoy the union of the Holy One that the word read may find lodgment in the hearts of the hearers. The Spirit-baptized herald of the cross stands between the living and the dead and proclaims the message which God has given him. Such a man has received authority to read the Holy Scriptures in the Church of God, and to preach the same. Jesus familiarized himself with the parchments so that when the book of the Prophet Esaias was delivered unto him in the synagogue at Nazareth he opened the book and found the place where it is written: "The Spirit of the Lord is upon me, because he hath anointed me to preach the gospel to the poor; he hath sent me to heal the broken-hearted; to preach deliverance to the captives, and recovering of sight to the blind; to set at liberty them that are bruised; to preach the acceptable year of the Lord." Here our Lord forcibly teaches us that the anointing Spirit is an essential aid, an indispensable qualification for the proclamation of God's Word, whether read or expounded, for he added: "This day is this Scripture fulfilled in your ears." When, a moment before, Jesus read that marvelous evangel to the Nazarites the prophecy was fulfilled in their ears. Fulfilled in the reading. No doubt the exposition following made the text luminous, for all bare him witness and wondered at the gracious words which proceeded out of his mouth. The conclusion is inevitable. If the Spirit of the Lord was essential to effective Bible reading then, the same Spirit is essential to effective Bible reading now. Thus read a new glory gilds the sacred page. JOHN F. NEAL. Lytle, Texas.

DIED. Rev. J. M. Greene, L. D., of Linden, Texas, died November 25, 1904. Obituary will be sent in later. S. N. ALLEN, P. C.

FOR THESE. By M. H. McKee. For the blue sky bending o'er me, And the balmy breeze that blows; For the pathway bright before me, And the stream which 'cross it flows, And flowers that grow along the banks, O Lord, for these I give Thee thanks. For the song bird perched above me, And the hymnal which he sings; For abiding friends to love me, And the pleasure which love brings; For the rest that will not fall me, In the hollow of Thy hand; For Thine arm when fears assail me, While I walk earth's lowly land; At last to rest in peace with Thee, O Lord, for these my prayer shall be. Bowie, Texas.

PEACE SUNDAY. The third Sabbath of December is to be observed as Peace Day by all of the Peace and Arbitration Societies of the world.

Can you not plan for its observance either by a public service or in connection with one of your regular meetings? Perhaps the service of some local speaker can be secured for the day, or you can, at least, carry out one of our official programs or prepare one yourselves. Advertise the meeting by press and pulpit notices and, if possible, secure a supply of peace leaflets for free distribution. These can be obtained at cost from Mrs. H. J. Bailey, World's and National W. C. T. U. Peace Superintendent, Winthrop Center, Maine. Samples free.

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Your readers will recall some words of mine in former issues concerning life insurance work. I am glad to say that many of them responded to what then was said, but I am persuaded that there are still many of your readers who would be glad to join us in placing the Reliance Life Insurance Company to the front in the great Southwest. Our firm are managers for Texas, Oklahoma and Indian Territory, and we wish to secure agents in every one of these fields. Of course there are many agents of various sorts afield. There are book agents, peddlers, and all sorts of salesmen. I am really glad this is so, because the intelligent agent for any worthy cause is a public benefactor. There are those who think book agents are a nuisance, but I have always taken time, even during my busiest days, to hear the story which the book agent brought to me. I do not think that any secular work is quite so philanthropic as life insurance work. It is a work in which preachers may well engage, because it really antedates the orphan home and the asylum for the poor. If all the insurable wage-earners would equip themselves with good life insurance policies, when they are dead their children would not need to be dependent upon the public charity for their bread. The life insurance agent can earn a good income. It takes industry, persistence and fidelity to the work to bring high success, but such success is easily within the reach of all. I wish that any of your readers who are not now profitably engaged would write me about this work.

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#### NOTES.

We are indebted to Brother L. M. Stevenson's department in the Alabama Christian Advocate for the following unique social invitation used by one his local chapters, viz:

Admission to Entertainment—Children 10 cents, adults 15 cents.

"The Cautious Catering Company will cater to this Community Friday evening, October 28th, 1904, at the residence of Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Holman, from 7:30 to 10:30 o'clock, for a Certain Consideration for each Commodity Consumed.

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The following editorials are clipped from the Epworth Era, viz: "In order to make sure of bringing the next International Conference to Dallas, let all Texas Leaguedom be largely represented at Denver next summer." \* \* \* "The Texas Christian Advocate says that Dallas will bid for the eighth International Conference of Epworth Leagues, 1907. Dallas will get it if she determines to do so. It is past time the Conference should come South again." \* \* \* "The North Texas League Conference, at its session in Gainesville, voted to raise one thousand dollars for a special chapel fund. The plan for realizing the pledge is laid before the leagues by Rev. J. Marvin Nichols. It will doubtless succeed. Texas Leagues are 'rich in good works.'"

The Leaguers of Dallas District are preparing to raise their quota of the assessment for the League Chapel fund by an entertainment at First Church, Dallas, styled "A Feast From Seven Tables." We trust someone will give us a full write-up of the occasion.

An inquiry comes from Miss Willie Winn, of Travis Street League, Sherman, as to what their assessment is for the League Chapel fund and to whom it should be sent. We have been trying for some time to get a statement from the special committee having this matter in charge, but so far have failed. Our understanding of the matter is that the rate of assessment is one per cent of the pastor's salary, and that remittances should be forwarded to Miss Estelle Haskins, care of the Gospel Settlement House, Dallas, Texas.

The scarcity of our "notes" is due solely to the failure of the local chapters to send in communications. Unless there is an improvement in the matter of responses to our repeated

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and earnest appeals for news items we shall have to discontinue this department. A hint to the wise is sufficient.

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Northwest Texas Conference now has 245 Leagues, with a total membership of 9224. A new district was created at the Mineral Wells session, to be known as the Colorado District. The Leagues of the new district should proceed at once to organize a District League Conference, which they will doubtless do. G. W. T.

#### DALLAS DISTRICT.

The Dallas District has arranged for an entertainment, "Feast of the Seven Tables," to be given at the First M. E. Church on the night of the 9th of December. They expect all the Leagues in the district to be present and take part in the meeting. This includes Lancaster, Grace, Ervay Street, Oak Lawn, Trinity, West Dallas, Denton, Lewisville, Clark's Chapel, Farmers' Branch, Caruth, Cedar Hill and Oak Cliff. A very interesting and select program has been arranged, after which the seven Leagues of Dallas representing the seven colors of the rainbow will entertain in the parlors of the church. You not only enjoy a feast from seven tables, but a feast of music also. The State and conference president and all of the district officers will be present. This will not only afford you an opportunity to get acquainted with the State and district officers, but with each other, and to learn more of the League work. All of the out-of-town Leaguers will be met at the train and entertained while in the city. The entertainment is given for the benefit of the Settlement Home, and I am sure all the Leaguers in Texas are in sympathy with this great work and should make it a point to visit the Home while in Dallas. "Freely ye have received." Admission 50 cents.

#### HOW MAY WE PROMOTE FRUITFULNESS IN OUR INDIVIDUAL LIVES AND IN OUR LEAGUE?

The world is looking for the man who does things. He is scarce. There are plenty of people who talk a great deal about what they can do, and what they will do—some day. It will not do to spend your time in talking about what you have done, or what you are going to do. The thing to do is to do things. And the time to do a thing is right now. If we wish to promote fruitfulness in our lives and in our League as well let us get to work and do something. Don't paint beautiful word pictures of what you are going to do tomorrow. Go right to work now and do something. If you cannot find the thing to do you would like best, do the best thing you can, and do it well. Do it the best you know how, and tomorrow you will be called on to do better things. The work that lies nearest to your hand is the work for you to-day.

A wise man makes little of that which deserves little, and much of that which calls with the voice of strength. The true man works from principle. He acts from a sense of duty. He does not whine and complain or talk of the want of appreciation, but makes himself so useful and so necessary that even his critics are forced to acknowledge the worth of his character and service.

It becomes Christians to rise above all littleness and to humbly and self-sacrificingly do whatever comes to hand in the Church or League in a noble and Christian way. Do not fear; do not be discouraged by the tiny influence of people. For yourself be only careful that you are true. Be patient. Do not fret because others cannot see things as you do. You cannot force a No. 10 truth into a No. 3 man; but that is what some of us would like to do. Do not hurry. Sow the seed of good words and right actions as you go along and long afterwards, when you are perhaps on another plane of life, the seed will find fertile soil around it and will sprout and grow and blossom. A kindly word here—an encouraging word there—will take root a little later.

In the garden of the mind grow the rarest plants; there the choicest blossoms unfold themselves. When the garden is well kept, the air is full of fragrance, and beauty manifests itself. There is found the red rose of Courage; the violet of Love; the lily of Purity; the pansy of Tolerance; the little forget-me-not of Cheerfulness. Every seed brings forth after mistrust begets mistrust, jealousy begets jealousy, hatred begets hatred, and confidence begets confidence, kindness begets kindness, love begets love. To meet the aggressive assault every entity rises up rigid and impenetrable, while yonder mountain of granite melts and floats away on the bosom of the river of love.

SADE MILLER.

#### ONWARD AND UPWARD.

Fellow struggler, on life's pathway,  
Though misfortunes' lot you know,  
Though your path be rough and dreary  
Sink not 'neath your load of woe,  
Bo'dily up and face the future,  
One of vast creation's heirs,  
What though others be before you?  
You've a right as great as theirs.

Right, by labor and exertion,  
Forward still to work your way,  
Right to view through gloomy present  
Promise in the future day,  
Right to call the golden harvests  
From the ever willing land,  
Right to wage the war with fortune,  
Stout of heart and strong of hand.

