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Editorial.

A WISE AND TIMELY DELIVERANCE.

We quote the following words from the Fort Worth Record, and they are wise and to the point: "The local option question comes nearer to the home than any other. The Constitution of the State has very wisely provided that it shall be regulated in the several communities as the majority of the people desire, and in numerous counties in the State they have passed on it. The sentiment of a community can be judged by the majority vote of the people on an important issue. The sentiment in these dry counties has been declared against the saloon, and that sentiment should be respected. There is hardly a prohibition county in Texas in which the saloon men have respected that sentiment. They violate it openly in some cases; in others they do it with skulking criminals who retail the liquor from their bootlegs, and in still others they do it with the blind tiger or cold storage joint. The Record does not intend to get into a prohibition discussion, but the Record does believe that law violators should stop, and it is time the officers of the several counties were taking warning from the tragedy which was enacted at Hempstead and were putting the screws on the violators of every article and section of the law." In a previous issue we have showed that the question of local option was not the cause of the awful tragedy at Hempstead, but it was the occasion for it. The real cause roots itself into personal matters of long standing, but the unfortunate parties to it were on either side of the local option question. They were already mad and only needed an occasion for an outbreak. The occasion came when the good citizens met at the court house in a peaceable gathering to ask Governor Lanham to station some Rangers in Hempstead to see that the law would be enforced. The anti—that is, the lawless element among them—had been defying the law, and the local officers had failed to do their duty in its enforcement. This brought the law-abiding element to the court house on that fatal night. One leading man who belonged to the other faction and who was under the influence of liquor also attended the meeting and precipitated the trouble in which he lost his life and also three other leading citizens. Down at the bottom of the whole thing was a lawless spirit. The lawlessness inspired its diabolism with red liquor and the deadly six-shooter did the rest. The Record is eminently correct when it says that the people are entitled to the benefit of local option when a majority of them vote to have it. And it is more than eminently correct when it says: "There is hardly a prohibition county in Texas in which the saloon men have respected that sentiment. They violate it openly in some cases; and in others they do it with skulking criminals who retail the liquor from their bootlegs, and in still others they do it with the blind tiger or cold storage joint." They did it in Hempstead and back of them was the

decision of one of our high courts permitting this class to invade that and other communities and take orders and deliver liquor in local option sections with impunity. With this advantage on their side they have gone and are going to their full length in defying the laws of the State. And when the peaceable citizens of Hempstead met to ask the Governor to come to their relief, whiskey, no doubt illicitly gotten, thrust itself among them in the person of a poor drunken man, and death and slaughter are the result. Had it not been for this attempt to override the law, and had it not been for the flagrant negligence of the local officers, this gathering of the citizens of Hempstead would have never heard a shot and to-day her citizens would not be bowed down in sorrow, shame and disgrace. When will the people awake to the fact that red liquor inspires all these deeds of murder and lawlessness? It is in every neighborhood feud, every local quarrel, every election held in the State and every act of devilry that hurts our common humanity. The Daily Record sizes up the situation, and it is high time that all our metropolitan dailies were putting themselves in line against the bloody work of the liquor devil.

THE SIX-SHOOTER AND RED LIQUOR

Time and again we have called the attention of our law-makers to the necessity for stringent laws touching the crime of pistol carrying. Yet that body gives but little heed to the imperative demand. As a result every cowardly villain in the country has one or more of these death-dealing instruments secretly buckled round his person. This makes it necessary, so it is claimed, for other men to also go armed with these death angels. So we can safely say that a large number of our Texas citizens are to-day walking arsenals. No wonder that when trouble comes up between two men, or between factions of men, six-shooters are in appalling evidence. Every hardware store and every junk shop carries a full supply of these formidable weapons and anybody can buy them from the boot-black to the gentleman of leisure. We have such a lax law on the subject of carrying these small arms that people have no respect for the penalty. We have noticed that recently one of the prosecuting attorneys of the State has been arrested twice for carrying a deadly weapon. In one case he submitted and paid his little fine and the other is pending. Think of it! A man whom the people elected to enforce the law is going round violating the law and confessing to it! And if he were alone in the offense we would hardly mention it in these columns. Now take one of these war-like citizens with a pistol on his person and pour a little red liquor down his throat and you have an incarnate devil going about seeking whom he may devour. These two twin demons have put more men in their graves in Texas within the past fifty years than all other causes of violence combined. It is their business to kill and to destroy. And when they have done it, those who have been guilty have, for the most part, gone scot-free. There is

scarcely sentiment enough in the State to send a murderer to the penitentiary, much less to hang him for his crime. When the reverse is true, it is the exception. No wonder that a smoking hell was uncapped and turned loose in Hempstead a few days ago. It is the result of a half century of the reign of the six-shooter and red liquor. They have stalked abroad over the State all these years, and the law has never laid its determined hand upon them. It has only temporized with them. Their bloody work can be traced from the center to the rim of Texas and the graves which they have digged are so many bloody pits in the soil of Texas. They have brought sorrow to our homes, want to widows and orphans and shame and disgrace to the citizenship of the State. Yet the only law we have against pistol toting is a twenty-five-dollar fine, and the law against the saloon is but a trifle better. When people vote red liquor out of a community the courts come along and say the law is not constitutional, in most instances. Look at these two monsters—the six-shooter and red liquor—and as you recount their vices and immoralities and crimes, give yourself no rest until you put men in the Legislature who will make it a severe crime to keep for sale a six-shooter and who will make it a felony to carry one on the person. No man is fit to live in a community who goes swaggering round with one of these deadly weapons on his person, and no man ought to be allowed to do business in a community who keeps these swamp angels for sale. We have had enough of them in Texas. Yes, we have had ten times too much of them. And let the people continue to vote out red liquor despite the adverse decisions of the courts. We will land by and by with both these questions. Moral sentiment is making progress and in the end right will surely triumph.

GAMBLING CAN NOW BE STOPPED.

The laws against gambling in Texas have been very lax, and public sentiment touching the crime has been even laxer. On account of this the officers of the law have given but little special attention to the vice and crime of gambling. But public sentiment is changing and we are moving up a few notches on the subject. El Paso, the last place in the State where we would have looked for anything in the nature of reform, has demonstrated that gambling in connection with saloons can be stopped. This evil reached such a pitch over there that the better element of the people resolved to slow it down, even if they failed to break it up. So they banded themselves together, got the evidence beyond any doubt of the existence of the evil in nearly all the saloons and proceeded to bring suit against the bondsmen of the saloons for \$5000 in each case, because the bond of a liquor dealer forbids gaming in his place of business or in connection with it. This did the work. Gambling ceased instant. When you thus knock the liquor dealer's bondsmen you strike something very tender. So our Dallas County Attorney, Hatton W. Summers, has gone to work and indicted about twenty of the liquor dealers' bondsmen on their bonds, and things are

getting more than lively. Why did not our authorities think of this before? Well, we are glad they have awoken to the existence of this law at last. Now something is doing. But this is not our only recourse. The Legislature now in session has given us another law even more drastic, and it is now in operation under its emergency clause. We here copy it in full:

"Section 1. The habitual use, actual, threatened or contemplated of any premises, place, building or part thereof, for the purpose of gaming or of keeping or exhibiting games prohibited by the laws of this State, shall be enjoined at the suit either of the State or any citizen thereof.

"Any person who may so use or threaten or contemplate so to use or who may aid or abet, or who may threaten or contemplate to aid or abet such use of any premises, place or building or part thereof, may be made a party defendant in such suit.

"Sec. 2. The Attorney General and the several District and County Attorneys shall institute and prosecute all suits that said Attorney General or such District or County Attorney may deem necessary to enjoin such use; provided, that such may be brought and prosecuted by any one of said officers; and provided further, that nothing in the above proviso contained shall prevent such injunctions from issuing at the suit of any citizen of this State, who may sue in his own name and such citizen shall not be required to show that he is personally injured by the acts complained of.

"Sec. 3. The procedure in all cases brought hereunder shall be the same as in other suits for injunction, as near as may be; provided, that when the suit is brought in the name of the State by any of the officers aforesaid, the petition for injunction need not be verified.

"Sec. 4. The fact that there is no adequate remedy to suppress gaming houses in this State creates an emergency and an imperative public necessity that the constitutional rule requiring bills to be read on three several days be suspended and that this act take effect and be in force from and after its passage, and it is so enacted."

So under this injunction privilege every suspected gambling place in any community can be permanently closed. If the local authorities will not do it, then any private citizen can proceed to have it done. We can even call on the Attorney General at Austin and get his co-operation, if the County Attorney refuses to act. In places like Laredo this alternative will have to be adopted, and it will be done. No excuse now for not sealing up every gambling hall in Texas. Good for Texas!

Christ says, "Which of you convinceth me of sin?" And no man living or dead has been able to answer the question in the affirmative. There is no flaw, or wrinkle, or any such thing, found in him. Yet no character has ever been so thoroughly sifted and investigated as that of Christ. For two thousand years he has been under the search-light of critical inquiry. And now, behold him, unscathed and unimpeached!

CLARENDON DISTRICT CONFERENCE.

One of the greatest conferences in the history of the district was that one just closed. Many said it was more like an Annual Conference than any other District Conference they ever attended.

We found Bro. Dodson, the pastor, and Bro. Hardy, President of the college, in the midst of a revival, which was especially effective in the student body, every girl and all but two boys in the dormitories having made a profession of religion. The preaching of the conference was on the revival order, and was pronounced to be the best ever heard by any present on a similar occasion. At several of the services there were professions of faith in Christ, and the Church was greatly helped and our hearts "strangely warmed."

The initial service on Wednesday evening was conducted by Rev. T. S. Barcus, of Hereford, who preached a good, helpful sermon, calling for penitents at the close. Several came, and there were two conversions.

On account of recent heavy rains all over the Panhandle all trains were delayed, and but a small number of delegates answered to roll call Thursday morning, but every train brought additions to the number, until by Friday every charge was represented, and some of them with their full quota.

At 8:15 Thursday morning Dr. S. E. Burkhead, of Clarendon College, opened the conference with Scripture reading and prayer, and an excellent address from Ephesians 3:16. The service closed with a rousing, spiritual song, and Presiding Elder James M. Sherman formally opened the conference for business. J. Winford Hunt was elected Secretary, and the roll was called, after which Mayor A. M. Beville, of Clarendon, welcomed the visitors and delegates in a short speech, largely on the reminiscent order, going over the history of Methodism in the Clarendon District. J. Winford Hunt, of Channing, responded in a humorous vein, saying that methodistically we all admitted that Clarendon was "it," that educationally and religiously she was "litter, ittest," and, altogether, the "fittest it that ever 'it' the Panhandle."

Drs. W. L. Nelms, of Georgetown, and J. L. Morris, presiding elder of the Dallas District, were called forward by the chair and introduced, as were also Dr. S. E. Burkhead and President G. S. Hardy, of Clarendon College.

As so few delegates had as yet arrived, after fixing the hours of convening and adjournment, the morning session was brought to a close and the regular program, which was a missionary one, taken up at 2 o'clock p. m.

At 11 o'clock Dr. Nelms, representing the Southwestern University, delivered a magnificent address on "Christian Education." All pronounced it the best thing of the kind they ever heard. The address will undoubtedly strengthen the cause up this way and secured several students for the Summer School of Theology also.

Rev. W. A. Derriek conducted the devotional service at 2 o'clock p. m., and, after reading of the morning minutes, the Committees on License to Preach, Deacons and Elders' Orders were appointed by the chair, and the Secretary read two communications from the Publishing House and one from the Medical Department of Southwestern University were read, and the regular program taken up. Special speakers represented the different subjects, and then a general discussion took place.

As the Mission Board had no representative present, Dr. Nelms, at the request of the chair, filled that capacity, and asked that the discussion take the following course:

1. Missionary organizations.
2. Methods.
3. Conditions.
4. Literature read and how circulated.

This line was closely adhered to by all speakers.

The Woman's Home and Foreign Missionary Societies were then given an opportunity to report through their respective representatives, and Dr. Nelms represented the Texas Christian Advocate.

This was one of the most interesting and helpful sessions of the entire conference, and the reports showed a most gratifying advance in missionary sentiment and work all over the district. The report of Mrs. J. T. Coulter, District Secretary of the Foreign Mission Work, was read, and the session adjourned until 8:15, at which hour Dr. Nelms preached a grand sermon, followed by several conversions.

Friday morning's devotional service was led by Rev. J. E. Stephens, and the principal work of the morning was the appointment of Committees on Public Worship, Missions, Quarterly Conference Records, and the election of a new Board of Trustees for the district property as follows: Hon. Otis True-love, of Amarillo; J. N. Donohoo, of Canyon City, and Charles A. Burton, of Clarendon; also the election of a new Board of Trustees for Clarendon College as follows: Dr. J. D. Stocking, J.

N. Donohoo, John B. Pope, Henry W. Taylor, W. P. Powell, W. F. White, Chas. A. Burton, Joe J. Mickle, T. J. Noland, Rev. C. N. N. Ferguson, Rev. J. E. Stephens, Rev. M. E. Hawkins, Rev. Jas. Winford Hunt, Rev. W. R. Thornton; ex-officio members: Rev. Jas. M. Sherman, Rev. B. W. Dodson, Rev. J. T. Griswold, Rev. J. G. Miller.

The reports of the pastors on the general conditions of the work were taken up, and continued until 10:55 a. m.

At 11 o'clock Dr. Morris preached a great sermon; the Holy Spirit was graciously present, and there went up a few old-fashioned Methodist shouts, during the handshaking service, that followed the sermon.

The Friday afternoon devotional service was conducted by Rev. T. F. Robeson, and the business session proceeded with reports of pastors, showing the work generally to be in really fine condition and a very optimistic feeling prevailing all over the district.

Rev. T. S. Barcus made a brief and forcible speech, representing Southwestern University, and reports of local preachers were taken up, characters passed and licenses renewed.

At 4 o'clock p. m. the conference adjourned to visit the college grounds per invitation of the faculty. A fine program was rendered by the music and elocution pupils and teachers, and the visitors were shown through the building and over the grounds. All were delighted with fine showing made, and the progress evident in every department. Truly we have the finest training school in Southern Methodism, as shown by the fact that we lead all others in our representation at Georgetown this year, and the still more gratifying fact that they are making fine records, many leading their respective classes. In seven years of work in this sparsely settled region Methodism has a \$25,000 educational plant fairly well equipped, with a matriculation of 250 this year, and going orthodoxy on to perfection in all departments.

Saturday morning's devotional service was conducted by Rev. Sam'l B. Sawyer, after which the conference settled down to the rapid transaction of business. The call of the local preachers was completed, and Rev. John R. Nelson was introduced to the conference and made a short address in the interests of the Medical Department of Southwestern University.

Committee on License to Preach and Recommendation to the Annual Conference for Admission on Trial reported favorably on W. P. McMillen, and Otis McCall for license to preach and V. H. Trammell and Leslie Robeson for admission. On ballot all were unanimously chosen.

Prof. John B. Bishop, of Channing, was introduced and represented Polytechnic Normal School, Fort Worth, in a short and interesting address.

Conference rested from its labors at 10:55, and at 11 Rev. C. N. N. Ferguson preached a very fine sermon, and at the close a collection, amounting to \$817.50, was taken for Clarendon College.

The afternoon devotional service was conducted by Rev. L. Buford Sawyer, and conference hastily proceeded to finish its work, hearing committee reports and electing delegates to the Annual Conference as follows:

A. M. BEVILLE, of Clarendon.
A. M. WORKS, of Amarillo.
JOHN B. BISHOP, of Channing.
REV. J. A. LANEY, of Clarendon.

Alternates:
Prof. W. F. Johnston, Clarendon.
W. D. Fisher, Canadian.

Canadian was chosen as the place for the next District Conference.

This closed the business, and the session was adjourned and the District League Conference instantly convened by President George Harris.

A very interesting program had been prepared. Rev. L. Buford Sawyer was elected Secretary Pro Tem.

Addresses by Messrs. Hughes, of Hereford; Graham, of Clarendon; Bishop, of Channing, and others on League work were good and to the point.

Officers for the ensuing year were elected as follows: District President, J. Winford Hunt; Secretary, Miss Ada Hawkins; Vice-President, C. C. Chenoweth; Treasurer, T. E. Graham. At 8:15 p. m. Rev. J. Winford Hunt, of Channing, preached the League sermon. Special music had been prepared for the occasion, and a very helpful service resulted.

Sunday was red-letter day—in fact red alphabet day—for Clarendon and the conference.

Dr. Alonzo Monk, of Fort Worth, was present. Is it necessary to make further comment? Well, isn't he just grand! The church was crowded almost to suffocation, and every hearer was amply rewarded. At the close of that wonderful sermon the subscription list to Clarendon College was swelled to \$2500 to meet current expenses.

Miss Gable Betts conducted a fine Junior League rally at 3 p. m. and Rev. Geo. F. Harris the Senior League rally

at 4 o'clock. This was addressed by Dr. Monk in one of his characteristic speeches.

John R. Nelson preached to a crowded house at 8:15. It was a sweet, soul-inspiring discourse. At the close he got a good, healthy subscription to the Medical School.

So closed the greatest conference in the history of Clarendon District.

Rev. Geo. F. Harris conducted the music, and, as usual, was a success. Misses Mary Burkhead and Gertrude Sherman, soloists, and Miss Wright, with the violin, and Mrs. Tresise at the fine, new pipe organ (of which, by the way Bro. Dodson is so proud, he talks in his sleep about it), deserve special mention.

Resolutions of thanks to Bros. Dodson and Hardy and all the good people of Clarendon for hospitality and courtesies were adopted, and then we went our various ways rejoicing.

J. WINFORD HUNT.

THE GAINESVILLE DISTRICT CONFERENCE.

The Gainesville District Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South, met in Krum, Texas, April 27, 1905, at 8:45 a. m., with Rev. J. A. Stafford, presiding elder, in the chair. All the preachers and a large number of laymen were in attendance. Rev. W. H. Vaughan, Business Manager of the Orphanage, and Dr. John R. Nelson, Commissioner to the Medical Department of the Southwestern University, were present at the opening session looking after their respective works. Bro. Vaughan was given the right-of-way, and he preached a brand-new sermon (?) (so he says), and took up a collection. Dr. Nelson spoke at length relative to the Medical Department of the Southwestern University, followed with a collection.

The reports of the pastors showed an advance movement in all lines of Church work, such as the organization of new Sunday-schools, Epworth Leagues and missionary societies. A great deal of material improvements on churches and parsonages has been accomplished. A few revivals have already been held, with good results. Some reported conversions at regular Sunday services, and taking everything in consideration the prospects are fine for a great year with us. Special attention was given to unoccupied territory within the bounds of our district, and a committee was appointed, composed of the presiding elder and one layman from each charge, to employ a District Missionary and Colporteur. A much needed movement in the right direction.

C. P. Martin was recommended to the Annual Conference for admission on trial; H. H. Goode and W. T. Harris were recommended for readmission, while C. P. Martin and R. E. Dickard goes up for deacon's orders.

The devotional services and preaching were deeply spiritual, and a very enjoyable occasion. Brotherly love prevailed and the power of God was upon the people; some shouted, while others praised the Lord, and we all left our homes, realizing in our hearts that God had visited us. Bro. Stafford makes a fine presiding officer. Nothing escapes his attention. Kind and patient, he makes the most timid of us feel free and at home. While the conference is now a thing of the past, there linger pleasant memories of one of the most enjoyable District Conferences we ever attended.

Nocona was unanimously selected as the place for holding the next conference. W. T. HARRIS, Dist. Sec.

McKINNEY DISTRICT CONFERENCE.

This body, composed of the preachers and delegates in the McKinney District, North Texas Annual Conference, was held in the First Methodist Church in McKinney, Texas, April 27-29, 1905. Rev. I. W. Clark is the aggressive presiding elder. Promptly at nine o'clock Tuesday morning, April 27th, the conference was called to order. The roll call showed that a large per cent of the preachers and delegates were present, and after appointing the usual committees the conference proceeded to business. There were a number of distinguished visitors present. Among them Dr. Jno. R. Nelson, of the medical department of the Southwestern University; Rev. W. H. Vaughan, of the Orphanage at Waco; Rev. R. W. Thompson, of Dallas, traveling agent of the Orphanage; "Uncle Buck Hughes," of Dallas, and Dr. G. C. Rankin, the distinguished editor of the Texas Christian Advocate, and our own Conference Missionary Secretary, Rev. C. A. Spragins; Rev. Jas. W. Hill, of Denison Station, North Texas Conference, who represented the Church Extension Board of the conference. Fellowship and brotherly love pervaded the conference. The presiding elder, Rev. I. W. Clark, presided over the conference, having already won the affections of the preachers and delegates in the district. The conference was beautiful in spirit and the interest of the Church

was placed above every other interest. Many of the local preachers were present and made their reports, others sent reports, and the local preachers were made to feel that they are an important factor in Methodism. A great many important things were done by the conference, and none of more importance than setting on foot a movement to erect or secure a home for the presiding elder. The district already having made excellent progress, and now having assumed all the proportions of a first-class district the conference resolved to procure a parsonage for the presiding elder to cost \$2,000, and plans were set on foot or formulated to proceed with this enterprise at once. The proper committees were appointed to carry out this resolution. You may expect the presiding elder to report a new parsonage at the Annual Conference. The McKinney District is "It, and It is Us." The preaching at the conference was first-class; the following brethren did it: Revs. C. A. Cole, C. A. Spragins, R. W. Thompson and Jas. W. Hill.

Very Important!

Of the most pleasing of all the exercises of the conference, two very interesting and profitable sessions of the Woman's Societies were held—the Woman's Foreign Missionary Society and the Woman's Home Mission Society. Special mention must be made of two papers read before the Woman's Foreign Missionary Society Wednesday afternoon, one by Mrs. Ragsdale, of Dallas, and Mrs. Nash, of Farmersville. It was a most delightful occasion, and religious throughout. The evening hour was given to the ladies of the Home Mission Society. Mrs. P. C. Archer, of McKinney, read an excellent paper touching the work of the society. The ladies had prepared a programme which was pleasing throughout. The "Choral Club" furnished the music; it was appropriate, classical and highly elevating. The preachers and delegates received an inspiration from the papers and addresses and music that shall not soon pass away.

Finally.

One brother was given a license to preach the gospel and three were recommended to the Annual Conference for admission on trial. The usual number of delegates were elected to the Annual Conference. The conference decided to hold its next session at Josephine in 1906. Promptly at 3 p. m. Thursday, April 27th, the conference, known in history as the fifth session of the McKinney District, North Texas Conference, closed with the benediction.

JOHN L. WILLIAMS.

Blue Ridge, Texas.

THE FORT WORTH DISTRICT CONFERENCE.

The twenty-ninth session of the Fort Worth District Conference convened at the Polytechnic College Wednesday, 9 a. m., April 5th. It had been announced and generally understood that Bishop Hoss would hold the conference, but owing to sickness he was unable to be present, and it remained for our excellent presiding elder, Rev. O. F. Sensabaugh, to take the chair, which he did with the grace and dignity of a "Prince of Israel." The presiding elder set the spiritual tide of the conference at a high key, with his splendid exhortation and exposition of the Scripture lesson.

With the calling of the roll seventy-six preachers and delegates responded to their names. This list was swelled to 101 before the conference adjourned. J. D. Young was elected Secretary, and after the appointment of the usual committees by the chair, the business of the conference was soon launched and the work well under way. The business of each session was dispatched without delay, yet at the same time no interest of the Church was overlooked.

Inquiry into the several departments of the Church showed that progress and advancement was being made along every line. Several revivals were reported, finances well up, and in several charges up. New church buildings were reported, and others in contemplation.

Emphasis was laid on the devotional side of the conference. The preaching was well done by Dr. P. M. Riley, Revs. G. W. White and W. J. Lee. Several visiting brethren were present and greatly inspired the conference by their splendid addresses. The Board of Church Extension was represented by the President, Rev. W. B. Andrews, the Board of Missions by Rev. W. H. Terry, and the two boards were given the evening hour Thursday.

Our educational institutions had good representations. The Southwestern University was ably represented by Rev. John M. Barcus, and he was accorded a splendid hearing; the Theological Institute by Rev. W. L. Nelms, D. D. Dean, and the Medical Department by Commissioner John R. Nelson, whose earnest appeal in behalf of that institution was rewarded by quite a neat subscription. Rev. H. A. Boaz

represented the Polytechnic College in his own happy way, and took a collection for the same, which amounted to something like \$3500.

The conference licensed the following thirteen splendid young men to preach, twelve of whom are students in the Polytechnic College: E. H. Mays, L. T. Pierce, H. C. Gullege, J. D. Cunningham, Homer T. Mulkey, P. A. Ratliff, N. A. Martin, W. C. Hinds, B. H. Kennedy, C. L. McDaniel, A. F. Cunningham, M. L. Latham and H. H. Davis.

G. J. Bryan, Homer T. Mulkey, B. H. Kennedy and E. M. Mays were recommended to the Annual Conference for admission.

The following were elected delegates to the Annual Conference:

W. E. WILLIAMS.
J. H. DICKEY.
B. E. PRICKETT.
D. McREA.

Alternates:
Green Cate.
Rev. E. D. L. Tims.

