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"One soul happily converted." Many an eye will rest carefully on that item that appears in our condensed correspondence. Only one! Yet that soul, according to the estimate of Jesus Christ, is worth more than this world with its ribs of silver and its veins of gold.

The Christian women of England are doing noble work in the mission field. The Church of England Zenana Mission has now between fifty and sixty women laboring among the Zenanas of India. A number of Hindoo ladies, who have been converted by Zenana work, are also doing good service in leading the women of their land to the religion of Jesus.

One bad book may ruin a boy or girl for time and eternity. It does not require a pound of strychnine to kill a man. A grain will do the work. One impure picture has filled the mind with images of evil that ensured its ruin. One page of the Police Gazette has sent boys to the desperado's doom. The father who does not watch what his son and daughter are reading will one day lament his folly.

"I find happiness in visiting and praying with my people." So says one of our preachers, in a postal. Faithful pastoral visiting is to many a greater cross than preaching. None can do it faithfully unless aided by the grace of God. The cross leads to the crown. The preacher who bears this one prayerfully will always find happiness in his heart, and will see blessed results among his people. The chief want of our churches is faithful pastoral work.

The New York Christian Advocate calls attention to the fact that Speaker Kiefer, before he closed his official career, compelled the resignation of a competent stenographer, to make a place for his nephew. Said nephew will have nothing to do but to draw, invest or spend a salary for the next nine months, which will amount to \$3,750. No wonder politicians are so violently opposed to morality in politics.

"Sermons and Speeches," by Atticus G. Haygood, D. D. We are indebted to the Southern Methodist Publishing House for a copy of this work, and all who read the contents will be under obligations to Dr. Haygood for these valuable additions to Southern religious literature. Several of the sermons and speeches had been published before, but are no less valuable in their present form. "Solomon's Experiment and Failure" may be read with profit by young men standing on the threshold of active life, and the middle-aged, in the midst of their successes or failures. Lovick Pierce's 1785-1879, made us feel that it is a grand thing to be a true Methodist preacher. "The Christian Citizen" we commend to that class of professional politicians who would divorce public affairs from the fear of God. The mechanical execution is excellent, and a credit to the publishing house at Nashville. Price, \$1.25.

DR. JOHN E. EDWARDS, in a letter to the Raleigh Advocate, calls on our Publishing House to add to the books on his shelves new, fresh and live books, and to encourage Southern Methodist men and women of education and talent to write books by paying for the manuscript. Dr. Edwards expresses a conviction that is finding voice among our people in all parts of the connection. It is useless to scold our people for not buying books unless we supply them with material that in point of vigor and vivacity will compete with those furnished by other houses. John Wesley's example must be copied by those in charge of our publishing interests. While doing more work than any man now living, he managed to write, abridge, publish and sell more books than bear the imprint of the Southern Methodist Publishing House. His publications embraced not only theology, but science, history, travel, poetry, geography, biography, and natural and mental philosophy. The fact is, John Wesley alone was about equal to the Book Agent and his corps of helpers. Book Editor and the big house we have in Nashville. When we measure modern improvements in all departments of book-making, and the amount of money the Southern Methodist Church has put in her book concern, he was far in advance of us. He was a wonderful man. No preacher will find a better model, and book agents and book editors will find some valuable hints as well as much inspiration in the study of John Wesley as a publisher.

CONDENSED CORRESPONDENCE.

A Sad Affair.

W. E. WEAVER, Buffalo, March 22: On the 22nd inst., our babe, Willie Walter, rolled in the fire and was seriously burned, but we hope we will be able to save his life through God's help.

Coming Up.

E. G. DEVAL, Dripping Springs, March 21: Last Sunday, at Liberty Hill, the first Sabbath appointment I have been able to fill at that point, owing to bad weather. One lady asked the prayers of the church. Walnut Spring circuit is coming up financially.

Several Penitents.