Let not doubt delay your pathway,  
Let not error dim your sight,  
Let not sneers at your endeavors  
Turn you from the path of right,  
What though others tower above you  
With the wealth your fathers made,  
Spreading out like forest monarchs,  
Will you perish in their shade?

No—continue your exertions,  
Do not linger to despond,  
Rather burst into the sunlight  
Waiting for you far beyond,  
"Onward! Upward!" be your motto—  
Let your gaze be fixed on high—  
And on honor's brightening pathway  
Hope will bloom and doubt shall die.  
—John P. Cowan, in Exchange.

#### CHRISTIAN SCIENCE.

A Condensed Report of the Lecture of Dr. J. M. Buckley on Christian Science, Delivered at the Auditorium of the Young Men's Christian Association, Franklin Street and Grand Avenue, St. Louis, Mo., September 20, 1904.

Dr. Buckley stated that within the past sixty years many new religions or radical changes of religion had sprung up in the United States. He mentioned modern Spiritualism which dated in its modern form from the Fox girls, inhabitants of a small town in Western New York named Hydesville, about the same time Mormonism arose. The third in order of time, Christian Science, so-called; and the fourth was Dowleism. It is interesting to notice that all these have a very strong commercial aspect, and all of them are closely connected with the healing of diseases without medicine. Spiritualism spread very rapidly, and it was claimed that in less than fifteen years there were more than one million who acknowledged their belief in the supernatural character of rappings and other manifestations. Since that time it has experienced a marked decline, and some critics are of the opinion that it has gone into comparative obscurity, because it is impossible for a community or a nation to support two great general superstitions or fads at the same time. The Spiritualists say that a considerable part of those who would naturally affiliate with their views have become Christian Scientists.

The proper name for Christian Science is Eddyism. Calvin stands for a special view of Christianity which is described as Calvinism; Arminius opposed the views of Calvin and his system is known as Arminianism; the reformation under Martin Luther is known as Lutheranism; by Wesley as Wesleyanism. Mrs. Eddy claims more originality than any of these and exercises more alleged spiritual authority. Why should not her system be called Eddyism. Sometimes she calls herself the "founder," again, the "discoverer," of Christian Science; and she maintains that it was not known to the modern world until she appeared.

Dowleism and Eddyism agree in certain particulars; both make no use of medicine and will not allow their devotees to use it; and both require complete subjection, and both have a truly marvelous skill in attracting or extracting pecuniary contributions for themselves and their enterprises. One of the differences between the schemes of Dowle and Eddy is this. Dowle admits the reality of disease and charges its origin to the devil, and says that Christ came to destroy the works of the devil and that faith is the condition of healing, and asserts that those who use medicine can not be healed, not having faith.

Mrs. Eddy denies that disease is a "reality," calls it a "delusion of mortal mind," does not connect the devil with it in any way and does not require faith, but "understanding." Simpson of New York agrees in the theory with Dowle, except that he does

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not believe at all in Dowle's claims to be a special messenger of God, coming in the spirit and power of Elijah, the prophet of whom Moses spoke or the first apostle. Dowle denounces Simpson without stint. Dr. Buckley then said that his lecture would be devoted to an investigation of the claims of Eddyism to be called Christian Science. He announced that he had one proposition that would certainly command the assent of all present, namely, Christian Science is either wholly true, wholly false, or partly true and partly false. This assembly doubtless consists of some who devoutly believe it to be wholly true; of others who conscientiously believe it to be wholly false; and of still others who think there is something true and something false in it. Some of these think that they discern which the truth and which the falsity in it are; others are not quite satisfied and find it something of a puzzle.

James Martineau is credited with this saying: "Every fiction which has at any time taken a strong hold of human belief is the mistaken image of a great truth for which the man of half reason will sneer as a superstition, and the man of unreason will believe." This statement does not cover the whole case, for many fictions consist of half truths, which half truths can hardly be called mistaken images of a great truth.

The lecturer then declared his belief that Christian Science is a mixture of "mistaken images, of truths, and half truths," the mixture producing the effect of untruths.

### Natural Science.

Natural science, or natural law, as the terms are popularly used, is based on a relation of cause and effect. The solar system, the tides, the trade winds, gravitation, magnetism and electricity are reliable entirely because of uniformity of action in which an antecedent known as cause is followed by an invariable consequent called an effect. The calculation of an eclipse is made possible by these relations. Every seed brings forth fruit according to its kind. The relative proportion of the sexes remains practically the same from age to age.

The human body in health and disease is under the same general law. It is easy to distinguish the human body from that of the animal, and a tree from a stone. A stone has no life; the tree has restricted life; the lower animal life is circumscribed by its body, as is also the animal life of man. All that we know of life is that it is a power which from within resists aggression from without and repairs what damage may be done. If a tree dies it becomes like a stone in the particular that there is no life. Such a change sooner or later occurs in the bodies of living beings whose composition comes under the primary laws of matter. "Health" is the perfect condition of the body having life. By analyzing the word disease it is easy to get a satisfactory definition of health. Disease signifies the absence of ease to a living being in feeling, perception or action. Health therefore signifies ease in feeling, perception and action; that is, soundness of body; that condition of its parts and of the whole which guarantees "the harmonious operation of the whole system."

According to natural science there may be local or general disease; it may be in the organic structure, in the blood, or the nerves. Food, exercise, rest and sleep in right proportions preserve the human system in health. Disease can be caused by accidents, which derange or destroy any part of the machinery or clog it; over exertion which wears it out, over or under feeding, improper food, innutritious food, effete matter that is not eliminated, internal poisons generated in the body, and germs and poisons from without; these may stop the human machinery entirely or damage only one part of it. When one part is damaged it may throw more work upon another part, and thus the condition known as disease may spread. When nothing else is the matter mere old age is not disease. It is as natural as growth.

Death may follow old age without disease. The machine is worn out and stops. Ideal old age is seldom reached, death being accelerated by disease or accident. The relation sustained by human beings to the physical universe is such that it is possible that at any time sudden death may occur to persons in health, but observation enables persons to forecast with a fair degree of accuracy, also to assist nature by means of medicine and surgery.

Because of the general uniformity of the operation of nature, the average duration of human life can be computed with much accuracy, and the marvelous system of life insurance—which rest on the average dur-

ation of human life and the compound interest of money—stand before the world as an absolute demonstration of the reliability of the so-called laws of nature.

Christian Science practically denies them all. It denies all that science says about the human body; it affirms that it is a mere dream. But it is on these facts and possibilities that medicine and surgery are based.

Dr. Buckley then expounded **The Theory of Christian Science.**

He announced that to prevent misunderstanding or the charge of misrepresentation he would let Mrs. Eddy give the theory in her own words, and then quoted her fundamental principles as follows:

1. "The only realities are the Divine Mind and its ideas." \* \* \* "Erring mortal views misnamed mind produce all the organic and animal action of the moral body."

In reasoning about this Mrs. Eddy says:

"The ineradicable belief that pain is located in a limb which has been removed, when really the sensation is believed to be in the nerves, is an added proof of the unreliability of physical testimony. \* \* \* Electricity is not a vital fluid, but an element of mortal mind—the thought-essence that forms the link between what is termed matter and mortal mind. Both are different strata of human belief. The grosser substratum is named matter. The more ethereal is called human mind, which is the nearer counterpart of the Immortal Mind, and hence the more accountable and sinful belief. \* \* \* You say, 'Toil fatigues me.' But what is this you or me? Is it muscle or mind? Which one is tired and so speaks? Without mind, could the muscles be tired? Do the muscles talk, or do you talk for them? Matter is non-intelligent. Mortal mind does the talking, and that which affirms it to be tried first made it so."

2. Mrs. Eddy denies that there is any such thing as prayer in the sense of asking a personal God to do a certain act. Her most frequent assertions are: "God is principle, not person. \* \* \* the only substance, the only life."

3. She declares that: "Divine science shows that matter and mortal body are the illusions of human belief, which seem to appear and disappear to mortal sense alone."

4. She declares that: "Human mortality proves that error has been ingrafted into both the dreams and conclusions of material and mortal humanity."

5. Another passage from Mrs. Eddy is: "You would not say that a wheel is fatigued, and yet the body is just as material as the wheel. Setting aside what the mind says of the body, it would never be more weary than the inanimate wheel. Understanding this great truth rests you more than hours of repose."

Her conclusion from the whole is: "Beside sickness and death with these principles and all will disappear."

Every one of Mrs. Eddy's statements in the foregoing is contrary to the laws of nature, the experience of the human race, and—so far as they touch the Scriptures—entirely contrary to them.

Mrs. Eddy's theory of God is contradictory to the teachings of Christ. Everywhere God is spoken of as a person. "God is a Spirit; and they that worship him must worship him in spirit and in truth, for the Father seeketh such to worship him." Here "the Father" is represented as seeking true worshippers; and all the passages in the New Testament relating to the Father speak of him as a person; though an infinite being, he is a person in the same sense as human beings are persons. "If ye then, being evil, know how to give good gifts unto your children, how much more shall your Father which is in Heaven give good things to them that ask him."

Neither the Old Testament writers nor Christ nor the apostles nor the evangelists ever spoke of sickness or its cure as though they had any knowledge whatever of Mrs. Eddy's theory; but they spoke as though what she teaches is false. There is not a single instance in the Bible to which—without forcing words out of their real meaning—Mrs. Eddy's theory could be applied.

### Examples From the Old Testament.

In the Old Testament Elisha, the prophet, notwithstanding the fact that his prayers had restored the widow's son to life, himself dies of lingering disease. The words are "Now Elisha was fallen sick of his sickness, whereof he died."