Mansfield was chosen as the next place of meeting, and Thursday night at 9 the conference adjourned with the expression on every one's lips that it was one of the best sessions in the history of the district.

J. D. YOUNG, Secretary.

THE BONHAM DISTRICT CONFERENCE.

The Bonham District Conference convened at Trenton April 27 at 3 p. m. with Dr. John H. McLean in the chair. Most of the lay delegates were present, and all of the preachers, whose reports showed the spiritual and material interests of the Church in good condition.

The conference from beginning to end moved along nicely, and no interest of the Church was overlooked, so, as a whole, we had a very pleasant and spiritual conference. The following visiting brethren were present and addressed the conference: Dr. G. C. Rankin on the Texas Advocate; Rev. W. H. Vaughan, of the Waco Orphanage; Rev. J. J. Morgan, President North Texas Training School, Terrell; Rev. J. D. Young, Business Manager Polytechnic; Rev. C. A. Spragins, Conference Missionary Secretary, and Rev. C. L. Ballard, of Sherman, the doctrinal bookman. Several new Leagues were reported, as well as several Sunday-schools organized. Nearly every parsonage in the district has been improved, some to the extent of several hundred dollars. Quite a large amount has been spent in remodeling five of the churches. We forgot to mention that Bro. R. L. Ely and bride were present. All of us on this district work in two now. Bro. Atchley makes an ideal host; every comfort and pleasure possible was ours while in Trenton. The generous hospitality of these good people will long be remembered by those in attendance. Our Church at Trenton easily leads all the other denominations. Bro. Atchley has wrought well here. He has a large band of loyal, wide-awake young people. We talked to 150 of them at the League service Sunday afternoon.

Arthur Martin was licensed to preach. Mallory Flanagan was recommended to the Annual Conference for admission on trial. M. Flanagan was recommended to the Annual Conference for deacon's orders, and W. C. Howell for elder's orders.

Delegates to the Annual Conference:
P. C. THURMAN.
J. W. KINCAID.
W. T. FINLEY.
J. W. HOUSTON.

Alternates:
S. V. Wall.
G. T. Coleman.
F. K. Ross.

The next District Conference goes to Randolph.

Much prominence was given to religious worship and all the services were well attended. The preaching was of the best, and full of power. We sang, cried and shouted and called mourners. Yes, and several young men and women came forward for prayer. L. G. WHITE, Secretary.

THE DOCTOR WAS OUT.

She was a maid who had been with the Doctor for years, and the habitual expressions of those years could not be easily laid aside.

When the doctor died she remained at the house. An old friend of the Doctor, who had been abroad and had not heard of his death, called and was admitted.

"I would like to see Dr. H.," he said. "I'm sorry said the maid, "but the Doctor is dead!"

Stricken by this dread intelligence, the visitor sat silent for some minutes. After waiting some time the maid ventured timidly,—

"Will you—will you—wait?"—July Lippincott's.

A mouth tightly closed when the hand is largely open is pleasing to God.

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Devotional and Spiritual

It is not only a part of the wisdom of happiness, but it is absolutely essential to the conditions of any true work in the world, to so live that one may not be too greatly affected by the attitude of other people. A man's life is, after all, primarily between God and himself.—Lilian Whiting.

HELPING ONE'S SELF.

An eminent author has published a book on "Self-Help." The theme is interesting, and the treatment fascinating. The most that men do is intended to help themselves. Some live for this alone. But the course by which men seek to benefit themselves often proves vain. Instead of furthering their own ends, and promoting their own comfort and happiness, they are working against their own interest. This is true not only of vice and crime, but also of a large part of the more serious work of life.

The best way to help one's self is to help others. This is not the view worldly men take. They imagine that the more they do for others the less they have left for themselves. They get all they can, give as little as possible, and keep all they can. They do not give to help the poor, to build great institutions for educational and charitable uses, because they believe that giving will diminish their store and weaken themselves. When they give at all they try to do so in such a way that all men will know it in order to make it work for their own good after all. They give for themselves, and not for others.

How difficult it is to keep self from having too prominent a part. Is it easy for the preacher to keep self out of his sermon? for the singer to keep self out of the song? for the worshiper to keep self out of the prayer? Nature clamors for self. While the spirit seeks after God and the good of others, the flesh still pushes self to the front.

If we could only understand, and have courage to trust, the philosophy of the gospel, we should have little trouble about self. The science of Christianity reverses nearly all the maxims of the world and all the wisdom of the sages. He that will save his life must lose it, and he that will lose his life for the sake of righteousness shall save it. He that will be the greatest must condescend to be servant of all. He that will be richest must give all he has. He shall have a hundredfold in this world, and in the world to come everlasting life.

No man shall ever find happiness while seeking it for himself. The self-centered man cannot be happy. He may find gold, he may acquire knowledge, he may achieve fame, he may have pleasure in the world, but all these cannot pour one ray of genuine bliss into a self-centered soul. Let one who is unhappy do what he can to relieve the sorrows of others, and his own sorrow will be turned into joy. Let the burdened soul do what he can to bear the burdens of others, and his own burdens shall become light as air. Let him whose life is bitter begin to do what he can to sweeten the lives of others, and his own life will become sweeter still. Let him whose life is narrow do what he can to enlarge the lives of others, and his own life will become broad and deep and rich. "Give, and it shall be given unto you; good measure, pressed down, and shaken together, and running over."

When life's utmost verge shall be reached, and we shall look back on

the journey, the only part that will afford us any comfort and satisfaction will be that which we have devoted to helping others. Then shall we see and know that all we have done for self alone is nothing but wood, hay, and stubble, which, like a parchment scroll, shall shrivel up and turn to dead ashes in the flames of the judgment of God, while all that we have done for others with a sincere heart is gold, silver, and precious stones, built into the kingdom of God to endure forever.—New York Christian Advocate.

THE GUIDANCE OF THE HOLY SPIRIT.

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

The joy of resisting temptation is the highest joy men can feel. It is a moment when our little life here grows larger, and we feel ourselves lifted into a wider sphere; we have a sense of fellowship with higher beings, and are somehow conscious of their sympathy. All God's creation smiles upon us, and appears made for our joy.—A. B. Davidson.

BEAUTIFUL OLD AGE.

With the coming of old age there is normally a ripening of the mental and spiritual faculties as the physical powers decline. The judgment becomes established upon the sound basis of long experience. Wide observation of life and its temptations brings increasing charity towards the weak. Right estimates of relative values correct the arbitrary standards of youth, diminishing the consideration paid to shallow brilliancy and honoring chiefly the steady, immovable plodders who stand faithful through the years to their humble tasks. The aged man is beyond the reach of such moral infirmities as depend upon the inexperience or the superabundant physical energy of the youth. He is past the more strenuous struggles of competitive business, with the rivalries and shocks incident thereto. Increasing leisure and the consciousness of the approaching end of life tend to promote serious attention to the life of the spirit. Kindly interest and pride in the progress of the young help to soften the asperities of age. It has seemed to many that age is the most favorable period of life for the rounding out of character into gracious symmetry; that a man or woman who has in youth begun the cultivation of Christian graces should, in the years that follow the engrossing exertions of middle life, be found to possess in surpassing measure the forbearance, unselfishness, patience and sympathy which are likely to be but partially developed among the more active virtues of one's working days.

And so indeed age has often displayed this fine harvest of the youthful sowing. All around us are beautiful lives that have grown sweeter and more mellow as the step grew slower and the sight and

hearing began to weaken. With what singular felicity some of these good men we have known and loved in their active years take upon themselves the honorable mantle of age, laying aside the heavier tasks, but busy always with some worthy work; genially interested in the plans of younger companions, ready for new light from any quarter, hopeful regarding the future of the Church, the nation, the world; willing, indeed, to praise the past, as any man should be willing to speak a good word for the times and the methods in which he labored manfully and well, but willing also to praise the present and acknowledge its achievements.—The Standard.

PRACTICAL THOUGHTFULNESS.

Jacob Riis tells of an old laborer who, when there was a great deal of talk about the danger of our gold reserve falling below the danger point, went to the sub-treasury and demanded to see the "boss." From an old leather purse he counted out \$200 in golden eagles, saying that he had heard the government was in trouble from not having enough gold. He owed all he had to the country, and if she needed it now he had come to give it back. What a beautiful example of thankfulness!

The doubts of God's goodness, whence are they? Rarely from the weary and overburdened, from those broken in the practical service of grief and toil, but from theoretic students at ease in their closets of meditation, treated themselves most gently by that legislation of the universe which they criticize with a melancholy so profound.—James Martineau.

THE FAITHFUL AND NON-EXACTING MINISTER.

The kind of minister the people want is the man who is willing to do full work without conditions. He who begins his ministry by laying down just how much he will do, by defining the terms of his service and by expecting compliance with his rules, may, possibly, if he has exceptional mental and oratorical gifts, find acceptance; but the ordinary minister, who attempts to play this role, and particularly the one who is just entering upon his career without experience, but with a high estimate of his worth and importance, will soon discover written over the door of his candidacy, "Not wanted; no call here."

Nor are the people wrong in their judgment. It will not do for one to be too self-seeking and ease-loving as a gospel minister. He is expected to be consecrated and self-sacrificing, undeterred by difficulties. As the Lord's workman, he should go where his Master calls him, and to the utmost of his ability. All who evince this spirit, throwing mind and soul into any and every field of labor which opens to his hand, will not only obtain the Lord's approval, but receive consideration and responsiveness from those whom he serves. Good common sense and right adaptation to time and circumstance, without fuss and exaction, will produce, not hard taskmasters, but an attached people, who, when they see their conscientious, active, and devoted pastor undertaking too much, will come forward with their advice and help, making less and less demands upon his time and service. The needful "vacation" will be duly tendered. The visitation will be left to his discretion, to be determined by his strength and by regard to other duties. Love and experience will bring about a proper adjustment of relaxation and work, and a wise and more considerate determination of what may and should be done under the circumstances by all concerned, and with greater cordiality and harmony than where there are "cut and dried" arrangements made at the beginning of one's pastorate, or inserted in "the call." He dis-

plays the most far-seeing wisdom, who casts himself, first on the Lord as his consecrated servant, and then upon the generosity and affection of an appreciative people, who honor and uphold him for his "work's sake." He will fare best in the long run if he pursues this course. No one who has tried it regrets it, while many who thought differently, and acted accordingly, have found out their mistake to their bitter cost.—Presbyterian.

Sorrow is apt to be selfish. The soul, occupied with its own griefs, and refusing to be comforted, becomes presently a Dead Sea, full of brine and salt, over which birds do not fly, and beside which no green thing grows. And thus we miss the very lesson that God would teach us. His constant war is against the self-life, and every pain He inflicts is to lessen its hold on us.—Rev. F. B. Meyer.

Successful is the day whose first victory was won in prayer. Holy is the day whose dawn finds thee on the top of the mount. Health is established in the morning; wealth is won in the morning. "Wake, psalter and harp; I myself will awake early."—Joseph Parker.

"If bitterness has crept into the heart in the friction of the busy day's unguarded moments, be sure it steals away with the setting sun. Twilight is God's interval for peace-making."

The moment you find yourself in an absolutely hopeless and despairing state of mind regarding your work—take a vacation. If only for a day—still take it. Let your brain rest by giving it new thoughts. You will return to work like one reborn.—Ella Wheeler Wilcox.

How many men to-day are weakening under burdens because they have no supreme purpose that costs them much to fulfill! To be a "living soul" is to draw life from Him who is the life, and to pour out that life in the struggle toward a worthy, dominant purpose.—Sunday School Times.

Friendship cannot be permanent unless it becomes spiritual. There must be a fellowship in the deepest things of the soul, community in the highest thoughts, sympathy with the best endeavors.—Friendship, Hugh Black.

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Secular News Items.

John Baird, father of Mrs. William J. Bryan, died at the Bryan home near Lincoln, Neb., May 2. He was 82 years of age and had been failing steadily for several years. Mr. Baird went to Nebraska about the time the Bryans did, and was from Salem, Ill.

Representatives of the striking teamsters at Chicago have voted a measure which promises more strength to the striking drivers. At a meeting of the joint council a fund of \$35,000 was pledged by the treasurers of the different affiliated unions and an assessment voted upon which, if lived up to, will mean an income to the strikers of \$20,000 a week.

Henry G. Goll, the former Assistant Cashier of the First National Bank of Milwaukee, Wis., was arrested in Chicago. A warrant was issued for Goll's arrest at the same time the warrant was served on Frank G. Bigelow, the defaulting banker. The complaint sworn to by United States District Attorney Butterfield charges Goll the same as Bigelow with embezzling an amount exceeding \$100,000.

The Secretary of War has issued an order assigning Capt. William P. Wooten to have charge of the new engineering district in which will be included the Trinity River. Dallas will be the headquarters of the district. Capt. Wooten will make a preliminary survey as soon as practicable for the purpose of fixing locations for the locks and dams. He said he thought the work on the Trinity would be completed in two years or such a matter.

The committee of the Arkansas River Navigation Association has found some valuable statistics of the early navigation of the Arkansas River. These statistics are found in the records of the War Department of 1870. Under the head of trade that report says: "The value and increase of trade on the Arkansas River can only be gauged by the number of boats now in the trade and others building. Twenty steamboats, averaging 200 tons burden, now ply between Fort Gibson and points on the Mississippi and Ohio Rivers. The amount of up and down river trade at Fort Gibson amounts to 25,000 tons annually. This does not include the Government freight. During the last year there was received by the Government at this point more than five million dollars' worth of freight, all of which was shipped by boat up the Arkansas River."

Quite an elderly man, who lives on the Brazos River near Whitney, pleaded guilty to County Judge Smith to violating the local option law, and the usual penalty was imposed. He had manufactured and sold wine made by himself from the fruits of his vineyard and parties using some of the wine had become intoxicated, which resulted in proceedings against him under the local option law. While making his plea to the Judge he manifested intense distress at his plight and when the penalty was adjudged he turned aside and wept bitterly.

Dispatches received from St. Augustine, Fla., state that a diamond necklace owned by Mrs. W. K. Vanderbilt and valued at \$50,000, the loss of which had been kept a secret, has been recovered. As a result of the investigation several baggagemen on one of the Florida lines have been arrested. Mrs. Vanderbilt's necklace was stolen on her recent visit to Florida. With other jewels, it had been placed in her trunks by a maid. When the trunks were opened no trace of it could be found, although nothing else was missing. The first baggageman arrested made a full confession as to the rifling of tourists' trunks and told of the disposition of a large amount of jewelry, but declined to say what had been done with Mrs. Vanderbilt's property. His sweetheart was shadowed and finally caught at a beach resort wearing the diamonds, which she thought were merely paste. She surrendered the property at once. Search of the baggageman's home is said to have revealed many other jewels taken from trunks, some reported missing three or four years back.

Monday, May 1, was the 114th anniversary of the proclamation of the Polish Constitution, and was a great holiday throughout Poland. The population of Warsaw turned out in full holiday attire and the prospects were for a peaceful and happy time, but instead it turned out to be a day of bloodshed. Wholly unprovoked, a company of infantry fired into a procession of working men, and the greatest confusion ensued. The workmen, in retaliation, resorted to the use of firearms and bombs and more than a hundred persons were killed or wounded. In consequence of this the committee of the Social Democratic party of Poland and Lithuania issued a manifesto proclaiming a general strike and calling out all the workmen immediately.

Several wealthy citizens of Laredo came to the relief of that stricken city and it was not necessary to accept re-

lief funds from a distance. Quite a large sum sent in was returned to the donors.

Gov. Lanham approved the Hancock anti-pool room bill. It incorporates the old law, the only marked change being that it permits betting on horse racing at the ring side. Under the provisions of the act an accomplice can be used to produce testimony against a violator of the law.

The Canadian boundary survey party, which is to delineate the boundary as stated in the Alaskan boundary award, left for the north on Thursday, landing at the head of navigation on Portland Canal and working thence northeast and north, following the line. The surveyors will use triangulation and astronomy to demark the line and will cut a wide trail. On mountain peaks monuments thirty inches high will be built of aluminum bronze, drilled into the solid rock. At river crossing and in valleys larger monuments will be built, set in cement foundations.

Charles L. Hatfield, a rainmaker who has been working since December last to produce eighteen inches of rain for Southern California by May, a number of Los Angeles merchants agreeing to pay him \$10,000 if he succeeded, has completed his demonstration and has been paid a large proportion of the sum promised. The remainder of the amount guaranteed him will be paid shortly, it is said. The fall of rain in Los Angeles during the season ending May 1, has been 18.96 inches, which far exceeds the fall of last season, and is above the normal precipitation for this section. Hatfield established his rain-making plant in Altadena, in the foothills of the mountains some twenty miles from Los Angeles on Dec. 15, and the amount of rainfall from that date in his immediate locality has been 26.49 inches. Hatfield's method is a generation of gas and its discharge into the atmosphere from a chimney, which has the result, he claims, of attracting forces of nature which compel moisture to form and be precipitated in the shape of rain.

It is said the President is hurrying to conclude his outing in order to be on hand when the battle between the navies of Japan and Russia ends, as it is thought it will result in peace, and Mr. Roosevelt is to be an intermediary. If Japan wins, Russia must admit her loss of the war. If Russia is victorious she will have sufficiently recovered her lost prestige to listen to terms of peace.

Mr. Loomis makes a category denial of the charges preferred against him by Minister Bowen, but it will be observed that on the next day he admitted that he "exchanged checks with the asphalt company's manager" purely as a matter of convenience. "The transaction," says the Assistant Secretary of State, "was absolutely free from evil-doing or evil influence or suggestion or the thought thereof." Still it is no longer denied that President Castro has the check.

Washington Duke, the founder of what is now the American Tobacco Company and head of the Duke family prominent in the tobacco trade, died May 8. He was 84 years of age and had been in feeble health for some time, as the result of a fall by which a limb was broken.

May 5 a cyclone struck the little town of Owl, I. T., and twenty houses and contents were completely blown away. The majority of the inhabitants of the town were fortunately in cellars and no lives were lost, though several persons were wounded.

The Fitzhugh Lee monument Association has been formally organized. Its object is to erect a monument to Gen. Lee in Richmond.

Popular attention at Tokio is now centered on the presence of the second Russian Pacific squadron in French waters. While the assurances of France relating to the Kamranh Bay incident were generally accepted, the later discovery that Russian ships continued to stay at Kamranh Bay, and then entered other French ports, created a feeling of keen disappointment, which is growing deeply resentful. The local press charge France with bad faith, and repeats the demands for independent action upon the part of the Japanese Government. The conservative element is awaiting France's response in explanation, hoping that the Government will finally expel Russian Rear Admiral Rojestvensky from its waters.

At Ekaterinburg, Russia, May 7, in revenge for the death of a workman who was drowned in attempting to escape from a patrol, a mob gathered and tore to pieces two police officers.

Special dispatches from Tokio represent that the Japanese feeling is becoming highly inflamed at France's alleged failure to prevent open disregard for the principles of neutrality by the Russian Pacific squadron. The Tokio Asahi bluntly describes the

French assurances that they would preserve neutrality as falsehoods and declares that Japan would be justified in bombarding French territory and calls on the Government to take vigorous action.

The Board of Education at San Francisco has taken a determined stand against the admission of Chinese and Japanese pupils to schools where white children are being educated. The board unanimously adopted resolutions declaring itself opposed to the promiscuous association of white and Mongolian pupils and declaring its policy to favor in future the establishment of separate schools for Chinese and Japanese pupils.

Judge Terrell declares the appropriation of \$70,000 by the Legislature as a subsidy to normal schools a graft. Mr. James, a member of the House, declared that candidates for Congress in that body had raised the appropriations for institutions and Confederate pensions, and Mr. Bartholomew, in a fervid speech, said that the House had for some time been "playing backstop to that demagogical set of politicians of the capital."

Japan has refused to agree to a definition of the limits of the war zone in Mongolia, west of the present positions of the armies. Until after the Russian defeat at Mukden and while the operations were confined to Manchuria the neutral zone was well established, although claims of violation were preferred by both belligerents. North of Tie Pass Mongolia juts east and across the railroad and the limit of the zone of hostilities has never been fixed, in view of the fact that the Japanese used Sin Mountain to effect their turning movement against Mukden. Gen. Linevitch called upon the authorities at St. Petersburg to secure a definition of the line southward, and Russia made proposals that the Government at Pekin limit the zone, but answers from China were evasive, Japan declining to bind herself. For the present, therefore, Gen. Linevitch is free to take measures to protect himself from a hostile movement in the direction of Mongolia.

The strike at Chicago last week assumed very serious proportions. Rioting and confusion reigned supreme. Several persons lost their lives, and the list of injured was long. Mayor Dunne refused to ask for State troops, saying the police were able to control the situation. The latest report, however, is more encouraging. The following dispatch is dated May 8: As far as the strike is concerned, it lost ground rapidly to-day. The merchants had combined for a supreme effort and met with uniform success. Many wagons were sent out without guards, excepting the armed employes, and they were not molested. It came to light that hundreds of the striking teamsters, realizing that the strike is lost, are hastening out of the city, fearing the trials for violence which will follow the breaking of the strike. Hundreds of private detectives are mingling with the crowds and investigating cases where the police favor the strikers and mobs. This is due to the discovery that many union men have resigned their positions and securing places on the police force. The Employers' Association is collecting evidence to secure the dismissal of all these men and to prosecute them for conspiracy and on other charges.

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HON. JOHN H. REAGAN.

Much—but not too much—has been said and written about the life and labors of this distinguished Christian statesman and patriot. Adequate notice would fill volumes, and involve the work of the biographer. The present writer will only touch the periphery of this great and useful life, with bare illusion to his moral and religious character, which constituted the hidings of his power, and secret of his eminent success. It has been well said that "the boy is father to the man." Judged by this rule, there were manifestations of coming greatness displayed in the boyhood and youth of Mr. Reagan. We give two incidents in his early life, as related by a companion of his childhood and illustrative of his high sense of right accompanied with moral and physical courage. As was related to us: A company of neighbor boys, he of the number, chanced upon a patch of tempting watermelons, and when in the act of raiding the premises, young Reagan threw himself in the breach and remonstrated with his companions as to the wrong they were about to do, and prevailed upon them to seek the permission of the owner, and with him as spokesman, he gained not only the consent of the proprietor, but high commendation for his honesty. A second incident of this character in his early life occurred at a watermill where corn was ground, and under the old rule of "first come, first served." An imperious fellow arriving late, and finding many sacks of corn in advance of his, attempted to disregard the rule, by placing his sack far to the front, and removing to the rear the sack of a defenseless youth, when young Reagan, incensed at such arrogance and injustice, remonstrated with the offender, only to be insulted and assaulted and in self-defense heeled his assailant with a stick, and left him in a state of unconsciousness, and possibly dead, as he feared. Horrified at the thought of possibly being a manslayer, he lingered in the neighborhood, for awhile, until to his great joy and relief, he learned of the recovery of his antagonist. The narrator of this circumstance ventured the suggestion, in this connection, that this unhappy affair had something to do with his giving to Texas her greatest statesman in the hour of her greatest need. At any rate, he soon after left his native Tennessee, and came to the Republic of Texas, in 1839, making a brief sojourn in Mississippi. But few, if any, ever served as long in public life, as did Mr. Reagan, and one has well added, without malfeasance or misfeasance. For nearly sixty years he was in public service, as surveyor, justice of the peace, legislator, district judge, congressman, senator, member of the cabinet of President Davis. Reared a Methodist, named for a Methodist preacher—John Henninger—he held to that faith, and formally united with the church about forty years before his death, under the ministry of Rev. C. G. Young, Bishop Wilson, who was once his pastor in Washington City, said of him that "he was the one Southern Methodist, who might always be found in his place, at church, on Sunday." And when in extreme old age, and very dull of hearing, such was the force of his long habit of church attendance that he attended to the last, saying that "he felt it good to be there," although he could hear but little of the services. He was once elected as a delegate to the General Conference, but could not serve on account of official duties. He was a member of the State Constitutional Convention, and had much to do with the enactment of the article bearing upon local option. And when prohibition became an issue before the State, he championed the cause even to "breaking a lance" with Jefferson Davis, his most honored friend. His most distinguished service in national legislation was, perhaps, found in the Interstate Commerce Bill, which rightly bears his name—is prominent before the thought of the present administration, and is in intention a protection of the weak against the strong, the individual against the monopoly—a true exponent of the heart and sentiment of the Grand Old Commoner.

Two years before his death, and at the extreme age of eighty-five, he voluntarily retired from public life, and was the recipient of many congratulations and compliments upon his long, eventful and distinguished service, and in a letter of acknowledgment, found in the Dallas News, we cannot do better than use his own language. After mention of the fact of having lived under the three republics, noting the growth of Texas from 100,000 to 3,000,000, and other striking statements, he closes as follows: "I have much reason to thank God for my good health, and that I have a comfortable home, at which, among my friends and neighbors, I can spend the short time which now remains to me in the quietude of private life, and in greater preparation for the world to come, than I have done in the busy struggles of public life. I retire to private

life with a heart full of gratitude for the many honors conferred upon me by my countrymen," and elsewhere states that, "he would not, were it in his power, exchange the good will and manifestations of respect and confidence of his countrymen for the possessions of the wealthiest millionaire."

