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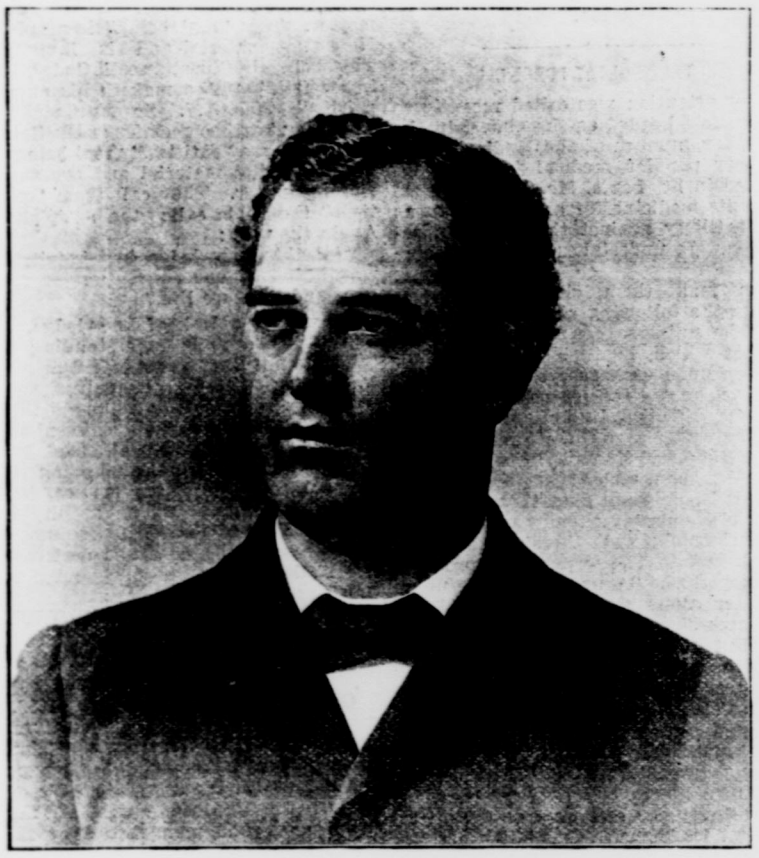
SPIRITUAL KNOWLEDGE.

Spiritual knowledge is not obtained through the medium of the senses. Man by searching cannot find out God. It does not come that way. Yet man can obtain a correct apprehension of God and come into possession of unquestioned knowledge of sonship. Were this not true, our religion would be in vain. But how do we get this spiritual knowledge? We get it through the revelation of the Holy Ghost. Paul makes this perfectly clear in the second chapter of I Cor., and in the ninth and tenth verses: "Eye hath not seen nor ear heard, neither have entered into the heart of man the things which God hath prepared for them that love him." They are not the result of the exercise of the intellect through the medium of the senses. But he proceeds to tell us exactly how we get hold of these things: "But God hath revealed them unto us by his Spirit; for the Spirit searcheth all things, yea the deep things of God." When the Spirit makes this revelation to our consciousness, we are then and there assured of the fact: "For the Spirit himself beareth witness with our spirits that we are the children of God." This knowledge, then, has the joint testimony, in the consciousness, of two witnesses—the witness of God's Spirit and the witness of our spirit. This is perfect knowledge. You cannot amend it, or readjust it. It has stood the test of the ages. Away back in the infancy of religious life, "Enoch walked with God, and he was not, for God took him, for he had this testimany that he pleased God.' And on the day of Pentecost this same knowledge was revealed by the Spirit to the waiting disciples and they "Spake with other tongues as the Spirit gave them utterance.' We have access to-day to this same source of spiritual knowledge; and the same Spirit stands pledged to reveal it to us the moment that we comply with the conditions of repentance and faith. This possession of the conscious knowledge of the indwelling fullness of God, is the great need of the individual Christian and of the Church in all of her relation to the salvation of men. Just at this point is where we are limping in our movement to reach the unsaved.

A ministry and a Church membership in full possession of this spiritual knowledge are ready for conquest. In their hearts the fire burns and in their lives potent influences are generated. Men take knowledge of them that they are with Christ. Then the ministry takes on power and its life and words stir the multitudes. "For this cause," says Paul, "I bow my knees unto the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, of whom the whole family in heaven and earth is named, that he would grant you, according to the riches of his glory, to be strengthened with might by his Spirit in the inner man. That Christ may dwell in your hearts by faith; that ye being rooted and grounded in love may be able to comprehend with all saints what is the breadth, and length, and depth, and height; and to know the love of Christ, which passeth knowledge, that ye might be filled with all the fullness of God." This is the key to all of our religious difficulties; and when we make use of it, our spiritual problems will be solved.

SUBSTITUTE CONTROVERSY WITH PRAYER.

Within the past few years there has been a wonderful growth in the spirit of controversy among the preachers of our Church. No one sees the progress of this habit more perceptibly than the editors of our religious papers. Nearly every brother is ready for a dispute. And it is not always a dispute in the interest of principle, either, but most generally it is personal and petulant. We have reached a point when it is well-nigh impossible for one brother to send in a communication upon any sort of a subject without running the risk of having some other brother standing ready to atack him with a heated discussion. We believe this to be one of the evil tendencies of the times, and it ought to be corrected. To do this, even, is a risk; for if the belligerent brother fails to see his warlike piece in print, he is ready to pounce upon the editor and rend him asunder. No good can come from fostering such a spirit, and the time is upon us when there ought to be an end to personal controversies. Instead of these, let us have more of prayer and brotherly love. Rather than fly at one another, let's fly at the world, the flesh and the devil. We ought to present an unbroken front in our warfare with evil. No good can come from firing into our own ranks. "A new commandment I give unto you, that ye love one another." Cultivate charity. If you happen not to agree with the expressed opinion of a brother, take it for granted that he means well, and do not hesitate to give him credit for honesty. It you take up a cudgel and begin to pound him, you are certain not to bring him over to your way of thinking. The fact is, newspaper controversies never settle matters in dispute. They oftener produce estrangements and antagonisms. They will not find any encouragement in the columns of this paper. We want communications that breathe a spirit of devotion, kindly feeling and abiding faith in God and in the brotherhood. It will be a waste of paper and stamps to send us any other character of article.



HON. CHARLES A. CULBERSON.

THE BRANCH ASYLUM AT ABILENE.

In the secular news notes, we mention the fact that the State Legislature has made provision for the establishment of a Branch Asylum at Abilene for epileptics; and we give to the institution our unqualified endorsement. Some years ago, a correspondent at Corsicana was the first one in the State to show the necessity for just this institution; and he did it in the columns of the Texas Christian Advocate. The prominence then given to it has contributed to the maturity of the present plan to build up the enterprise as above indicated. We are glad that it is to be located at Abilene. That is one of the healthiest locations in the State; and that section of the State is deserving of this official recognition. We hope to see it a great institution whose special work will be to care for this large class of our unfortunate fellow men.

CHAPLAINS FOR INSANE ASYLUMS.

It is strange that in Texas we have no regularly employed chaplains for our insane asylums. Yet this is the state of the case. Those who minister to this unfortunate class are such as can be picked up for the occasion. This ought not to be. Men who have the time to study the various phases of these different forms of affliction ought to be regularly in charge of the religious work of these institutions. Many of these people are in condition to be greatly helped by just such ministers of the gospel; and they could make themselves indispensable to the welfare of these patients. In many States they have provisions for work of this sort, and Texas needs to have this work done intelligently and systematically. The only way to have it thus done is to prevail upon the Legislature to make provision for it, and go about it in a businesslike manner. We are glad to note that a movement in this direction has been inaugurated by Rev. D. O. McAllister, of San Antonio, and it is worthy of the co-operation of all of our Christian people. We hope to see it made successful.