Hezekiah, the king, was extremely sick, and according to the Scriptures, Isaiah the Prophet prayed to God for him, and also applied a plaster of figs as a medicine, which plaster of figs God blessed.

In the Second Book of Kings, first

chapter and second verse, is this statement: "Ahaziah fell down through a lattice in his upper chamber and was sick." He sent to inquire of Baal Hebut, the God of Ekron, "Whether he should recover of this disease."

The Second Book of Chronicles, 16th chapter and 12th verse, has these words: "And Asa in the thirty and ninth year of his reign was diseased in his feet, until his disease was exceeding great." The same book states that God sent a plague on Jehoram; this was the proclamation, "Thou shalt have great sickness by disease of thy bowels, until thy bowels fall out by reason of the sickness, day by day." Thus "God smote him with an incurable disease."

The effects of improper food in causing sickness are mentioned in Proverbs, "Hast thou found honey? Eat so much as is sufficient for thee, lest thou be filled therewith, and vomit it."

There is another passage: "The sleep of the laboring man is sweet, whether he eat little or much; but the abundance of the rich will not suffer him to sleep."

Here is still another passage, Proverbs 31:6: "Give strong drink unto him that is ready to perish, and wine unto those that be of heavy hearts. Let him drink, and forget his poverty, and remember his misery no more." This shows that by the holy men who were inspired to write the Sacred Scriptures the medical effects of wine and strong drink and their value in some cases as a stimulant and in others as an opiate were known and acted upon.

### Examples From the New Testament.

In the New Testament it was Christ himself who said, "They that be whole need not a physician, but they that are sick." And when Lazarus was ill his sisters sent a message unto Christ, saying, "Lord, behold, he whom Thou lovest is sick."

When Jesus heard that he said, "This sickness is not unto death, but"

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# What Sulphur Does

For the Human Body in Health and Disease.

The mention of sulphur will recall to many of us the early days when our mothers and grandmothers gave us our daily dose of sulphur and molasses every spring and fall.

It was the universal spring and fall "blood purifier," tonic and cure-all, and mind you, this old-fashioned remedy was not without merit.

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Above party is reliable.—Publishers Texas Christian Advocate. Prior to learning Natural Law Discovery for a few years I suffered with nervous prostration and neuralgia. I tried medicines which I had to take regularly for relief, but without permanent relief or benefit. The five years I have known the information I have not taken five cents' worth of medicine. I believe anyone using the treatment according to directions can't do otherwise than grow well. I would under no consideration discontinue its use and I have quite a number of friends as enthusiastic in its praise as myself.—Mrs. M. A. Nixon, Palestine, Texas.

We served four years each as pastor of above party. She is known to us as a most consistent Christian.—S. N. Allen and Caleb Smith, Tyler, Texas. I have been using Natural Law Discovery and have demonstrated beyond doubt that it accomplishes all it is represented to do. No one can exaggerate the importance of learning and using it. I had been diseased for twenty years, the doctors pronouncing it general debility, nervous prostration, heart disease, sugar diabetes, etc. For two months I had been able to do scarcely any work; was down in my back, kidneys badly affected; was perfectly worn out, nervous, excitable, low spirited; could hear my heart beating upon the least excitement; in fact, I was losing hope of living long. I was enabled to do some work from beginning and now, two months since, can work all day and was never in better health.—P. R. Thomas, Marx, Texas.

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## WORSHIP OR SERVICE.

I cannot choose—I should have liked so much  
 To sit at Jesus' feet, the touch  
 Of his kind, gentle hand upon my head,  
 While drinking in the gracious words he said,  
 And yet to serve him! O divine employ,  
 To minister and give the Master joy!  
 To bathe in coolest springs his weary feet,  
 And wait upon him while he sat at meat!

Worship or service—which? Ah, that is best  
 To which he calls me, be it toil or rest—  
 To labor for him in life's busy stir,  
 Or seek his feet, a silent worshiper.  
 So let him choose for us; we are not strong  
 To make the choice; perhaps we should go wrong,  
 Mistaking zeal for service, sinful sloth  
 For loving worship, and so fail of both.

Frances Willard once said: "Never forget that the only indestructible material in destiny's fierce crucible is character. Beauty, money, fame cannot be carried beyond the horizon line that shuts around this cradle of a world; but love, joy, peace, gentleness, goodness, faith, meekness, temperance, are jewels which by their very nature will survive the transit to the world invisible."

## DINNER FOR FIFTY.

Many Little Ones Partake of Thanksgiving Dainties Furnished by the Young Ladies' Society.

Fifty children's hearts were gladdened and as many little stomachs made full with a Thanksgiving dinner served yesterday afternoon to that number of tots in the kindergarten branch of the Settlement Home, under the auspices of the Young Ladies' Society of the First Methodist Episcopal Church. The home is situated on the southeast corner of Collin and Magnolia streets, but the affair was given in a vacant room at 107 McKinney avenue, which the management of the institution has lately secured.

The meal was served yesterday in order that a number of the members of the society might have to-day with their own families and friends. The children of both sexes, ranging in ages from 2 to 8 years, surrounded the tables set low, and eagerly satisfied their appetites. They feasted on turkey with dressing, pickles, roast chicken, bread, crackers, cakes, candies, oranges, nuts and bananas. And after they had eaten all they wished each child bore to its home a sackful of the fruits and candies. During the progress of the meal they were entertained with music from the piano by Miss Minnie Bookhout.

The kindergarten branch of the Settlement Home is under direction of Miss Janette Haskin, the home proper is in charge of Miss Estelle Haskin, and is supported by the City Mission Board, a home mission organization embracing all the Methodist Churches of Dallas.

Officers of the Young Ladies' Society: Press Reporter, Miss Katie Cole; President, Miss Willie Gibbs; First Vice-President, Mrs. J. T. Buckingham; Second Vice-President, Mrs. Walter Reid; Third Vice-President, Mrs. J. H. Ware; Secretary, Miss Mamie Bookhout; Treasurer, Mrs. G. W. Moore.

Boys of the home will enjoy their Thanksgiving dinner at the home of Dr. R. W. Baird, on Worth street, at 5:30 o'clock this afternoon.—Dallas News.

The interests of Foreign and Home Mission Societies seemed closely linked in the person of Mr. Shiramizu when I met him, a Japanese convert, on his way to the Sue Bennett School, to obtain through that home mission school the Christian education that will prepare him for missionary work in his native land. His story is an interesting one. The son of a Japanese manufacturer, of China, he was destined to carry on his father's business. At the age of fourteen a native Christian pastor put a New Testa-

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ment in his hands. He read the text, "Seek ye first the kingdom of God and his righteousness, and all these things shall be added unto you;" and after prayer he determined to make this his first object. His father, a Buddhist, refused to give consent for him to be a Christian, and again prayer prevailed. Then he must needs have his consent to give up his business and go into a Christian school if he should know "the way" fully, and teach it to others, and once more a prayer-hearing God opened the way. A younger brother consented to take his place in the business, and his father let him enter our mission school at Yokohama. More than a year ago he was sent by Mr. Nishakawa to work in the Japanese schools in California, where he has acted as interpreter. From there Dr. Reid, after consulting with Miss Bennett, sent him to the London school, wanting him especially to be under the deeply spiritual influence of Professor Lewis and his wife. In his first letter from the school Mr. Shiramizu expressed his gratitude and joy for the Christian welcome he had received, and asks that prayers may be made for him and his family, who, though not yet converted, are attending a Christian Church and Sunday-school.

During a short visit to Miss Bennett, in Richmond, Ky., I had the pleasure of hearing her teach her negro Bible class, which meets every Sunday afternoon at the Colored Methodist Church. There were over seventy-five men and women present—a smaller attendance than usual, I was told—and both Methodist and Baptist Churches were represented by their preachers and membership. All listened with deep attention as with earnest, simple words she opened up the Scriptures and applied their teaching to the daily life and personal experience of her hearers, who at the close showed by a remark here and there that the lesson had been received in their hearts. Would to God that in every town in the South this beautiful, Christlike work were being done by our Methodist women for those who so greatly need to be taught and, like babes, "desire the sincere milk of the word!"

After the lesson was over, Miss Bennett introduced to the class Mr. Shiramizu, a Japanese gentleman, who told them of his conversion from idolatry to the Christian religion. The Spirit's light shone through his broken English, and all were deeply moved as he expressed his faith in Jesus Christ as his Savior, and told how, after he decided to "seek first the kingdom of God and his righteousness," that same God opened the way for him to go to a Christian school and prepare himself to preach his word to his own people.

There were three great races represented as we shook hands around that humble altar, and Christ dwelt in the heart of each.

The supply department claims our attention at this season of the year. Already the leaves are beginning to fall "one by one," heralds of the frost king and his icy cohorts. Mothers are beginning to prepare the winter garments, so soon to be needed by their families, and where there is but little money in the father's purse he begins to feel grave anxiety as to how all the needs of clothing, food, and fuel are to be met. This is the case in many of our preachers' homes, and we who have the privilege of supplying God's servants with "where-withal shall they be clothed" should relieve that anxiety and need as soon as possible. Let every auxiliary that expects to send a box or a barrel to a preacher's family, notify Mrs. Yarbrough at once, and those who can should not hesitate to take large families for their share. Already she has many applications for help, and is waiting to hear from the auxiliaries. On the other hand, it is equally important that the applications for help should come in early, and the presiding elder should look to it that no man may suffer in his district when relief will be so kindly given.—Miss Mary Helm, in Our Homes.

## MARRIAGES.

Moorman-Timmons. — In Waxahachie, Texas, Nov. 23, 1904, Mr. Julian P. Moorman, of Bristol, Va., and Miss Minnie Lee Timmons, of Waxahachie, Texas, Rev. H. A. Bourland officiating.