On the 6th of March, 1861, he received his highest earthly promotion, to a place in the cabinet of President Davis, and on the same date fifty-four years later, he received at the lips of his Maker, his highest spiritual commendation, "Well done, thou good and faithful servant, enter thou into the joy of thy Lord."

Perhaps the largest funeral concourse ever assembled within the State, was gathered at Palestine from all parts of our commonwealth, to pay the last tribute of respect to this most distinguished public servant. In honoring him in life, and in death, his State and countrymen have honored themselves. JNO. H. McLEAN.

A REPLY TO THE ERA.

That Jesus taught the doctrine of evil by "heredity" there can be no doubt, for he said to the murderers amongst the Jews: "Ye do the deeds of your fathers." "We have already seen that Jesus held the whole world to be in sin, and taught that every soul is in need of a blood redemption." "To do evil is to be evil." "To do good is to be good." "Those who do evil are of the devil." "Those who do good are of God." "Only the Spirit of God can lift us into that life above, where the doing of good is possible." "Jesus took little children up in his arms and, without reserve, declared them members of the kingdom of God, concerning which, he had before asserted, that a man must be 'born from above' before he could see the light." "They had inherited the evil effects of sin, but this did not, in his eyes, shut them out of the kingdom."—Epworth Era, March 2.

In the above statements there are some very remarkable things indeed. What on earth does the editor mean by the use of the words "sin" and "evil" in the connection in which he uses them? How much longer will men hold to such inconsistencies?

In alluding to what the Lord said to the wicked Jews, who he said were of "their father, the devil," does he not teach that little children are of the devil? In the statement that the "whole world is in sin," does he not include little children? And if little children are in sin, and need a blood redemption, did they not inherit their sin? But if they are in the kingdom of God, of which Jesus asserted, that no man could enter without being "born from above," by the Spirit of God, how and when did they get into that "kingdom"? Did they get in by inheritance? Did they bring their sin and their evil effects in with them? If not by inheritance, then how did they get in? If all little children, notwithstanding they are in the kingdom of God, are in sin, and are of their father, the devil, and must be lifted into that "life," that "new birth," where the doing of good only is possible, pray tell me what the kingdom of God is worth to them? If Jesus taught the doctrine of sin and evil by "heredity," because the wicked Jews were of "their father, the devil," does he not teach that all people, be they infant or adult, who have not been lifted out of that relation into that "higher life" by the Spirit of God, are of their father, the devil? But if little children are of their father, the devil, will the Doctor be so kind as to tell us what part of the Book says so? Again I ask, that if little children are of the devil, how did they get into the kingdom of God? And if they are of the devil, and the "lusts" of their father they will do, what advantage have they over any other sinner? If such be the case, are they not without God and without hope in the world? To say that little children are of the devil and can not possibly be good, and yet admit that they are in the kingdom of God, is very little short of an unpardonable inconsistency. Is it not a Bible fact that whosoever sinneth is the servant of sin? "To whom you yield yourselves servants to obey, his servant ye are." To assert that a little child is of the devil and a sinner and can not do good, but will do the "lusts" of its father, the devil, is not only to say that which no man can prove by the Word of God, but is to advocate a principle of Calvinism that must be born of the devil.

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Notes From the Field.

TEXAS CONFERENCE.

Center Station.

Mrs. W. E. Wilson: Methodism is keeping pace with the times in this charge, moving up spiritually and financially in the march of progress. At the first Quarterly Conference the pastor's salary was raised to \$1,000 and it is being paid promptly. The occasion of the second Quarterly Conference was an appropriate beginning for our protracted meeting because Bro. Tower, our loved presiding elder, was here and preached one of his excellent sermons, which makes our people call him a tower and a power, for the Lord. With collections up in full, our pastor, Bro. McGee, was also full of zeal and enthusiasm for the good work he was undertaking. He and his estimable wife are certainly in favor with our people. The different denominations here graciously gave their presence and influence to our meeting and we are going to show our appreciation by helping them in theirs. Along this line perfect harmony and good will prevails, which is indeed a blessing to any place. Rev. J. W. Goodwin did some fine preaching for us during the meeting. He and his family are now enjoying a new, up-to-date parsonage that the Center Circuit has just built. Bro. Goodwin did his part toward the enterprise from point of manual labor as well as good business management, and the house would be a credit to much stronger charges. Rev. W. A. Pounds, our local preacher, was good help in the pulpit and in the altar. He has been faithful and true to help in this charge since he came to us and we have learned to appreciate and esteem him as our own. Rev. Charley Hughes, of Texarkana, came and did most of the preaching. On his arrival his youthful appearance gave him this title, "The boy preacher," but when he preached such powerful sermons the title gave place to words of praise. When he was ready to say good-bye our people showed true appreciation by making him a purse of \$55 for the time and labor spent for these souls. The meeting resulted in about eighty-five conversions and reclamations. This number is for the most part reclamations and the whole Church and town was revived. Fifteen joined our Church, making forty-one additions for this conference year. A Junior League

was organized with thirty-six members, who have for their President Miss Eva Sanders, a young lady who is capable and consecrated. Rev. T. J. Milam, Financial Agent for the Alexander Collegiate Institute, was with us for the last few days of the meeting, and the Sunday-school, under the careful management of W. P. Wilson, who has been its superintendent about thirty-five years, pledged \$50 to the A. C. I. and \$250 was donated privately. Bro. Milam preached the closing sermon and it was an able, abiding discourse that deserved the praise it brought forth. Our pastor asked for \$400 to pay for the parsonage lot recently purchased and which is east of and adjoining the church lot; \$485 was soon raised, so our new parsonage will be in course of construction soon. We have \$1100 cash now to turn over to the Building Committee. The W. H. M. Society has \$100 already to put into furnishing the house. The Easter egg hunt for the children, which was given last week by the W. H. M. Society and the Junior League, brought in \$15, which is also parsonage money. We hope to have them at home in the new building by July 1. The Lord has truly blessed us and we are trying to magnify His name and build up His kingdom in the work of saving souls, and whatever degree of success attends our labor it is Christ working in and through us.

Millican.

J. C. Huddleston, April 27: Our second Quarterly Conference was held at Alexander Chapel last Saturday and Sunday. Bro. C. R. Lamar, our beloved presiding elder, was on hand, somewhat under the weather, but much in earnest. We had a good congregation Saturday and Bro. Lamar preached a good sermon, which was followed up by a splendid dinner. Those people know how to entertain a Quarterly Conference. Bro. Betts and family, whose presence and help we very much appreciate, were with us Saturday. After dinner was over the Quarterly Conference was called to order. On call of question 8 it was found that the stewards had a very good report on the preacher's salary. Under question 9 we were able to report both home and foreign missions paid in full. The bad weather has interfered with our work some, but we are gaining ground. There is new life in the Sunday-schools; and the Epworth League is getting on good footing now. At Alexander there is considerable interest in a new church building. We appointed a Building Committee; and we have hopes of building one of the neatest country churches in the conference. The people are able to build it and we believe they are going to do it. The great need of the work is a sweeping revival of religion and we are working and praying for it, and believe we are going to have it. May the Lord grant it.

Rusk Mission.

W. W. Adams, April 26: Rusk Mission, while an infant, is gaining strength, and, to our mind, bids fair to become, in course of time, a strong, healthy child. It was born at the Annual Conference in Marshall last November, and since that time has been struggling for permanent existence and hoping for a long and useful life. The winter has been very severe on us, but we have continued to keep up courage, and we feel sure of ultimate success. Our First Quarterly Conference, which was to convene at Rusk in February, did not materialize for two reasons: First, we did not have an organized conference at the time—a good reason. Secondly, the weather was so bad that only the presiding elder and pastor were present. However we kept busy at work until the 14th of April, when our beloved presiding elder met with us on his second round at Gallatin, and organized the first Quarterly Conference for Rusk Mission. At that conference we were enabled by hard work through the winter, to report three churches organized on the work. We had a real live meeting and interest is growing along all lines. Bro. Sears did some fine preaching, and all present enjoyed the occasion. We also have, as a fruit of our labor and earnest effort, one live Sunday-school on the work. Bro. Finley and his co-laborers say that "it's the liveliest thing in the country." At Gallatin we also have a Woman's Home Mission Society under headway. We are sure that the good ladies of the Gallatin W. H. M. Society will be heard from. God speed them in their noble work. The Texas Advocate and the "Go Forward" are two of the best helpers the pastor can have, and we are doing our best to increase their circulation. We have several copies of each on our work; besides, we are having good books in the homes of our people, such as "The Discipline," "Theophilus Walton," "Port Oak Circuit," etc. Twenty-two have been received into the Church by certificate and otherwise since we came on the work. We are looking forward to the summer revival season, when we shall swell that num-

ber to a satisfactory limit. All in all, we are well pleased with the prospects, and hope to come to the conference with a good report. The people have treated us nicely, and our effort, by God's help, will be to serve them faithfully and acceptably. God has some good people everywhere. There are three points on the work yet unorganized, but we hope by conference to have every one of them organized and doing good work. We forgot to mention one important transaction at the quarterly meeting—the election of two building committees, one at Gallatin, the other at Littlefield Chapel, where we expect to build churches this year, with the help of the Lord and the good people. If any feel like helping us in this cause, please send your contribution to the pastor. We need it, and will appreciate it. This is a new mission field and at home. May we not enlist the sympathy of those who have means, and influence them to help us where we need help?

HALLVILLE.

W. W. Horner, May 2: The second Quarterly Conference on this work was held at Tatum April 22, 23, and was a pleasant and profitable occasion. Bro. Downs, our efficient presiding elder, was present and preached three most excellent sermons, to the delight of our people. The one on Sunday at 11 o'clock was especially good. It being Easter Sunday his theme was the "Resurrection of Christ." We did not have a full attendance as it was so far from the main part of the large circuit. The work reported \$129 for the support of the ministry this quarter. Of this amount the Churches paid as follows: Hallville, \$26; Tatum, \$25; Union Springs, \$27.50; Bethel, \$2; Lagrange's Chapel, \$2.50; Winterfield, \$2.25; Summerfield, \$2.50; Riley's Chapel, \$9. Since the meeting Lagrange's Chapel has paid \$7 more. We are making some progress, we think, and our congregations are increasing rapidly. Some material improvement has been made in the parsonage recently. One room has been newly papered and the ceiling jointed and two rooms have been painted on the inside. We hope that the entire house will be painted on the outside before our District Conference meets here in June. We are indebted to the good women of the W. H. M. Society for the improvements on the parsonage and we assure them that we all appreciate their work very much indeed. Will state also that a nice new chimney has been built. I have sold about \$5 worth of books at these conferences. We are praying and working for a glorious, soul-saving revival of "pure and undiluted religion" all over the work and we trust that it will come.

CENTER REVIVAL.

T. J. Milam: I came into Center near the close of Bro. McGee's meeting. Bro. Charley Hughes was doing the preaching, and reached the city at night. At this service Bro. Hughes preached a stirring sermon. Nearly forty persons went forward for prayers and about thirty-two gave their hands, professing conversion or reclamation. The meeting closed on the following Sunday night. It was a valuable assistance. Bro. Hall is pressing the battle on South Side with promise of great success.

deep, genuine revival spirit pervading all the services. A number of the membership have remarked that this is the best meeting the Church has had for years. The conscience of the Church was reached, backsliders were reclaimed and feelings of unkindness were confessed, pardoned and transformed into a sense of love and kindness. Such is the work of the divine Spirit. The effect of the meeting is seen on all the organizations of the Church. A score of members will be received as the result of this meeting. The membership of the Church was faithful in every way.

MUSGROVE CHARGE.

W. P. Robbins, May 8: Our second Quarterly Conference was held April 22 and 23 at Morris Chapel in our new and beautiful church. Bro. J. T. Smith, our presiding elder, was with us on Saturday, looking carefully after every interest of the Church. He preached an excellent sermon. He also complimented the ladies for the nice dinner which was served on the ground. Bro. Smith being absent Sunday, Bro. Ed Morgan, P. C., preached an able sermon to a large, attentive audience. Bro. Morgan is an energetic preacher who is loved by the presiding elder and by his people. Musgrove charge is growing spiritually and financially; improvement on church property all over the work; preacher's salary increased. The stewards made good report. Pastor reported progress on all lines. Report from the Sunday-school was encouraging. The outlook for the charge is encouraging indeed. We are praying for and expecting the growth to continue.

ALTO.

D. S. Burke, May 4: We have just closed a protracted meeting at Alto. Seven additions to the Church and the Church built up and the membership placed on higher planes of Christian living. The work of the Sunday-school has been enlarged and the interest increased. At the close of the meeting we organized an Epworth League which we hope will do a fine work in the near future. We had with us Dr. L. Alexander, of Henderson, who did the preaching, and of course it was well done, as the Doctor was in fine health and fine spirits. He got better as the meeting went on. It was a benediction to have him in our home and have his fatherly influence with us. One of the best business men of our town said: "What I am is the result of my school days at Kilgore under the care of Dr. Alexander, and if I had my school days to go over I would ask to be put again under him." Another of the best women of our town said: "Dr. Alexander was a father to me when I attended his school at Kilgore." His preaching was a feast to our souls. God bless these soldiers of the cross. Some day not far in the future they will "lay their armor by and dwell in peace at home." Our charge is moving on very well so far. We are praying, preaching and pleading for a revival in every Church on this charge. We hope to see many family altars erected and a large number of new subscribers to the Advocate.

NORTHWEST TEX. CONFERENCE.

TEMPLE.

M. S. Hotchkiss, May 8: Our meeting closed with forty-nine additions, making a total of 91 to date, with others to follow. We are greatly indebted to Bros. W. H. Crawford and E. I. Parish for valuable assistance. Bro. Hall is pressing the battle on South Side with promise of great success.

CRAWFORD.

J. W. Bowden, May 8: We have recently closed a revival meeting at Crawford, resulting in about sixty conversions. My son (Marvin) was all the ministerial help I had except one sermon by a Baptist preacher (Bro. Edwards), which was a good one. All the Churches worked in harmony with us and are necessarily benefited. To God be all the glory.

KENNEDALE.

J. J. Creed: Have just closed a successful meeting at Cold Springs. This is a new appointment three miles south of Handley and is supported by some of the pluckiest Methodists I have ever met. They have just finished an elegant new church. It is modern, convenient and beautiful. When furnished with beautiful oak furniture (which is already ordered) it will have cost them about \$200. Every cent of this will be paid, we think, by the time the furniture arrives. Fifteen souls were saved during the meeting and ten joined our Church. Rev. W. J. Lee, of Arlington, did most of the preaching and more faithful help I never had. He is earnest, persistent and effective. One encouraging feature of the meeting was that a majority of the converts were heads of families. We have fixed our minimum expectation at one hundred conversions by conference.

STAMFORD.

J. A. Biggs, May 1: We are in the midst of a great meeting here. The meeting has been in progress for three weeks and possibly will continue for another week. There have been 65 conversions and 52 accessions to the Church during this meeting. We have received 84 new members since conference; that gives us 30 members. We hope to reach the 100 mark by conference. The finances of the Church are in good condition. The collections will come up all right. We have a Woman's Home Mission Society with 50 members in good working condition. Sunday-school growing. We have had fine rains and the crops are fine. When we close our meeting will give you a full report. We will hold a tent meeting in July. This charge will not be let for two years. Bros. Benson and Brown helped us in the meeting and they are fine help.

BELTON.

E. Hightower, May 4: We recently closed a four weeks' season of evangelistic meetings in Belton which resulted in much good. The Methodist and Baptist Churches co-operated in these efforts. During the first two weeks two services were held daily at the Methodist Church and there were co-operative prayer-meetings at the North and South Belton missions. The principal services were then transferred to the Baptist Church and carried on two weeks longer. About 100 persons professed faith in Christ. Most of these, including some young ladies of Baylor College, were members of Baptist families. Eight have joined the Methodist Church and about thirty-five the Baptist Church, and others are yet to be received into both Churches. The cause of Christ in Belton has been greatly strengthened. These meetings were

controlled by the pastors who were assisted first and last by M. S. Hotchkiss, Dr. J. S. Chapman, Dock Pagnas, Rev. McConnell and others. Belton Methodist is in good health. Forty-one members have been added to our roll since conference; the Sunday-school is growing steadily and doing fine work. All the services are well attended and the pastor's salary is paid to date with money in the treasury.

VERNON.

W. R. Thornton, May 1: We are in the midst of a good meeting. April 9 Miss Thie Tucker, of Nashville, Tenn., began with us. She stayed till the 20th. The visible results were not great. But possibly greater good was never done in Vernon in the same length of time. One of the best judges in town said that he never got half as much good out of the same number of sermons preached by any one. The day before Miss Tucker left, Adl. Hale and his army came, which was holding a meeting in our Church. They are reaping some of what Miss Tucker sowed. In less than one week they have had twenty-eight conversions. There are scores of them. They are very religious and do fine work. They will do us some town great good. This army will be here another week. Am not sure whom we will have next.

RANGER.

E. R. Wagner: Our second Quarterly Conference was at Mt. Zion, embracing fifth Sunday. Bro. Boone was on hand and on account of rain only preached twice. All enjoyed his preaching. We had a good Quarterly Conference. Bro. Boone returned to Ranger with us Sunday afternoon and preached Sunday night a really great sermon which was enjoyed by all. We are able to report some progress on the work. We have our meetings planned. Will try and hold seven meetings this summer. We are doing what we can for the Advocate.

RED OAK.

R. J. Tooley, May 8: Our second Quarterly Conference is past. It was held at Dixon's Chapel. We had two excellent sermons by Dr. Campbell, which we are sure will bear much fruit. Most of the officials were present and made a good showing. There was plenty of dinner for everybody and all seemed to enjoy themselves. Red Oak Circuit has done well when we consider its weakness and so much bad weather. After building our new parsonage and making Red Oak decided to build a new addition to their church. This they have done, after much hard work. We now have the nicest church in town, newly papered and painted. We have an active League and a live prayer-meeting. We are sorry we have done so little at our country appointments, but there have been no complaints so far as we know. We are looking for better things before conference.

DE LEON CIRCUIT.

J. C. Carter: The De Leon Circuit was formed at the last session of the Northwest Texas Conference. There are four appointments—two north and two south of De Leon—and the farthest appointment is hardly eight miles from De Leon. So we have a well arranged, compact little circuit, in a good farming country, with a good class of people. We have about 200 members and a good number of them are young people. We have our Sunday-schools, all doing good work, and one of them is as fine a country Sunday-school as I ever knew. The minutes show as many as 15 present at one time. At the last conference this year a pastor was appointed to this charge. When I got here after conference, the official members had met and purchased a parsonage in the town of De Leon, which is near the center of this circuit. They got a splendid location with two acres of land, on which is a good garden and a peach orchard, with a few plum trees. A Baptist neighbor gave me some blackberry and dewberry plants, and I set them out last winter, so we added the berries to our fruit department. The circuit is still due \$282 on the parsonage, which we want to pay next fall. De Leon Station, headed by their faithful pastor, Brother Lane, helped us liberally in purchasing this parsonage, for which we extend to them our hearty thanks. Our second quarterly conference is just over. Bro. E. A. Bailey, the noblest Roman of them all, who has been holding the reins of the presiding eldership in unbroken succession for twenty years, was on hand. Though the weather was threatening and raining, yet he gave us two excellent sermons, gave us good counsel in the Quarterly Conference and baptized six children. Though nearing his three-score years and ten, yet his bow still abides in strength. The outlook is hopeful on the De Leon Circuit. But we need to do more for great success. We need to live closer to God. We need to pray more, both in the family and in secret. We need to read the Bible more. We need to take more Texas Christian Advocates. We need a more earnest, united effort in pushing forward all the interests of the Church.

SEYMOUR.

W. E. Lyon, May 2: I was transferred from the New Mexico Conference by Bishop Hess to the Northwest Texas Conference and appointed to Seymour Station. I reached Seymour in time to fill my appointment the first Sunday after conference. Seymour is situated at the terminus of the Wichita Valley Railroad, and surrounded by a very fine and fertile section of farming country. Most all kinds of farm products grow in abundance when the seasons are favorable. The prospects up to the present were never more flattering and the seasons have been almost ideal. The climate is beautiful, the air balmy and exhilarating. The population of the town and surrounding country is composed of people from many of the different States. May I modestly say that we have here as fine a class of people as you will find in any section of this great State or any other, as to that matter. We have a prohibition town. There are five denominations represented, four of which have good church buildings and well equipped schools west of Fort Worth. As to our Church interests, I am very happy to say that things are moving on quite pleasantly and hopefully. Our reception has been everything that we could have desired. Our good women of the Home Mission Society have done quite a nice part in refurbishing the parsonage. We have held a special series of meetings since coming to this charge. My brother, the Rev. A. P. Lyon, of Elizabeth, who did the preaching. It was the fourth meeting in which it has been my very great pleasure to have him associated with me, and it was the deepest and most

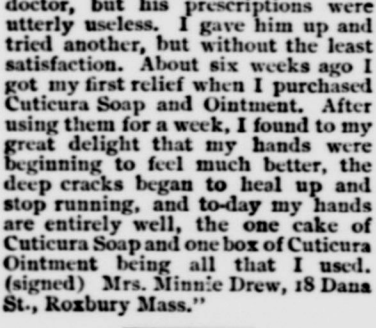
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The little window where the sun
Came peeping in at morn;
He never came a wink too soon,
Nor brought too long a day,
But now I often wish the night
Had borne my breath away!

I remember, I remember
The roses red and white,
The violets and the lily cups,
Those flowers made of light!
The lilacs where the robin built,
And where my brother set
The laburnum on his birthday—
The tree is living yet.

I remember, I remember
Where I was used to swing,
And thought the air must rush as fresh
To swallows on the wing;
My spirit flew in feathers then
That is so heavy now,
And summer pools could hardly cool
The fever in my brow.

I remember, I remember
The fir trees dark and high;
I used to think their slender tops
Were close against the sky;
It was a childish ignorance,
But now 'tis little joy
To know I'm farther off from heav'n
Than when I was a boy.

—Thomas Hood.

WITH THE MASTER'S HELP.

"Mollie," said Mrs. Wheeler, looking up from a letter she was reading, "your Aunt Ester is coming this afternoon."

"Dear me!" cried Mollie. "I am so sorry! Why does she want to come again so soon? And of course she'll stay six weeks—she always does. She has a home of her own, and I don't see why she can't stay in it."

"Mollie," said Mrs. Wheeler, gravely, "your father was Aunt Ester's only brother, and she made many sacrifices for him."

"I know it, mamma; but she is the most disagreeable person I ever saw. Papa wasn't like her, I'm sure; and Aunt Marcia isn't either. She never seems to be happy unless she is saying unkind things to somebody. Nothing that I do ever suits her."

"She is peculiar, certainly," admitted Mrs. Wheeler, "but we must remember that she has had many and serve trials. Try to be patient, my dear child. This may be an opportunity to work for the Master."

"That's just it," tears glistening in her bright eyes. "When I get cross and say something sharp, she reminds me that I profess to be a Christian, and then how grieved and ashamed I am! But I'll try, mamma, to be patient, indeed I will."

Aunt Ester arrived that afternoon. She was not a tall, angular lady, with a sharp voice. On the contrary, she was short and fleshy, with innocent, blue eyes and a low, gentle voice. She said many cutting things, but always in the same soft tones. She was a widow, and had a comfortable home and an income which rendered her independent, but she liked to make long visits among her relatives.

"You have a new carpet, I see," she said, almost as soon as she was seated in the parlor. "It seems to me, Helen, that you are getting extravagant. You didn't really need a new carpet."

"The old one was decidedly shabby, Esther," said Mrs. Wheeler, pleasantly. "Besides I have taken it for the spare chamber."

"But, my dear Helen, the spare chamber didn't need a carpet. The floor was painted, and you have some pretty rugs, and the room corresponded with your means. It is your duty to economize, my dear sister."

"I don't think we shall come to the poorhouse, Aunt Ester," interposed Mollie, with some spirit.

Mrs. Crawford regarded her niece with a look of mild reproach.

"I hope not, my dear, I hope not. But I see you still have a hasty tongue—a bad thing in a young girl. What are you doing now to occupy your time?"

"I have been helping mamma with the sewing. And then I am taking music lessons, and have to practice a great deal."

"Still taking music lessons! Well, my dear, I am surprised. You have as little talent for music as any girl I ever saw, and it is a waste of time and money for you to keep on with the lessons. You are seventeen, I believe?"

"Yes, aunt," replied Mollie, biting her lip.

"The year that I was seventeen I did all my mother's spinning and knitting, besides piecing two quilts and helping with the housework. Mother had a large family, and there was a great deal of work to do, and I assure you that I willingly did my share. But times have changed. Girls are brought up in idleness, and if they do a little

sweeping and dusting, they think they are having a hard time. Your mother is not strong, Mollie, and I am surprised that you are not more industrious. A girl of seventeen spending her time at a piano, when she ought to be at work! You will never be a musician, Mollie, if—"

Mrs. Crawford paused in some astonishment. With a very red face, Mollie had started from her chair, and darted out of the room.

"Why, Helen, what an ungovernable temper that child has! What will become of her?" and Mrs. Crawford sighed heavily.

"She will learn to control her temper, Esther."