The inner-self is the fountain of the outer-self. As we would that our neighbor should do to us, even so must we do to him. Here, man is a law unto himself. The better we know ourselves, the more transparent becomes the law of our relation to fellow-men. The foundations of society are endangered in proportion to the vanishing art of self-examination. "As we love ourselves" is the unit in the social problem.

The ultimate end of that process which stifles the conscience, is to drive the Holy Ghost from us. "The spirit of man is the candle of the Lord." There is a day, in the perpetual rejection of the Holy Spirit, in which God turns us over to hardness of heart and reprobacy of mind. There is no other recourse. The irrevocable decision draws on in proportion that we render the conscience useless. It is man's prerogative to foreordain his unchanging doom.

Jesus Christ demonstrated to the world the secret forces of character designed to control antagonistic circumstances. The natural environments of our Lord were not conducive to his growth. He was born a Jew—that proud, narrow, arrogant race; cradled at a peculiar crisis in national and religious affairs; born under the stigma of Galilee and Nazareth, his parentage was of less than the middle class; predestined to be hated by the Jew because of His regal disappointment; Gentile adoration aggravated Jewish antipathy. Through such contrary atmosphere the ascending star blazed toward its zenith, without eclipse. He taught the world that real manhood dominates and utilizes antagonistic forces. Manhood is much the outcome of these elements. All else may counterbalance.

Christ never discarded the religion of the Pharisee. He accepted it with its exception. Righteousness must exceed the righteousness of the Pharisee. The exception was the doctrine of the new birth. The distinctive difference between Pharisaism and Christianity is the spiritual verity—"born again." Independent of this doctrine, a man can never be better than a Pharisee; to be no better is to to be expelled from the saints' everlasting rest.

Communicated.

OUR CUBAN MISSION.

Praise the Lord for victory! Our first service, last Friday night, was a wonderful victory. The room was filled with attentive hearers. About fifty were present and many stood in the street crowding the door and windows. Yesterday I organized a Sunday-school with about 26 persons—all children and young people except four. If we are going to push this work forward we must have a hall at once. Rent is very high, but a good sized and well located hall has been offered to me at $40 per month. Of course we will have to furnish it and make a few alterations in it. An organ is greatly needed and I am informed that any transport coming from New York will bring it without charging freight. I do hope our Church will realize the importance of taking hold of this work in earnest and furnishing me the material that is necessary to make it a grand success. We are the first on the ground, but others are coming before long. I hope they will—plenty of room for everybody—but let the M. E. Church, South, be as well prepared as any to do effective work in Santiago de Cuba and in the entire island.

I have often heard Americans say that Cubans are the most irreligious people in the civilized world. This is unfortunately true. But let us see why it is so. The religiousness of a people is not self-produced, neither is it inherited. No people will be intelligently religious who were never taught to be. Again, the religiousness of a people can never be of a higher standard than that which the teaching itself calls for. We hardly know why, but it is a well known fact that the irreligiousness and worldliness of the teacher of religion makes more atheists and infidels than anything else in existence. Now, then, let me say most emphatically that the true gospel was never taught in Cuba and that even the outward ritualistic forms which the people are exhorted to follow and practice are of the lowest type, such as kissing the ground, donating objects of silver and gold and precious stones to the various images, dropping coins at the feet of a doll which is supposed to represent the child Jesus, carrying lighted candles and ringing a bell through the streets in broad daylight, and many other things which would be repugnant to the feelings of any enlightened Romanist in the United States, and lastly that not only the irreligiousness and worldliness, but the immorality, corruption and sinful lives of the priests in this unfortunate country are almost beyond human conception.

On the 10th of this month I attended a meeting in commemoration of the 30th anniversary of the Cuban war. A Cuban priest was present and made a speech. I shall never forget his angry countenance, words and gestures. He began by telling us there was nothing in his heart but the bitterest and most profound hatred for each and every Spaniard on the face of the earth. He spent about fifteen minutes exhorting the people to feel as he did and wound up by raising his eyes toward heaven and screaming at the top of his voice "and may Spain and the Spaniards be damned forever in hell." I was reliably informed next day that this priest is considered one of the most immoral and vicious men in the community, and some have assured me that he was under the influence of liquor when making the speech. And yet, because of his patriotism and hatred of Spaniards, he is a favorite of the people.

There are 10 Roman Catholic Churches and 65,000 inhabitants in this city, but sermons are a very scarce article in the market. You can get a great variety and an abundance of other things, such as masses, prayers for the dead, etc., but sermons are very scarce indeed, and the price asked, notwithstanding the goods are adulterated and of an inferior quality at that, is exceedingly high. Sermons are preached (?) only on certain feast days and are considered the most ornamental part of the celebration. The idea of listening to a sermon for the purpose of receiving religious instruction and spiritual profit is not in anybody's thoughts. "Ye shall know them by their fruits." When a sermon is desired by some society whose patron saint's day is to be celebrated the job is given to a preaching-priest to whom a certain sum is paid; this runs all the way from ten to one hundred dollars, according to the eloquence, entertaining qualities, and popularity of the orator. In pricing the sermon, very often the time to be occupied in its delivery is considered and charges are made accordingly.

I visited the cathedral for the second time this morning and saw a printed "Table of Sermons for 1898," tacked on one of the pillars near the main entrance. This table shows the number of sermons to be preached each month in the year, the subjects and names of the preachers. The following is a copy of the month of September:

"Thursday, September 5. Subject: "The Nativity of Our Lady." To be preached by Dr. A. F. Jimenez."

During the month of November only two sermons will be preached, and only five in December. Let us remember that this is the leading Church in Santiago de Cuba and the highest in the country, it being the seat of the archbishopric of t..e entire island of Cuba. It was paying heavy salaries to 24 priests before the war, and employs as many as six at the present time.

I have mentioned preaching priests and will explain what they are. A preaching priest is a sort of a specialist on the preaching line. Their number is very limited. I am sure that not more than 25 per cent of them ever occupy the pulpit at all. They can offer the sacrifice of the mass, marry, baptize, officiate at funerals, hear confession, and do various other unnecessary things, but as to preaching the gospel "they are not in it."

But my letter is alrady too long, and I close, again begging an interest in the prayers of all true Christians both for myself and the work I am trying to do for the Master in my native country.

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THREE GREAT FORCES.

Our attention was called recently to an article headed as the above, in the January number of the Medical Brief, a very popular medical journal published in St. Louis, Mo. In this issue it quits medicine for awhile and turns its artillery against the Christian religion. It undertakes to make some hard things very clear, and indeed it does make them clear—as mud. It takes the following absurd position:

"The universe contains three great forces which, by their action and reaction upon each other, constitute life as we know it. These forces are: Matter, Entities, Evolution."

The writer says these forces "constitute life as we know it," that is (as he should have stated), as we skeptics know it. We are glad that in an old book "a more excellent way" is found, and they who walk therein find rest to their souls. The writer then proceeds to say that: "A universe made up of matter alone would be incapable of progress."

"But there is another great force which, entering into and acting upon matter, produces the phenomena of life. This force is made up of entities, animal and vegetable, all essentially the same, but which, through constant change from lower to higher forms of matter, have arrived at varying estates of intelligence and progress. Entities endow matter with sensibility, activity consciousness, etc., attributes which constantly increase in power, complexity and variety of manifestation, with the action of the third great force, evolution. Evolution is the sum of the other two natural forces."