Shrader-Frey.—At the residence of the bride's mother, in Raton, N. M., Mr. W. N. Shrader and Miss Lizzie Frey, Nov. 15, 1904, Rev. S. M. Roberts officiating.

Newell Williams.—At the home of the bride, Nov. 9, 1904, Mr. Augustus Newell, of Dayton, N. M., and Miss Edna L. Williams, of Tucumcari, N. M., Rev. B. T. James officiating.

Calhoun-Wilkins.—At the residence

of the bride's brother, Dr. S. N. Nave, in the town of Shiner, Texas, on the 22d day of November, 1904, Mr. Ross Calhoun, of Galveston, and Mrs. Mary Love Wilkins, of Shiner, Texas, Rev. A. G. Nolen officiating.

McCarter Mills.—At the Methodist parsonage in Deport, Texas, Nov. 13, 1904, Mr. Frank McCarter and Miss Bessie Mills, Rev. W. R. McCarter officiating.

Davidson-Bartlett.—In the public road, near Deport, Texas, Nov. 13, 1904, Mr. S. H. Davidson and Miss Verna Bartlett, Rev. W. R. McCarter officiating.

Barnett-Norwood.—On Nov. 2, 1904, near Kaufman, Texas, at the residence of the bride, Mr. R. H. Barnett and Miss Sue Norwood, Rev. Atticus Webb officiating.

Hood-Smith.—Last Sunday morning at 11 o'clock at Union Bower Church, Mr. J. T. Hood and Miss Lula Smith, Rev. E. A. Hawkes officiating.

Hill-Barnett.—At the residence of the bride's home, Mr. Trav Barnett, November 27, 1904, Mr. Will Hill and Miss Pearl Barnett, Mac. M. Smith officiating. They were both of Hill County.

Glover-Winn.—November 27, 1904, at Big Hill, Texas, Mr. Lindsay Glover to Miss Nita Winn, Rev. F. M. Winburne officiating.

McKay-Lawless.—November 27, 1904, at Big Hill, Texas, Mr. Willie McKay to Miss Mamie Lawless, Rev. F. M. Wilburne officiating.

Johnson-Taylor.—At the residence of the bride's father, Mr. W. W. Taylor, seven miles from Goldthwaite, Texas, Nov. 22, 1904, John Johnson and Lucy Taylor, all of Mills County, Texas, Rev. G. W. Templin, officiating.

We call the attention of our readers to the advertisement of Mermod & Jaccard Jewelry Co., St. Louis, which appears in this issue. They are one of the oldest established Jewelry houses in the United States and have the best of reputation. Their goods are always reliable and guaranteed in every respect. We take pleasure in saying to our readers that they need have no hesitancy whatever in dealing with Mermod & Jaccard Jewelry Co., because they will always receive satisfaction and obtain the very best goods manufactured. They offer their very large and beautifully illustrated catalogue free to those who ask for it, and we suggest that if you are thinking of making Holiday presents, that you send for one of their handsome catalogues before making your purchases.

## SPECIAL AGENT.

Rev. L. S. Barton was made special agent for the Superannuated Preachers' Homes for the North Texas Conference. Any new homes to be given, you will communicate with him at Terrell, Texas. But all money for the Palmer Home at Nocona, Texas, will be sent to me. Please send me the amount you wish to give to this, and when enough is sent to pay the small balance we owe on it, I will announce it in the Advocate. It is a \$600 home in memory of the first licensed Methodist preacher in Texas. It has all been paid for but \$85.05 by free will offerings. We want the balance the same way. G. F. BOYD, Gatesville, Texas.

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## To all the Members of the West Texas Conference Brotherhood.

Dear Brethren: According to a change made in our rules at a meeting held during the conference at Cuero, a mortuary fee is to be paid in advance by all the members of our society. Beneficiary members, including superannuated preachers, pay four dollars each and lay members two dollars. All who did not hand in these amounts at conference please send them to treasurer within thirty days. A. W. WILSON, Sec-Treas. Lockhart, Texas, Nov. 15, 1904.

## To the Beneficiary Members of the West Texas Conference Brotherhood.

Dear Brethren: As three of our number superannuated during the conference at Cuero, all beneficiary members, not including superannuated preachers, are due these brethren two dollars each, making superannuating fees six dollars. All who did not pay these fees at Cuero please remit to treasurer within 30 days. A. W. WILSON, Sec-Treas. Lockhart, Texas, Nov. 15, 1904.

## THE RISE OF RICHARD LAFFIN.

Less than twenty-five years ago, Dick Laffin was clerking in a furniture store in Somerville, Mass., at \$10 per week. What was his ambition? To be a horse-car conductor at two dollars a day. Dick urged that a conductor could rise. At nineteen his dream came true. When he wasn't on his car he was studying the road and all its routes and branches, to the amusement of his fellows. But when the company wanted a starter at a certain point he got the job. In a year it wanted a foreman and he got the job. Young but always studying his business and being promoted over older men's heads. Inspector, division superintendent, manager of a great consolidated system, on he went. Big salary, by the by, but Dick was always studying. So now he is general manager of the Manilla Electric Railway, Light and Power Company. Great things to do there, and Dick—Mr. Richard T. Laffin—gets \$40,000 a year, for knowing how to do them. Not many of us can get \$40,000 a year, but isn't there something a little encouraging and instructive in the rise of Dick Laffin, who was always studying, always improving himself?—Everybody's Magazine.

## Corsicana District—First Round.

Brandon, at Mertens, Dec. 5.  
 Frost, at Blue Ridge, Dec. 6.  
 Blooming Grove cir, at Jones R., Dec. 7.  
 Blooming Grove sta, Dec. 7.  
 Richland, at Richland, Dec. 10.  
 Wortham, at Wortham, Dec. 12.  
 Mexia, 7:30 p. m. Dec. 12.  
 Where not otherwise stated it is expected that there will be dinner on the ground and preaching at 11 o'clock and the Quarterly Conference at 2 o'clock p. m.  
 John M. Barcus, P. E.

## Colorado District—First Round.

Snyder and Dunn, at Snyder, Dec. 5.  
 Clairmont mis, at Clairmont, Dec. 7.  
 Dickens mis, at Dickens, Dec. 9.  
 Emma mis, at Emma, Dec. 11.  
 Floydada cir, at Floydada, Dec. 14.  
 Plainview cir, at Hale Center, Dec. 16.  
 Lubbock cir, at Lubbock, Dec. 20.  
 Tahoka mis, at Tahoka, Dec. 22.  
 Colorado mis, at Cuthbert, Dec. 23, Jan. 1.  
 Gail mis, at Gail, Jan. 7, 8.  
 Gomez mis, at Gomez, Jan. 10.  
 Big Springs sta, Jan. 14, 15.  
 Midland sta, Jan. 21, 22.  
 Colorado sta, Jan. 28, 29.  
 District stewards, please meet at Colorado City, Thursday, Dec. 29, at Methodist Church, 2 o'clock p. m. As far as possible let each local preacher be in his first Quarterly Conference, in view of laying out special work for the year.  
 J. T. Griswold, P. E.

## Terrell District—First Round.

Royse, Dec. 4.  
 Forney, Dec. 11.  
 Kaufman, Dec. 18.  
 Terrell, Dec. 25.  
 Reinhardt, at Pleasant Mound, Dec. 31, Jan. 1.  
 Mesquite, at Mesquite, Jan. 2, 3.  
 Fate, at Fate, Jan. 7, 8.  
 Rockwall, at Rockwall, Jan. 8, 9.  
 Crandall, at Sego, Jan. 14, 15.  
 College Mound, Jan. 21, 22.  
 Garland, Jan. 28, 29.  
 Elmo, at Elmo, Feb. 4, 5.  
 Mabank, at Mabank, Feb. 11, 12.  
 Chisholm, at Chisholm, Feb. 18, 19.  
 Kemp, at Kemp, Feb. 25, 26.  
 The district stewards will meet at Terrell at 2 p. m. Wednesday, Dec. 21.  
 O. S. Thomas, P. E.

## Weatherford District—First Round.

Couts Memorial, Dec. 4.  
 First Church, Dec. 4.  
 Mineral Wells, Dec. 11.  
 Weatherford mis, at Bethel, Dec. 17, 18.  
 Aledo, at Aledo, Dec. 24, 25.  
 Millsap, at Millsap, Dec. 31, Jan. 1.  
 Palo Pinto, at Grafard, Jan. 7, 8.  
 Santo, at Santo, Jan. 14, 15.  
 Gordon, etc., at Gordon, Jan. 22, 23.  
 Ranger, at Wayland, Jan. 25.  
 Crystal Falls, at the Falls, Jan. 27.  
 Breckenridge, at E., Jan. 28, 29.  
 Springtown, at Springtown, Feb. 4, 5.  
 Peaster, at Peaster, Feb. 8.  
 Whit and B., at Whit, Feb. 11, 12.  
 Graham mis, at Gooseneck, Feb. 17.  
 Graham sta, Feb. 18, 19.  
 Farmer, at Red Top, Feb. 21.  
 Ellsboro, at Ellsboro, Feb. 22.  
 Throckmorton, at T., Feb. 25, 26.  
 District stewards' meeting at Weatherford at 11 a. m. Dec. 14. Dear stewards, let me urge you to begin your work at once. We lose so much by delay. Follow the Discipline, give all your people a chance, and let not the cause of God and of your families suffer. Encourage your preachers and your brethren by attending the quarterly meetings.  
 E. F. Boone, P. E.