"I hope so, I'm sure. She can't get her disposition from the Wheelers—that is certain. We are all weak creatures, but the Wheelers have always been noted for their pleasant, even dispositions."

It seemed to Mollie that her aunt had never been so disagreeable as she was on this visit. She agreed with nobody; the food did not suit her; Mrs. Wheeler's bonnet was too expensive; the new minister could not preach; the climate had never been so trying—in fact everything was wrong. And yet all her complaints were made in a mild, purring way.

"I declare," said Mollie, one day, "it would be a relief if she would fly into a passion and scold. I wonder whether she'll ever go home."

"We must be patient, my dear," rejoined Mrs. Wheeler. "Your aunt is having the hardest time after all."

"I don't know about that!" declared the girl. "Mamma," lowering her voice, "can she be a Christian?"

"She has been a church-member for many years."

"Well, I don't understand it," sighed Mollie.

"What is that you don't understand?" asked Mrs. Crawford, coming into the room.

"Oh, it's nothing that you'd care to hear," replied Mollie, coloring.

"Well, niece, I'll tell you what I don't understand. I don't understand how a girl of your age can be so careless about her room. I've just been in there, and such a scene of disorder I never saw before."

"You've been in my room, aunt! You had no right to be spying around in there, and I think it's mean, so now!" And bursting into tears, Mollie ran out of the room.

Now be it known that Mollie's pleasant little chamber was not always a model of neatness. Things were seldom to accumulate on the furniture. Mrs. Wheeler had frequently spoken to her daughter about forming habits of tidiness, and for a few days things would be in better order; but habits once formed are hard to break off. Mollie was not negligent about other things, and Mrs. Crawford's words had the good effect of bringing about a reformation in this respect.

When she had had time for reflection, Mollie went to her aunt, and apologized for her hasty words.

"I forgive you, my dear, but it grieves me deeply to see what a hasty temper you have. Try to be calm, child. See how composed I always am."

A few days later, Mrs. Crawford was taken suddenly ill. Mrs. Wheeler had a slight headache, and Mollie had planned to go on an excursion with some young friends. The girl had a short struggle with herself.

"Mamma is not able to nurse her," she thought, "and it would not be pleasing to aunt to have some one called in. Can I stay and hear her complaints? Yes, with the Master's help."

Mrs. Crawford was ill for about a week. At first it was impossible to please her; but finally she became very agreeable. All this time Mollie was untiring in her service. She bathed the invalid's head, carried her cooling drinks, and kept the room in immaculate order. One day she was arranging a dainty repast on a white-covered table, when her aunt exclaimed:

"Mollie, do you want to kill me with kindness?"

"Why, aunt, what do you mean?"

"I mean that I have been doing some thinking lately, and I realize that I have been selfish and unfeeling. This is the first illness of any consequence I have had since I was a young woman. I am much better now; but at one time I was afraid I should die, and I wasn't fit to die. I have thought for years that everything was wrong, but the fault was with me. Because I was always calm, I imagined that I was always right, but now I know that I was a disagreeable old woman."

"Dear aunt, I have been wrong myself many times."

"That may be, but I can see just what I have been. Henceforth, with God's help, I intend to have my life correspond with my profession."

After Mrs. Crawford had eaten her

dinner, Mollie went out for a walk and Mrs. Wheeler came in to sit with her sister-in-law.

"Helen, you have a treasure in your daughter," said Mrs. Crawford, suddenly. "I begin to appreciate her worth. She has been the means, under God, of bringing me to a realizing sense of my true condition. What a patient little nurse she has been, thoughtful of my comfort, and not sparing herself! I never gave her any cause to be fond of me; but now I want to win a place in her heart. I believe she is a true follower of Christ."

And Mrs. Wheeler's eyes filled with happy tears.—Willard N. Jenkins.

WHAT ONE LITTLE GIRL COULD DO.

The children were on their way home from school when, suddenly, the rain came dashing down. "Here! Come under my umbrella! There's room enough for all!" cried Amalie.

With merry laughter three sunny faces crowded under the dainty blue silk umbrella. "Can't you come, too, Hermann?" Amalie asked of her brother. "Try it! There'll be the more sport."

"O, never mind me. I'm all right."

"Say, girls!" said Amalie, a moment later, "isn't that—yes; it is. She lives on the street back of ours. I'll ask her to go through our garden. Here, girls! take my umbrella. Bring it to school tomorrow. And I'll run on and walk with her. She'll let me, I'm sure. Good-bye."

Cautious Laura said nothing; but May cried: "Well! Isn't that queer! Why did she do that?"

"Cause she wants to get acquainted with her," answered Hermann. "Amalie thinks she's nice. So do mamma and I think so, too."

The others made no reply until after they had left Hermann. Then May exclaimed: "She seems to think she can do anything; just because her father is rich as rich can be. What does she want of a girl like that?"

The next morning they returned Amalie's umbrella. "O thank you! And forgive me for running away from you yesterday. But I wanted to ask Eudora Long if I might call. 'Cause I can't invite her to my birthday party until after I've called, you know. And—"

"To your birthday party! That girl!" exclaimed May.

"Why—why, yes. What's the matter?"

The others looked at her. Then May spoke: "You haven't been here long. Amalie; and you are going to live here only summers. But it seems to me you might see that we are as careful of our associates here as you are in your city home. Really, we do know what belongs to good society, if we are living in a little country town."

Amalie turned from one to another of the group. "It's as mamma said," she answered slowly. "A small town can be more cruel to its good poor than any city. There you are not meeting them constantly. And they aren't so hurt. But here—why, everybody knows that I'm going to have a birthday party next month. I don't see how they found it out; but they know."

No answer was made to this. The girls had been glad to tell that there was to be a party in the great house and that they were going. Presently May continued: "Well, if you do such—such queer things—"

"What queer things?"

"Invite girls like—like Dora Long."

"You speak as if she weren't nice. She is. They've been here only a little while; but it's because we've seen, from our tower window, how sweet and patient she is with the baby and the fretful old grandfather, that makes me want to know her. She's pretty, too; and has gentle manners. I don't know a nicer girl than she is. Mamma thinks so, too."

This last was unfortunate. May tossed her head. "It's very plain that you prefer Dora Long to us. And if you do, why—"

"But I—I don't prefer her. Don't I sit next you? Am I not with you now?"

"That's because she has to go home for the intermissions. If she were here we'd be nowhere. What's the good of all your father's money, if you're going to associate with—with everybody?"

"It isn't just to do me good. It's so that I can do—do things for other girls. Maybe Dora has never been to such a party as mine is going to be. Papa wants it to be perfect. You see, I almost died last winter, and he's very glad that I'm having another birthday."

The girls were silent. After a little May said: "You don't think of her feelings. She won't have a thing to say. It'll be mortifying."

"Why should it? I'm going to wear my plainest white dainty gown. Mamma believes in the English way of dressing girls very plainly until they are out of school. She wouldn't let

me have anything else to wear that day, even if I wanted to. But I don't want to."

May bit her lip. She was teasing her mother in getting a delicate pink silk for her. "Well," she answered, "if you are going to have everybody there, I don't believe mamma will let me go. We have to live here the year 'round, you know."

Amalie looked grieved. "That's the very reason why I should think you'd want to know every nice little girl in the town. There are so few in your set."

"There are enough," replied Laura. The bell rang. The little girls went to their desks, all feeling uncomfortable.

The next week dainty engraved cards for the birthday party were sent out, in the corner of which "No presents, please," gave relief to certain anxious mothers.

"Are you going?" asked Laura. "Or shall we teach her a lesson?"

But on the very night of their bitter conversation May's father came home haggard and heart-broken, with the awful fear that every penny of his small fortune was lost. May heard her mother's sobs and did a good deal of crying herself, during their three days of cloud. Time to think had been given her, and, though nobody in the town knew of the matter, the severe strain of those three days had proved a bitter lesson to the little girl.

"Yes, I'm going," she answered, softly. "I don't want to teach Amalie lessons. See has taught me one. I only hope I may be half as good and loving as she is. And I'm going to do everything I can to make Dora have a good time, too. I called there yesterday. Suppose you or I were in Dora's place, Laura."

"O, pshaw!" was Laura's reply. But—here's a secret: That very afternoon Laura found time to run over to Dora's house with a basket of fruit for the old grandfather and hidden in her pocket, one of the many toys which her baby sister tossed about. With this she amused the teething child during the little visit in which she and Dora became acquainted.—Exchange.

YOU OWE IT TO YOUR MOTHER.

To treat her with the unvarying courtesy and deference you accord to those who are above you in rank or position.

To study her tastes and habits, her likes and dislikes, and cater to them as far as possible in an unobtrusive way.

Never to intimate by word of deed that your world and hers are different, or that you feel in any way superior to her.

To manifest an interest in whatever interests or amuses her.

To seek her comfort and pleasure in all things before your own.

Not to forget that, though she is old and wrinkled, she still loves pretty things.

To make her frequent, simple presents, and to be sure that they are appropriate and tasteful.

To remember that she is still a girl at heart so far as delicate little attentions are concerned.

To give her your full confidence, and never to do anything which you think she would disapprove.

To make her a partaker, so far as your different ages will permit, in all your pleasures and recreations.

To lift all the burdens you can from shoulders which have grown stooped in waiting upon and working for you.

To bear patiently with all her peculiarities or infirmities of temper or disposition, which may be the result of a life of care and toil.

To consult her and ask her advice in regard to whatever you are about to do, even though you have no doubt as to what your course should be.

To be on the lookout for every occasion to make whatever return you can for her years of sacrifice and planning for your happiness and well-being.

To do your best to keep her youthful in appearance, as well as in spirit, by taking pains with her dress and the little accessories and details of her toilet.


Not to shock or pain her by making fun of her religious prejudices, if they happen to be at variance with yours, or if they seem narrow to your advanced views.

To introduce all your young friends to her, and to enlist her sympathies in youthful projects, hopes and plans, so that she may carry her own youth into old age.

To talk to her about your work, your studies, your friends, your amusements, the books you read, the places you visit, for everything that concerns you is of interest to her.

If she is no longer able to take her accustomed part in the household duties, not to let her feel that she is superannuated, or has lost any of her importance as the central factor in the family.

To remember that her life is monotonous compared with yours, and to



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Is your world a small one, made unendurable by a thousand petty cares? Are the heart and soul of you cast down by bitter disappointment? Would you leave it all, if only for an hour, and come back with a new point of view? Then open the covers of a book.—Myrtle Reed, "The Master's Violin."

LARGEST WHISTLE IN THE WORLD.

Four times a day the people of East St. Louis and its vicinity, within a radius of ten miles, are kept informed of the time of day by a triple whistle, which was put in operation recently by an electric railway company. So far as reported, it is the largest whistle in the world. In clear weather it can be heard a distance of twelve miles, and the sound always carries ten miles. So strident is the blast that it is almost impossible for a person to stand within five feet of it when it blows.

COFFEE HEART.

Very Plain in Some People.

A great many people go on suffering from annoying ailments for a long time before they can get their own consent to give up the indulgence from which their trouble arises.

A gentleman in Brooklyn describes his experience as follows:

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THE ROLL OF HONOR FOR BOYS AND GIRLS OF SIXTEEN YEARS OF AGE AND UNDER

Any boy or girl under seventeen years of age may enter this contest, and those who make 80 per cent will be entitled to a place on the Advocate Roll of Honor, and their names will be published in the Advocate three weeks from the date of the issue containing the list of questions they answer.

There are forty of these questions—ten for each week for four weeks—and the boys and girls who make the required per cent for three of the four weeks shall receive special mention at the close of the series.

I have not time to write each of you a personal letter, but I will read your letters carefully, and will, each week, send the honor roll to the Advocate.

What you may do in this contest: You may, before you begin to write, take a history and study the lesson.

What you must not do: You must not ask the assistance of teacher, parents or anyone else, in answering the questions, or in finding the answers in the history. You must search them out for yourselves. You must not take any notes while studying, and must not refer to any book or paper, nor accept any assistance after your have commenced to write.

You must not forget to write on only one side of the paper, to give your address, and to copy and sign the following

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Your letters must reach me not later than ten days after the date of the paper containing the question.

Address **MRS. ELSIE MALONE McCOLLUM, Haskell, Texas.**

TEXAS HISTORY.

Second Paper—Era of Revolution.

- (a) Who was made President of Mexico in 1832?
(b) What kind of man was he? (Tell in three or four words.)
- What man was the immediate cause of the Texas Revolution?
- (a) Who is called the Father of Texas?
(b) What was the name of his father?
- (a) Who pronounced against the Mexican President in 1832?
(b) Which of the two men did the Texans then favor?
(c) Did this man prove true to the trust placed in him?
- (a) Where and when was the first convention held?
(b) Where and when was the second convention held?
(c) Who was imprisoned for writing, in a letter, that Texas must make preparations for a distinct State government?
- Tell whether Texas or Mexicans were victorious in:
 - Skirmish of Gonzales.
 - Storming of San Antonio Dec. 5, 1835.
 - Battle of the Alamo.
 - Battle of San Jacinto.
- (a) Tell who of the following men were on the Texan side and who were on the Mexican side—Cos, Houston, Milam, Bradburn, Santa Anna, Deaf Smith, Fannin, Travis, Austin.
(b) Which two of this list were brothers-in-law?
(c) Which one resigned the Governorship of one of the U. S. and went to the Indians?
(d) Which one led the Texans in the massacre of Goliad?
(e) Which one imprisoned seventeen colonists?
- (a) Why do Texans celebrate March 2d?
(b) Why do Texans celebrate April 21st?
(c) Who in the Alamo asked that his cot be set over the line?
- (a) What four names were on the old Alamo monument?
(b) What became of the old monument?
(c) What became of the bodies of the Texas heroes of the Alamo?
- (a) Who was Commander-in-Chief of the Texas Army during the Revolution?
(b) What became of Santa Anna after the battle of San Jacinto?

CORRECTION.

I write hastily to ask you to correct in the next issue (May 11), if possible, a typographical error in the corrected list of sentences in First Paper. In sentence No. 10 of corrected list in first paper I am represented as saying: "These molasses is delicious," instead of "This molasses is delicious," as I wrote it.
MRS. ELSIE MALONE McCOLLUM.

THIRD PAPER.

- Original.**
- Her manners are most elegant.
 - The fur of seals are expensive.
 - No one was left but Tom and I.
 - I written a letter to mother.
 - I have drank my last glass.
 - Mary has sang for the Queen.
 - Every one should love their own.
 - One of our best speakers were there.
 - Either John or James is guilty.
 - Both John and James is guilty.

- Corrected.**
- Correct.
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 - Correct.
 - Both John and James are guilty.

Roll of Honor for Third Paper in Grammar.
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seem to run by them with quite respectable stocks of goods. Some few are very large. I had never thought of a Chinaman outside of a laundry or occasionally a restaurant, and they still look out of joint to me selling goods and running shops.

Panama City is the largest town in the Republic, with some 35,000 inhabitants. It is old and crowded and crooked. Looks very much like the towns of Old Mexico. It has narrow-gauged streets and single file sidewalks, and everybody turns left handed. Many of the side streets are too narrow for carts to pass in them.

The United States Government leased forever the interest of the Panamanian Government in the canal zone, a strip of land extending five miles on each side of the canal survey from ocean to ocean. The zone is governed the same as other United States territory, enjoying thereby the same mail rates and service as in the States, and free importation from the United States to the zone.

The old French Company began work here in 1882. They made surveys and maps and did a vast amount of excavating until they broke in 1889. The United States Government paid \$40,000,000 to a second French company, then owning the assets of the first company, for all their property and interests here. The old company is said to have spent \$250,000,000 here before they broke. The property bought is vast, including all excavations, maps, machinery, material, hundreds of dwelling houses, storehouses, office buildings, hospitals, the Panama Railway, etc. Since taking over this immense property and committing itself to the most gigantic undertaking of the kind begun, the United States Government is now making extensive preparations in all lines for the hard, big and never-to-give-up job of digging the canal. To make the place as healthy as possible has been the first problem. The pay rolls of sanitary department are among the heaviest rolls at present. They are laying water-works and sewerage systems, fumigating every house in Panama, draining swamps, etc. Sanitary experts made an exhaustive study of the yellow fever in Havana, Cuba, when the fever was so bad there during the Spanish War. They discovered by conclusive tests that yellow fever is not contagious in any degree in any stage, but is infected by female mosquitoes, inoculated by biting a yellow fever patient. They fumigated Havana on this discovery, checked the fever at once by killing the poisoned mosquitoes and made Havana the healthy place, comparatively, that it is said to be now. They found out many interesting things about mosquitoes, as the length of their lives, the length of time they remained inoculated, some of their habits, etc. But if one does happen to be sick here from any cause, he is cared for at one of the Government hospitals free of charge. The Ancon Hospital is something immense, and thoroughly up to date. It was built by the French Company at a cost of several million dollars, and has been renovated and supplemented by the present Canal Commission.

Very few Americans have been sick since coming here as shown by the sanitary printed reports. Home-sickness don't count, of course. "Cold feet" is a rather common malady, as paradoxical as it may sound after those tropical temperature remarks at the first. Literally, I am sure my feet will never get cold here; figuratively, am not ready to go on record yet, though I feel no symptoms at all just now.

I should like to say something about the prestige of the Catholic Church in this Republic, and more about the cause, and something about the Government concessions, as the lottery, etc., but this note is long already. Will only add that I am well pleased with Panama.

JOHN McLEAN, JR.
Ancon, Canal Zone, Isthmus of Panama, April 22, 1905.

Many people can not attend Church lectures, receptions, places of amusement, or go where there is the least excitement or confusion without having an attack of headache that mars their pleasure. To those thus afflicted, we wish to say that if they will take one or two of Dr. Miles' Anti-Pain Pills before starting out, or when they notice the first indication of an attack there will be no further annoyance from this source. These pills stop headache, or any ache or pain in a few minutes. They are a little tablet that is convenient to carry and may be taken at any time with the certainty of being promptly relieved. They leave no after-effects, as they contain no opium, morphine, or other dangerous drugs, but cure by their soothing influence upon the nerves. Your druggist sells them, and will return your money if the first package fails to benefit.

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DISTRICT CONFERENCES.

Table listing district conferences: San Antonio, West End, May 16; Palestine, Jacksonville, May 19; Corsicana, Groesbeck, 3 p. m., May 17; Houston, Alvin, 10 a. m., May 17; Colorado, Colorado, 8:30 a. m., May 18; Bowie, Alvord, 9 a. m., May 25; Abilene, Roby, May 27; San Angelo, Miles, 9 a. m., May 31; Brenham, Somerville, June 1; Marshall, Hallville, June 20; Beaumont, Port Arthur, 9 a. m., June 21; San Augustine, San Aug., 9 a. m., June 22; Calvert, Reagan, 9 a. m., June 22; Austin, Bastrop, 8:30 a. m., June 22; Weatherford, Graham, June 23; Pittsburg, Naples, 8:30 a. m., June 27; Tyler, Mineola, 8 p. m., June 28; Dublin, Hico, 9 a. m., June 29; Huntsville, Huntsville, 9 a. m., July 4

PLAN OF EPISCOPAL VISITATION FOR 1905-6.

Table listing episcopal visitation plans for 1905-6, organized by district (First, Second, Third, Fourth, Fifth, Sixth, Seventh, Eighth, Ninth) and listing locations and dates.

A PLEASANT VISIT TO LAMPASAS.

Lampasas is located some fifty miles west of Temple, and on the Brown-wood branch of the Santa Fe Railroad. It requires something over 200 miles travel to reach the town from Dallas. Last Friday night I boarded the Santa Fe and arrived at Lampasas at about 7 o'clock the next morning. Rev. W. T. Renfro, the popular pastor of our Church, met me, and I was soon pleasantly located as the guest of the parsonage. Brother Renfro recently sold the old parsonage and bought the present commodious house closer to the Church. It is a very comfortable and substantial home for the pastor's family. And there is not one cent of indebtedness on it. It is good property. And a little woman presides over it who knows how to keep it in first-class condition. Sister Renfro not only does this, but she is also a devoted Church worker. I spent a most delightful time in that good home.

Lampasas has a population of about 4000 people. The business houses are nearly all brick and stone, and they indicate a thrifty condition of trade. They are well stocked with all sorts of goods. They evidently do a fine business. A beautiful and well built court house occupies the square. It has a splendid auditorium. There are a number of very fine residences in the town. They would do credit to a much larger city. The town is located in an undulating position, with clear, running water in abundance. It has one of the finest natural parks I have yet seen. It is covered with green grass and large trees. I attended our Sunday-school picnic out there, and the young people had a good time. Lampasas is famous for its mineral waters. They are impregnated with medicinal properties, and they are an attraction to many people who visit the place for the benefit of the water. In fact, it ought to be a great health resort. This water is gotten not very far underneath the ground. And it is inexhaustible. The country round the town is not just like our black land. It is black, but has gravel in it, and is not, therefore, so muddy when it rains. It is productive, but the seasons are a trifle uncertain. It is a great sheep country. The wool clip shipped from that point this season amounted to 2,000,000 pounds. Cotton, also, grows. About 10,000 bales were marketed there the past year. So far they have had abundant rains, and the condition of the country is fine.

Our church is prosperous. We have an excellent property. It is a frame structure and cost \$8000. It is modern and well equipped. The Baptists have a handsome stone structure. We have about 300 members. They are most excellent people. Brother Renfro is serving his third year and he is greatly loved by his people. All departments of his congregation are in good working order. They are going to invite the next session of the West Texas Conference to meet with them—that is, after the session now approaching at Lockhart. The Catholics have a good school at Lampasas. The public schools are also up-to-date. I preached for our people Sunday morning. Had a good audience, and I trust a good service. The people were attentive to the Word. We have many subscribers to the Advocate, and I was really not a stranger to them. I had the pleasure of a good visit to Rev. J. E. Varnor, of the Lampasas Leader. He was formerly a member of the West Texas Conference, but on account of throat trouble he located there several years ago. He has been living in Lampasas and editing the Leader a number of years. He has prospered in his business. He is still a local preacher, superintendent of the Sunday-school, a steward and a trustee. He edits a good, clean paper, and he is a good, true man. He stands by the Church and his preacher.

Lampasas is a local option county, though the town itself voted an anti majority. Since the election, however, there has been quite a change in public sentiment, and the majority now would be small, if at all. There is some talk of their bringing on another election. Hence the pros used

me quite freely while there. On Saturday afternoon I spoke to a good crowd at the court house, and Sunday afternoon the same place was filled, and I addressed them again. There is considerable interest, and if the fight is brought on, the anti will get snowed under again. In the evening I went to Lometa, above there, to speak on local option; but the rain poured down and we could not have the meeting. While there I shared the hospitality of Bro. J. M. Mitcham and family. They moved to that place about a year or so ago from East Texas. We have a very good little Church organization there, and they read the Advocate. Was sorry that I could not give them a service.

G. C. R.

TO THOSE WHO WRITE.

If you want anything you write published in the Advocate, sign your name to it in full. We publish nothing without the writer's name. This puts the responsibility for what you write just where it belongs. If you want a non de plume to your communication, send it to some other paper. It will not appear in the Advocate. Then, too, it is best for you to state your own subject at the head of your communication. Frequently that is left to us to supply, and it now and then occurs that we cannot determine from the body of your communication just what subject you are discussing. You are supposed to know that fact, and in order to insure no mistake, you had better state your own theme. And, once more, we admonish you to write sparingly in poetry. We are such a prosy and matter-of-fact editor that our ears are not trained to the voice of the Muse, and, as a result, the most of her wooings head for the wastebasket before we get through listening to her plaintive tones. Only a very few people can write poetry—hundreds can jingle words. But word-jingling is not poetry. Therefore, when you have any really good thoughts to communicate to the Advocate put the Muse, at least for a few months, into your closet and translate them into good, old, substantial prose. You will stand a much better chance of a hearing and a reading. But whatever you write, state your own subject, write it legibly and sign your name to it.

THE TERRELL DISTRICT CONFERENCE.

The Terrell District Conference met last week at Kemp, in Kaufman County. It is located on the Texas and New Orleans Railroad, and about fifty miles from this city. It is a good town, with a fine country round it. Its business houses are substantial brick buildings, and from the indication the merchants do a good business. Kaufman County is a good county generally, and Kemp is in one of its best sections. We have a good, strong congregation there. Its membership are among the prosperous people of the community. They have recently built a most excellent parsonage, and have it paid for. They are talking of building a handsome church structure. Their present building has almost served its purpose. When they accomplish this piece of needed enterprise, then our Methodism in Kemp will be in splendid condition.