The advocates of this theory acknowledge no other force. With them all force is locked up in matter, entities—material beings—and evolution. In their first force they imagine a body which is wholly material and without life, being acted upon and entered into by a second great force, "entities," which produces in the dead matter the phenomena of life, and this being acted upon again by evolution, which unfolds and expands and develops. And all this development from a lifeless lump of matter to a living, thinking, talking human being, was brought about by evolution.

But how came this first "great force" into existence? And whence came their second "great force," which they fancy is in entities, "which, entering into and acting upon matter, produces the phenomena of life?" And what about evolution? How came it in existence? Do they tell us? No! They are lost here in utter darkness. The matter and entities and evolution about which they write so learnedly (?) are effects of some other "great force" or cause. The Christian believes that cause is the Creator—the God of the Bible. He created the "entities," or particular species of being. God made the beast of the earth after his kind, and cattle after their kind, and everything that creepeth upon the earth after his kind. And God said, Let us make man in our image," etc. Gen. 1:25, 26. But infidels reject the account of the creation given in the Holy Bible, and contend that through the law of evolution a lump of lifeless matter began to evolve and unfold till finally it developed into a wiggletail, then into a tadpole, then into a frog, then into a water-dog, then into a polecat, then into a monkey, then into a "nigger," then into Bob Ingersoll and his henchmen. But why should we object if they want to claim the water-dog, monkey, etc., as their ancestors?

Evolution can take a savage, under certain conditions, and develop him into an intelligent gentleman, but can do no more for him till he is made a new creature in Christ Jesus; after that it doth not yet appear what his ever-evolving nature shall be—it shall be changed from glory to glory.

This writer says again:

"Since the entity cannot manifest itself save through matter, the entire universe must contain only material beings, and there are no such things as ghosts, spirits, astral bodies, etc."

His own reasoning refutes him here. He admits that there is a great force "made up of entities," which certainly exists independently of matter or material bodies, for, as above, they speak of "entities," "which enter into and act upon matter." The best lexicons teach us that the word entity means "something which really is, a real being." For a real being to enter into and act upon an object it must exist independent of the object upon which it acts. Hence, there is a great force, a real being, who cannot be seen with the eye of flesh. This being is superior to and surpassess power over, and produces the phenomena of life in lifeless matter. This "real being" is a spirit. He is not material and is invisible. This being the Christian calls God. "God is a spirit." "Who maketh his angels spirits." Heb. 1:7. So we find that according to these enemies of the Spirit that there are "entities," "real beings," which are not material and are superior to matter. They call them "entities;" the Bible calls them "spirits." Again they say:

"All this knowledge has inevitably revolutionized our conception of religion and a future life."

All this is a lack of knowledge. It has darkened their understanding till "they do not like to retain God in their knowledge, and God has given them over to a reprobate mind, to do those things which are not convenient." Rom. 1.28. The Medical Brief is a very popular periodical, having the widest circulation of any medical journal in the world. What a pity the devil is allowed to use its columns in overthrowing the faith and destroying the souls of some of our young and most promising physicians.

D. T. BROWN.

ARMINIUS REJOINDER.

Our reviewer of November 2, 1898, is much alarmed because we "are at variance with" Drs. Watson and Ralston on the question discussed in our papers during 1898 in the Advocate. We only attack the inconsistencies of these great and good men and show their positions are untenable and that they contradict themselves in their arguments. The question with us is not whether Dr. Watson or Dr. Ralston taught or thought thus and so, but is it true? Merely to tell us, therefore, that we attack Drs. Watson and Ralston does not frighten or convince us.

Our reviewer thinks "it very strange that Gilderoy so highly commends the papers of Arminius, and at the same time expresses the wish that our young preachers would read Fletcher's Checks more. The views of Arminius are as much at variance with the teachings of Fletcher as they are with that of Watson and Ralston. The best production the Methodists have in proof of the doctrine that man is corrupt and sinful through natural generation is Fletcher's Appeal, which is in the course of study for our young preachers of the first year." Notice he is criticising Gilderoy for at the same time commending our papers and Fletcher's Checks, saying we are at variance with Fletcher, and instead of quoting the Checks to make good his assertion, he refers to a single statement in the Appeal, written eleven years before his Checks. And in several respects Mr. F., in his Checks, modifies his views as expressed in his Appeal, as we shall show. Again, if any doctrine be true, the best proof the Methodists, or any one else, have of it is the Bible and not Fletcher's Appeal or any human production. But that we are not so widely at variance with Fletcher's Checks may be seen by the following quotations:

Volume 1, page 161: "That which passes upon all infants universally and is thus described by St. Paul: As by the offense of one, judgment came upon all men to condemnation, even so by the righteousness of one the free gift came upon all men unto present justification from original sin and future justification of life."

Page 377: "After the fall Christ was given in the promise to mankind as a mediator and help was laid upon him to make man's duty (as a redeemed sinner) feasible. To deny it is to deny man's redemption. At that first promulgation of the gospel what St. Paul calls the law of faith and St. James the law of liberty took place. This gracious law has been in force under all the dispensations of the everlasting gospel ever since."

Page 399: "The redemption of mankind by Jesus is universal and unconditional with respect to initial salvation. * * In a word, infants having no unrighteousness but that of the first Adam, reason, as well as Scripture, dictates that they need no rightness but that of the second Adam."

Page 408: "Though the Scriptures tell us that the carnal mind is enmity against God and that the flesh lusteth against the spirit, yet we believe that from the time God initially raised mankind from their fall," etc.

Note page 461: "Those who start at every expression they are not used to will ask if our Church admits the justification of infants. I answer, undoubtedly, since her clergy, by her direction, say over myriads of infants: We yield thee hearty thanks, most merciful Father, that it has pleased Thee to regenerate this infant with Thy Holy Spirit, to receive him for Thy child, etc. Wherefore, we being thus persuaded of the good will of our Heavenly Father toward this (unbaptized) infant, etc. These words I had not attended to when I wrote my Appeal."

Page 374: "Again and again have I observed that as by one man's disobedience many (the multitudes of men) were made sinners, so by the obedience of one, many (the multitudes of men) shall (to the end of the world) be made righteous—i. e., partakers of the above-mentioned justification, in consequence of Christ's atonement, and the talent of free grace and supernatural light, which enlightens every man that comes into the world. Compare Rom. 5:18 with John 1:4, 5, 9. Far from opposing this initial life of free grace this salvation unconditionally begun, I assert its necessity against the Pelagians and its reality against the Calvinists," etc.