E. HAYES, Mineola, March: The first quarterly meeting of the Lake Fork mission, held at Union Ridge, was concluded on the 11th inst.; Rev. J. Cook in the chair; meeting very interesting; services closed with several penitents at the altar. No conversions.

Attention, West Texas.

O. A. FISHER, Chairman Church Extension Board, March 21: To the preachers of the West Texas Conference: Dear Brethren—Please remember a resolution adopted by the conference at Seguin, that each pastor take a collection for the church extension fund, equal to five cents per member.

Local Option Carried.

J. M. HOYT, Caddo Mills, March 23: The vote on local option March 13th resulted 60 for, 40 against. Our preacher, Bro. Landreth, has not preached for us in over two months, as his horse died, and it has been too muddy to walk. We hope the stewards will secure him a horse by quarterly conference.

3 Accessions.

J. M. SHEPHERD, San Saba, March 20: Our presiding elder was with us at our second quarterly meeting. Three accessions. One infant baptized. I have visited sixty families this quarter. Owing to the weather, have not seen all the people. What do you charge the preachers' widows for the Advocate? The publishers charge only one dollar.

My Best Steward.

H. B. HENRY, Lancaster, March 22: Our second quarterly conference over; preaching elder present. The stewards' reports are better by \$40 than at second quarter last year. My health is much improved, and soon roads will be so I can get from house to house. I have had in kind and oft remembrance the Texas Advocate. I will do my best, as I know it is my best steward.

Happy All the Time.

L. S. CHAMBERLAIN, Salado, March 21: Have just completed a tour on my work; preached five times; had the pulpit filled twice by other brethren. Collected \$12.05 for missions, \$13 for the pastor. Had large and attentive congregations, and was happy all the time. We are praying for a revival, and our prospects very good.

Good Minutes.

F. M. WISNIEWSKI, Bazette, March 22: Our conference minutes prepared by Bro. Bishop are nearer my ideal of a conference minute than anything I have seen in a longtime. Our conference secretaries and the editor of said minutes certainly deserve great credit for their labors.

From House to House.

D. W. GIBBS, Blue Ridge, March 21: Our preacher in charge, Rev. H. C. Rogers, has adopted the old Methodist style of visiting from house to house. He has organized one new church at Richard's school-house, consisting of 12 members. Pray that God will bless the little band in sending them a gracious revival this year.

"Stove Up."

J. H. TRIMBLE, Crawford, March 23: The preacher in "stove up." I was nailing weather-boards on the parsonage last Tuesday, when the scaffolding gave way. The next thing I knew, my wife and a good brother were trying to pick me up. I have been confined to the bed ever since. Am some better, but feel like the king-bolt in my back was bent. Quarterly meeting tomorrow. Don't think I will be able to go.

3 Accessions.

J. F. ARCHER, Malakoff, March 21: Last week the rains descended, the floods came, and Father Olom, who for years has been the cause of Methodism in this section, was immersed in his home. But Methodism still flourishes. On Sunday I presented holiness as a necessity to salvation, and urged the claims of Christ upon us. Three members were received, two by ritual and one by letter. Father Olom experienced no serious inconvenience from his accident.

Some Questions.

JAS. A. GRAVES, Calvert, March 20: Please ask Bro. George W. Graves these questions, Discipline, page 88, examination of candidates for admission into full connection: Question 1. Have you faith in Christ? 2. Are you going on to perfection? 3. Do you expect to be made perfect in love in this life? 4. Are you groaning after it? Suppose Bro. Graves had said no to either proposition, what had been the result of ordination? Would any living bishop dared lay hands on him?

Women at Work.

KETIE RANKIN, Burris Station, March 21: Yesterday, at 9 a. m., we had an interesting Sunday-school, after which our pastor, Rev. I. K. Waller, entertained a large congregation by an interesting discourse. Our woman's missionary auxiliary society, which is growing in interest. Though small in the beginning, I trust our society will, ere long, compare favorably with any of our West Texas auxiliaries. This can only be attained by perseverance and adherence to duty. How important that we give our best energies to this worthy enterprise, that it may prove a success in aiding the great missionary work.