The conference opened Wednesday night with a sermon by Rev. C. H. Spragins. He is our Conference Secretary of Missions, and represented that cause. It was well done. Thursday showed a good attendance—the best that we have yet seen at the several conferences. Rev. O. S. Thomas was in the chair. The preachers were all present. We heard their reports on the spiritual state of the Church and on the Sunday-school question. These reports evinced a good condition of things throughout the district. At the noon hour we preached to a most responsive and helpful congregation. We had a good service. In the afternoon Brother Thomas gave Mrs. Dr. DeShell, the District Secretary of the Woman's Foreign Missionary Society, the right of way, and she conducted a most interesting bus-

iness meeting. A number of representative ladies were present and took part. We were invited to tell of the work of the society in Mexico. There were also a number of good papers read. After this the conference proceeded with its business. We were given an opportunity to represent the Advocate. The paper is popular throughout that district. The preachers give it hearty support. Among the visitors were Rev. Jno. R. Nelson, of the medical department of Southwestern; Rev. R. W. Thompson, in the interest of the Orphanage, and Rev. J. M. Peterson, of Greenville District. While there we were hospitably entertained in the good home of Brother and Sister Mason. Brother Thomas, and Brother Weeks, the pastor, showed the brethren every courtesy, and Kemp opened her doors to all. The conference was a very religious gathering. The praying and the singing and the talks indicated this state of things. Brother Thomas has fine business qualities, and he brings out all the points of interest in a gathering of this sort. He has a fine set of preachers. They all work in harmony. They look like a band of brethren in deed and in truth. The laymen took quite a part in the proceedings. Their talks and counsels were to the point. We could only stay one day with them, but it was a delightful day.

A MOST INTERESTING MAN.

During the present week we had a visit from Rev. Alexander Day, D. D., a native Macedonian preacher in the Wesleyan Methodist Church. He is a missionary in his native land under the direction of that great religious organization. He has letters of endorsement from scores of our Methodist ministers, chief among whom is Bishop Galloway. Dr. Day is visiting this country to try to secure homes for a number of orphan children whom he has gathered in Macedonia. It is his effort to place them in good, Christian homes, where they will have an opportunity to grow up under good tuition and become useful men and women. He preached last Sunday night to our First Church people, and Dr. J. M. Moore, the pastor, speaks in high terms of his ministrations. He will spend a few weeks in Texas, and the most excellent endorsements he carries will be all the introduction he will need to our preachers and people. Dr. Day is a cultured Christian minister, and an admirable gentleman.

BIBLE READING ON METHODISM.

The above is the title of a pamphlet issued by Rev. C. G. Shutt, of the Northwest Texas Conference. As the author expresses it, it is "the Methodist Doctrine in a Nutshell." Such is the popularity of the booklet that this copy before us is one of the third addition. People find in it something they want to read. It comprises a succinct statement of what the Methodists believe and teach, and of their Bible authority for believing and teaching it. Young people, especially, will find it a crisp, pointed and readable little volume, and it will help them to be intelligent and well informed Methodists.

SOUTHWESTERN MEDICAL DEPARTMENT.

We take great pleasure in mentioning a fact which shows that our Southwestern Medical Department is getting hold of our people. It is now an assured success and it has come to stay, and our people are beginning to so regard it. Rev. J. E. Vinson, of Wolfe City, writing to Rev. H. A. Bourland, of this city, says: "I write to say to you that Dr. F. B. Shuford, of Wolfe City, wants to award a \$25 first prize medal for the department of anatomy in the Medical Department of Southwestern University, to be known as the Dr. F. B. Shuford Medal." Dr. Bourland submitted the proposition to the faculty, and they were delighted to accept the proposition of Dr. Shuford, and the medal is now a permanent fixture. Dr. Shuford is a member of our Church and a noble physician, and his interest in the Medical School is highly esteemed. Are there

not others of our good people who will think of this matter and do something similar?

REV. JAMES M. STEVENS DEAD.

In a note Rev. W. H. H. Biggs, Presiding Elder of the Llano District, writes of the death of Rev. James M. Stevens, of the New Mexico Conference. He died at his home near Valley Springs, Texas. A suitable obituary will be prepared soon. Brother Stevens was not in good health, and he was a superannuated member of his Conference. He was a good man, full of faith and the Holy Spirit.

A THRILLING INCIDENT.

The evangelist, Brother Andrews, is now holding a great meeting in Sherman, in connection with our Travis Street Church. We clip the following from the Sherman paper. It will be read with interest. It shows what genuine religion will do when it gets hold of a man:

Evangelist Andrews is here and is assisting Rev. Mr. Scales, pastor of the Travis Street Methodist Church in the revival which began at the Church yesterday and will continue indefinitely and until further notice is given there will be services each day at 3 p. m. and 7:45 p. m.

The evidence of interest was apparent at both the morning and evening services despite that those who attended the latter did so in the face of approaching rain.

When weather conditions permit and the great tent is spread opportunities for carrying out the plans of Pastor Scales and his earnest, zealous assistants will be greatly reinforced, and there are expectations of a great religious upheaval, making it in fact a revival. The Ladonia News has something that will be interesting in connection with the above announcement as follows:

In the annals of religious revivals held in Ladonia the meeting which closed at the Methodist Church yesterday morning stands without a parallel in point of intensity of feeling, soul-stirring effort and spiritual awakening among the people. In years to come it will be referred to as the tidal wave which swept all barriers before it, resulting in such a spiritual cleansing as was never before known to our people. That much good has been accomplished there cannot be the shadow of a doubt. For nearly three weeks services were held morning and night, and from luke-warm feeling, the services terminated in such enthusiasm as was never before known to the community.

The exercises on the public square yesterday afternoon, when a bon-fire was made of the paraphernalia of a cock-pit and a cold storage belonging to F. E. Conkin, were dramatic in the extreme. In his conversion at the Church yesterday morning the proprietor of the place declared in favor of making a sacrifice of the property and forever relinquishing the business. Arrangements were made for holding a special service on the streets, and at 4 o'clock the west side of the square was a solid mass of humanity. As the flames burst from the pile, a mighty cheer went up from the hundreds gathered around the fire, and a great song of rejoicing swept across the city. Never was there such religious fervor as evinced by the vast throng. It was suggested that the loss of the property should not be borne by Mr. Conkin, and within a few minutes nearly two hundred dollars were contributed to pay for it.

Possibly there will never be another demonstration of the kind witnessed here. Yesterday's occurrence will linger in the minds of all who witnessed it until the close of life.

TEXAS PERSONALS.

Rev. W. F. Cummins, late of Dallas, but now of Saratoga, looked in upon us the other day.

Rev. J. M. Holt, of Warren, made us a pleasant visit recently. He is a good working member of the Texas Conference, and results always follow his labors.

We are in receipt of an "At Home" from Rev. and Mrs. Edwin D. Muzon, of San Antonio. It will take place on May 19, and it will be their fifteenth wedding anniversary. May they have a great time.

We are in receipt of an invitation to the twenty-fifth wedding anniversary of Rev. and Mrs. G. F. Boyd. It will occur on May 17 at their home in Gatesville, Texas. We send congratulations.

We had a pleasant visit this week from Rev. W. A. Stuekey, of Sulphur

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Springs. He will be the host of the next Conference, and on account of this and for other reasons we want to stand in with him. He is all right.

Revs. Hubert and Perry Nickerbocker, of this city, are now in New Orleans, at the bedside of a sick brother.

We are sorry to learn of the illness of Mrs. J. H. Bowman, of Plano. Many prayers will be offered for her recovery.

We had the pleasure of meeting Rev. Jerome Haralson, D. D., on our recent visit to Lampasas. He seems to be in his usual health, and it was good to see his face and hear his voice once more. He and his wife are living in Lampasas.

We regret to note the death of Capt Franklin C. Moore, which took place at his country home in Franklin County, Arkansas, April 28. He was the good father of our brother, Rev. Franklin Moore, of Celeste. He was a good man and served his day and generation faithfully, and now he has gone to his reward.

We know a town located in a western section of the State of 600 inhabitants. They need a good, earnest, working member of our Church to take the principalship of their school at \$85 per month. If you want such a position and you fill the bill as per above, send us your name and references, and we will forward the same to the aforesaid town.

CHURCH NEWS.

There are 2,287 pupils in the Sunday-school of First Church, Los Angeles.

Rev. W. B. Palmer returned to St. Louis from his South American trip April 25.

The North Carolina Christian Advocate Company has purchased a fine lot at Greensboro and will erect thereon an up-to-date printing establishment.

The Taylor lectures at Kentucky Wesleyan College have been postponed for a year on account of the burning of the building. They are to be delivered by Bishop Hoss.

Rev. S. A. Steel is said to feel much encouraged about his school at Lumberton, Miss., for poor boys and girls who pay their tuition in work. He has over 500 applications.

In the Methodist Episcopal Church, South, there are 6703 traveling preachers, being an increase over last year of 83. There are 4770 local preachers, being a decrease of but 36.

At a meeting of the citizens of Nashville it was determined that Nashville should erect one of the buildings to take the place of the burned building of Vanderbilt University. This building is to cost \$100,000.

The Montague Training School for Sunday-school Workers begins its session Sunday, July 16, and continues till Sunday, July 30, in Warren Hall and Assembly Auditorium at Montague, Tenn.

The Cole Lectures of Vanderbilt University, for 1905, were delivered by Rev. Charles Cuthbert Hall, D. D., president of the Union Theological Seminary, New York. His general theme was "The Universal Elements in the Christian Religion."

The annual meeting of the Woman's Home Mission Society of our Church was held at Court Street Church, Montgomery, April 14-19. From reports it was one of the most pleasant and profitable meetings in the history of the Society.

Dr. H. W. Bays, the presiding elder of the Charleston District, was recently in Washington, D. C., in the interest of the Red Cross Society of Charleston. The Charleston Society is making an effort to have a great hospital established in that city.

Our houses of worship now number 15,199, being an increase during the year of 109. Their value is \$28,109,266, being an increase of \$1,504,449. The total indebtedness on these houses is \$28,038, being an increase of \$89,729.

The report of Miss Belle H. Bennett, at Montgomery, during the annual meeting of the Woman's Home Mission Society, showed that during the past year there were added 6,211 members, and the collections increased

\$15,159 over the preceding year. Nine deaconesses are now at work under the direction of the Board, and twelve candidates are in the training schools. Thirteen mission schools are supported by the Society, giving instruction to 1,590 students.

In our Church there are 14,783 Sunday-schools, being an increase over last year of 565. There are 107,427 Sunday-school officers and teachers, being a decrease of 1414. There are 1,097,830 Sunday-school scholars, being an increase of 27,855.

In the canvass for funds for Vanderbilt University the alumni now residing in Nashville have taken the lead with great enthusiasm and success. As soon as the local ground is thoroughly gone over they propose to take the matter up with all the alumni and ex-students that can be reached.

The Wesley Memorial Hospital in Atlanta will be ready to open about July 1. The opening has been delayed by the fact that with a view to economy in the long run, the trustees have made greater changes in the building than was at first proposed, and more time has been required for the completion of these improvements.

The largest Annual Conference in the connection (and in the world) is the North Georgia, with a ministry and membership of 161,868, followed closely by the Virginia with 96,377. Virginia may possibly pass the 100,000 line by the close of the quadrennium. Our third largest conference is the South Carolina, with 81,113 ministers and members.

The amount paid our preachers in charge last year is \$2,914,778.71, being an increase of \$261,843.88. The amount paid presiding elders is \$402,336.19, being a decrease of \$4,258.78. The amount paid Bishops is \$51,253.29, being an increase of \$3093.93. The amount collected for conference claimants is \$206,408.25, being an increase of \$14,373.94.

The report of Rev. P. H. Whisner, Secretary Board of Church Extension, was submitted to the annual meeting of the board. Aid was extended the past year to 156 Churches, donations to these were \$46,120, and loans \$57,750. In addition to these the Conference Boards aided 421 Churches, giving them \$50,509. The entire distribution for the past year was \$96,709. There was an increase in collections over the previous year of \$7945.

The following table shows the amount contributed by our Church to missions during the past fiscal year:

Table with columns for Contributions, Foreign missions, Domestic Missions, Church Extension, Woman's For. Miss. Soc., Woman's H. M. Society, American Bible Society, Total, Increase, Foreign missions, Domestic missions, Church Extension, Woman's For. Miss. Society, Woman's H. M. Society, American Bible Society, Total.

FROM BRO. ONDERDONK.

We have received the following letter, which explains itself:

I am just back from a month's absence on the Pacific Coast, and knew nothing about what you were doing in the way of helping out in the El Coibre Church until I got to Ahualcolas Saturday and saw in El Evangelista, our Mexican paper, a little note regarding the matter. Bless your good big heart! What can I say of the lift this will give us? With the hundred you propose sending, we can make the little chapel somewhat decent, a luxury I did not contemplate—not even plastering. The foundations are already in and the walls going up. I will send you a picture of the little Bethel when it is done. It will be humble, but the best house for four hours' ride. I have read over the names of the contributors with such a loving interest, and expect to clip them out and keep them.

I cannot tell you what an inspiration this is to me in my work to feel that I have the sympathy of these dear people who have contributed. God bless them, every one. It makes me a more devoted worker.

I had a hard but profitable trip West. The seventeen days in the saddle make me feel like laying up a few days, but I must be away to-morrow again.

With loving thanks to you and the brethren. F. S. ONDERDONK. Guadalupe, May 3, 1905.

A KINDLY WORD FROM BISHOP HOSS.

Owing, no doubt, to my poor handwriting, the Advocate of last week made me give credit for \$25 on the Oklahoma Church to Mr. John G. South, of Deport, Texas, when it should have said Rev. John G. Smith. The generous donor is an excellent local preacher in our Church. My father was an artist with a pen, and used all sorts of methods in trying to teach me to frame my characters legibly, but somehow or other, good as my intentions were, my muscles never responded to the tuition. Once in a while I am mortified by having the postmaster return the letters which I write for a plainer address, and not infrequently I give the printer a bad half hour with my manuscript. This is the first time, however, that I ever got down the wrong name as contributor to a benevolent fund. Where money is concerned, I make a desperate effort to be correct.

Owing to circumstances beyond my control, I am compelled to cancel all my outstanding engagements after May 30. I deeply regret to take this action, but events have so shaped themselves as to leave no other course open to me. After to-morrow, unless there should be some unforeseen change, I shall not be in Texas again till towards the close of September. As my duties will take me out of the United States, I shall ask some other one of the Bishops to attend to imperative affairs in my district, and will announce his name in the papers.

Will you suffer me, in this connection, to say how profoundly grateful I am to the preachers and people in Texas and the Territories for their great kindness to me during the past year. Wherever I have gone, they have shown me a brotherly courtesy far beyond my deserts. As I take leave of them for a season, my heart is lifted up to God in fervent prayer on their behalf. May the Father of mercies bless them with all spiritual blessings in heavenly places in Christ Jesus. My inability to render them a better service has been a constant occasion of grief and regret to me. Limitations of judgment, lack of strength, and other obstacles have been in my way from the beginning.

Yet I can say with a good conscience that I have tried to meet the responsibilities of my office as one that expects to give account. No Bishop can get all over Texas, to say nothing of the outlying regions, in a single year. To visit every charge once, if nothing else required attention, would consume the Sundays of twenty years, or the Sundays and week days combined of full three years. There must, therefore, be picking and choosing, and in making discriminations some mistakes are likely to occur. Up to this time I have preached in Albuquerque, Las Cruces, Alamogordo, La Luz, El Paso, Abilene, Cisco, Gordon, Mineral Wells, Fort Worth, Dallas, Austin, Houston, San Antonio, Cuero, San Marcos, Beeville, San Angelo, Bonham, Terrell, Greenville, Farmersville, Italy, Nash, Gainesville, Corsicana, Bowie, Waxahachie, Cleburne, Georgetown, Ploody, McGregor, Ennis, Marshall, Pittsburg, Texarkana, Muskogee, South McAlester, Duncan, Chickasha, and I know not how many other places.

The vastness of the opportunities for Methodism are as impressive as the extent of the field itself. In every direction the doors are wide open before us. All that we need is grace and strength to enter them. No Church in any age ever faced a condition of things better adapted to kindle hope and to inspire heroism, and none ever carried a weightier load of responsibility. We must not content ourselves with past achievements. Nothing is sillier than to boast of what the fathers did, as if it were a credit to us. We must do our day's work here and now, or else come under the condemnation of the Judge.

I say these things, not as intimating that the people called Methodists are slothful and indolent. On the contrary, judged by any fair test, they are much alive. The tokens of their activity are numerous. They are literally dotting the State with handsome new churches and parsonages; they are giving increasing sums to missions, education, and other good causes; they are filling the very air with the sound of revival hymns and sermons; they are, as I humbly trust, increasing in personal godliness from year to year. These very facts are the ground of my exhortation. O that the kingdom of God may come with great power among us! Not with observation does it come; not with blare of bugles and waving of banners; not with human schemes and manipulations. The Spirit where he listeth bloweth. Silently as night's passage of the stars in the sky, gradually as the daily rising of the tide on the shore, He enters into men's minds and hearts, cleansing them of whatever is base and vile, quickening them to all

high and holy aims and purposes, and making them fit to be partakers of the inheritance of the saints in light. So may He enter our hearts! April 27, 1905. E. E. HOSS.

STATEMENT OF MISS SUE PINCKNEY.

In your issue of the 27th there is published a piece concerning the late tragedy enacted here (where we are without officers unless the Governor kindly sends Rangers to keep peace and order). I quote a few lines: "Two years ago Congressman Pinckney's brother was killed by some negroes. He fired into a country church without provocation, where the negroes were peacefully worshipping. They returned the fire and he was killed." This is wholly incorrect. Tucker Pinckney did not fire into any church. Seventeen negro brutes, armed, were placed in that negro church to assassinate two young white men as they passed there that Sunday afternoon. Not one shot was fired into or at that place of worship. No one was in there but the armed and hired assassins. Tucker Pinckney was shot to death simply to stab John Pinckney to the heart, and white men have shielded his murderers from the hour he was killed till now. Yes, John Pinckney was killed and he was unarmed and every one knew it. There was no thought of trouble. Tom Pinckney was armed. He had worn his gun every day since the night our brother was murdered. He only drew it that night to avenge his brother John, who received four shots in the back, and had one arm broken. In his terrible agony, while dying, he said: "I would never shoot a man in the back." Thank God my brothers are above suspicion. A little over a year ago our dear brother Tucker was taken to his long last home, and that was ere the East-er Sabbath had scarcely passed; and the night after this Easter-tide two other of my brothers, John M. and Tom D. Pinckney, were marks for slaughter. Tom also received two bullets in his back, one brought home dead, the other dying. It is not often that a sister follows two hearses the same day to the grave. I will say it was spite and jealousy and hatred of Congressman Pinckney that brought on his death. Many people say Congress was the cause. We may know some day. My brothers' enemies are mine, and my brothers' honor I will defend. I ask you, Dr. Rankin, as a Christian and a gentleman, to publish this. One more word: Tucker Pinckney was sober, and he was unarmed when the assassins did their work. Three of the vile black brutes, after having confessed to the crime, are out on bond.

(MISS) SUE PINCKNEY.

THE MEXICAN CHURCH FUND.

We have received the following amounts since our last issue for the church in Rev. Frank Onderdonk's district, in Mexico:

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EARLY MISSIONARIES TO TEXAS.

H. G. H.

A slip of Prof. C. C. Cody's facile pen, Advocate April 6, in his fine write-up of Southwestern University in which he says Martin Ruter "was the first Methodist missionary to Texas," gives me an opportunity to name quite a number of men who brought the Methodist gospel of salvation to Texas before Martin Ruter crossed the Sabine. Had the learned professor said "first superintendent of missions in Texas" he would have stated the well-known historical fact. If I mistake not, Dr. Ruter came to Texas in 1837, and was dead in less than a year. He was first buried at old Washington on the Brazos. A few years ago his remains were removed to Navasota. Hoping not to weary the reader, I would like to call up the names of a few who were blowing the gospel trumpet in Texas at an early period. In 1818 and 1819 Henry Stevenson crossed Red River and commenced missionary work. It is even thought that he came in 1815. It is clear, though, that he organized a class at o'd Jonesboro in 1818. Soon after Stevenson came Washington and Green Orr, twin brothers. In 1835 John H. Carr was here preaching, and in 1836 came Wm. G. Duke and E. B. Duncan; in 1837 John N. Hamil. Soon after came John B. Denton, father of John B. and James F. Denton. Henry Stevenson preached in Austin's Colony in 1824. Wm. C. Crawford came in

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1835. Robert Alexander was preaching in Texas when Martin Ruter arrived here. I may be mistaken, but I think Lytleton Fowler, Wm. Mulkey and N. J. Alford were preaching here when Ruter arrived. In 1823 James P. Stevenson was calling sinners to repentance in Texas. Among the Mississippi appointments for 1835 we read: "Texas Mission, Henry Stevenson." The famous John Wesley Kinney came in 1833, local, it is true, but traveling everywhere and preaching like an apostle. In 1835 Wm. P. Smith preached at a camp-meeting on Caney Creek. Dr. Ruter did not bring his family to Texas. He put them in a boat on the Ohio and paddled it himself from Pittsburg to Marietta, then left them at New Albany, Ind., and saw them no more.

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Sunday-School Department

By PROF. H. M. HAMILL, D. D., Superintendent Training Work.

THE SUNDAY-SCHOOL LIBRARY.

Whether it is worth while for a Sunday-school to maintain a library depends upon several conditions. If the library is a costly appendage for the mere name of having one, consisting of poorly selected books that are unwisely distributed and little read, the school would be better off without it.

The old idea of a Sunday-school library was to provide Sunday reading only, on the ground that the Sunday school had nothing to do with the secular needs or week day reading of the scholar, a better judgment now obtains; and any clean, wholesome book, though not specifically religious in subject matter, is recognized as an aid to religion, and is given place in the Sunday-school library.

Home conditions enter into the question of a Sunday-school library. In Christian homes, where the reading of boys and girls goes on under the eye of parents who have a conscience in the matter, the Sunday-school library is not a vital necessity. It is unfortunate, however, that even in many Christian homes parental carelessness and penuriousness compel the Sunday-school to make good the defects of the home. There is nothing more pathetic than a child's reading instinct, which vainly seeks its gratification at the hands of parent or Sunday-school teacher.

The quality of the books in a Sunday-school library is a determining factor of no small account. Not long ago a superintendent pointed with pride to a library of over one thousand volumes. Examination disclosed the fact that only about ten per cent of the books were being read. They had been tried by the scholars and found wanting. They were like Hook's razors, "made to sell," and were unsuited to children and young people. The ancient Sunday-school library book was of a "goody-goody" kind, whose boy and girl heroes were artificial, sanctimonious little "bandbox saints," who talked like grandparents, and were the disgust of the rough-and-tumble, mischief-making real boys and girls of the Sunday-school. No wonder such books lay unread upon the library shelves.

The free public library is another factor in deciding as to a Sunday-school library. If the library is open to boys and girls, if its books are clean and helpful and the management of the library is committed to a wise person who knows the books and will direct the choice, there is small need of the Sunday-school library. Usually, however, public libraries minister to depraved tastes, fill their shelves with sensational fiction, and do much to lower the standard of clean and wholesome reading.

What should a Sunday-school library be? There ought to be books especially for Sunday-school reading, though not, as in the old days, of this exclusive sort. The sacredness of the Sabbath demands that the reading for the day shall be such as will conduce toward "keeping it holy." The Sunday paper and the novel have done much to break down the Sabbath.

There ought to be the best books for week day reading. It is not impracticable to keep the line between Sunday and week day reading clearly defined. Any book helpful to mind or heart is good for the scholar's secular reading. The judgment of the pastor under whose scrutiny all library books should be chosen is a safe criterion for a Sunday-school library.

Quality rather than quantity in books is the chief consideration. A small, well-chosen library of helpful and readable books is better than crowded shelves and ostentatious display.

In readability, the best books for boys and girls are: (1) Biographical; (2) historical; (3) books of travel and adventure; (4) books of applied science if simple and suited to children; (5) books of fiction, in which the morbid and sensational are not found. Some of the best aids to morals are to be found in books of fiction, but these should be kept in abeyance, and the taste of the scholar developed for stronger food. Fiction is like sweetmeats, in place only after the substantial.

As to the library methods, first, a committee of at least five should be responsible for the selection of books. The pastor, superintendent and librarian should be members of this committee.

A list of books, with a brief characterization of the contents of each book, should be put into the hands of each class and home included in the school membership. The list should

make it easy for the scholar to choose what he wants.

The librarian should be a person of large experience with books, and with sympathy for children and young people. He can do much to mold the reading habits of the scholars. His good judgment of books should make itself felt by every scholar and teacher of the school.

The distribution is the perplexing question in the management of a Sunday-school library. Methods are many, but all converge upon one point; that the books must not be in the hands of the scholars during the Sunday-school hour, as a menace and distraction. Books should be returned before the opening of the session, choice of other books should be indicated by card, and distribution of new books made at the close of the session. In some school the selection and distribution is made on Saturday afternoon.

May 21.—Subject: "Jesus Before Pilate."—John 18:28-40.

Golden Text: "Every one that is of the truth heareth my voice."—John 18:37.

Location: The day following the preceding lesson. The palace of the Roman Governor at Jerusalem.

The Point of View: Chapters 18-20 present to us the self-revelation of the Son of God in his death and resurrection. In chapters 18, 19 the story of his arrest and crucifixion is so told as to illustrate his spiritual ascendancy over both his friends and his enemies, the real voluntariness of his suffering, his true humanity and the accomplishment of Old Testament prophecy in him.

From the World Evangelist: I. First Part of Trial Before Pilate (Outside the Praetorium), Verses 28-32.