## Georgetown District—First Round.

Georgetown sta, Dec. 3, 4.  
 Bartlett sta, Dec. 11, 12.  
 Temple, First Church, Dec. 17, 18.  
 Temple, Seventh Street, Dec. 18, 19.  
 Fentonville, at Cedar Creek, Dec. 21, Jan. 1.  
 Belton sta, Jan. 1, 2.  
 Troy, at Eddy, Jan. 7, 8.  
 Holland cir, at Wilson Valley, Jan. 11, 12.  
 Granger, at Granger, Jan. 21, 22.  
 Taylor sta, Jan. 28, 29.  
 Taylor Bohemian mis, Jan. 28, 29.  
 Hutto, at Hutto, Feb. 4, 5.  
 Salado, at Prairie Dell, Feb. 11, 12.  
 Florence, at Florence, Feb. 18, 19.  
 North Georgetown, at Berry's Creek, Feb. 25, 26.  
 Moody sta, Mch. 4, 5.  
 District stewards will meet at Georgetown Tuesday, Dec. 6, at 7 p. m. District Conference at Moody March 4 to 6. Bishop E. E. Hoss will preside.  
 J. S. Chapman, P. E.

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## Gatesville District—First Round.

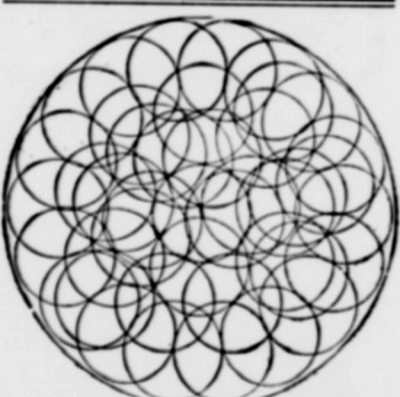
Hamilton, at Hamilton, Dec. 17, 18.  
 Meridian, at Meridian, Dec. 21.  
 V. Mills and Clifton, at Clifton, Dec. 21.  
 Crawford, at Crawford, Dec. 22.  
 Pearl, at Pearl, Dec. 24, 25.  
 Oglesby, at Oglesby, Dec. 28.  
 McGregor, at McGregor, Dec. 29.  
 Brookhaven, at Sparta, Dec. 31, Jan. 1.  
 Killeen and Nolanville, at K., Jan. 1, 2.  
 Jonesboro, at Jonesboro, Jan. 7, 8.  
 Turnersville, at T., Jan. 8, 9.  
 Maxdale, at Maxdale, Jan. 14, 15.  
 China Springs, at China Spgs, Jan. 21, 22.  
 Evans, at Liberty, Jan. 28, 29.  
 Gatesville sta, Jan. 28, 29.  
 Gatesville mis, at W. Ch., Feb. 1.  
 Copperas Cove, at Pideoke, Feb. 11, 12.  
 District stewards will meet in Methodist Church at Gatesville Dec. 8, at 7 o'clock p. m. Where only one day named preaching at night: Quarterly Conference at 1 p. m. W. Turner, P. E.

## Gainesville District—First Round.

Greenwood, Dec. 19, 11.  
 Woodbine, Dec. 17, 18.  
 Sanger and V. V., at Sanger, Dec. 24, 25.  
 Montague, Dec. 31, Jan. 1.  
 Nocona, Jan. 1, 2.  
 St. Jo and Forestburg, Jan. 8, 9.  
 Rosston and Myra, Jan. 15, 16.  
 Other dates later.  
 District stewards meet at Denton Street Church 1:30 p. m. Dec. 17.  
 J. A. Stafford, P. E.

## Vernon District—First Round.

Chillicothe cir, Dec. 9.  
 Quanah sta, Dec. 10, 11.  
 Quanah mis, at Quanah, Dec. 10.  
 Childress sta, Dec. 12.  
 Estelline cir, Dec. 13.  
 Vernon cir, Dec. 17, 18.  
 Vernon sta, Dec. 24, 25.  
 Wellington sta, Dec. 29.  
 Quail cir, Dec. 31, Jan. 1.  
 Crowell cir, Jan. 7, 8.  
 Paducah mis, Jan. 11.  
 Matador cir, Jan. 14, 15.  
 Knox City cir, Jan. 21, 22.  
 Munday and Goree, Jan. 23.  
 Seymour cir, Jan. 25.  
 Spring Creek mis, Jan. 27.  
 Seymour sta, Jan. 28, 29.  
 The district stewards will meet at the district parsonage in Vernon Dec. 6 at 7 p. m. All are requested to be present.  
 J. G. Miller, P. E.



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NOTES FROM THE FIELD.

Big Hill.

F. M. Winburne, Nov. 28: Wife and I reached here yesterday to fill my first appointment for this new Conference year. A large crowd met us at 11 a. m. and I tried my best to preach a good sermon, but had such a cold it was a poor effort. The night service brought an immense crowd to hear the new preacher, and witness the marriage of two beautiful couples. I thought of making one ceremony do for both but I was afraid I'd get matters mixed and marry the wrong fellow to the wrong girl, so I took one couple at a time. My wife laid violent hands on both "fees," and left me blank. Such is the life of a married preacher.

Midlothian.

M. K. Little, Nov. 28: Our Conference is over, and I have returned to serve this church another year, and am the happiest preacher in the Conference. Our church here developed wonderfully last year. We had a fine revival, a good addition, and paid all claims in full. We have sold our parsonage property, and are well on the way with a splendid, modern cottage of seven rooms, which will be among our best in the Conference. Our Conference was the finest session we have ever had. Surely someone has been talking of us Texans to Bishop Hoss, as he seemed to understand our pranks and held us in line under whip and spur, to the end. Never again will it be said that "Mineral Wells can't entertain our Conference." It was an ideal place, and an "at home" in every house. Three cheers for Mineral Wells.

Cason Mission.

C. S. Harkey, Nov. 28: Yesterday closed my year's work. I was only serving as a supply. Have been on the work since the first of April. We had good meetings on the work; about 36 conversions; all collections were paid in full. There were four Churches on the work. Three of them paid the preacher's salary, but one Church was behind at that point. One of the other Churches had not paid the preacher's salary for several years, but I told the people if they would pay out this year, that conference would be likely to send them a "bigger preacher." The people over the entire work opened their hearts and homes to me. Especially do I desire to express my thanks to the people of Cason for their many kind deeds to me while in their midst.

Weatherford.

J. R. B. Hall: We were returned to Courts Memorial, and the good people have received us kindly and have given us many assurances that they were with us. Aside from the many kind expressions, we are glad to report a very substantial pounding, given us Friday night. We feel grateful for all this and pray that God may make us a great blessing to them this year. We are determined to do all we can. May God bless the Advocate.

Tabernaic Church, Houston.

Ellis Smith: This is Saturday night, the 26th inst., and Conference convenes next Wednesday, the 30th. I felt like it was due the charge that others might know something of the splendid record Tabernaic has made for the current year, and that, in the face of some difficulties which are hard to brook in a place like Houston. With a church badly located, and poorly adapted to our needs in any location, the congregation has gone forward to a success that is little short of phenomenal. For the two years past there has been an increase in membership of 122, there have also been new additions to, and increased activity in, every department of the church, and every financial obligation has been met. The assessments for the present year were increased over last, and the report to the Conference is full in every particular and over. The Epworth

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League has raised a special mission fund of \$110, for work in Cuba, and the Junior League has furnished the Sunday School literature for a mission station in the same field. The truth is, it would take a long report to record all the work the Leagues have done. It will be hard to find Leagues doing better work anywhere. The church, in all departments, has raised \$3,200 this year, and yet there is no one of means in the church. This is an increase of \$600 over last year. But we have also had a great meeting in which Bro. Hay and Bro. Konken, of our German church, co-operated. Bro. Jno. E. Green did the preaching in this meeting throughout, and he got the ear of the very best people in the city. His hold upon the people of Houston, after a pastorate in the city of 12 years, is a great testimony to his worth as a minister. Great crowds came to hear him preach, and great conviction rested upon the people. More than fifty united with the Methodist churches, and many others were converted and reclaimed. Whatever else may be said of Jno. Green, no one can hear him through a series without according him a high place as an evangel of the Cross of Christ. He is, in many respects, a great preacher. This meeting was held under a spacious tent, and it was insufficient for the crowds that flocked to hear him. The closing service was one of peculiar power, and the preacher's appeal for "The sanctity of the home" was as fine as I ever heard. We are grateful to God for such a great meeting and for such a good year.

Kennard Circuit.

Jas. W. Allbritten, Nov. 26: We are now in a great rush getting ready for conference. One more Sunday and a meeting of the Official Board, and the "conference year" is over. The people have treated us very kindly these two years, for which we are very proud. The pounding has been a continual thing, never a week that some one does not remember the preacher's family with something nice. They have given us three regular poundings this year, together with several supplements, such as turkey for Thanksgiving, wood. Oh! there are too many things to mention here. Just let your imagination go on and you may come to the end after awhile. "We have had a good year, Bishop," nearly 100 conversions, but I'll make my report next week. Yes, sir, we want to come back. We have bought a parsonage and have it nearly paid for. Dedicated one new church. Conference collections will be in full. The man who is read out for Kennard Circuit next year will have a noble set of people to serve. May the Lord bless these good people.

Laredo.

F. H. C. Elliott: Having been returned for the third year, I have begun my work, and am happy on the way. So many expressions of delight at my return have been made that I feel that I would indeed be ungrateful if I did not work harder than ever for Laredo. The "pounding" arrived on time, and it was a first-class one in every respect. We have an old parsonage renewed throughout, or a new one to build; but, God willing, we expect to accomplish the work. We expect the Advocate to help us greatly in all our work, and believe it to be the best paper in the connection.

RESOLUTIONS OF APPRECIATION.

Woman's Home Mission Society, Millican, Texas.