Send It On.

W. K. FISKE, Austin, March 21: Bro. Easterling, our presiding elder, writes me that the place appointed for our district conference cannot sustain it, and inquires if I can sustain it. I can. Send it on. Nearly all the ma-

chinery on my circuit is at work. Preached last Sunday to a small but attentive audience. In the afternoon we had class. The Lord was present. Religion will show itself in tears and smiles. At night the Lord thought a rain would do more good than my preaching. The people here have probably had enough preaching, but they have not had the Holy Ghost. May the Spirit of God descend.

From the Rio Grande.

J. F. CORBIN, Laredo, March 22: Bishop Parker preached an excellent sermon in the Methodist Chapel last night to the largest Protestant congregation that I have seen in this city. He will preach here again the second Sunday in April, and we expect much from his services. We have been encouraged during the last few weeks by the increased attendance at church and Sunday-school, and the material sympathy from friends. There is evidently a growing earnestness and desire to work on the part of our people in Laredo. Two things we need, and must have—a church edifice and a sweeping revival. O for the baptism of fire. Rev. H. S. Thrall, presiding elder, will be with us in April, and we expect to begin a series of meetings on Wednesday before the fourth Sunday, and expect a "Pierce revival"—deep and wide. Let every one who reads this pray for an outpouring of the Holy Ghost on this work. Brethren, pray for us.

Received \$100 in a Saloon.

A. J. JONES, Boerne, March 18: I have just returned from a five weeks' round of quarterly meetings with Rev. J. M. Stevenson, presiding elder of the San Saba District. We visited Boerne, Round Mountain, Junction City, Paint Rock, San Angelo, and Brady City, passing through nearly all the frontier towns along the northwestern border. In all we found a refined and hospitable people. This country, so rapidly filling up with an enterprising population, presents an open field for our church. Bro. Stevenson and his noble band of young men are meeting the demand, and we expect to hear the shout of victory all along this border. The chief drawback is the want of houses of worship. When we have churches in all these beautiful towns? There will be one ere long at San Angelo, one of the most important and enterprising towns on the western border. We found a Methodist church in Boerne, and a Baptist church in Brady City, but his means were exhausted and he could proceed no further. Bro. Stevenson and myself put our heads and hearts and tongues to work to help means to complete it, and by the help of God we succeeded. The small membership in the place had done all they could, so we had to look to the moneyed men outside of the church for help. The Stockmen's Association met on the 5th, and held their meeting in Mr. Sasworthy's large saloon. It was decided that I should attend their meeting and appeal to them for help. I attended through the form of their business the president of the association, Mr. John Jefferson, invited me to address the audience in the interest of the church. I made them a speech and took up a collection, and raised over one hundred dollars. I got a considerable amount from the men who were gambling in the room. "Honor to whom honor is due." I was treated with the greatest courtesy, and while I was speaking there was profound silence in all parts of the saloon. Mr. Sasworthy knows how to act the gentleman. During my fifteen days' association with the West Texas cowboys I have never appealed to their liberality for any church enterprise but they responded nobly. As a class, they are noble-hearted men. I felt as I walked out of the saloon that I had won one hundred dollars in my pocket that I had accomplished good to our church, and had not lowered my dignity as a minister nor sold my clerical garments. The next day three other men came to our help. So the church will soon be completed.

FROM OUR TEXAS STATIONS.

DALLAS.

MARCH 25.—LAMAR STREET, W. H. HUGHES, pastor: Good Sunday-school, but, as usual, a large majority leave before preaching. Will somebody tell me how to remedy this? Pastor's text, at 11 a. m., Matt. 1:21. "The power and meaning of His name." The philosophy of Christ's methods. Sin is the cause of every evil. Jesus removes the cause, and thereby destroys the effect—cleanses the fountain, and thus makes the stream pure. At night a good sermon by Dr. Howell. The ladies' aid society meets every Monday, at the parsonage, and a more devout, consecrated corps of elect ladies cannot be found in Texas. Two Wednesday night prayer-meetings are increasing in numbers and interest. To get all to work, the laymen alternate with the preachers in leading. Lay helpers augmented the revival in Wesley's day—why not in ours? That all the Lord's people were prophets.