Our Reviewer proceeds: "But can there be such a thing as moral nature without its being morally good or morally evil? A nature that is neither good nor evil is not moral nature. Even the nature of a tree is known by the character of the fruit, which it naturally brings forth. The character of the fruit it bears grows not of the cultivation it receives, but of its nature. Cultivation may improve the character of the fruit, but does not change it. If it is a good tree by nature, it wil naturally bring forth good fruit. This is true in the moral world." How, then, did moral evil get into the universe of God and into our world? Did God ever create an intelligent being with a moral nature that was evil? Our reviewer affirms that every moral nature must be either good or evil, and will bear fruit according to that nature. God created all moral beings. He created them with moral natures—their natures were not evil, else God would be the author of evil. But our Reviewer says: "A good tree by nature will naturally bring forth good fruit. The same is true in the moral world." Let him, according to his theory, account for the fact that a part of the angels kept not their first estate:: and that Adam, with a moral nature, the direct creation of God and in his image, brought forth evil fruit. We insisted in our papers that man is not a tree, nor a fountain, nor a brute, but a free moral agent, with a self-determining will. We have seen men plant out orchards of good trees and, neglecting to cultivate, prune and fertilize, they brought forth hard, knotty and shriveled, worthless fruit and they cast all the blame upon the nurseryman and said the trees were not good. Many of them died from neglect. So of vineyards. "The same is true in the moral world." "My well-beloved hath a vineyard in a very fruitful hill; and he fenced it and gathered out the stones thereof and planted it with the choicest vine and built a winepress

therein and he looked that it should bring forth grapes (good fruit), and it brought forth wild grapes (evil fruit). What could have been done more to my vineyard that I have not done in it? Wherefore, when I looked that it should bring forth grapes, brought it forth wild grapes?" "Yet I had planted thee a noble vine, wholly a right seed; how, then, art thou turned into the degenerate plant of a strange vine unto me?" The kingdom of God is like unto a man which sowed good seed in his field. But while men slept an enemy came and sowed tares." "The field is the world. The good seed are the children of the kingdom. He that sowed them is the Son of man." Whoso receiveth not the kingdom of God as a little child (receiveth it), he shall not enter therein." But our Reviewer says: "The character of a man's life or conduct depends upon the good or evil in the man's nature. Hence Christ says: "Make the tree good and the fruit will be good." This language was not addressed to infants, but to moral adults who had sinned away their infant justification—fallen from grace. However, why did Christ say to men, "Make the tree good?" Did he command an impossible thing? Nay, verily. But because men have a moral nature in which is contained the possibility of good or evil, the chief element of which nature is volition—freedom of choice—the power to determine whether the tree shall be good or evil and the fruit also, he says to them: Make the tree good. "I set before you life and death. Choose life. Choose whom you will serve." It is this very power that distinguishes man as a moral agent and constitutes the essential element in moral nature. Without it there could be no moral character—no moral conduct, no virtue or vice. Therefore man's life or conduct depends upon his nature because it is determined by his will or choice.

Now, our position is that men must have this power in order to be responsible for their actions; that men are not free if they are necessitated in their volitions, either by nature or by providence, and that all men receive this power, not by natural generation and therefore have it of themselves, as Pelagius taught, or was accused of teaching, but that they receive it by supernatural power through the general redemption of the race in Christ, the second Adam. They are born in possession of this free gift—this common grace—so that "it is God that worketh in us to will and to do (that we may will and do) of his good pleasure."

Our Reviewer's proof (?) of our variance with the Bible is his reiteration of the old Augustinian law of necessity—the very thing we are opposing. In other words, he simply affirms the thing to be proved as the proof of that thing.

We sum up our papers in the following propositions:

1. The penalty of the Adamic sin was spiritual death.

2. The imputation of sin, an invention of Augustine to try to escape the consequences of doctrine of election as to infants.

3. If imputation be admitted, the imputation of Christ's righteousness counteracts imputation of Adam's sin.

4. If Christ suffered penalty of Adamic sin, or an accepted substitute for it, which satisfied administrative justice of God, then the race can no longer be under sentence to that penalty, or else substitution is no longer substitution and Divine justice was not satisfied with the atonement made by Christ.

5. Condemnation came through Adam; justification came through Christ to the race (from the Adamic sin).

6. To affirm that, despite the atonement, infants are guilty sinners necessarily leads to doctrine of infant damnation.

7. To affirm guilt of infants is to view the fall of man disconnected with redemption.

8. One can not be made actually guilty by the act of another, and there is no other moral guilt.

9. The penal consequences of Adam's sin can not be justly visited upon innocent posterity.

10. If spiritual death could be justly visited upon his posterity on account of Adam's sin, eternal death could also; this again leads to infant damnation.

11. In view of atonement of Christ no human being suffers any penalty, or any part of any penalty, except for his own sin.

12. No recipient of benefits of Christ's redemption, who retains the grace of salvation, suffers any penalty for any sin, either Adam's or his own.

13. If men are made sinners by an inherent tendency of their natures, they are under the law of necessity in their volitions through that malign tendency, and are not free moral agents.

14. Man received no injury unconditionally through Adam that is not unconditionally remedied through Christ.

15. There is no reason in favor of transmission of evil that does not apply equally to transmission of good. If virtue is an acquirement of good through faith, and therefore can not be transmitted, sin, being an acquirement of evil through unbelief, can not be transmitted.

16. If Adam begat a son in his moral likeness, it must have been in the likeness he bore, at the time he begat that son, or in the likeness he bore when he was created, and not in that which he bore in the interim between his fall and his restoration.

17. If the race was condemned seminally in Adam, they were justified seminally in Christ; if condemned as infants, they are justified as infants.

18. If Adam's act of disobedience was representative, his obedience was repsentative also.

19. The theory which repudiates the imputation of the actual commission of Adam's sin to posterity, thus making them equally guilty with him, and yet admits their liability to the penalty of that sin, is inconsistent and untenable.

20. Life itself, being a benefit of Christ's redemption, is positive proof that infants are born, under grace, or in a state of justification from the Adamic sin.

21. God teaches us that little children and adult sinners who, by conversion, become as little children (are) receive the kingdom of God as a little child (receiveth it) compose the kingdom of God on earth and in heaven.

ARMINIUS.

A CRIME AGAINST HEALTH.

Recent investigation shows that the stores are largely stocked with baking powders which contain alum, the injurious ingredinet which the Iowa and Minnesota State Boards of Health have so strongly condemned. England, Germany and France have laws prohibiting the use of alum in bread, and the States of Minnesota and Wisconsin forbid baking powder containing alum to be put upon the market unless the words "this baking powder contains alum" are printed upon the label of every package offered for sale. This is the danger signal which the law throws out for the protection of the people. Yet many of the makers of alum baking powders such as the "Calumet," while keeping away from Minnesota and Wisconsin, have the effrontery to offer their condemned powders to consumers here. These alum powders are frequently labeled "pure," "best in the world," "none so good," or with some other equally misleading catch phrase.

Below will be found a partial list of the baking powders sold in this market that have been examined and found to contain alum:

CALUMET .....Contains Alum
(Calumet Baking Powder Co., Chicago.)
ALEXANDER'S .....Contains Alum
(John Moore Wood)
BAIN'S .....Contains Alum
(Meyer-Bain Mfg. Co., St. Louis.)
BON TON .....Contains Alum
(J. C. Grant & Sons Mfg. Co., St. Louis)
COMET .....Contains Alum
(D. G. Evans & Co., St. Louis.)
COLUMBIA .....Contains Alum
(Columbia Baking Powder Co., St. Paul.)
DR. HUGHES' Grape ..Contains Alum
(Hughes Bros., Dallas)
DODSON & HILS .....Contains Alum
(Dodson & Hils, St. Louis.)
GRANT'S BON BON....Contains Alum
(Grant Chemical Co., Chicago.)
JACK FROST .....Contains Alum
(Bain & Chapman Mfg. Co., St. Louis.)
K. C.....Contains Alum
(Jaques Mfg. Co., Chicago.)
KITCHEN QUEEN ....Contains Alum
(Dallas Coffee and Spice Mills, Dallas)
MANHATTAN .....Contains Alum
(Hewson Chemical Co., Kansas City.)
OUR JERSEY .....Contains Alum
(Hughes Bros., Dallas.)
PERFECT .....Contains Alum
(Perfect Baking Powder Co., St. Louis.)
ROCKET .....Contains Alum
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PURIFY THE CHURCH.