V. 28. "Then led they Jesus from Calaphas unto the hall of judgment," the Praetorium, or official house of Pilate, where his court was held. John omits the Lord's trial before Calaphas and the Sanhedrin, as it is given in full by the other evangelists, and he assumes that his readers are acquainted with the result of that trial; they had sentenced him to death, and now take him to the Governor to have their sentence executed.

"And it was early," about 5 a. m. "And they themselves went not into the judgment hall," etc. Here we are face to face with one of the most difficult problems of the four gospels. Matthew, Mark and Luke say that Jesus and his disciples ate the Passover the evening of his arrest and trial. If the supper and feet-washing in John 13 are to be connected with the Last Supper, then John also puts the Passover of the Savior before the trial; but here these men avoid ceremonial defilement in order to eat the Passover. The reconciliation of these facts is most difficult, nor can it be discussed in these fragmentary notes as it should. Enough to say that I believe the explanation offered by Eidersheim and others is the most satisfactory, viz: (1) the name Passover applied to all the seven days of the Feast; (2) there was a special meal, with sacrifices, eaten on the second day of the Feast, called Chagizah; (3) this was eaten at noon of the day succeeding eating the lamb; (4) this meal was called "eating the Passover" (Duet. 14:2, 3; 2 Chron. 35:7, 8). This is believed to be the "Passover" these men wished to eat. Note, also, they had no scruples in violating every principle of legal right in condemning Jesus; they had conscientious objections. Such is religious but unregenerate man.

V. 29. "Pilate then went unto them" from his judgment hall which they would never enter. "What accusation bring ye against this man?" He knew well enough, but he wanted a specific indictment to be stated.

V. 30. "If he were not a malefactor," "Malefactor," an evil-doer. The Jews were surprised at the question; they saw Pilate meant to try the case himself. They had expected him merely to carry out their sentence. They speak as equals, if not superiors, of the Governor.

V. 31. "Take ye him, and judge him according to your law." If they will not make a direct charge he will not deal with the case. Vacillating, politic, expedient, scornful toward the Jews, he was no fit judge of such a case. Yet he sought to escape responsibility, and set Jesus free. He was (1) impressed by his wife's dream (Matt. 27:19); (2) he wished the Jews to try the case; (3) he sent Jesus to Herod; (4) he offered to release Jesus in honor of the Feast; (5) he would scourge him and let him go.

"It is not lawful for us to put any man to death." Quite true; the Jews had now lost the power to execute criminals. Jacob's prophecy was fulfilled; "the sceptre" had departed from Judah (Gen. 49:10). It was for this reason they had brought Jesus to Pilate, viz: that their sentence of death might be carried out by Pilate,

the only authority that could do so.

V. 32. "That the saying of Jesus," etc., cf. Matt. 26:19. Had he been executed by the Sanhedrin, he would have been stoned, the Jewish form of capital punishment. Crucifixion was Roman.

II. Second Part of the Trial (Within Praetorium), vs. 33-37.

V. 33. "Then Pilate entered * * * and called Jesus." The guards probably had brought him inside the palace; Pilate now calls him before the judgment seat. We infer that Jesus had not heard the conversation on the outside.

"Art thou the King of the Jews?" All the gospels give these words, the first perhaps that Pilate ever addressed him. Emphasis is on "thou." He did not look like it, a prisoner, adjudged guilty of death by the rulers of his own people; how could he be King?

V. 34. "Sayest thou this thing of thyself, or did others tell thee of me?" Jesus had a right to know the authors of the charge. The meaning of the title, and its truth, would depend on those who used it. Besides, this counter-question seems to be intended to awaken Pilate's conscience. What motive hast thou in asking this question? Hast thou ever heard that I contemplated setting up a kingdom or rival Rome's authority? Dost thou know that I claim to be King?

V. 35. "Pilate answered, Am I a Jew? I. e., can it be supposed that I, a Roman, an officer of the world-power, am interested in these Jewish questions and disputes?"

"Thine own nation and the chief priests have delivered thee unto me; what hast thou done?" There underlies this: (1) a tacit admission that Jesus was not a political aspirant after royalty, else the "nation" would not have delivered him to Pilate; (2) that there must be some reason why they have so violently turned against him. What hast thou done to set thy people so strongly against thee?

V. 36. "My kingdom is not of this world." Literally, is not from this world, not "out of" it. Neither as to its source, origin, spirit, or temper is it of this world; it is neither begun nor propagated, nor defended by the power of this world, by the world's arms and money. It is therefore entirely unlike the kingdoms of the world:

"If my kingdom were * * * then would my servants fight." Our Lord here gives the reason and proof that his kingdom is not of this world; if it were it would be supported by his servants, and he himself would be defended by them against the rulers and priests; but only the night before Jesus had forbidden his disciples to defend him. Had he urged them, they would have fought for him, as Peter tried to do, but since he refused such help, clearly his kingdom is not like an earthly realm.

"But now is my kingdom not from hence." "Now" may be logical, and so equivalent to "hence," "therefore;" or it may be temporal, "for the present time," as the world now is, my kingdom is not from it; but the time will come when my kingdom shall be over this world and wholly control it.

V. 37. "Art thou a King then?" This inquiry differs from that in v. 33. Thou speakest of thy kingdom, thy servants; art thou in some sense a King?

"Jesus answered, Thou sayest? Yes, I am indeed a King. To this end was I born, and for this cause came I into the world." "Have I been born," "am come," R. V. Both verbs are perfects. (1) his pre-existence is clearly affirmed; (2) his Kingly office is affirmed; (3) his incarnation has for its chief end the establishment of his kingdom over the minds and hearts of men; (4) the King does this by witnessing to the truth, giving out God's truth to men who thereby are brought into joyful subjection to him; (5) all who receive his truth and enter his kingdom are under his rule. This is "the good confession before Pontius Pilate" Paul refers to (1 Tim. 6:13).

III. Part of Trial (Without Praetorium), vs. 38-40.

V. 38. "Pilate saith unto him, What is truth?" Not a jest, nor a sneer, but profound skepticism. Like most of the cultivated Romans of the time, Pilate was an agnostic; the Elder Pliny voiced the sentiment of the majority when he said, "There is only one thing certain, viz: that there is nothing certain." Note that Pilate uses the abstract, truth; Jesus had said "the truth" twice, but Pilate says "truth"—who knows anything about it? He stayed not for an answer, but "Went out again unto the Jews, and saith, * * * I find no fault in him;" rather, no crime, no ground of accusation against him; I. e., your case breaks down; I am disposed to dismiss him as not guilty.

V. 39. "But ye have a custom." Nothing is known of this custom beyond what is told us in the gospels.

"Will ye therefore," etc. He names him by the title most offensive to the Jews, perhaps in contempt and scorn of all parties. Here crops out Pilate's cowardly, double-minded character. If no charge lies against Jesus, why not

take the responsibility and set him free himself? No, he will not do this, though manifestly just.

V. 40. "Then cried they all again." The word for "cried" is very strong, a loud cry, a shout; "they shouted out"—the voice of the mob, thirsting for Christ's blood. Significant is the name Barabbas; Bar-Abbas, "son of Abba" (father). The innocent Son of the Father is rejected for the blood-stained, robber son of a father. "Irony of fate," the hierarchy obtain the release of a man guilty of the very political crime with which they charged Christ—sedition.

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WHAT OTHERS ARE SAYING.

The Epworth League Assembly on their newly acquired grounds at Corpus Christi, Texas, Aug. 8th to 18th promises to be largely attended. Much interest seems to be developing throughout the State. We trust the initial gathering will score a great success and set the pace for future encampments in the years to come. We hope our Sunday-school workers will join in this worthy enterprise as far as practicable.—W. C. Everett, in "The Superintendent."

Bro. Gus W. Thomasson, President of the Texas State League, and editor of the League column of the Texas Advocate, is calling on the Texas Epworthians to equip a mission school in Mexico, in which a North Texas girl is teacher, with maps, desks and supplies at a cost, in Mexican money, of \$179. We wish them success. Such work as this means, not only help in the mission fields, but a strong bond of union between those who contribute to such causes.—H. B. Anderson, in Raleigh Advocate.

SAN ANTONIO DISTRICT.

The San Antonio District League Conference will be held at West End Church, San Antonio, Wednesday, May 17. A strong, wholesome bill of fare has been prepared, consisting of the very best League talent in the district, on subjects of vital importance. Rev. J. R. Mood, of Del Rio, will preach the opening sermon for the Leaguers Tuesday night, May 16. The conference will open Wednesday morning at 9 o'clock. West End Church is preparing to entertain all the Leaguers of the district who may come in a royal manner. Already several of the Leaguers have written that a large delegation of Leaguers were coming. One League writes: "We are coming twenty strong." Good; let all the other Leagues do likewise, and we will have a rousing District League

READ THIS:

Van Alstyne, Tex., March 26, 1905.—This is to certify that I have been cured of hemorrhage of the kidneys by the use of the Texas Wonder, Hall's Great Discovery. I think it saved my life and I can fully recommend it to the public. Respectfully, J. T. ECHOLS.

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Conference. Let no loyal Epworth Leaguers of San Antonio District miss this meeting, as it is the most important of all League meetings.

A. B. DAVIDSON, District League President, San Antonio, Texas.

BANNER FOR LARGEST DELEGATIONS.

A handsome silk banner will be given by the Daniels & Fisher Stores Company to the State having the largest number of delegates registered at the Denver Convention.

Kansas and Nebraska, being immediately contiguous, will be excluded from this contest, but may contest for a silk banner given by the Denver Dry Goods Company to the presiding elder's district having the largest delegation at the convention.

Colorado is excluded from both of these contests.

NOTES.

Let the slogan be, "On to Corpus."

The Corpus Christi program will be ready for publication within a short time.

Edwin B. Yeager writes from Ladonia to say that an earnest effort is being made there to organize a Senior League.

Allan Ragsdale is able to be out again, after sustaining a painful injury to his knee, which had the effect of disabling him and making the use of crutches a necessity.

League Editress Miss Daisey Williams, of the St. Louis Advocate, commends our enterprise in arranging a State exhibit at Denver, and quotes in full the recent letter of Director A. D. Porter, giving the plan of operation.

A good Methodist brother in Dallas told us the other day that he was in sympathy with Bro. Halsell; that he, too, liked a beverage which commenced with a "b," but it was not buttermilk. We promised Bro. Blaylock we would not tell who said this.

Chairman Sexton, of the Assembly Committee, is home again, after a trip to Montgomery, Louisville and other points, where he has been in the interest of enterprises connected with his Church at Galveston. Incidentally, on the rounds, Bro. Sexton secured some splendid material for the State program.

A correspondent asks if tents may be had for use at Corpus Christi after the encampment session, the desire being to spend a month or so on the Assembly grounds. We answer, yes. After the grounds are once opened both tent and cottage accommodations will be available the year around, and a keeper will be in charge at all times.

Miss Estelle Haskin writes to say that plans are being rapidly completed for the Settlement Home which is to be erected in Dallas, and that the committee appointed at Gainesville will soon be ready to receive contributions on the fund pledged by the North Texas Conference Epworth League to be used in constructing a chapel in the Home.

The Indian Mission Conference Epworth League is in session this week at Oklahoma City, Okla. Among the speakers we note the names of John T. Ellis, T. Lee Rippey, W. M. P. Rippey and John S. Lillard, all former residents of Texas. The program covers four days and concludes with an address by General Secretary Dr. H. M. DuBose. G. W. T.

OUR DENVER EXCURSION.

A large number of our Epworth League members, pastors and others, are interested in the excursion to Denver to attend the International Conference and also to visit points of interest in Colorado. As announced, already we are planning that this shall be one of the most satisfactory excursions ever made to Colorado. It will be under the personal supervision of experienced parties, and all arrangements will be made in advance for accommodations in Denver during the sessions of the conference, and for very low rates to various side trips to mountain resorts. We expect to leave Ft. Worth on the morning of July 3 in special decorated train with sufficient standard and tourist sleepers and other equipment to accommodate our party. A portion of our delegation in charge of Frank Reedy will also visit Yellowstone Park and Portland.

This excursion will be for Epworth Leaguers, teachers and young people generally who desire the special advantages not otherwise obtainable. You get the company of congenial people, special arrangements with a view to minimum cost for incidental expenses. The regular delegation will be gone about ten days, but the limit

on ticket will permit you to stay sixty days if you desire.

The cost of ticket will be one fare plus \$2 from any point in Texas. Side trips from one to four dollars for the "official excursions"—one-day trips. Arrangements for supper, lodging and breakfast at from \$1 up. Texas headquarters will be at the First Baptist Church, right in the heart of the city.

As stated by President Thomasson last week, we are anxious for the Corpus Christi encampment to be a success and desire to keep this prominently before our Leaguers. However, a great many of our people are able and anxious to make a trip to the Rocky Mountain country and want to take advantage of such a trip as we have planned, and we want these to know that the excursion will go and want your names so that you may be included. Will not each live League arrange to send its pastor? Let him head a delegation from your neighborhood and advise us promptly. A number of our presiding elders and pastors have already enrolled. If you are going to Denver go with us. Further information promptly furnished.

A. K. RAGSDALE, Chairman Transportation, Dallas, Texas.

ROCKEFELLER AND THAT \$100,000.

I desire to offer a few comments on the above subject, as it has been pretty generally discussed by the public. While I heartily endorse all that has been said in regard to the methods of Rockefeller, I do not agree to some of the conclusions. There is one feature of the transaction, it seems to me, has been overlooked. If we are going to reject Mr. Rockefeller's gift because we do not endorse his method of making money, then, in order to be consistent, we should reject the money of every gambler and saloon man in the United States. Of course, if the Church should not receive it the individual should not in any business transaction; for we cannot have two standards of morals—one for the Church and one for the individual. Mr. Rockefeller is estimated to be worth something like \$300,000,000. All this money, together with multiplied millions of gambling and trust money throughout the country, is tainted or blood money. According to some, this money cannot be received by the Church with clean hands. I am sure the individual should be as clean in his individual transactions as the Church. Then how could this money ever get back into circulation? Principle is principle, whether we deal with Mr. Rockefeller and his millions or with the day laborer. If we are to reject the money of one man because it is "tainted" money, we must reject all tainted money. Who is to be the judge in this matter? I believe the idea of "tainted" money is a mere sentiment. Zacheus said: "I will restore four-fold;" but Zacheus was a robber, and his money was "tainted," and those poor Jews whom he had robbed could not receive stolen money, so it would have been impossible for him to have restored it. I do not believe the act of accepting a thief's money is out of harmony with God's law or in any way can be construed as condoning the offense.

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"The sinner's darkness will be greatest in hell, whose light was clearest on earth."

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WORDS OF PRAISE Buffalo, N. Y. Dr. Thurmond: I can not find words to express my gratitude for what your wonderful Lone Star Blood Syrup has done for me. I have been suffering for nearly two years with rheumatism in my hips, and it then run down in my legs and it pained me so bad I could not walk. My son got me two bottles of your valuable medicine and I took it according to directions, and I now feel scarcely any pain and I believe one more bottle will entirely cure. Please send me one more bottle. Yours truly, ELIZABETH SELLARS. Cures to Stay Cured W. T. Scott, one of the leading merchants of Pilot Point, Texas, says: "My wife was in extreme bad health. She only weighed 119 pounds when she began using Dr. Thurmond's Blood Syrup. She has taken four bottles and her health is entirely restored and her weight is now 138 pounds. The Blood Syrup is a boon for such cases. If you suffer, try it." November 8, 1895. Dr. W. J. Thurmond: Pilot Point, Texas, Feb. 15, 1900. "In reply to your letter of late date in regard to my wife's health, would say: She is still in good health and your Blood Syrup is all you claim for it. Five years ago she took the Blood Syrup and has been in excellent health ever since. Sold by all Druggists. "W. T. SCOTT."

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The Woman's Department

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THE MASTER'S TOUCH.

In the still air the music lies unheard;
In the rough marble beauty hides unseen;
To wake the music and the beauty,
needs
The master's touch, the sculptor's
chisel keen.

Great Master, touch us with thy skill-
ful hand,
Let not the music that is in us die;
Great sculptor, hew and polish us, nor
let
Hidden and lost, thy form within us
lie.
Spare not the stroke, do with us as
Thou wilt:
Let there be naught unfinished,
broken, marred;
Complete Thy purpose, that we may
become
Thy perfect image, O our God and
Lord. —Selected.

WOMAN'S BOARD FOREIGN MISSIONS M. E. CHURCH, SOUTH.

The twenty-seventh annual session of the Woman's Board of Foreign Missions, M. E. Church, South, will convene at Muskogee, I. T., May 24-30, 1905.

Railroad rates of one and one-third fare have been arranged for with both the Southeastern and Southwestern Passenger Association on the basis of 100 delegates and visitors in attendance holding certificates of full fare paid in going. Let all delegates and visitors secure certificates from starting point to Muskogee, I. T., whenever such can be obtained. If railroad agent cannot issue such certificates obtain certificates of full fare paid to Memphis, Tenn., and at that point secure fresh certificates of full fare from Memphis to Muskogee.

Muskogee opens wide her doors and offers entertainment to all visitors as well as delegates. A large attendance is desired, as 100 certificates must be on hand, or no reduction in returning can be secured. Send names to Mrs. H. B. Spaulding, Muskogee, I. T.

MRS. M. D. WIGHTMAN,
President, Charleston, S. C.
MRS. M. L. HARGROVE,
Rec. Sec'y, Kansas City, Mo.

NOTICE.

The annual meeting of the Woman's Foreign Missionary Society, North Texas Conference, will be held in Paris, Texas, June 7-11. All auxiliaries are urged to send delegates and send names to Mrs. Kate Thomas, 631 West Brame Street, Paris, Texas. The ladies of Paris send cordial invitation to all visitors, especially to the pastors of the conference, to come and enjoy the occasion and at the same time give encouragement to the members of the Conference Society by their presence.

MRS. J. H. BOWMAN, Pres.
MRS. L. H. BARTON, Cor. Sec.

NOTICE.

The district meeting of the Home Mission Societies of Houston District will be held at Alvin on the afternoon of May 18. Following is the program: Devotional exercises, led by District Secretary.

Tithing, Mrs. John E. Green, of Houston.
Our Parsonage Work, Mrs. A. P. Norman, Galveston.

Baby Roll and Florine McEachern Funds, Mrs. D. Y. Howze, Houston.
Our Connectional Work, Mrs. Sexton, Galveston.

Our Literature, Mrs. Blandin, Houston.
MRS. A. L. METCALF,
Secretary Houston District.

(We give the following important appeal, hoping that generous responses in money will be made.—Editor Woman's Department.)

The following, taken from one of our daily papers, gives us in few words the magnitude of our loss and the need for immediate action.

Let every pastor read the following to their congregations, and take a thank offering to aid us in rebuilding the school. God will bless you. His work needs haste. In his name,

MRS. W. F. BARNUM, Cor. Sec.,
Woman's Foreign Missionary Society,
M. E. Church, South, N. W. T. Conf.,
Fort Worth, Tex., May 1, 1905.

Methodist Mission School.

Laredo, Texas, April 30.—Undoubtedly the worst damage done by the tornado was at the Laredo Seminary, a mission school of the Woman's Board of Missions of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South. This fine cluster of buildings to the west of town, which was one of the chief sources of pride to the city, was struck first by the storm and now lies a mass of ruins. Miraculously, only one person was

killed—a poor gardener who had labored faithfully for many years. During the passing of the tornado those who witnessed the action of teachers and pupils—two or three hundred in all—claim that they never saw such self-possession, and that the heroism passed understanding. Amid falling buildings and crashing timbers and flying bricks they made their escape and assisted one another like clockwork. Miss N. E. Holding, the principal, and her sister, Miss Delia Holding, who have brought the institution to its recent perfection, and grown to love it for the many years of labor they have expended in building it up, though heart-broken, are bearing the loss with dauntless courage. Send all money to MRS. C. J. HARPER, Treasurer,
W. F. M. S., N. W. T. Conference,
Georgetown, Texas.
Special to our Laredo Seminary.

NOTICE.

The twenty-fifth annual meeting of the Woman's Foreign Missionary Society of the Northwest Texas Conference will be held at Cleburne, Texas, June 3-6. Opening session Saturday morning at 9 o'clock.

Send names of delegates and visitors to Mrs. Jim Langston. We expect to have with us Mrs. Wightman, Mrs. Cobb and others from the "board." Let us have representatives from every society in the conference.

MRS. M. E. BULLOCK, Pres.
Lorena, Texas.

DISTRICT MEETING W. F. M. S.

The annual district meeting of the W. F. M. Society, Dallas District, will be held Saturday of this week, the 13th inst., in Grace Church, Dallas. The morning session, opening at 10 o'clock, will be devoted to the reports of adult auxiliaries, and the afternoon session, opening at 2 o'clock, will be devoted to reports from the Juvenile Societies.

It is earnestly desired that each auxiliary adult and juvenile will send a delegate to the district meeting, as matters of special importance to the work will be discussed. The delegates are expected to bring written annual reports from the auxiliaries to be read at the meeting.

MRS. N. A. SEARCY, Dist. Sec.
Dallas, Texas.

DISTRICT MEETING W. H. M. S.

The Terrell District meeting of the Woman's Home Mission Society will be held at Mabank, Texas, beginning the evening of the 24th of May, closing the evening of the 25th. All interested in home mission work, especially the conference officers, are invited to be present. Preachers, delegates and visitors, please send names to Mrs. J. H. Dill, Corresponding Secretary, Mabank, Texas.

MRS. A. S. HOLMES,
District Secretary,
Terrell, Texas.

NOTICE.

The annual meeting of the W. H. M. Society of the Paris District will be held in Detroit May 11-18. All delegates are requested to send names to Mrs. John Caton, Detroit, for entertainment. The ministers of the district are urged to be present.

MRS. J. H. HANCOCK,
District Secretary,
Paris, Texas.

NOTES FROM DISTRICT MEETING W. F. M. S. McKINNEY DISTRICT.

The McKinney District meeting of the W. F. Missionary Society, North Texas Conference, was held in McKinney during the session of the McKinney District Conference. As had been previously arranged Rev. I. W. Clark, presiding elder of the McKinney District, vacated the chair at 3 p. m. April 26 and kindly tendered the remainder of the afternoon to the ladies of the Foreign Missionary Society. Before retiring Bro. Clark spoke very encouragingly to the ladies, and encouraged them for the great work they were doing for the cause of Christianity. He earnestly exhorted the pastors of the district to remain during the session.

Mrs. A. R. Nash, of Farmersville, Secretary of the McKinney District, took the chair, and presided over the meeting. Miss Carrie Bickley, of Farmersville, was appointed Recording Secretary. The choir sang No. 658 in Standard Hymn Book. Mrs. Nash read the 38th chapter of Isaiah, and Rev. F. A. Rosser, of Honey Grove, led in an earnest prayer. The District Secretary followed with her report. She stated that she had held the office of District Secretary only a short while, but her report showed that she had the work at heart and had done faith-

ful service on the district. Two adult and two juvenile societies had been organized during the year, with an increase of 88 members for the district.

All the auxiliaries in the district except one represented by a delegate. Reports from the adult and juvenile societies were encouraging.

Three excellent papers were read at this meeting. Miss Carrie Bickley, of Farmersville, read a carefully prepared paper on "Woman's Work in Heathen Lands." A fine paper, entitled "The Children—God's Gardens"—was read by Mrs. S. R. Stone, of McKinney. Mrs. Milton Ragsdale, of Dallas, First Vice-President of the Conference Society, read a comprehensive paper on "The Work and Development of the W. F. Missionary Society of the M. E. Church, South, from Organization in 1878 to the Present Time." Mrs. Ragsdale belongs to the old type of Methodism, and frequently during the reading of her paper she would stop to impress some great truth upon her hearers and exhort them to return to the "old paths." Each paper was enjoyed, and we trust they will be productive of much good to the cause of foreign missions in the district. The cross-questions put by the District Secretary to the pastors having no societies in their charges elicited much interest, and as a result we hope to hear of a number of new societies being organized.

Mrs. Nash spoke feelingly of the serious illness of Mrs. J. H. Bowman, our Conference President, and expressed regret that Mrs. Bowman could not be present on that occasion, as she had intended. Special prayer was made for our beloved and afflicted President, led by Rev. S. A. Ashburn, of Nevada.

Mrs. Nash expressed herself as being gratified at having the First and Second Vice-Presidents of the Conference Society with her in the meeting. The meeting adjourned with the singing of the doxology, and benediction by Rev. P. C. Archer, pastor of McKinney Church.

We are under many obligations to Bro. Clark and other brethren, who manifested a kindly interest in our work. We feel deeply grateful to the ladies of McKinney for their kind entertainment and to the choir for their beautiful songs, especially for the duet sung by Mrs. J. D. Stiff and Mrs. C. P. Heard.

MRS. ABBIE ALLEN,
Second Vice-President Conf. Soc.,
Frisco, Texas.

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DISTRICT CONFERENCE NOTICES.

BRENHAM DISTRICT.

Let all the pastors, local preachers, delegates, Recording Stewards, friends and other visitors who expect to attend the Brenham District Conference, which convenes at Somerville June 1, and desire entertainment, advise me not later than May 29. Please arrange to get here on the day trains, for the night trains will not be met. The north-bound train reaches here at 12:30 noon. If you are coming on this train, advise me and your hostess will wait dinner. The south-bound train reaches here at 3:45. Pastors will please see that delegates attend to this. EUGENE W. POTTER, Pastor.