MARCH 25.—FLOID STREET CHURCH.

JAS. W. HILL, pastor: Congregation at 11 a. m., very good. Subject, "The living hope of an undying joy." Text, 1 Peter 1:3, 4, 5. This, I trust, was an edifying service. We want to rise with spring and with Christ to a new life. Congregation at night was not quite so large as usual. It was cloudy and cold. Subject, "Moral difference and its causes." Text, latter clause of 17th verse of the xviii of Acts.—And Galileo cared for none of those things. Our Sunday-school is very large, and the social meetings of the church are well attended. The ladies are giving our church an overhauling, and the brethren are going to decorate the yard with walks and shrubbery. Finances nearly up.

SHERMAN.

MARCH 25.—H. A. BOHRLAND, pastor: The revival goes on with increasing interest. Rev. J. W. Atkinson preached yesterday. We have received 34 into the church; of this number 21 are converts. A number besides have not yet joined. Last night there were 12 grown persons at the altar. The town is stirred up as it has not been for years before. Bros. Binkley, Clark and Reynolds, all of whom reside here, are giving valuable service. Yesterday morning we

raised over two hundred dollars in cash and subscriptions for missions. Sherman is ahead on this subject. Pray for us.

PAIRIS.

MARCH 25.—JOHN R. ALLEN, pastor: Prayer-meeting Wednesday night well attended. Yesterday was a gloomy day, and congregations small. All the services were held, however, at usual hours, and were pleasant and profitable.

CENTERVILLE.

MARCH 18.—J. F. FOLLEN, pastor: We had a profitable day at Centerville yesterday. Sunday, March 18, preached morning good congregation at 11 a. m. Subject: "The Immortality of the Soul." Preaching both morning and night by the pastor.

WEATHERFORD.

MARCH 25.—JOHN ALBERT MURPHY, pastor: 9:30 a. m., Sunday-school; good attendance. 11 a. m. service and sermon. Subject: "Resurrection of Jesus Christ." Text, John xx:1-29. 3:30 p. m., semi-annual meeting of the "Rose Buds," the juvenile missionary society. Programme embraced a fifteen minutes' sermon; text, 1 Kings 19:22. Subject: "The Jericho Springs." Congregation large in the morning, and a force will offering more of \$27.05 to be applied on conference apportionments. House crowded at night, and a collection by the "Rose Buds," amounting to \$5.55. On the evening of the 22d, the parsonage was illuminated by the shining countenances of a concourse of members and friends. Gifts, which the free-thought of genuine Christian love could only conceive, were left in abundance. Such tokens of esteem are valuable more for what they represent than for what they are. They are highly appreciated, and call for return of gratitude and faithfulness.

RICHMOND.

MARCH 25.—P. P. NORWOOD, pastor: Large congregation at 11 a. m. Subject: "Lukewarmness." Text, Luke xlii:34. We had a full house at 7:40 p. m. Text, Matt. xlii:31, 32. Leading thought: "Growth in Grace." In the last week our Sunday-school has increased from 9 to 95. Ninety-three in attendance at 9 a. m. We are praying for and anticipating a glorious result.

HOUSTON.

MARCH 25.—SHEARN CHURCH, S. H. WHELAN, pastor: The theme of the morning discourse was "Did Christ Rise?" Text, 1 Cor. xv:14, 15. At night the church was crowded. The children sang, and the pastor gave an address. The new church enterprise is progressing. The announcement was made that the new church would be held on Easter night. On Monday morning carpenters proceeded to remove the old building, so as to make place for the new one. It was decided to construct a temporary chapel for Sunday-school and church services during the building of the new church. It is expected that the chapel will be ready for occupancy in a month. Meanwhile the congregation must secure other quarters. The new church, which is the work of the brick lot later, will cost at least \$15,000, if not more. The plan is very creditable to the architect, Mr. Dickey. All the latest improvements in church architecture will be utilized.