'Tis a sad thought that such a necessity should arise as to arouse our whole Church on account of our spiritual dearth, and yet we are glad to see a manifestation of an earnest desire to get back into the old paths. And while many of our leading ministers are offering suggestions and exhortations along this line, we as an humble layman wish to offer a few thoughts. It seems that Brother Bruce Meador, of Meridian, Texas, struck the key note when he said he "intended to have his members to live religious or else get out of the Church." Said he "had dropped twenty-seven members by order of the Church Conference." Could not many of our Churches make a similar move and yet strengthen the spiritual state of their Church? A few years since we were talking with one of our pastors concerning some of these disorderly members, when he said, "Let's get up a revival in our Church, and get them all full of religion and all will come right." In accordance with this desire he sent off and procured the services of one of our noted evangelists who came and labored ten days. Results: one joined the Church.

Other efforts have been made from time to time with like results, and we verily believe that while our Churches try to bear these burdens sinners will still continue to stumble over them and go down to hell.

Then would it not be well in the beginning of the new year for our preachers to begin to clear out the rubbish and get our Churches in good shape for the revival season? And to this end let them preach more along the line of Christian duties, and of personal responsibilities to God.

Let each person who reads this look into the lives of their Church members; and if these lines fit, you may put them down as coming from your Church. And may this earnest investigation for truth and light result in a great spiritual uplift to our Church and to the salvation of thousands of precious souls throughout our beloved Methodism this year.

W. P. JONES.

Chidress, Texas.

SPIRITUAL STATE OF THE CHURCH.

I wish to write and at least say that the Advocate is a sweet messenger to the undersigned, cheering him along the way once every week. All the preaching, or about all, is what I glean from the columns of our Advocate. I am situated here as station agent at this little town and preachers of late hardly ever pass this way. We labored hard to get a society permanent at this place, but all has gone under. So I am trying to content myself with the inevitable.

There seems to be much said as to the spiritual condition of our Zion, and especially much in the columns of last week's Advocate. All of which I read and pondered. After getting through, the following passed over my mind: I have a friend here who told me of an old brother in Arkansas who, on revival occasions, always gave in his experience, as is the case, and his talk would run thus: "Bruthren, I want more of that religion what made my father happy, my mother happy; that religion what makes my plow run more slicker and my axe chop more better." Our brother's grammar may be out of line, but the desire of his heart is explicit, and should be the groaning of every Methodist in this broad State of ours, and when this is the case, we will get there.

J. M. NEAL.

BEST BEYOND.

Everywhere in nature is beauty; in every bush is a rose; back of every rose is the thorn. For every joy there is a tear, for every pleasure a pain. Alternating between extremes, the soul, wearied and troubled, longs for rest. Mind, fatigued by vain search in ancient lore, turns aside in dissatisfaction because of the emptiness of human purpose. The fascinations of evil beckon the weary traveler on to vacillating and unreal enjoyment. The deluded wayfarer, unconscious of danger, often falls into the snare and the divine within cries in despair.

Desire for wealth and worldly glory runs rampant; people, discontented and restless, strive to allay this feeling by plunging into this awful cataclysm—that must eventually overcome them.

Could we but realize that life is not a transient dream, a fleeting shadow, a fantasy of hope, but that after all, a divine reality—this tendency would change, and mankind, ever trying, would mount higher in the scale of intellectual life and spiritual attainment. How unstable the earthly! How inconsistent the wordly!

While musing on these things, darkness disappears and sunlight beams in! How radiant and soul-inspiring! How environments affect us!

It is late in the day, and the sun, unseen, has passed our zenith and is slowly sinking in the west. The gentle showers have been falling all day; and, alone, I have passed the weary hours thinking of the past, and occasionally looking into the dim future. Suddenly, in the west, the gloomy clouds parted like the unrolling of a scroll, and the sun is shining gently through the aperture, his rays sweetly kissing the violets on yonder vale, the trees are quietly raising their drooping branches, and all nature seems to rejoice at the approval of coming springtime.

From my open window the halo that gathers about the eastern horizon seems to be studded with the jewels of heaven, and the verging landscapes but the bordering of that "Rest Beyond."

Now and then an opening in the dark veil seems symbolical of heaven's crystal windows, where guarding angels, from their ethereal thrones, direct the footsteps of those they love. The rippling waters, as they run on to meet the sea and the sweet singing birds, are but initiatory to the joyful music of heaven's eternal grandeur and loveliness. In the distance, like a mighty thing, comes a dark cloud, veiling from from view those that decorated the jeweled heavens. Lost? Hidden? Translated by the nature of things? Yes, methinks symbolical of that time when the "Angel of Death" shall come (without warning), and we shall not be swallowed up, not be lost, but pass behind the clouds of eternity; from darkness into sunlight, from trouble into peace.

We may, like the miniature cloud, be overshadowed from view of earthly friend, but the "Rest Beyond" will reveal to those gone before, our minds as our mental book keep; our conscience as an unsleeping accompaniment; our acquirements in all the graces and virtues will make up our identity; our character written above our moral nature so as to be read by all angelic beings, being nothing more than this earthly life has given us.

Discontent will merge into joy and trouble into peace; we will rest in the land of Christ, beautiful, boundless dominion, land of the blessed,

"Where the wicked cease from troubling,
And the weary are at rest."

RUFUS E. NUNN.

Eagle Lake, Texas.

LEAVES OF LIFE—CHAPTER V.

In early life I began to attend the preaching of the gospel, mostly by the Methodists; sometimes I would hear a sermon by a Baptist or a Cumberland Presbyterian. From the first I was glad to hear preaching by any of these denominations, but my preference was for the people called Methodists, and has been ever since. The Methodist itinerant preachers would sometimes stop at our house. We were always glad to see them. Mother always gave them a hearty welcome and the best she had to eat, and a good bed to sleep on. At our house and in the pulpit they impressed me as faithful, good men of God, who were deeeply in earnest about the salvation of those to whom they preached. Their preaching by the Holy Ghost convicted me of my sins. In secret I would try to recall and study their sermons. Some of their words and phrases seemed to stick fast in my memory. The words of one of them, and his appearance in the pulpit, come up now as he said, "I don't want to go down to the dark regions of despair!" From early life I had a great horror of being a hypocrite. Of all the bad characters on earth, I thought he was the worst, and had the least chance of getting to heaven. So I thought I would seek religion, get it, live a Christian, and keep it all to myself; never say anything to any one about it; never let any one know anything about it, as it was only a matter between me and my God. I could thus live and die, and on this plan I would run no risk of being a hypocrite. It was a boyish ignorance. By the time I was twelve years old I was constantly and earnestly seeking religion on this plan. But alas! alas! my plan proved a sad failure, as I learned by bitter experience.

R. M. LEATON.

Difficulty, struggle, progress—this is the law. By this we conquer; by this it is that the spirit gradually obtains ascendency over the flesh; by this we aspire to be children of God.

SECULAR NEWS

The largest whiskey trust ever organized in the United States was effected last week in New York under the name of "Kentucky Distillers and Ware House Company." Seven firms making Kentucky whiskey have entered into it, with a capital of $32,000,000; and it is supposed that the combined plants will produce 15,000,000 gallons of stuff per annum. What possibilities of ruin this represents!

The bill in Congress to construct a twenty-feot channel one hundred feet wide, from Texas City across the bay at a cost of $250,000, has been defeated. Mr. Hawley, of the Galveston District, opposed the measure and it failed.