MARSHALL DISTRICT CONFERENCE COMMITTEES.

- For License to Preach—Ira M. Bryce, Jno. W. Holt, J. W. Cullen.
- For Admission or Re-admission—B. H. Greathouse, P. R. White, Jno. C. Stewart.
- For Recommendation of Orders—J. L. Massey, J. L. Russell, M. F. Daniel.
- Opening sermon Tuesday evening, June 26, by Jno. C. Stewart, Church Hill.
- Work as a rule is more thoroughly done and results more satisfactory through committees. I assume the responsibility to work at least in part through committees, and name the chairman, that he may have time to obtain such information that we may act intelligently. This was our rule last year.
- On Spiritual State of the Church—W. W. Gollighugh.
- On Temperance—J. L. Russell.
- On Quarterly Conference Records—L. P. Davis.
- On Sunday-schools—R. M. Kelly.
- On Missions—W. W. Horner.
- On American Bible Society—C. M. Cagle.
- On Epworth Leagues—Jno. W. Holt.
- On Financial Systems—H. L. Griffin.
- On Education—B. H. Greathouse.
- JAS. W. DOWNS, P. E.

A lady asked a little boy: Johnnie, do you like to go to school?
"Yes, ma'am," answered the truth-futh kid, "and I like coming home, too, but I don't like staying there between times."

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SENATOR LOONEY'S SPEECH IN THE SENATE.

I am unalterably opposed to the consideration of this bill, missnamed "The Anti-Pool Room Bill," and if it bore the caption that it is a bill to legalize gambling on horse racing, it would be fittingly designated, because that title expresses its real purpose and only effect. The last legislature passed a law which was supposed to be intended to prohibit the operation of pool rooms and gambling on horse-racing. This act was recently construed by the Court of Criminal Appeals in the Windsor case, in which the Court held that the act did not prohibit persons from offering or tendering a bet on a horse race. The importance of this opinion will become apparent when it is known that pool rooms are operated on the plan of simply taking an offer or tender of a bet to be transmitted elsewhere for acceptance; hence, immediately after the decision of the Windsor case, pool rooms opened up all over the State and are now in full blast. This Senate substitute is a re-enactment of the present law, defects and all, without even attempting to repair the rent knocked in it by the decision of the Court, and in addition thereto it expressly permits gambling on horse-racing at fairs, which is prohibited by the present law.

The people of this State are opposed to the crime of gambling and would condemn this measure, because it is an outrage on their moral sentiment, and I wish to state as was stated by the Senator from Rusk, that I would, in connection with the other opponents of this measure, stay here, under call, until the last expiring moment of this session has passed into history, before I would, by act or vote, aid in the passage of this iniquity. We are told that this measure is necessary in order to aid fairs and in order to encourage the breeding of fine horses. This is a fallacy as is demonstrated by the fact that the great horse-raising States of this union, Tennessee and Missouri, have absolutely prohibited horse-racing and pool-selling.

Shall we do evil that pecuniary prosperity may abound with a few men? God forbid.

"Ill fares the land to hastening ills a prey,
Where wealth accumulates and men decay."

Shall the healthy moral tone of this great State be subverted, misrepresented and outraged in order that the fairs located at different portions of this State may, by permitting gambling on horse-racing, gather a few additional dollars? I answer "No!" and I believe I correctly interpret the verdict and sentiment of the people of this great State on that subject.

PERSONAL.

The Waco District Conference adjourned on last Saturday one of the most helpful and delightful sessions of its District Conference it has ever been my pleasure to attend. The preaching was of a very high order. The spiritual tide ran high. The Secretary will write of it in full. I personally enjoyed it. A young man from my charge was licensed to preach. He is a fine young man; hopes to enter some one of our schools this fall for a thorough preparation for the pastorate. Will have to work his

Baby's Skin



way through, of course; it is rarely otherwise with young men preparing for the ministry. He is a fine leader of music. I have tried him and so have others. He is a success in leading the music in revival meetings. He can be had from now on through the summer. Should any of our pastors need help in this line write him, and by so doing you can help yourselves, and also help a very worthy young preacher get an education. His name will carry with it music to many an old Georgian in Texas, as also native Texans, as the name of Timmons is one so well known in our Church. Should any pastor need him you can write Rev. H. M. Timmons, Mart, Texas, R. F. D. No. 1.

A. E. CARRAWAY,
Mart, Texas.

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North Texas Female College and Conservatory of Music and Art.

Sherman, Texas.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Hall, of Aurora, Ill. are the guests of their son and daughter, Mr. and Mrs. Harry Detweiler, and of the college. Mr. Hall is one of the most advanced educators in the West.

The meeting is still in progress. A large number of men, women and children were taken in the Church at the Sunday morning service.

Bishop Key has returned, but only for a few days, until the waters subside in Arkansas.

In many respects this has been the most satisfactory year of the college. We have not had the usual "Hegira" that comes with the fall of spring.

Mrs. L. A. KIDD-KEY, President.

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Table listing contributions to Littlepage's Home, including names like Mari, Texas, C. H. Park, Alvarado, etc., with amounts.

Total reported by Bro. Morris \$95.50

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I am deeply sensible and equally grateful to every one who has placed me under lasting obligations by their efforts to assist me in building a home in which to spend my last years.

S. C. LITTLEPAGE.

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NOTES FROM THE FIELD.

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far-reaching in its results any that he has ever held for me. The spirit of the Lord seemed to abide upon him and his sermons were deeply spiritual.

COMANCHE.

C. M. Shuffler, May 8: We have just closed one of the greatest meetings ever held in our city. Ninety-seven conversions and many reclamations.

GRANDVIEW.

Geo. S. Slover, May 8: We closed a co-operative meeting last Sunday. There was great good done in the way of unifying the Christian forces.

NORTH TEXAS CONFERENCE.

PRINCETON.

Sam'l Weaver, May 3: Our second Quarterly Conference has come and gone, notwithstanding the rain and bad roads.

DECATUR.

J. M. Sweeten, May 8: We have just closed a splendid revival at Decatur. Our meeting continued two weeks.

FARMERS BRANCH.

J. H. Taylor, May 8: The good people here at Webb's Chapel have treated us very kind. When we first came Webb's Chapel remembered us very kindly.

WOLFE CITY.

J. E. Vinson, May 4: On last Monday night we closed a profitable meeting in our charge which had been in progress since the second Sunday in April.

and did us good work, making full proof of his ministry and mingling with his many old friends whom he served on this charge fifteen years ago.

HENRIETTA.

J. C. Weaver, May 1: We have Bro. Hamby, an evangelist of the C. P. Church, an Bro. Elliott, his singer, in our town holding forth under a tent.

ARGYLE CIRCUIT.

C. H. Rice, May 1: Our second Quarterly Conference met at Garza April 22. Bro. J. L. Morris, our presiding elder, was not able to be with us, for which we are greatly sorry.

WICHITA FALLS.

W. F. Bryan: We have just closed a great meeting here at Wichita Falls. It was a meeting of the old type when men and women and children came to the altar and deeply repented of their sins.

CRAFTON.

P. W. Byrd, May 1: Being returned to this charge, we have been busily engaged in doing what seemed to us to be the greatest good to our people.

seen now. We need a great awakening. Some are praying for it to come. It will doubtless come to them, but when all the people are awakened and are of one accord in prayer, then we will expect the Lord to verify His promise.

WEST TEXAS CONFERENCE.

BASTROP.

Cullom H. Booth: We are happy to report that our Church and community are enjoying the results of a great revival of religion. The meetings were held for ten days in the opera house under the leadership of Bro. Abe Mulkey.

BEXAR CIRCUIT.

A. Y. Old, May 1: Our second Quarterly Conference was held one month ago. Rev. W. J. Johnson, presiding elder, was on hand and attended to the temporal and spiritual interests of the circuit in a proper manner.

INDIAN MISSION CONFERENCE.

MORRISON, OKLA.

W. C. Morris, May 4: I have made no report in several months. After the dreadful winter had passed I was sick a month and a half.

TYRONE, O. T.

A. G. White, May 5: I organized a very good class at Neff, Nabisco is doing very well. Bro. H. Bradford, of Dallas, Texas, preached two good sermons for me there last Sunday.

GIP, O. T.

H. L. Mauldin, May 5: I am serving the Gip Circuit this year, a large charge with five appointments. The work is progressing very nicely.

ized and one Epworth League; both are doing excellent work. Our greatest need now is a revival in every place, and surely God will visit us and answer our prayers.

TO OUR CORRESPONDENTS.

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SALOONS AND INTEMPERANCE.

It is a relief to my mind and heart to hear that another county has been voted dry. I don't allow any man to be a stronger anti-saloon man than myself. I remember a time during my boyhood days when a wave of intemperance struck a village in which I was raised.

Brother, if anyone asks you how I am on the whisky question, tell him that I am inclined to be against it. If all the cursed fluid could be put into one barrel, and I could roll it to the Gulf of Mexico, I would do so.

W. T. KINSLOW, Luther, Texas.

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COLLIE.—Rev. Thomas M. Collie died at his home in Gorman, Texas, February 22, 1905, after a brief but very violent illness. He was born in Lyon County, Ky., November 28, 1831, came to Texas early in the sixties and was married to Miss Jessie Lane, of Bosque County, in 1852. The wife and fourteen sons and daughters, several brothers and sisters survive him, and are much comforted in their sorrow by the fact that he was a Christian of the truest and best type. They know that he is not gone from them forever, and that by and by they shall meet him again in that blessed abode where there is no death. For more than twenty years Bro. Collie was a faithful and efficient local preacher of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South. As a preacher he was very useful to the church. His sermons were, for the most part, of the evangelistic type and under his ministry hundreds of souls were moved to seek and obtain salvation through faith in Christ. He had a passion for soul-saving and it was his chief joy to see men and women turn to God in penitence and faith. Only a few months before his death he did the preaching at a meeting where upwards of fifty persons were converted, and joined the church. Thus he was honored and blessed of the Lord at the very close of his long and successful ministry. How beautiful and glorious the close-winning souls for his Lord and "a crown of rejoicing" for himself. The principal part of his ministerial life was spent in Eastland County, but much of the adjacent territory shared in the benefit of his labors. He served two or three years as a supply in pastoral charges, and was successful though not without much sacrifice on his part. The work was hard and the pay was poor. Still he turned from his temporal pursuits to serve, as pastor, those hard fields with a ready mind and willing heart. In his home he was a loving husband, a devoted father, and an honored and loved man, and in these homes the memory of his life and name is "as ointment poured forth," while many outlying communities are grateful and happy because he brought them the words of life and salvation, and established Methodism in their midst. For a number of years Bro. Collie was editor and publisher of the Gorman Progress, a highly creditable and progressive country newspaper. Though a secular journal, his sermons conducted with growing success. As an editor and business man Bro. Collie enjoyed the esteem and confidence of the people among whom he lived. So far as the writer knows no act of his ever reflected odium on the Christian religion, or cast the slightest shadow on the church of Christ. Truly it may be said of him: "Servant of God, well done," and no doubt his will be the reward of the faithful. May the sons and daughters follow him as he followed Christ, and thus gain the heaven where he has gone and found his soul's eternal rest. The body was taken to Cisco for burial, and was accompanied by the family, the pastor, Rev. C. E. Statham, and many friends, and a number of the brethren, who is an honored member of the North-west Texas Conference, and who was present during the last moments of his brother's life on earth. At Cisco appropriate services were held at the church, after which the mortal body of the faithful man of God was interred, with Masonic honors, a large number of that fraternity attending and participating.

J. E. WALKER.

TAYLOR.—Brother John Archibald Taylor was born September 1, 1852, in the State of Tennessee. He died August 26, 1904, at his home in Wise County, Texas, near Park Springs. He was a member of the Baptist Church in Grayson County, Texas, in 1874, at which time he joined the Baptist Church. When he died he was a member of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South. He was married to Miss Angela Taylor, March 25, 1878. He had her, with seven children, to mourn their loss. One child preceded him to the spirit world. Brother Taylor was a good citizen. He seemed to provide well for his family; was liberal to public enterprises and the church; and was a man of great faith. The two last days of his stay with us he was attending a protracted meeting. Some of the brethren say they never heard him pray so earnestly and express such great desire for the salvation of his family and friends as he did on that occasion. His spirit is in the hands of a just God, who will reward all men according to their works. May the God of all grace bless and save his children and friends and comfort the afflicted and speak-hearted wife and help us all to remember that time is short and death and the judgment sure. Through His mercy and grace we may be ready, watching and waiting for the Master to come.

P. W. BYRD, Pastor.

BENDER.—Sister S. J. Bender (nee Jordan) was born March 22, 1822, in the early age of eight years she gave her heart to God and joined the Church. She was joined in marriage to W. W. Bender February 25, 1841. This union was according to God's ordering. They lived happily together and were prosperous, financially and spiritually. Sister Bender was in ill health for some time before her death, which occurred January 6, 1905. Her life was exemplary. She loved the Church and was faithful to its services as her failing health would allow. Her godly influence is immortal. Most of her children are members of the Church. In her death the writer of this sketch feels much poorer so far as this world is concerned. Her home always furnished a wide welcome to the preachers and their families. We hope to meet her again "where there will be no more parting."

W. M. LANE.

PENN.—On the 28th of March, 1905, Bro. G. J. Penn died at his home in Waxahachie. His illness was of long duration and of a very painful nature, and his death was not unexpected. His death removes from the community one of its most known and most highly esteemed citizens, and from the Methodist Church one of its most loyal and devoted members. He had long been identified with the moral and religious interest of the town as well as its secular enterprises, and no one ever labored more faithfully and unselfishly for a community's best good. As long as he was able to get to the Church he was always in his place and could be counted upon to do his part and more. His love for his pastor next to that of his love for his own family. No preacher ever had a truer, better friend. If there was an unpleasant duty to perform the pastor could count on Bro. Penn's sympathy and support. The cheerfulness and alacrity with which he undertook those things of which most of the membership of every Church shrink because they are not pleasant and entail toil and sacrifice, could but endear him to his pastor. His loyalty to his Church was born of his love for it, and he shrank from no duty, however delicate or difficult, esteeming it an honor to fill any place or do any work for his Master. One of his most beautiful characteristics was his great love for and interest in the poor and the sick, and as long as he could go to at all he never overlooked them. No one, outside of his immediate family, will miss him more than the poor and the sick. In the Sunday-school and the prayer-meeting he was one of the most active and helpful spirits, and here as well as in every other department of the Church's worship and work his influence will long be felt. His faith was beautiful and abiding and he died in its fullest assurance. Dear Sister Penn, of whom he speaks so beautifully and touching in his obituary biography, which will be seen below, has the heartfelt sympathy of scores of friends. Their devotion the one to the other was very beautiful and their separation is fraught with great sorrow and loss to her. But the separation will not be forever. God bless her. Four children are sharers with their mother in this loss—Mrs. C. D. Pickett, J. Lee Penn, and Charley Penn, of Waxahachie, and Walter Penn, of Fresno, California. May the God of their faith bless them all and may their last end be as his. The following is a brief sketch of his life, written by himself April 5, 1905: "I was born in Patrick County, Va., November 27, 1826. My parents were both devoted, consecrated Christians. My mother's heritable home, I was joinedly converted when two years old, joined the Church and for a few years enjoyed true Christian religion, but lost my first love and for a time did not live up to what a Christian should have been. I was led me back and now for over fifty years I have been in His service. I carried my religion with me into the army and in prison, and now I am old and feeble and look forward to the time near at hand when God will give me my sufferings and I shall be at rest. I was married October 7, 1857, to Susan E. Penn, a cousin, and to us six children have been born. Two are in heaven, one babe and my sainted daughter, Sidney Penn Allen, who went to heaven on the 12th of April, 1883. We moved to Texas in the winter of 1857, and settled near old Reetersville. I. G. John, John Whipple, C. W. Thomas and H. S. Thrall were our pastors, presiding elders and neighbors. Also Charley Lane, E. C. McCallie, Jr., and many others who have entered into their reward. I moved to Waxahachie in the winter of 1873. I have been honored by my brethren through all these years as an official in the Church. Have been, since coming here, and before, steward for nearly forty years, and never failed to bring up my assessment in all these years. I am sorry I am not a better man and that I have not done more for God and my neighbor. I look forward to the time when I shall see my loved ones and shall know my precious Savior, for I shall see Him face to face. I shall see that sainted mother who died when I was ten years old. Her image has never left my heart, and the aroma of a Christian home has been one of the sweetest legacies of my life. The only sad thing that looks me in the face to-day is the prospect of leaving my dear wife. We have been together nearly all our lives. Were brought up together as children. We learned to love each other in childhood and in my afflictions for several years she has cared for me so tenderly. May God bless her declining years and may we meet in heaven to live together forever. May God bless the children and may all of them become true Christians and live forever. I want to say I have been reading the Texas Christian Advocate in my home for forty-four years.

C. R. WRIGHT.

GAINES.—Texie Gaines, daughter of S. H. and N. C. Gaines, was born in Sumner County, Tenn., July 27, 1886. They moved to McLennan County, Texas, to nine years bought land and moved to Eastland County. To this home the death angel came February 19, 1905, and took one, after months of patient suffering, from labor to reward, leaving the broken cord and vacant chair, a pious, religious and joined the M. E. Church, South, under the ministry of Rev. J. C. Moore. From that time she was a most devoted Christian worker. She loved the Texas Christian Advocate and often expressed great pleasure of its weekly issues. She loved humanity; she loved God, and never refused to testify to His goodness. She called her father a few moments before the end and said: "I know there is a better world, and I am going home. I want you to meet me there. After some like message to all, she turned again to her father and said: "I have just fifteen minutes." When the last moment came, she folded her hands upon her breast and said, " Glory, O God, my pastor."

THOS. HANKS.

PHILBRICK.—Mrs. Mittie Philbrick was born in Calhoun, Ky., November 18, 1854, and died April 23, 1905. She leaves three sons and three brothers. Her husband preceded her in 1902. Three sons also await her, having passed on before, and her mother preceded her just two weeks and four days. Mamma Philbrick, as some of us always called her, was a member of Trinity Methodist Church, South, of Dallas. When only ten years of age she joined the Church, and remained a faithful member until her death. Owing to the absence of her pastor, Rev. H. D. Knickerbocker, the funeral services were conducted by Revs. W. C. Rose and P. R. Knickerbocker, from the Church of which she was a member. Mamma Philbrick had many loving friends, and as one who loved and waited on her often stood beside her at day or so before her death, heard her say: "Have mercy on us all." And as she was asked what she wanted, she replied: "Only to see Jesus." May there be an unbroken family in heaven.

MATTIE.

HAYDEN.—Sister Ray Alexander Hayden was born October 27, 1822; united with the Church in 1836; was married to Bro. Fred W. Hayden November 19, 1850; departed this life at Gainesville, Texas, where she had gone for surgical treatment, March 15, 1896, at the age of thirty-three years. To this union was born one child that died at an early age. Sister Hayden was well and favorably known. She numbered her friends by the scores and they were among our best citizens. She possessed a strong personality and stamped her influence upon all with whom she came in contact. God endowed her with a commanding presence, a clear and bright mind, and a sympathetic, warm heart. She built well on the foundation God gave her. She was a tasty, neat and attractive housekeeper. She made a desirable home for her husband, and in her earthly Eden he forgot the toils and worries of the day. Sister Hayden was a woman of literary mind. She was a leading member of the XIX Century Club. She read, thought and lived in the realms where the prudent, wise and good dwell. She was indeed an "Israelite in whom there was no guile." She kept abreast of the age and was a loyal worker in the community. In addition to her bright mind and warm heart, she possessed a rare, melodious voice. Her singing in her Church and elsewhere was always welcomed and highly appreciated. She sang from out her soul, and deeply affecting her hearers. She was a loyal devotee of the untiring Home Mission worker. With heart, mind and hand she labored to enlist the women of her Church in building and comfortably furnishing homes for our itinerant ministers. She proved herself highly efficient. Many devoted women of the Home Mission Society in the vicinity of Pilot Point, Texas, have her body into the hands of the surgeons for the operation, she gave her soul into the hands of Jesus, saying, "Dear Jesus, take care of me." The writer, assisted by Rev. A. F. Hendrix, held the funeral service in her home attended by a large number of sorrowing friends. It was befitting that a life so beautifully spent should be laid to rest by loving hands in one of the most beautiful cemeteries in North Texas. The floral offerings sent by kind and appreciating friends were the most lovely we have ever seen. Sister Hayden was a good woman and loved by all. She is gone; we shall miss her, but not forever more. "Servant of God, well done. Rest from thy toils and employ; the battle's fought, the victory won, enter thy Master's joy." Her pastor.

TOM J. BECKHAM.

EMERSON.—Mrs. Eliza Emerson (nee McDaniel) was born in Shelburne, Vt., C., December 12, 1814. She was married to Samuel Hill Emerson April 1, 1832, and four years later came to Cherokee County, Ala., where they lived until he died, in 1857, leaving her with eight children. The body was buried in the old cemetery near Pilot Point, Texas. In 1852 she left Alabama and came to Grayson County, Texas, where she lived with her children until her death, which occurred at the home of her son, Dr. H. T. Emerson, Millwood, Texas, March 21, 1905. Her husband died in the old cemetery near Pilot Point, Texas. She was a member of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South, of which she remained an honored and faithful member. She truly lived her life for God and the Church, and her choice and God greatly honored her with long life and a priceless heritage of devoted sons and daughters. Neither the many trials of her long life nor the infirmity of age seemed to dim the glow of that beautiful faith and hope which she embraced in childhood. As if in answer to her expressed wish she fell asleep without a struggle. We laid her remains away to rest in the cemetery at Van Alstyne, Texas.

JOHN D. MAJORS, P. C.

HAYNES.—Mrs. Mary Haynes (nee Sewell) was born in the State of Georgia July 24, 1826. She moved to Alabama when her parents went quite young. She was married to her husband in 1842, and eight years and lived as a probationer in the Methodist Episcopal Church, South, until eleven years old, when she was received into full connection. She was married to E. S. Turner July 3, 1854, and moved to Smith County, Texas, in 1855. She was left a widow in 1868, and in 1870 moved to Van Zandt County, Texas, and in January, 1873, was married a second time to Dr. E. S. Haynes and lived until the death of her husband in 1898; then returning to her daughter, Mrs. C. L. Barfields, of Stone Point, Van Zandt County, where she lived until November 3, 1904, when God said, "It is enough, come up higher." Such is the brief outline of a good Christian woman whom we all loved and shall miss very much. Grandmother Haynes was a faithful servant of God from the day of that childhood conversion till the day that the death angel claimed her spirit and waited for it to come to rest. She was a loyal to her Church, ever ready to lend a helping hand to the needy. Her house was always the home for her pastor, and the writer spent many happy and pleasant hours of conversation with her, and always felt that God surely had blessed her home. May her children and loved ones follow Christ as she did, and God grant that they may all meet in that bright world above where there is no death, and where sad parting comes no more. Her pastor.

S. W. LOWE.

CLARK.—Clyde Clark, eldest son of W. B. and Mary Clark, passed quietly away from his earthly home in Cisco, Texas, to a home in heaven April 25, 1905. Clyde was seven years and six months old. His father was put on Cisco Circuit this year as a supply where they have lived since conference last fall. Clyde was sick for a long time, was confined to his bed for about seventy days. I visited him in January and February; spent several happy days with Clyde during my stay with them, leaving them with promise that Clyde would visit me soon at the old home in Erath County. He came, but not as we expected. The hunts and pleasure trips that we had planned while together could not be carried out, but with a sad heart we met him at Harbison graveyard and laid him away to rest by the side of his grandmother, Bro. M. C. Dickson preached his funeral. The bereaved community turned out, with but few exceptions, to pay the last tribute of respect to the boy who was born here and lived all his life in this community. I know the parents will be lonesome, as they are among strangers, trying to work for the Master in saving souls. I know it is not to be carried out, but with a sad heart we met him at Harbison graveyard and laid him away to rest by the side of his grandmother, Bro. M. C. Dickson preached his funeral. The bereaved community turned out, with but few exceptions, to pay the last tribute of respect to the boy who was born here and lived all his life in this community. I know the parents will be lonesome, as they are among strangers, trying to work for the Master in saving souls. I know it is not to be carried out, but with a sweet child, but thank God, the Master has said, sufferer such to come to Him. We can only say good-bye, Clyde, for a little while. By his grandfather, I. O. A. CLARK.

ANTHONY.—Little Georgia Anthony died at her home near Bolivar, Texas, March 29, 1905, aged two years. She was the daughter of J. M. and M. A. Amys, granddaughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Amys, who died of whooping-cough. All was done that could be done by near relatives and kind friends, but all to no avail. Her physician stayed with her until the end, but could not stay the disease. She asked her mamma to carry her to Church on Sunday before she died. She was a lovable child. She was loved by all who knew her. The funeral services were conducted by Bro. Miller, our beloved local preacher, and we laid her to rest in the Bolivar Cemetery. Oh, our dearest darling, how we miss you here in a vacant place in the home and our hearts are sad, but we know our loss is your eternal gain and we know where to find you, and shall strive to meet you in that happy home, where there is no more parting, pains or death.