AUSTIN.

MARCH 25.—A. E. GOODBY, pastor: Easter Sunday, bright and beautiful. Sunday-school, largely attended. At 11 a. m. church service, its utmost capacity. The pastor preached on "The guilt of Christians concerning their brother, if they afford no relief." Text, Gen. xlii:21, and called for an offering. Results over \$150 for foreign missions. At night our congregation joined with others in the 3rd anniversary of "Travis County Bible Society" at the First Presbyterian Church. Crowd immense, services edifying, collected good. This society is putting the Bible in every family in the county, and is nearly done the work. We have over \$10,000 subscribed toward our new church.

BRENNAN.

MARCH 25.—E. S. SMITH, pastor: Sunday-school large and profitable. Live superintendent and teachers. Preaching at 11 by pastor. Text, 1 Cor. xv:21, 22. "The resurrection of Christ as the pledge—1. of our immortality; 2. of the perfection of his redeeming work; 3. of the resurrection of our bodies at the last day." Some falling off in congregation; new Episcopal church opened by the bishop with Easter services. Preaching at night by pastor. Text, Heb. ii:2. Warn to hold our minds to the revelations of the gospel.

LAGRANGE.

MARCH 25.—E. B. CHAPPELL, pastor: Day beautiful; church crowded in the evening. Text, 1 Cor. xv:14. Sub-ject: "The resurrection of Christ as the proof and pledge of our resurrection." Evening lesson, Is. xxxv. Subject: "What is Christianity doing for the world?" We are beginning to see the need of prayer and larger house of worship, and I feel sure we shall be able to build before conference.

BASTROP.

MARCH 25.—J. A. DUNCAN, pastor: Sunday-school 9 a. m., 117 present; 108 last Sunday; quite a number of new scholars. Morning service 11 a. m. Theme, divinity of Christ. Text, John x:18. Night service 7:30 p. m. Theme: "Power of Christ's resurrection." Text, Phil. iii:10. Congregations good.

SEGUN.

MARCH 18.—H. G. HORTON, pastor: Second quarterly meeting. Congregations large. Licensed James Hammond to preach. Sunday, at 11, the sermon by the presiding elder was strong and impressive. Subject: "What is truth?" Many commended and felt that Jesus was in the midst. At night, sermon by Dr. Walker. Subject: "Prepare to meet thy God." An earnest warning, listened to with deep attention. The church is growing, numerically and spiritually. We live and grow in work without the theatrical attractions of some churches.

LAMPASAS.

MARCH 25.—W. C. BRODIE, pastor: Sabbath-school at 9:30 a. m.; 75 scholars present; about 25 visitors. Sermon at 11 a. m. by pastor. Subject: "The resurrection of Christ." Text, Luke xxiv:37. Preaching at night by pastor. Theme: "God's blessings conditioned on obedience." Text, Luke xlviii:14. Congregation not so large as usual, on account of a protracted meeting at the Baptist church, and the dedication of two new churches, the Christian and Presbyterian churches. Many

were moved to tears at the morning service, and one member received by certificate. Sabbath-school, prayer-meeting and congregations increasing.

WILLS.

MARCH 25.—S. N. BARKER, pastor: A bright, sunny day. Sunday-school at 9:30 a. m.; attendance, 74; Rev. F. W. McCurdy, superintendent. Preaching at 11 a. m. Subject: "The Resurrection." Good congregation and attentive. Church conference well attended at 3 p. m. At night good congregation, mostly of young people. Subject of sermon: "The Immortality of the Soul." Preaching both morning and night by the pastor.

WACO.