A bill to establish a branch department of the insane asylum at Abilene passed the Legislature of this State last week, and the necessary appropriation has been provided for, and the matter is now assured.

The entire Cuban railway system has passed into the control of a New York syndicate, which includes a number of Canadian capitalists. The whole system will be thoroughly overhauled and put into first-class shape. So American enterprise is at work for the resuscitation of Cuban industries.

Some negro soldiers behaved very badly at Texarkana last week, and such was the indignation of the citizens of the town that they have reported the affair to the Secretary of War. These black fellows think they own the earth, simply because they happen to wear national uniforms.

The river and harbor bill which passed the House last week makes provision for the improvement of several Texas water-ways. Entrance to Galveston harbor, $50,000; Buffalo Bayou, $250,000; Sabine Pass, $50,000; Sabine River, $3000; Brazos River, between Velasco and Richmond, West Galveston Bay channel, Double Bayou, and mouths of adjacent streams, $65,000; Sabine and Neches, and the proposed channel through Sabine Lake, $10,000; Trinity River, $7000.

A great deal of friction has existed of late between the railroads and the Railroad Commission in this State on account of the adverse decision to the Commission by the United States Court awhile back, and no way out of the trouble seemed apparent. But the two parties to the matter have at last gotten together and made mutual concessions, and the result is a satisfactory adjustment of the difficulties. It only awaits the working out of the details of the settlement to make the plan of agreement permanent.

Two saloon men in San Antonio had a difficulty the 2nd inst., and both of them are dead. Six-shooters did the work. One was named Jno. W. Bennett, and the other was Bob Marx. The latter was drinking, and brought on the trouble. Whiskey is very efficient in things of this sort.

There is quite a scandal in the California Legislature, in which U. S. Grant, son of the late General Grant, is accused of spending some $20,000 in bribing members to vote for his election to the United States Senate. It is even said that the speaker of the House got some of the swag.

Another bad wreck occurred on the Houston and Texas Central a short distance from Calvert, in which one man was badly hurt. This time it happened to be a freight wreck. The track was torn up for some distance, and the two cars were badly demolished. The Central is usually on schedule time when it comes to rounding up first-class wrecks.

M. M. Williams, an old man living near Cleburne, brought suit some time ago against John Renfro, a neighbor, for slandering his daughter. The case came up the 3d of this month for trial in Cleburne, and the parties met in the courthouse. Just as Williams entered the building, Renfro fired five shots into the old man's body and he expired in a few minutes. The slayer is in jail.

The committee appointed by Congress to look into the matter, and report as to what members had forfeited their seats by accepting military positions, have reported that Gen. Joseph Wheeler, of Alabama; Col. James R. Campbell, of Illinois; Col. David G. Colson, of Kentucky, and Maj. Edward Robbins, of Pennsylvania, are not entitled to seats in Congress, inasmuch as they have accepted commissions in the army. The report has not yet been acted upon.

William C. Griffin, the State manager, and local manager of the Bradstreet agency, committed suicide in Dallas, Texas, the 3rd inst., by taking morphine. He was a temperate man, and a member of the Presbyterian Church. He leaves a wife and one child. No cause is assigned for the deed, except ill health, resulting from la grippe.

The battleship Texas will be in Galveston about the 15th of the month, wearing the scars received at Santiago, and it is hoped that Capt. Philip will be with her to receive the sword and Bible gotten up for him by the children of Texas. He will have the freedom of the State tendered to him if he can come.

Mrs. Cordelia Bodkin, recently convicted in California for poisoning to death Mrs. J. P. Dunning in Dover, Del., by sending to her a box of candy, prepared for that purpose, has been sentenced to the penitentiary for the term of her natural life. Verily, the way of the transgressor is hard.

Mr. A. F. French, of the banking firm of Ball, Hutchings & Co., of Galveston, died very suddenly last Saturday of heart failure. He was quite prominent in business circles and a valuable man.

In Augusta, Ga., last Sunday a barkeeper shot and killed one of the soldiers now camping there, and the company to which he belonged organized and undertook to get hold of the slayer to lynch him. The whole regiment had to be ordered out to quell the disturbance and bring the excited comrades of the dead man into subordination. It was a squally time for awhile.

The Odd Fellows of the State held their Annual Convention in Dallas, beginning last Tuesday. Many prominent members of the order were present and took part in the proceedings. The Odd Fellows are strong numerically and otherwise throughout Texas.

The long-feared collision between the American troops stationed in Manila and the Filipinos, led by Aguinaldo, the insurgent leader, took place last Saturday and Sunday. The Americans lost twenty killed and had 125 wounded. The loss of the insurgents is not known, but it is supposed to be fearful. They were beaten back with slaughter, and the last reports show that our army is master of the position. This is to be regretted, but it was a necessity, and they have been taught a severe lesson for their ill conduct.

The battle between the Americans and the Filipinos last Saturday has put a spur into the side of the old poky Senate. Last Monday they ceased their talking and got down to business, and the result was that the treaty between Spain and the United States, which has been pending for over two months and whose delay has been the cause of trouble in those distant islands, was ratified instanter. These recently acquired possessions are now in such relation to us as that they can be dealt with expeditiously.

Galveston received and sent out to home and foreign ports during the month of January 1,798,740 bushels of wheat, while New Orleans for the same month shipped 1,398,322 bushels, showing a difference in favor of Galveston of 400,418 bushels. Galveston is rapidly coming to the front as a great harbor. This indicates approaching growth to a great extent for the Island City of Texas.

A bill has been introduced in the Legislature of this State which ought to become a law. It is to put a stop to pool gambling. It prescribes that any person convicted of this offense shall be fined not less $100 nor more than $1000, and be imprisoned in the county jail not less than ten days nor more than two years. If this bill can become a law it would be a long step toward the suppression of gambling in Texas.

Mr. Wm. Cameron, of Waco, known as one of the Texas lumber kings, died last Monday at Morgan City, La., of apoplexy. He owned large interests in Louisiana, and was down there at the time of his death. Mr. Cameron was a Scotchman, but he has been living in this State for several years, and has made a great fortune. He is rated at $3,000,000. He leaves a widow and several children.

At a meeting of the Liberal members of the British Parliament a few days since the Right Honorable Sir Henry Campbell-Bannerman, of Ireland, was elected leader of the Liberal party to succeed Sir Vernon Harcourt, recently resigned. He is one of the strongest men in English politics.

The Lower House of Congress has decided by a practically unanimous vote against the sale of liquor in any military camp or army post of the United States. The numerous outrages perpetrated by soldiers during the past year while under the influence of intoxicants caused this action to be taken. This does away with the army canteen, which has been such a source of vice and immorality in army circles. Good for Congress.

Commissary Gen. Chas. P. Eagan, who was found guilty by court-martial awhile back for defaming the character of a superior officer, and sentenced to dismissal from the army, but recommended to executive clemency, has been suspended by the President from the army and rank of an officer for the term of six years.

Senator R. Q. Mills has succeeded in getting a bill through Congress appropriating $75,000 for a public building at Beaumont. This is quite an item of interest for that community.

The Scollard building, situated in the heart of this city, on Main Street, was practically destroyed by fire yesterday morning (Wednesday). The property was a six-story structure, one of the finest in the place, and it was built at a cost of about $70,000 nine years ago. It carried about $30,000 insurance. A great many professional men, and other valuable interests, had offices in the building. The loss will foot up a large total.