Whereas, our pastor, Rev. E. S. Hursey, has completed a very successful and satisfactory year's labor among us; and whereas, we consider it a privilege to publicly express our appreciation of his faithful and efficient services; therefore be it

Resolved by the Woman's Home Mission Society of Millican, Texas, That we extend to Brother Hursey our sincere gratitude for the untiring zeal and fidelity which have characterized his ministry; that we invoke heaven's richest blessings upon him and his efficient wife in all their future labors, whether among us or wherever Providence places them, and that we will welcome their return to us.

Further, that these resolutions be placed upon the minutes of the Woman's Home Mission Society, a copy presented to Brother and Sister Hursey, and a copy furnished the Texas Christian Advocate for publication.

Unanimously adopted by the Woman's Home Mission Society.

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Come now, oh weary wanderer, And unto Him bow the knee; He's the way, the life, the truth, And He will make you free.

"If the Son therefore makes you free, ye shall be free indeed."—John 8:36. From what does the Son free us? But now being made free from sin and become servants of God, ye have your fruit unto holiness, and the end, everlasting life (Rom. 6:22), the Son frees us from sin. He says He will cleanse us from all unrighteousness, from all our idols; then "let not sin, therefore, reign in your mortal body."—Rom. 6:12. Does this not teach that we shall be "free, indeed," from sin in this very life? If Christ's blood can free us from a part of our sin, it can free us from a soiled garment spotted with ink is sent to be cleansed. What would one think should it be sent back as a clean garment with only one or two ink spots eradicated? Now a plan which can cleanse one spot from the article cleanses it entirely. Even so in like manner Jesus Christ cleanses us from all sin and makes us free from sin. Just one word on an "order of service." Can we not worship God without a "formula?" What order of service did Peter and John have? Or Paul and Silas when they sang praise to God at midnight in a Roman prison? I fear such surroundings and circumstances as those would break into some orders of service. Does not the Lord say: "Take no thought how or what ye shall speak, for it shall be given you in that same hour what ye shall speak; for it is not ye that speak, but the spirit of your Father which speaketh in you."—Matt 10:19-20. No order of service there. Of course, the order of a service is good for city preachers, busy preachers and those who have not received the Holy Ghost since they believed, but we can praise God off of the Book. GRACE LOGAN.

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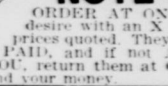
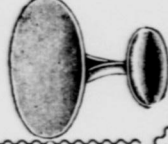
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STANFORD.—Mrs. Lizzie Stanford (nee Harris), wife of R. E. Stanford, was born June 8, 1871, in Lee County, Va., and died, after a short illness at her residence, four miles south of Farmersville, Texas, Nov. 6, 1904, aged 33 years, 4 months and 28 days. About seventeen years ago she was married to R. E. Stanford, who, with her five children, her mother, Mrs. R. D. Harris, three brothers and three sisters and a large number of friends mourn her departure. Her remains, accompanied by a large procession of neighbors and friends, were laid to rest in the Odd Fellows' Cemetery at Farmersville, to await the resurrection morn. The writer, assisted by Bros. Kirby and Keller, conducted the funeral services. At a meeting held by Rev. T. J. Milam about seventeen years ago in the neighborhood, where she has since lived, and died, she professed religion and joined the M. E. Church, South. As her pas or for four years, she impressed me as a Christian of strong and decided convictions of right and wrong and of earnest devotion to duty and her Church. Always kind and cheerful. She thought deeply. Life's realities she seriously considered. In all the relations of life she measured up to a high standard. She was a loving and dutiful child, a kind and considerate sister, an affectionate and devoted wife, a true and careful mother, a kind and helpful neighbor. Previous to her own illness there had been weeks of serious sickness in her family. She prayed for the recovery of her children and on their recovery she rejoiced greatly. She was suddenly taken and said to friends that her sickness was unto death and expressed herself as prepared for the solemn change. She was ready for the summons and hastened to cross the river where the surges cease to roll and there she will watch and wait to give a happy greeting to her precious mother, husband, brothers, sisters and little children. Her death seems to have been untimely. She was in the midst of life, its cares and duties. There is much mystery connected with time. Eternity will give light on the dark scenes of life. Earth has no sorrow that heaven can not heal. How sweet it will be to meet one another again in the wonderful home of our Father's love.

C. I. McWHIRTER.

YOST.—Bro. Phillip Yost was born August 24, 1872; departed this life November 17, 1904. Bro. Phillip was a good young man. He professed religion several years ago, but, like a great many others, he probably did not live up to his privileges as he might have done, but was never wild or dissipated. I have seen him happy many times since that time. Last August at my protracted meeting at Opalin he was greatly revived and joined the M. E. Church, South, and has lived a consistent Christian ever since. He leaves a father and mother, two brothers and two sisters, and a host of friends to mourn his departure, but we faithfully submit to the will of Him who maketh no mistakes. We know where to find him. May the grace of our God comfort the hearts of the sorrowing ones and help us to live better lives, that we may meet him with all the redeemed on the banks of an everlasting deliverance.

T. H. DAVIS, L. D.

BETTS.—Mrs. Sarah C. Betts (nee Carter) was born March 7, 1871, in Oregon County Mo.; departed this life Nov. 16, 1904, at her home near Rowlett Creek Cemetery, where she was laid to rest. Her pastor, Bro. D. L. Coale, assisted by Bro. Fletcher, of Allen, conducted the funeral service, which was very impressive. Sister Betts joined the M. E. Church in Missouri in 1887; was married to A. N. Betts March 4, 1888, at Couch, Mo. They moved to Texas October 22, 1895, took membership with the Methodist Church, at Fannie Harrington Chapel, Bethany, Texas, May, 1904. She was always ready and willing to help in Church work and attend the services. She will be missed by her many friends. She leaves a devoted husband, one son and two little girls to mourn her departure. We pray that God may comfort and help them to live for him until the end.

Piano, Texas. A FRIEND.

BROWN.—God, in His infinite wisdom, has allowed the death angel to visit and take from the home of Brother and Sister M. N. Brown, of Creek, Texas, the sweet spirit of little Lulu, their only daughter. She was born July 24, 1898, and was transplanted in heaven November 14, 1904. She was a loving, obedient child, and loved by all who knew her. Without her home becomes poorer, but heaven is enriched. To the sorrowing parents and grief stricken loved ones we would say, look up, for her sainted spirit is to-day leaving over the battlements of heaven beckoning you to come.

W. W. ADAMS P. C.

MITCHELL.—Frank C. Mitchell, eldest son of Arthur and Fannie Mitchell, was born near Marfa, Texas, April 13, 1896, and died October 24, 1904, at San Marcos, Texas, where he was visiting with his parents. He took diphtheria and lived only a few days. This tells the brief life of a good and noble boy. He was his mother's comfort, his father's joy and loved by all who knew him, but God loved him best, and took him from this world of sin and trouble to be with him forever. The home circle is broken; his chair is vacant. No more will he be in his class at Sabbath-school to welcome me (his teacher) with a bright and loving smile. Dear father and mother, look up; your darling boy is waiting to welcome you on the other shore. Good-bye, Frank, but not forever. We shall see you again bye and bye.

HIS GRANDMOTHER. Marfa, Texas.

GRAY.—Mrs. Mariah Gray (nee Womack) was born in Tennessee, March 23d, 1837; was married to J. B. Gray in 1860; moved to Texas with her husband in 1881, and died at Pinkerton, Texas, October 27, 1904. Her husband preceded her to the spirit land, dying May 11, 1900. Since that time she has lived with her children in Williamson County until the 23d of last September, when she went to Pinkerton, in Haskell County, to visit relatives, and died at the home of her son, J. R. Gray. She had given her heart and life to God, and died in the faith. She was a member of the Methodist Church, but the writer is not prepared to say how long. But she has passed from the Church militant to the Church triumphant. She was the mother of nine children, five of whom still live to mourn her loss. After a long life and its attendant sufferings, God called his servant to her eternal reward. He does all things well; therefore let us say, "Thy will be done." With loving hands we laid her body in the cemetery at Pinkerton to await the glories of the resurrection morn. May God's blessing rest on the bereaved ones.

J. H. CHAMBLISS.

NORTHWEST TEX. CONFERENCE.

Corsicana District—First Round. (In Part.) Brandon, at Mertens, Dec. 5. Frost, at Blue Ridge, Dec. 6. Blooming Grove cir, at Jones R, Dec. 7. Blooming Grove sta., Dec. 7. Richland, at Richland, Dec. 10. Jno. M. Barcus, P. E.

Clarendon District—First Round. Memphis, Dec. 3, 4. Claude, Dec. 10, 11. Canyon City, Dec. 17, 18. Clarendon, Dec. 24, 25. Amarillo, Dec. 31, Jan. 1, 1905. Hereford sta, Jan. 7, 8. Hereford mis, Jan. 8, 9. Channing and Dumas, Jan. 14, 15. Dalhart and Stratford, Jan. 21, 22. Hansford and Hutchinson mis, at Huff's Chapel, Jan. 25. Higgins, Jan. 28, 29. Canadian, Feb. 4, 5. McLane, Feb. 11, 12. Cataline and Shamrock, Feb. 18, 19. Silvertown, Feb. 25, 26. Tulia, Mich. 4, 5.

The District Stewards will meet at the district parsonage in Clarendon Dec. 13, 10 o'clock a. m. We desire as full an attendance as possible. Jas. M. Sherman, P. E.