MARCH 25.—JAMES MACKAY, pastor: Sunday-school 9:30 a. m., full attendance. The first prayer was an earnest petition for the conversion of the young people and children. 11 a. m.—Sermon by pastor; Text, 1 Cor. xv:1. Theme, "Resurrection of Christ." Two accessions; one baptized child received. 3:30 p. m.—Class-meeting led by Bro. Apple. 7:30—sermon by pastor. Text, Heb. ix:24. "The perpetual priesthood of Christ. He offers his own crucified body forever before God as a sacrifice for sin." Services every day this week at 1:30 p. m. We ask all Christian people to pray for us. We buried H. A. Richey last week. He was 15 years old—the son of Rev. J. H. Richey. It has been said that the Lord always takes the best. The Lord took the best, and the Lord has taken away; blessed be the name of the Lord.

"Woman's Work for Woman."

To the Advocate. It is a gratifying fact that this work in the Texas Conference is beginning to take its rightful place—beginning to be estimated at its true value. Encouraging reports reach us from nearly every auxiliary. Our vision is clearer; we are at work; bearing in mind Section 31 of our Constitution: "Each vice-president shall organize auxiliaries, and forward the missionary cause in the districts assigned her; reporting the same to the conference secretary." Four auxiliaries have been formed this quarter, with a total of ninety-four members. What may not that number accomplish? Our society is looking forward to the time when there will be an auxiliary in the bounds of every circuit and station of our church. We are working to that end. Annie Norland, in the Texas Christian Advocate, has engaged in this work. "Another power for good."

THE CONFERENCE SECRETARY'S REPORT.

The last quarter of the fiscal year accompanies this. Perhaps its publication may excite a spirit of righteous emulation between the different auxiliaries. We would urge upon the women of our church the attentive reading of the "annual report of the woman's missionary society." It will give them broader, more intelligent views of what this organization is doing in China, Brazil, Mexico and in Texas; thus preparing them to work in its interests. The corresponding secretary will forward reports upon application. We would call attention to the "Woman's Missionary Advocate." It is worthy to go into every family in company with your own excellent paper. The Texas Conference Woman's Missionary Society raised the past year, through its auxiliaries, \$435,51; at annual meeting, \$34,10—total, \$469,67. A special donation of \$300 was made to the Seminole Indian Mission fund. May the present quarter, upon which we have just entered, be as the last, only more abundant.

QUARTERLY REPORT OF THE CORRESPONDING SECRETARY, WOMAN'S MISSIONARY SOCIETY, TEXAS CONFERENCE.

Austin—No report. Rockdale—No report. Brennan, first quarter—Members, 18; subscribers to W. M. Advocate, 15; money remitted from auxiliaries, \$9. Bryan, first quarter—Members, 22; life members, 25; subscribers to W. M. Advocate, 25; money remitted from auxiliaries, \$12.75. Centerville—Members, 27; subscribers to W. M. Advocate, 27; money remitted from auxiliaries, \$8.80. Chappell Hill—Members, 12; life members, 14; subscribers to W. M. Advocate, 25; money remitted from auxiliaries, \$15. Davilla—Members, 31; subscribers to W. M. Advocate, 11; money remitted from auxiliaries, \$9.65. Houston—Members, 17; money remitted from auxiliaries, \$7.50. Milliken—Members, 17; subscribers to W. M. Advocate, 8; money remitted from auxiliaries, \$10.50. St. James, Galveston—Members, 10; subscribers to W. M. Advocate, 7; money remitted from auxiliaries, \$8.80. St. John, Little Mission—Members, 27; subscribers to W. M. Advocate, 27; money remitted from auxiliaries, \$10.50. Total members, 354; total life members, 41; total subscribers, 154; total amount of money remitted from auxiliaries, \$178.02.—S. S. PARKS, Cor. Sec.

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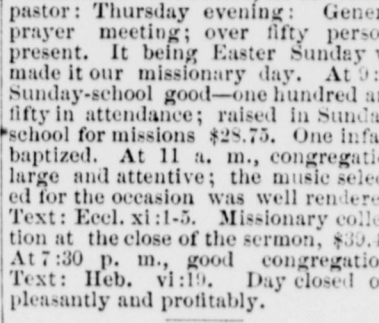
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