The clash which occurred last Sunday between the Americans and the Filipinos, was more serious in its results than was first known. The loss of the latter foots up, to date, some 4000 killed, wounded and captured. Our loss in killed and wounded amounts to about 250. The blame rests upon the Filipinos. Aguinaldo had evidently planned the attack and then deliberately brought it on. Now since the peace treaty has been ratified, the United States will proceed with a strong hand to bring about a permanent settlement of the trouble. There will be no child's play from now on.

"SOME NEEDED LEGISLATION."

I notice in the Advocate this week an article headed, "Some Needed Legislation," which, after comments by yourself, was signed by Mr. B. D. Dashiell, of Jewett. I heartily indorse said article in its entirety, and as I notice in to-day's News that Hon. Norman G. Kittrell has introduced bills in the Legislature to amend the law in reference to "gaming," selling liquors to minors and on Sunday, and in reference to selling liquors generally, and such names as "moralist," "crank," and the like, are being applied to him on account of his desiring a conscientious enforcement of the law impartially, it behooves all good citizens to aid him in his efforts. Therefore, I hope every one who reads this letter will get up and forward him a petition, or write him a letter bidding him God-speed in the work. It is a well-known fact that in parts of Texas no attention is paid to the Sunday law, and that buisness is transacted on that day the same as on any other. Recently, the clerks at Brownsville insisted on the officers doing their duty, so they could "get rest from sixteen hours' work on Sundays." You can greatly aid Judge Kittrell by giving this your attention right now. Not to-morrow, but to-day.

J. P. LESLIE.
Sherman, Texas, Feb. 4, 1899.

In keeping with the handsome new fast train service to the North and East, inaugurated in December and now in very successful operation, the I. & G. N. Railway has issued a beautiful calendar, for the year 1899, entitled, "A High Flyer." It is an artistic piece of work. Capt. D. J. Price, the General Passenger and Ticket Agent, is making himself visibly felt in railroad circles. He is keeping the I. & G. N. Railway abreast the times.

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PREACHER WANTED.

I have just received a telegram announcing the death of our brother, Rev. M. W. Shearer, stationed at Anadarko. He was for years a member of the North Texas Conference. I will want a suitable man to take his place—a young man, or a man with a small family. If any of the presiding elders of the North Texas Conference can give me any information of such, please do so. Will be glad to correspond with any one who can give good reference.

J. F. SHERWOOD,
Presiding Elder Wynnewood District.
Wynnewood, I. T.

PERSONAL.

Anyone knowing the whereabouts of T. J. Cook will confer a favor by giving me his address. W. R. COOK.
Woodbine, Texas.

It was in the history class. "Johnny," said the teacher, "what was the message that General Sheridan sent to General Early before the battle of Winchester?" And then Johnny put on his sweetest look and said softly, "Go Early, and avoid the rush."—Exchange.

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NOTES FROM THE FIELD.

NORTHWEST TEXAS CONFERENCE.

KILLEEN AND NOLANVILLE.

O. P. Kiker: Killeen and Nolanville charge is all o. k. We have been royally received and sumptuously pounded. Have had fine crowds and some spiritual feasts. Bro. Putman came and won my people's affection. His administration is marked and his preaching edifying and deeply spiritual. Among many other good sayings of his one was: "Killeen and Nolanville has the best report of any charge on the district so far." I have two fine sets of stewards. They are the men for the place, especially J. M. Warren, who is a prodigy.

BOSQUEVILLE.

C. S. Cameron, Feb. 1: This charge is looking up, and this doesn't imply that we have been entirely dead, but the outlook for success this year is hopeful. We have been having some spiritual services; congregations larger; Sunday-schools and prayer-meetings increasing in interest. At one point Christmas week we held a four-day meeting, out of which we look for fruit. The pastor is just now struggling with that monster disease, la grippe. It has had both him and wife in custody for two weeks or more; but we have gotten up about the room and will soon be able for duty, I trust. The person who suffers with the grip has my sympathy. My first Quarterly Conference is a thing of the past. My beloved came and held it while I was in bed. He preached and presided to the delight of all. I am told they had a most delightful and profitable time. We have a very fine body of officials; they can not be excelled, in appearance at least.

HILLSBORO STATION.

C. R. Wright: This scribe is now well into his second year as pastor of Hillsboro Station. Last year was a year of peace and material prosperity, but not satisfactory as to the ingathering. We built what is perhaps the best parsonage within the bounds of the Northwest Texas Conference. I at least do not know of one that equals it. It is splendidly finished and furnished and equipped with most of the modern conveniences and comforts. During the winter our Sunday services and weekly prayer-meetings have been frequently seriously interfered with by a defective furnace—indeed, by the almost total absence of heating facilities. This we intend to remedy before another winter. Our Board of Stewards consists of nine wide-awake business men, who know how to estimate and collect a preacher's salary. They are planning for a monthly settlement with the pastor. Why is it that all of our stations do not do this? What a relief such an arrangement is to the over-burdened pastor. We are full of hope for a great year. Nineteen accessions to the Church the past month.

CHILLICOTHE CIRCUIT.

R. A. Walker, Feb. 2: Our first Quarterly Conference was held in Chillicothe January 28 and 29. Notwithstanding the severe cold weather the entire Board of Stewards were present, and quite a number of the other official members. I am very proud to serve a work where all of the official members take so much interest. I believe they truthfully sing, "I love thy Church, O God. Beyond my highest joys I prize her heavenly ways." The people make their preacher feel like he will succeed and make him love them. We found a very sorry parsonage, but went to work moving off, turning around and building anew, painting and canvassing and papering. Now we have one of the coziest little parsonages in the Vernon District, and "Snip" is well housed in a part of the old one. We have an excellent work in one of the finest belts of country in West Texas. We have four classes and a neat house at each place. Chillicothe is a delightful little town to live in; plenty of good water, fresh air and fine soil. By the way, Mr. Editor, this is the coming country of the West. It is rapidly settling up with a very fine, substantial class of people, and, as you saw at conference, Vernon District is already there, and some presiding elder will gladly exchange districts with our beloved this fall. Truly we can say this is a land of milk and honey, for we are getting more milk than we know what to do with, and in an old-fashioned Tennessee pounding a month ago they left strained honey and honey in the comb. We did not observe the day of fasting and prayer; the weather was so cold that we could not meet. I do hope some one in authority will set another day when "the snow has melted." We are well pleased with the Advocate.

HARBIN.

R. F. Dunn, Jan. 31: Since coming to Green's Creek Circuit I have not taken the time to write even a postal for the Advocate. In about two months I have made two rounds on the circuit and visited ninety homes. Our first Quarterly Conference met last Thursday and a large number of our people were present and enjoyed the sermons of Bro. E. F. Boone, our presiding elder, and remained for the conference, too. It is not usual to see such an interest in our Quarterly Conferences when held in mid-week. This circuit is about twenty miles long and has eight churches to be served by myself and assistant or junior. We report one conversion and eleven accessions and hope to have a great revival at each appointment during the year. One misfortune about this work is that there is no postoffice on the charge with the name of the circuit, and we failed to get this fact to the editor of our Conference Minutes in time to have the name of our office (Harbin) appear on the journal with the appointment.

CARBON AND GORMAN.