Waxahachie District—First Round. Midlothian, Dec. 4, 5. Itasca, Dec. 10, 11. Maypearl, at Oak Branch, Dec. 14. Ovilla, at Ovilla, Dec. 16. Hillsboro and Line St., Dec. 18, 19. Waxahachie, Jan. 1, 2. Palmer and Boyce, at Boyce, Jan. 7, 8. Ferris Jan. 8, 9. Forrester, at Forrester, Jan. 11. Venus, at Cahill, Jan. 14, 15. Alvarado, Jan. 15, 16. Bristol, Jan. 21, 22. Ennis, Jan. 22, 23. Milford, at Milford, Jan. 28, 29. Italy, Jan. 29, 30. Bardwell and Avalon, Jan. 30. Grandview, Feb. 4, 5. Red Oak, at Red Oak, Feb. 8. Lovelace, at Woodberry, Feb. 11, 12. Jas. Campbell, P. E.

Fort Worth District—First Round. Riverside, Dec. 10, 11. Glenwood, Dec. 11, 12. Mansfield, Dec. 17, 18. Kennedale, Dec. 18, 19. Polytechnic, Dec. 25, 26. Grapevine, Dec. 31, Jan. 1. Cleburne, Jan. 4. North Cleburne, Jan. 5. Other appointments later. O. F. Sensabaugh, P. E.

Green's Creek cir, at Harbin, Dec. 15. Granbury cir, at Panter, Dec. 17, 18. Granbury sta, at G. p. m. Dec. 18, 19. Iredell and Fairy, at Fairy, Jan. 21, 22. De Leon cir, at De Leon, Jan. 24. Carbon and Gorman, at G, Jan. 25. Eastland cir, at Eastland, Jan. 27. Cisco cir, Jan. 28, 29. Cisco sta, at Cisco, p. m. Jan. 29, 30. Desdemona, at Desdemona, Feb. 1. Carbon, at Bear Springs, Feb. 2. Duffan, at Britton, Chap., Feb. 4, 5. Bluff Dale cir, at Marvin Ch, Feb. 9. Glen Rose cir, at Glen Rose, Feb. 11, 12. Carlton cir, at Fairview, Feb. 18, 19. Huckabay cir, at Oak Dale, Feb. 23. Morgan Mill, at Smith Spgs., Feb. 25, 26. The district stewards are requested to meet in Dublin at the Methodist Church Jan. 29, 2 o'clock p. m. Will say to the stewards in Dublin District that this district made at conference the best report in its history. Let us commence now with head, heart and hand to make this the best of all. E. A. Bailey, P. E.

WEST TEXAS CONFERENCE.

San Antonio District—First Round. Cotulla cir, at Millett, 4th Sun Nov. Hondo, 1st Sun Dec. Pearsall, 2d Sun Dec. Amphion cir, at Amphion, 3d Sun Dec. Devine cir, at Devine, 1st Sun Jan. Eagle Past, 2d Sun Jan. Del Rio, Jan. 11. Del Rio cir, 2d Sun Jan. Bexar cir, at Lytle, 4th Sun Jan. Utopia cir, at Utopia, 5th Sun Jan. Laredo, 1st Sun Feb. Lytle, 2d Sun Feb. West End, Feb. 15. Sherman St., 11 a. m. 3d Sun Feb. South Heights, 7:30 p. m. 3d Sun Feb. Travis Park, 11 a. m. 4th Sun Feb. Prospect Hill, 7:30 p. m. 4th Sun Feb. Carrizo Springs and Batesville, at C. S., 1st Sun Feb. The district stewards will meet at Travis Park Church on the night of Dec. 6. W. J. Johnson, P. E.

Llano District—First Round. Sunny Lane, at Lankford, Dec. 3, 4. Bertram, at Bertram, 11 a. m. Dec. 6. Liberty Hill and Leander, at Leander, 11 a. m. Dec. 7. Burnet and Marble Falls, at B, 11 a. m. Dec. 8. Kingsland, at Kingsland, Dec. 10, 11. Llano, at Llano, 7 p. m. Dec. 12. Kerrville, at K, 7 p. m. Dec. 15. Bandera and Medina, at Tarpley, Dec. 17, 18. Center Point, at C. P. 3 p. m. Dec. 21. Boerne, at Boerne, Dec. 24, 25. San Saba sta, at San Saba, 7 p. m. Dec. 30. San Saba mis, at Chapel, 3 p. m. Dec. 31. Cherokee and Valley Spgs, 9 a. m. Jan. 2. W. H. H. Biggs, P. E.

Austin District—First Round. Webberville cir, at H. Ch, Dec. 3, 4. Manor sta, Dec. 6. South Austin, Dec. 9. Manchaca cir, at Manchaca, Dec. 10, 11. Hotchkiss Memorial, Austin, Dec. 15. Tenth Street, Austin, Dec. 15. Walnut, at Walnut, Dec. 17, 18. LaGrange sta, Dec. 20. West Point cir, at West Point, Dec. 22. Hill's Prairie, at Red Rock, Dec. 24, 25. First Street, Austin, Dec. 29. McDade cir, at McDade, Dec. 31, Jan. 1. Eagle Lake cir, at Eagle Lake, Jan. 7, 8. Columbus sta, Jan. 10, 11. Weimar cir, at Weimar, Jan. 14, 15. The district stewards will please meet me at the Methodist Church, Elgin, at 7:30 p. m. Nov. 30. J. M. Alexander, P. E.

Cuero District—First Round. Flatonia, 1st Sun Dec. Runge, at Runge, 2d Sun Dec. Victoria, 3d Sun Dec. Hallettsville, 4th Sun Dec. Yoakum, 1st Sun Jan. El Campo, at El Campo, 2d Sun Jan. Del Campo, at Markham, 3d Sun Jan. Rancho, at Rancho, 4th Sun Jan. Leesville, at Liberty, 5th Sun Jan. Shiner, at Shiner, 1st Sun Feb. Port Lavaca, at Port L., 2d Sun Feb. Nursery, at Nursery, 3d Sun Feb. Cuero, 4th Sun Feb. Clear Creek, at Clear Creek, 1st Sun Feb. J. C. Wilson, P. E.

San Marcos District—First Round. Waelder, Dec. 3, 4. Seguin, Dec. 4, 5. Kyle, Dec. 10, 11. Buda, Dec. 11, 12. Belmont, Dec. 17, 18. Luling, Dec. 18, 19. Gonzales, Dec. 21. Lockhart, Jan. 1. San Marcos, Jan. 8, 9. Pleasant Grove, at Martindale, Jan. 14, 15. Pimont, at MacMahon, Jan. 21, 22. Dripping Springs, at Driftwood, Jan. 28, 29. Where one Sunday is given to two places, the first named will have the morning service and the second will have the evening service. Jno. W. Stovall, P. E.

Beeville District—First Round. Corpus Christi, Dec. 3, 4. Pecosanton, Dec. 10, 11. Floresville, Dec. 13. Goliad, Dec. 17, 18. Beeville, Dec. 20. Rockport, Jan. 7, 8. Kenedy, Jan. 14, 15. Mathis, Jan. 21, 22. Oakville, Jan. 28, 29. Stockdale, Feb. 4, 5. Lavernia, Feb. 11, 12. Brownsville, Feb. 18, 19. Berclair, at B, Feb. 25, 26. J. F. Webb, P. E.

There is no Thanksgiving without gratitude and giving.

CHRISTMAS HOLIDAY RATES.

The Rock Island System and connections has authorized one fare plus two dollars for the round trip to points in Tennessee, Alabama, Mississippi, Florida, Georgia, Kentucky, North and South Carolina, on December 20, 21, 22 and 26, limited thirty days for return. This system has through service to Memphis and connects there in union depot with all lines, thus avoiding transfer across town. The General Passenger Agent, Mr. Phil A. Auer, Fort Worth, Texas, will be glad to send rates from your station, details of service, connections, changes of cars, etc.

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**A CONTINUAL FEAST.**

Having finished our year's work, during the interval of our rest and preparation for the ensuing year we attended both the West and Northwest Texas Conferences. They were to me a great source of inspiration and pleasure—a continual feast. It was indeed uplifting to view in one body so many having the same lofty purpose—the salvation of the world.

Any one who heard Bishop Hoss on Sunday morning at Mineral Wells could not deplore the loss of the old-time spiritual power. The love-feast occasion at both conferences was of the true type—expressions of love for God and one another. The testimonies of the old veterans who, through sunshine and shadow, had stood by the cross, and who still reckoned it "better further on," simply lifted me out of myself and I resolved to press forward.

From Dr. Steel's address at Cuero on "Old Methodism" I learned to love and prize the Church more. I am a truer Methodist for having heard Dr. Steel, and can better understand the sentiment of the song—

"For her my tears shall fall,  
To her my prayers ascend, etc."

He soared and fairly sang her praises, and still you realized there were heights yet unknown to be reached in her future.

During Bro. W. J. Moore's sermon on "Personal Work," I reviewed a life of a thousand misappropriated opportunities, and also made a thousand resolutions for the future. How he makes you see yourself just as you are!

Then there was Dr. Lambuth, so well known; Bro. Hendry and Miss Hughes, of China, whose talk of the greatness of their work and the greatness of its need made me long to lift the world of humanity in my arms and bring it to Jesus.

The words and great thoughts of many others inspired me to make preparations to be used more effectively in the work of the new year.

May God help us to be faithful—and that means everything.

MRS. A. P. LOWREY,  
Mineral Wells, Texas.