HER GRANDMA AND AUNT.

MOORE.—Earth has lost, but heaven has gained. This was made a fact in the death of Mrs. Martha Moore, who was born in Edgewood District, S. C., in 1828. From the scenes of her childhood she removed to Alabama, where in 1849 she was married to Daniel Moore. For many long years they lived together in happy wedlock, but in 1885 the writer looked Bro. Moore's eyes for the worst sleep of death. As I look back to those distant days, remembering how my young life regarded this man of God, I find that I am of the same mind now as then—that few people surpassed him in real piety and true, uncompromising holiness with sin and Satan. Since the death of her husband, Sister Moore has devoted her time to the welfare of her children and the service of God. For almost her whole life was spent as a Christian. Conversion first experienced at the age of fifteen and from that day till the Lord called her home her life in Christ was beautiful. Indeed was she the salt of the earth. Without a question for her to die was gain. Surely there were at the death of Mrs. Moore many who were the Father's presence, and aside from her own husband and some of her dear children, there were not a few whom she had helped to that glory world. "Treculous in the sight of the Lord is the death of a righteous man." This mother, with her husband and all their children, were members of the old Mt. Hilliard Methodist Church and they did their part to make this Church stand out as the Jerusalem of all that country for the peopled by its members. This mother, with her husband and all their children, were members of the old Mt. Hilliard Methodist Church and they did their part to make this Church stand out as the Jerusalem of all that country for the peopled by its members. For years she was a heroic, patient sufferer, for, alas, she died at the hands of that dreadful enemy of the human body, cancer. But through it all there was Christian fortitude and a willingness to say "Thy will be done, O Lord." A short time before her death she expressed to her daughter (Mrs. Hannah T. McCrossin) a readiness to meet death and go to the home above. Death is destroyed in Christ. It releases us as we come to Christ. Sister Moore died at Waco, Texas, in the home of her daughter, Mrs. W. H. Coker, in which place funeral services were conducted by Rev. Jerome Duncan, of the Methodist Church, and Rev. R. G. Dowers, of the Baptist Church. The body was conveyed to Mt. Hilliard, Ala., and laid to rest in the old cemetery where the ashes of friends of other days abide the resurrection morn, and where scores dear to our own heart sleep, and we confidently expect to meet them again "Thy will be done, O Lord." Children of Daniel and Martha A. Moore, who were rich in parentage, so disappoint them not on the judgment day.

J. T. GRISWOLD.

TURRENTINE.—Daniel Turrentine was born in Tennessee March 25, 1832, and died in Hereford, Texas, April 22, 1905. When a boy four years of age his father moved with him to Arkansas. In young manhood he married Mary Elizabeth Holmes, a sister of Mrs. D. T. Holmes, of the Northwest Texas Conference. Their union was blessed with four boys and four girls. In 1856 he moved with his family to Ellis County, Texas, and six years later settled in Hereford, Texas, where he lived until called home. He leaves a wife and seven children. His oldest daughter, Annie, was married June, 1902, to Rev. John Lewis Cannon, who is a member of the Little Rock Conference. At nineteen years of age he was converted and joined the Methodist Church, and for fifty-four years was a consistent member. His religious experience was deep and profound and grew more tender and mellow as he got nearer home. As gently as a babe goes to sleep in its mother's arms, he fell asleep in Jesus. "Well done, good and faithful servant; thou hast been faithful over a few things; I will make thee ruler over many things; enter thou into the joy of thy Lord." May God bless and keep his loved ones.

THOS. S. BARCUS, Pastor.

VAUGHN.—Haywood H. Vaughn, son of James F. and Louisa H. Vaughn, was born near Columbus, Colorado County, Texas, April 15, 1875, and died at Mont Belvieu, Chambers County, Texas, March 17, 1905. He was married December 21, 1894, to Miss Dora Wilburn. The Epworth League and the Sunday-school were his chosen fields of labor. He was not only punctual, but was always anxious to find something that he could do that would be a help to others. A more faithful or dutiful son I have never known. He was ever ready to forego personal pleasure, that if possible he might anticipate the slightest wish of mother or father. His health failed him several months before his death and his physician advised a change of climate as his only hope. He took his advice at once, but the disease had so deeply seated and on the above date he fell sweetly to sleep in the triumph of a living faith. He leaves a bride of only a few months, a father, step-mother and other loved ones to mourn his death. That the blessings of the Father will sustain them and by his grace ultimately bring them together beyond this land of shadow, is the prayer of his ex-pastor and friend.

R. B. EVANS.

TINNIN.—W. Benjamin Tinnin was born January 2, 1826; was converted and joined the M. E. Church, South, in his young manhood and lived a faithful member of it until his release on June 29, 1894. Uncle Ben was one of the pioneers of Hood County, and his friends both in the old and new regime were many. He was an active member of the Church and a useful citizen. For several years he had been a widower and lived with a widowed daughter-in-law, now Sister Laura Jackson, who cared tenderly for him in his declining years. Maggie, an adopted daughter, having suffered from childhood, followed him to the glory land within two weeks' time. He leaves two children behind, both members of the Church, in good standing.

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ANSLEY.—J. W. Ansley was born in Georgia May 9, 1842 and died at Guyton, O. T., March 18, 1905. His family moved to Eastern Texas when he was a little boy. In 1870 he was united in marriage to Miss Sarah Clark in Hill County, Texas, where they lived happily together for about twenty years, when she took her departure to the home beyond. Bro. Ansley moved to Beaver County, Oklahoma, in 1892, and lived there till death called him hence. For more than thirty years he has been an active member of the M. E. Church, South, never tiring of doing all he could for his Lord and his smiling face always brought cheer and sunshine wherever he went. When I first came to Guyton, feeling like a friendless boy with no Church to hold me up, and a perfect stranger in the country, it was he that took me in like a father, helped to pay my expenses, and better still, stood by me in the work, and with his prayers and godly counsel kept me encouraged in the work. Truly, a good man has gone to his reward.

W. O. ESAREY.

BATES.—The subject of this sketch, R. F. Bates, was born in Jefferson County, Ill., January 8, 1829. He joined the M. E. Church, South, at the age of twenty years. The writer did not know Brother Bates personally, but knows some of his children, and many of his friends, who all join in testifying he was a faithful man. That he loved God and his children of Daniel and Martha A. Moore, who were rich in parentage, so disappoint them not on the judgment day.

CONLEY.—Mrs. Polly Ann Conley died in Oklahoma March 28, 1905. She was born in North Carolina in 1827; was married to Jas. Conley, to whom she bore a large family. They all emigrated to Texas and later moved into the Indian Territory. Her husband died some years ago, after which she made her home with her son, J. B. Conley. She joined the Church at eighteen. Her table was a welcome resort for Methodist preachers, and hundreds of friends shared at the same hospitable board. She helped raise three generations of children—first her father's youngsters, then her own and her grandchildren. Her domestic virtues were phenomenal. Few women of her circumstances had such a career of usefulness. She was an old-time Methodist and often gave vent to feelings of rapture, inspired by godly preaching. Such a woman though dead still lives, and will live in the memory of her family and others. The world is indebted to such women more than is generally supposed and though not always appreciated here, the proper mode of praise will be awarded in the sweet by and by.

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Austin District—Third Round.
Walnut, at Walnut, May 13, 14.
Webbville, at Colorado, May 20, 21.

Beeville District—Second Round.
Berclair, May 13, 14.
Joe F. Webb, P. E.

Beeville District—Third Round.
Alice, May 27, 28.
Corpus Christi, June 3, 4.

San Antonio District—Second Round.
Utopia, at Leaky, 2d Sun May.
Travis Park, 11 a. m., 3d Sun May.

San Antonio District—Third Round.
Amphion, at San Miguel, 4th Sun May.
Bexar, at Oak Island, 1d Sun June.

Llano District—Third Round.
Liberty Hill, at Leander, May 13, 14.
Burnet and Marble Falls, at E. May 20, 21.

Cuero District—Second Round.
Nursery, at Mission Valley, May 13, 14.
Rancho, at R., May 20.

San Marcos District—Third Round.
Kyle, 2d Sun May.
Seguin, at Mill Creek, 3d Sun May.

NORTHWEST TEXAS CONFERENCE.
Fort Worth District—Second Round.
Creson, May 13, 14.
Grandview, at May 20, 21.

Weatherford District—Second Round.
Springtown, at Goshen, May 13, 14.
Graham, at Henry's Ch., May 20, 21.

Gatesville District—Second Round.
China Springs, at C. Creek, May 13, 14.
Evant, at L. C. H., May 20, 21.

Gatesville District—Third Round.
V. M. and Clifton, at P. Hill, June 3, 4.
Meridian, June 17, 18.

Waxahachie District—Second Round.
Lovelace, May 13, 14.
Grandview, May 14, 15.
Jas. Campbell, P. E.

Georgetown District—Second Round.
Troy, May 13, 14.
Bruceville and Eddy, May 14, 15.

Dublin District—Second Round.
Morgan Hill, May 13, 14.
Bluff Dale, p. m., May 14, 15.

Waxahachie District—Third Round.
Hillsboro and Line Street, May 20, 21.
Itasca, May 22.

Weatherford District—Third Round.
Couts Memorial, June 4.
First Church, June 18.

Brownwood District—Second Round.
Indian Creek, at Winchell, May 13, 14.
Coleman, May 20, 21.

Clarendon District—Second Round.
McLean, May 13, 14.
Cataline and Shamrock, May 16, 17.

Desdemona, p. m., May 21, 22.
Glen Rose, May 24.
Duffan, May 25.

Dublin District—Third Round.
Greens Creek, at Bunyon, June 10, 11.
Dublin sta, at Dublin, p. m. June 11, 12.

Houston District—Second Round.
Cedar Bayou, at Fisher's Ch, May 13, 14.
Alvin, May 16.
Sam R. Hay, P. E.

Huntsville District—Second Round.
Waller, at Macedonia, May 13, 14.
Hempstead, May 14, 15.

San Augustine District—Second Round.
Melroe, at Mill Creek, May 13, 14.
Nacogdoches, May 14, 15.

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Pittsburg District—Second Round.
Pittsburg, at Reeves Ch, May 13, 14.
Pittsburg, sta, May 14, 15.

Palestine District—Second Round.
Augusta, at A., May 20, 21.
Kennard, at Kennard Mill, May 27, 28.

Marshall District—Second Round.
Kellyville, at K., May 14, 15.
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Sherman District—Second Round.
Southmayd, at Kendall's, May 13, 14.
Pilot Grove, May 20, 21.

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Blue Ridge, at B. R., May 13, 14.
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Marysville, at Sivel, 2d Sun May.
Broadway, Gainesville, night, 2d Sun May.

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REPORT OF TREASURER.

Report of Treasurer of Texas Conference for April, 1905:
Beaumont District—Corrigan Circuit, A. Nolan, Orphanage, \$19.

San Augustine District—San Augustine Station, C. T. Cummings, foreign missions, \$35; domestic missions, \$55.

Palestine District—Brushy Creek, I. F. Pace, domestic missions, \$5.

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ity and Lovelady, G. W. Riley, foreign missions, \$12; domestic missions, \$17; Orphanage, \$12; Paine and Lane, \$3. Grove-ton, Jesse Lee, domestic missions, \$19. Jacksonville Circuit, J. M. Smith, foreign missions, \$17; domestic missions, \$17. Neches Circuit, J. H. Westmoreland, foreign missions, \$2; domestic missions, \$26. Wells Missions, G. W. Henderson, domestic missions, \$3.

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To trust God, when sorrows, trials and misfortunes come crowding in upon us is the severest test of faith, and the Christian religion; but the "grand triumph" is the entering in through the "pearly gates into the golden city."

"The just shall live by faith."—Rom. 1:17. T. H. Y.

LAREDO SEMINARY.

I have been unwell myself, or I would have written sooner in regard to the Laredo tornado. The secular papers have given fairly accurate accounts of the storm, but have not fully depicted the loss to our beautiful Laredo Seminary. Every article of furniture in the five buildings is either totally ruined or seriously damaged; the pianos, especially, will be a great loss. The main building, furnished splendidly from library to dormitories, had an entire corner torn away, the roof torn off and the water in sheets pouring through the beautifully plastered ceiling and walls, ruining carpets, rugs and everything. The barracks, or boys' department, is almost an entire ruin, the upper story being torn away, and everything in the entire building almost an entire wreck. In the upper story of this building Mrs. Easley, the music teacher, was writing a letter when the west and south walls fell, and the roof came down with a crash, providentially lodging on a portion of the east wall, leaving her in a corner; bricks and timbers were falling like hail and she had tried the door and could not open it, but when the roof fell she tried the door again and the section being removed managed to get on the upper story porch. Standing there singing "Jesus, Lover of My Soul," believing death certain, two young boys (sixteen and seventeen) felt in the darkness and finding a rope secured it under her arms and let her to the ground. At the same time they rescued in the same manner Miss Edie, a teacher, and in order to do this they had to break in a door and push a heavy wardrobe aside, and all this while bricks were flying, in darkness save for the lightning, the rain pouring in torrents and the wind blowing 100 miles an hour. Emory Hall was completely wrecked, only the basement and part of the first story standing. Faith Hall, the upper story being the chapel, and the lower floor recitation rooms, was unroofed and pianos, etc., ruined. The laundry building was unroofed and everything damaged. The brick stables were a complete wreck, as was also the house where the gardener lived. The magnificent acetylene plant, piping, etc., was of course completely destroyed. The escape of the children was miraculous, and all of them displayed wonderful heroism and showed evidence of the splendid Christian training they have received. They were all gathered in the dining room, the only dry place, and spent the night there.

Hymns were sung and thanks given for their preservation. The Church owes it to herself to at once rebuild this splendid school. Laredo will do her part, her business men already expressing themselves as being anxious to see the school rebuilt. It will take fully \$10,000 to put the buildings in a condition to open in September. The loss is fully \$50,000.

Our Church suffered a loss of about \$200. The parsonage roof and flues were badly injured and the shade trees ruined. A number of our members suffered serious losses, one of them losing fully \$5,000. However, we are cast down, but not discouraged, and believe in the future of Laredo, and of Methodism here. If people could see the magnificent fortitude and Christian faith of Misses Nannie and Della Holding, and realize how their very hearts are bound up in the work of Laredo Seminary, they would reward them with a better school than ever.

The General Board of the W. H. M. Society having refused our application for aid for a new parsonage, we are forced to make new plans in order that the preacher may have a decent home. But we are going to work, whether we get any outside help or not. We ask for your prayers.

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

DEDICATION.

Rev. G. S. Thomas, P. E., will dedicate our church at Fairville the fourth Sunday in May. Former pastors are requested to be present.

L. L. NAUGLE, P. C.

The Methodist Church at Fairfield will be dedicated on the third Sunday in July. Dr. G. C. Rankin will preach the dedication sermon. All former presiding elders and pastors are cordially invited to be present.

EUREKA

Eureka Springs, Ark., March 15, 1905. Enclosed find 50 cts. for box of Tetterline. I sent for a box over a year ago. It took a place off my face that I feared was cancer. I sent for another box. It is the only remedy I ever had that did any good. Mrs. W. E. Penn. Unexcelled for all skin diseases. All druggists, or postpaid from the manufacturer at 75 cts. per box. J. T. Shuptrine, Savannah, Ga.

SOUTHWESTERN UNIVERSITY NOTES.

The S. W. U. Glee Club has had many calls from different towns for concerts this spring, but owing to the fact that college duties are so pressing and commencement so near at hand, they have not been able to comply with the requests. However, if they can secure dates and guarantees they will probably make an itinerary just after commencement.

Regent R. S. Iyer is in Nashville this week attending the meeting of the Board of Education of the M. E. Church, South. We call attention to the fact that commencement day will be Monday, June 5, instead of Wednesday, June 7, as announced in the catalogue. The first lecture of the Summer School of Theology will be delivered Monday evening and regular work will begin Tuesday morning, June 6. Students are already enrolling. The Summer Normal and Summer session of the University open on Tuesday, June 6. Altogether we expect to have many students about town and the college during the summer.

PREACHERS AND MONEY.

I want to say a long and loud amen to Bro. J. M. Moore's article in the Advocate of Feb. 16th on "The Pastor As a Business Man." For years I have believed that our noble, generous, religious and wise laymen ought to handle the money of the Church, both in collecting and distributing. That was the way in the days of the apostles, Acts 6:1-4. The Apostles give a reason why they should not leave the Word of God and serve tables. The reason was this: "But we will give ourselves continually to prayer, and to the ministry of the Word." The reason was a good one then; it is a good one now. It is as necessary now as then. The preacher now needs prayer as much as the apostles needed it. Some of our preachers now are so hurried with the secular work of the Church that they have not time to pray as much as they ought. Give these dear brethren time to pray more; and give them time to go out into the highways and hedges and preach more. It is by the preaching of the gospel of Jesus Christ mainly that the world is to be converted. The preacher's great Commission reads thus: "Go ye into all the world and preach the gospel to every creature." The principal part of the preacher's work is to preach the gospel. Brethren, let the preacher preach. Don't block his way by making him serve tables. In a social circle some years ago where one of our honored Bishops was present, in talking over the interests of the Church of God, I proposed this question to the Bishop: "How would it do to put the collections in with the quarterage, let the stewards do all of the collecting, and then divide receipts pro rata?" "Oh!" said the Bishop, "it never would do, it never would do; we never would get it." Well, why not? We would get as much as the pastor. He is the central working figure, character, or person, of our economy. Now, if the Bishops, missions, Church Extension, education, Conference Claimants and the Bible cause all share in proportion to the pastor it seems to me they ought to be satisfied.

R. M. LEATON.

Miles, Texas.

HYPNOTISM.

In your news columns of March 23 I see a paragraph mentioning the successful treatment of a rheumatic by hypnotic suggestion. I have given some attention to the subject of hypnotism, and I have learned some things about it, especially have I learned one thing; that I know very little about it. It is a subject which our religious journals handle very gingerly, and in this they are perhaps prudent, for hypnotism is a part of occult science, and the very obscurity of the subject has made it an object of surmise, suspicion and prejudice. As soon as it is mentioned it awakens a sentiment of superstition which has grown strong by heredity and ages of cultivation. The hypnotist is looked upon as a sorcerer, wizard, or in some sense an agent of the devil. In some communities a saloonist is more popular than a hypnotist, and more cordially patronized. I think I can safely say that hypnotism, in its widest sense, is a natural force, a natural law. All natural laws are laws of God; and all God's laws were established for the glory of God and the good of God's creatures. Yet this law, like all other laws, can be abused. But I believe that it can be and has been rendered useful.

I will give a few cases that have come under my observation; but before I do so let me premise by saying that in my opinion hypnotism has no curative power, except where perfect ease and rest are demanded. In all other cases it is only valuable in inducing, or being itself a state of passivity, a state in which the reasoning faculties are more or less dormant, and in which the patient is sensitively amenable to suggestion. The curative power is in the patient himself, and this is called into action by suggestion. Hypnotism is a remote agent in the cure; suggestion is a less remote agent, or the intermediate agent, and the vis medicatrix is the immediate agent. What is this vis? I know not, who does know? But put these three agents to work and we sometimes see wonders.

But the case: A lady was relieved of sciatic rheumatism by a suggestive treatment of less than ten minutes, and the relief was permanent. A man that had been confined to his bed with neuralgia for several weeks was relieved by a single treatment, and the relief was permanent. A paralyzed lady with one arm helpless was enabled by a few treatments to use that arm, and indeed to walk. A severe case of la grippe was arrested by suggestive and magnetic treatments combined, and a cure effected in a few weeks. In this and in the sciatic case mentioned above no sleep was induced. A colored woman, almost dead with inflammatory rheumatism, received a number of hypno-suggestions and was cured. A lady in high life was relieved of a procyam

of asthma in a treatment of ten minutes. Other cases could be given. What would have been a painful operation was performed under hypnotic anaesthesia without pain. I witnessed it.

For one cause or another the treatment fails in many cases. Faith has something to do with success, but not everything. The treatment is mainly applicable to functional diseases, especially neurotic ailments.

The advocates of hypnotism claim too much for it; its opponents accord too little to it.

Parlor exhibitions should only be given among intelligent people. "If you lie down with dogs you get up with fleas."

The hypnotist should keep far away from illiterate and superstitious people. "Cast not your pearls before swine; neither give that which is holy unto dogs, lest they (the swine) trample them (the pearls) under foot, and (the dogs) turn again and rend you."

Psychology has yet, like all other sciences, to navigate a sea of prejudice to reach the harbor of triumph.

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Marshall District—Third Round. North Marshall, June 21, 25. Marshall, First Church, June 25, 26. Henderson sta., July 2, 4. Church Hill, at Fowler's Ch., July 8, 9. Henderson ckr., at Union Ch., July 15, 16. Kibbore, at Hopewell, July 22, 23. Coffeeville, at Harleton, July 29, 28. Beckville, Aug 5, 6. Hallville, at Riley's Chapel, Aug 8, 9. Jefferson sta., Aug 13, 11. Harrison, at Karpack, Aug 19, 20. Arleton, at Harleton, Aug 21, 22. Kellyville, Aug 26, 27. Longview, Kelly Memorial, Sept 3, 4. Redwater, Aug 21. Jas. W. Downs, P. E.

Pittsburg District—Third Round. Texarkana, Central Church, June 11, 12. Atlanta, night, June 13. Park ms., at Red Lick, June 17, 18. Naples, at Hamill's Chapel, June 20. Linden, at Union Chapel, June 21, 25. Winfield, at Oak Grove, July 1, 2. Mt. Pleasant, July 2, 3. Musgrove, at Mary's Ch., July 8, 9. Gilmer ckr., at Hopewell, July 15, 16. Gilmer sta., July 16, 17. New Boston ms., at Moss Spgs., July 22, 23. New Boston sta., July 23, 24. Hardy Memorial, July 26. Pittsburg ckr., July 29, 29. Pittsburg sta., July 29, 31. Cason, Aug 4, 5. Dalmerfield, Aug 12, 13. Queen City, Aug 16. Quitman, Aug 19, 20. Redwater, Aug 21. Dalby, Aug 26, 27. J. T. Smith, P. E.

Keep the Balance Up.

It has been truthfully said that any disturbance of the even balance of health causes serious trouble. Nobody can be expected to keep this balance up. When people begin to lose appetite, or to get tired easily, the least imprudence brings on sickness, weakness, or debility. The system needs a tonic, craves it, and should not be denied it; and the best tonic of which we have any knowledge is Hood's Sarsaparilla. What this medicine has done in keeping healthy people healthy, in keeping up the even balance of health, gives it the same distinction as a preventive that it enjoys as a cure. Its early use has illustrated the wisdom of the old saying that a stitch in time saves nine. Take Hood's for appetite, strength, and endurance.

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UNANSWERED LETTERS.

May L.—Walter Douglass, sub. H. B. Clark, sub. J. E. Walker, sub. Sam'l Weaver, sub. D. W. Gardner, sub. F. A. Crutchfield, sub. S. J. Drake, sub. F. A. I. Downs, sub. Jno. T. Hooks, sub. May 5.—W. B. Wilson, sub and change. C. L. Browning, sub. G. W. Riley, matter will have attention. R. W. Adams, sub. J. H. Chambliss, has attention. May 6.—L. E. Eirod, sub. J. B. Cochran, sub. R. H. Helzer, sub. R. D. Moon, sub. M. S. Hutchikies, sub. May 8.—Leon Henderson, sub. S. L. Burke, matter will have attention. Jno. E. Roach, sub. L. F. Tannery, matter will have attention. A. P. Lyscomb, sub. A. P. Hightower, sub. W. B. Bayless, sub. J. D. Dorsey, sub. May 9.—J. E. Rupp, sub. R. S. Garstine, sub. J. C. Carpenter, sub. J. N. Hunter, sub. M. C. Dickson, matter will have attention. M. H. Major, sub. T. B. Hillburn, sub. C. N. N. Ferguson, sub. Jas. A. King, sub. J. L. Russell, sub. May 9.—J. A. Biggs, sub. G. S. Shoyer, sub. John M. Lynn, sub. J. W. Tinscher, sub. F. O. Favre, sub. Jas. W. Abbriten, sub. R. F. Dunn, sub. J. E. Mergan, sub. Ross Williams, change. H. H. Goodie, sub.

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MARRIAGES.

Prewitt-Harris—At the residence of the bride's parents, April 27, 1905, Mr. J. H. Prewitt and Miss Ollie Harris, all of Tarrant County, Texas; Rev. J. P. Mussett officiating.

Cates-Estep—At the home of the bride's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Estep, near Rockford, Texas, April 25, 1905, Mr. Willis Cates and Miss Lillie Estep, Rev. W. R. Rosser officiating.

Smith-Phillips—In the big road near Shady Grove Church, April 26, 1905, Mr. W. A. Smith and Miss Bessie Phillips, Rev. W. R. Rosser officiating.

McClure-Lanham—At the home of the bride's parents, in Santo, Texas, May 1, 1905, Mr. Cleo F. McClure and Miss Stella Lanham, Rev. A. D. Livingston officiating.

Tensdale-Holcomb—Near Freece, Cherokee County, Texas, April 9, 1905, Mr. Joe Tensdale and Miss Maggie Holcomb, Rev. W. F. Brinson officiating.