**LOVE FOR ONE ANOTHER.**

In the Texas Christian Advocate of the 24th of November, you give us an editorial on "God Delights in Our Love for Him." It occurred to this writer that one ought to give expression of our love for one another as well. St. Paul gave expression of his love to his brethren time and again, as we gather from his epistles. He addressed them

**AN APPRECIATIVE LETTER.**

You, through your brotherly kindness, published in the dear old Advocate an article on the lessons of affliction I wrote from personal experience about April, 1903. From the readers of that article I received some very pathetic letters indeed, some actually inclosing cash as a thank offering, for which they have my grateful thanks. The dear ones who wrote those letters don't know, nor perhaps never will know, this side of judgment, the comfort and encouragement they were to me. I have them filed away, and it is a real comfort to my soul yet to get them and re-read them. I have not the pleasure of being personally acquainted with those precious saints of the living God, but I can't help but believe when we get to the kingdom they will be revealed to me face to face as the dear ones that penned those precious lines of comfort and encouragement to me (a poor shut-in) in this life, and they will hear the applause, "Inasmuch as ye did it unto one of the least of these my brethren, ye did it unto me."

My dear reader, during the first part of this year (like Bro. E. L. Armstrong, of Corsicana, Tex.), I was called upon to wade through the deep waters and the darkest hours of my life. My dear companion, who had been my comfort and stay for 32 years, passed away to glory and left us sad, sad, so sad and lonely, but for the presence of the Holy Comforter and my brother and sister. What would the religion of our Lord Jesus Christ be worth to us in this life without a personal manifestation of its possession? Hence we have holy writ for it that he will manifest himself unto us as he doth not unto the world. Therefore, bless the Lord, we are not left to grope our way in darkness, not knowing whether we are right or wrong in this life (as some would have us believe), but we have the personal evidence in our souls that we are still on the way, and, bless God from whom all blessings come, we will soon meet again our loved ones that have beat us and got there first and saw Jesus, where we will never be called on to say the sad good-bye and have our eyes red and swollen from weeping any more, but our joy will be for evermore. By an eye of faith we can see the joy of the kingdom, but can't express it, and in our troubles we have his precious word for it that he will never leave us nor forsake us, and he will be with us in the sixth trial, and in the seventh he will not forsake us then. Dear child of God, let us rejoice that he will stand by us and keep us unto eternal life.

Now, my dear old Advocate, a few more words, and then I have finished. On December 23, 1903, a dear nephew, a good Baptist—Mr. Andrew McMillan, of Desdemona, Eastland County, Tex.—made me a Christmas present of a year's subscription to the Advocate—a paper I have long wanted—and now for eleven months it has made its regular weekly visits to my shut-in home on each Saturday, laden as it is with its many good things for the soul to feast upon, and no one but myself knows how I have enjoyed perusing its pages; for it brings light and sunshine to our home each week; it gives us the joys and sorrows of the dear saints from Tennessee to the Golden Gate at San Francisco, and from Wyoming to Galveston; it gives us the details of the many hard battles fought for the Master's cause, and the hundreds and thousands of souls captured from Satan for the kingdom of heaven; it gives us news of the heroic courage of the old and young battle-scarred ministerial servants as they wield the sword of gospel truth and will not retreat nor surrender till death forces them to surrender and say, "I have fought a good fight, I have kept the faith, and am now ready to be offered up, for the time of my departure is at hand." Bless God for these old veterans. It gives us news of Dr. G. C. Rankin, as he has wielded the sword that cut right and left in the hard fought battle for local option, with almost lion-like courage, yet with a true Christian spirit, and can claim victory conquered through Him that loved us when the army of the beer forces was so large and so bitter against him. Bless the Lord for such an editor to lead his reading hosts to victory in the right cause. It keeps us right at Bishop Hoss' heels as he hurries from place to place to preach the everlasting gospel in his own sweet way and lead the Methodist hosts to success from conference to conference. Well do we remember three years ago when, at our own Davidson campground, he preached one of his master sermons, in his own sweet and pathetic way, and paid a tribute to his sainted mother that melted his audience of perhaps three thousand to tears and shouts. Not tears of sorrow and grief—oh no—but tears of joy and gladness that such mothers ever lived to bless the world with such preachers as Bishop Hoss. There are

G. S. SANDEL.

The growing of strawberries has become quite an industry in our section of the United States. The reason is plain. The strawberry is a plant that can be made to grow profitably on almost any soil, and it is sure of a ready market. "Strawberry Culture" is the name of a booklet that is being sent out by the German Kall Works, 33 Nassau St., New York, N. Y. Send for one; it is free, and it contains valuable information on the subject.

**N. W. T. CONFERENCE APPOINTMENTS CORRECTIONS.**

J. A. Swinney was appointed to Gomez Mission, in the Colorado District, and A. B. Roberts is supernumerary. It reads in The Advocate that A. B. Roberts is supply, C. S. Field is appointed to Merkel Station, in Abilene District, and not C. T. Todd, as The Advocate has it.

E. A. SMITH.

many, yes, many more good things that I have enjoyed in its columns which I would like to mention, but I fear now I have intruded on your space, and perhaps your patience as well. And now, in one short month my subscription expires, and then I must say a sad good-bye to the dear old Advocate and its pastoral visits each week to my home. I haven't heard but one sermon preached away from my home for over 20 years. I am trying to be patient till the end comes, and trust I may glorify God in some humble way while I stay, for I feel his presence with me. May God bless the Advocate, its noble editor, and his large family of readers, and may we all finally meet in that sweet and happy home of the blessed.

A. A. McMILLAN.

Alpine, Ark.

**RESOLUTIONS OF APPRECIATION.**

Whereas, Our beloved pastor, Rev. J. W. Storey, after closing out four years of his time with us, has been compelled by the law of our Church to leave us; and,

Whereas, He has endeared himself to us by his many admirable traits of character; therefore be it

Resolved, That we, his Board of Stewards, feel it but fitting that we give expression to our appreciation of his fidelity to duty, his courage in meeting the obligations of his position among us, his genuine Christian patience and bearing under the continued sickness of his wife, the uniform courtesy and brotherly love he has shown to us during his sojourn among us, and for his able, earnest and spiritual sermons, which have been the means of strengthening the Church and tended to the uplift of the community.

Resolved, That we part with him with genuine regret, and that our prayers shall attend him in his new field of labor, and that we commend him to the brotherly love and support of the brethren of Gatesville, to which point he has been transferred, and we invoke God's richest blessings upon himself and family.

Resolved, That these resolutions be spread upon our minutes, a copy be handed to him, a copy be sent to the Board of Stewards at Gatesville, and a copy be furnished the Texas Christian Advocate.

- C. C. HOOPER, President.
- J. S. JONES, Sec. and Treas.
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Taylor, Texas.

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San Antonio, Texas.

**DO YOU WANT TO GO WEST?**

There is a fine opening in Alamo-gordo, N. M., for a milliner and a boarding house keeper. I will gladly correspond with any Methodists who wish to take advantage of these openings.

F. E. SINGLETON,  
Pastor M. E. Church, South.

**TO WEST TEXAS PASTORS.**

I desire to call particular attention to the action of the West Texas Conference in organizing a "Conference Sunday-school Home Department" for the benefit of isolated families on ranches and elsewhere, out of reach of the local Sunday-school. I earnestly urge every pastor to secure the names and postoffice addresses of such families, so that I may have the proper literature put into their hands at once. Send the names and postoffice addresses direct to me, and I will attend to the rest. I am anxious to get these names in time to put the first quarter's literature in their hands at once.

F. H. C. ELLIOTT, Supt.  
Laredo, Texas.

**AN APPEAL FOR HELP.**

Rev. M. R. T. Davis, of the North Texas Conference, is in our town and in a helpless condition. He and his family are dependent upon others. His health is gone and he needs help. May I ask his friends through the Advocate to assist him in this hour of affliction and distress. I know him well. I also know his condition and know that he needs help. His wife wants to send him off for treatment. Will the brethren not assist her? If so, send contributions to Fred Lane, Baird, Texas.

J. D. ODOM.

**INFORMATION WANTED.**

Can any of the ministers of the Texas Conferences give me the address of Rev. John T. James, who went from Virginia to Texas four or five years ago? My address is Clinton, Okla.

J. W. CAMPBELL,  
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**Y. M. C. A. WORK.**

Mr. P. N. Ingraham, who for a year and a half has been engaged in the Y. M. C. A. work at Temple and Galveston, Texas, where he has been put in charge of the association as General Secretary.

My postoffice address is Aubrey, Texas, and my book (Constance Wright) can be ordered from here, or from the Branch House, Dallas.

W. S. MAY.

Aubrey, Texas.

**NOTICE FOR NORTH TEXAS CONFERENCE.**

The subscriptions made at Bonham to meet the deficit in the assessment for the Episcopal residence should be paid to Rev. G. W. Owens, Dallas, Texas. So send check or money order for the amount subscribed, to him, on or before Jan. 1, 1905.

JOHN M. MOORE,  
For the Special Committee.

**THE LITTLE LIGHT.**

A little boy was visiting at a light-house. He had come with his mother that morning in a row boat, and all day had been delighted with the strange and new things in the home on the rocks. "But the night will be the most interesting time of all," he said to his mother.

When the darkness began to gather his uncle stood at the foot of the narrow, winding stairs and said: "Come up with me." Freddy was surprised, for in his uncle's hand there was no big, blazing light—just a candle burning away with its tiny flame.

"Why are you going into the glass room?" asked the little fellow.

"I'm going to show the ships out at sea where the harbor is," answered his uncle.

"No ship could see such a little light," said the disappointed boy. But by that time they were in the glass room, and a great light was streaming across the sea. The little candle had lighted the big lamp. You can not shine very far from Jesus, perhaps; but keep your little light bright and trust Him to make use of it.—Jewels.

A Welshman, after attempting to take part in a prayer-meeting conducted in English, and finding it very difficult to express the fervor of his heart in the partially acquired tongue, suddenly broke the halting and laborious sentences with a joyful exclamation, "Lord, I thank thee that thou knowest Welsh!" and straightway launched upon the sea of gutturals which came so readily to his lips.

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