R. J. Tooley, Jan. 31: Our first Quarterly Conference was held at Carbon January 28 and 29. The first service was held Friday night during a severe norther. We had fasted and prayed and were determined not to lose a service. The Lord was with us from the first to the last. Saturday morning we ran across our beloved down on his knees praying in secret. We knew what the outcome would be—a good sermon and a blessing on the people; so it was. The old-time fire burned in all hearts, fitting us for the afternoon conference. There was no friction in regard to the pastor's salary. The stewards showed a willingness to do a good part by us, and proved the same by bringing up $111.10, two appointments not being represented, owing to the weather. Carbon took $10 extra on her assessment and paid one-third of her entire assessment at this quarter. We have found in this circuit as big hearts as we ever expect to meet with. Bro. Boone made a fine impression on the people; they regretted to see him leave. Many expressed themselves as having been greatly blessed by his preaching. We are preaching to two superannuates, Bro. J. R. Randle, of the North Texas Conference, and Bro. Reeves, of this conference. God bless these old warriors, and make their last days full of sunshine and gladness. Bro. J. C. Moore, J. E. Wiseman, F. T. Weaver and W. O. Basham are local preachers of merit, three of them having had charge of works in other days. They have drawn us very close to them by their love and sympathy. We are sowing seed and expect to reap shortly.

NORTH TEXAS CONFERENCE.

FAIRLIE.

J. W. Beckham, Feb. 6: We are moving on very nicely on the Fairlie Circuit. We moved just as soon after conference as we could and went to work looking after the interest of the Church. Have made two rounds on the work and find everything in good shape. Have been kindly received at all the appointments and have received many tokens of appreciation from the people. Though we have not been pounded, we have had spare-ribs and sausage most of the time since we have been here. We are looking for and expecting great things of the Lord this year. We are going to have a reunion at his place ont the fifth Sunday in April, and we want all of the former pastors of the work to be with us. We will get out our programme soon. I received one of Dr. Palmore's wonderful offers (?). It looks as though the Doctor was fishing for "suckers." If so, he is at work in the wrong pool. We Texas boys are not out for that kind of work. I think it right for you to let the people know his trick. We are well pleased with our own paper. We think it the equal of any other of the Advocates.

COOPER.

J. N. Hunter, Feb. 5: Our first Quarterly Conference was held yesterday. Presiding elder absent. There was a good turnout of officials. Six hundred dollars was assessed for pastor and presiding elder; $65 raised last quarter for the University and $250 for other objects—$200 of which was expended on an addition to the parsonage. We now have a neat and cozy parsonage of five rooms, and I have ordered a bill of trees and shrubbery for the yard and lot. Too much praise can not be accorded the sisters of our Home Mission Society for their work in improving the preacher's home. This is our first year on this charge; have been cordially received, pounded and warmly welcomed. Bro. Roach was here three years and has many friends here to wish him success in his new field. I am pressing the claims of the Advocate.

CEDAR HILL AND DUNCANVILE.

J. M. Langston, Feb. 6: Sister Langston has just recovered from a severe attack of the grip. Sisters Ramsey, Davis, Timmons, Willliams, and others, have shown us great kindness in the hour of affliction. The pounders, principally the young people of Cedar Hill, came and gave us a princely pounding; for all of which we are very grateful. Cedar Hill and Duncanville charge is in the Dallas District, but whether in Tennessee or Texas, it is hard to decide, from the fact there are cedar brakes and rocks and as many Tennesseans, according to the population, as are to be found in some parts of Tennessee. They know how to treat a Methodist preacher when he visits them; and they know a good thing—if the thing is land—when they see it, and have entrenched themselves in the very heart of the black land country. We have preached once to the children and had two accessions to the Church from that service. Our Sunday-schools are advancing. Cedar Hill prayer-meeting has advanced greatly as to the number in attendance.

WEST TEXAS CONFERENCE.

HONDO.

J. W. Long, Feb. 3: We have not been pounded, but have visited every member. Three accessions to the Church; congregations are good. Our League is prospering. The Sunday-school is doing nicely. Have raised for missions, $45 cash. The rest is secured in good subscription. Overpair our Orphanage assessment; $6 for Rescue Home. We love our presiding elder and our Advocate. Have distributed 656 tracts and leaflets on missions. The best people in the conference are here.

MILBURN.

J. N. Broyles, Feb. 2: Our first Quarterly Conference was held at Locker's Gin. Our presiding elder, Theopilus Lee, was on hand, looking well to all the interests of the Church. He, in his preaching, captured the entire audience; every one that heard him is very anxious to hear him again. Bro. Lee endeared himself to us. He spent two nights with us at Milburn, preaching once for me at Milburn. It is a blessing to have such men in our homes. Our official brethren were all present but one, and he was providentially hindered. They reported $83 for preacher in charge and presiding elder and bought the preacher in charge a nice buggy for $145 and gave their own individual note for it. So you see our people believe in turning the preacher loose. We report $50 improvement on parsonage since conference and about $60 to churches. We hope to make this the best year of our life. No special storm has struck us in the way of a pounding, but many substantial things have been strewn in our path. No better people can be found than the people of the Milburn Circuit. God bless them and God help me to administer to them spiritual things while they are so liberally paying to the Lord and to the support of my family temporal things. God bless our new editor. He is opening the eyes of our people. The Advocate is absolutely essential to our work.

EAST TEXAS CONFERENCE.

JEFFERSON.

Mrs. L. A. Burk, Feb. 3: We were cordially received by these noble people; were met at the train by Sister Terry in her handsome turnout and brought over to the parsonage. Our pounding began the day we arrived and has not ceased yet. We found the parsonage very comfortable and beautifully situated: a pretty church also. That good brother who said that the preacher who came here would have nothing much to do but preach and visit old Mr. So-and-So, and a few old ladies, was very much mistaken. We have a goodly number of as good people as we ever saw—religious, intelligent and refined. We love them already and intend to do all we can for their spiritual benefit. We sympathize in their misfortunes and admire their pluck and loyalty to the Church through all adversity. Bro. Fowler has been with us, and though very unwell, preached two most excellent sermons and held our first Quarterly Conference. We are glad to have him for our presiding elder again. The interest of our dear old Advocate will not be overlooked, we assure you.

TEXAS CONFERENCE.

WEIMAR.

W. F. Brinson: The first Quarterly Conference for this charge was held January 23. Bro. LeClere was on hand and preached two excellent sermons, which did us much good. Spiritual state good; ready for a revival that will bear fruit. Prayer-meeting well attended. Sunday-school and League, we hope, will be better when the weather is good. Financial report: $95 for preacher in charge and presiding elder; $32 on missions and $22 to the Orphanage. We hope to have improvement on the parsonage soon. The Advocate is getting better.

WHARTON AND HUNGERFORD.

J. R. Murray: Our second year sarts off well. Our pounding came just before Christmas, and it was no small affair. We are still enjoying it. Our first Quarterly Conference is a thing of the past. Finances well up. We have sold our old church and now we are building a new one. Those who have seen our church here in recent years I'm sure will agree that we need a new one. The new one, completed and furnished, will cost between $2500 and $3000.

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Old and Young

LOOKING AFTER HIMSELF

Just before Willis Gaylord, a youth of eighteen, went from the village where he knew everybody, to the city where he knew nobody, the old pastor of the Church gave him a few words of counsel. This is what the old man said:

"Don't expect people to look after you in the city as your parents and friends have done here. You will be thrown upon your own resources. Be a man. If people, who are busy with their own affairs, do not run after you, invite you to Church, and treat you as if you were a king, don't mind it, but do right anyway. If good company doesn't seek you, seek it, my boy, and you will find a warm welcome. Good-bye, and God bless you!"

"Good-bye, Mr. Sterling; I'll try to remember what you have said, Willis replied.

When young Gaylord got to the city, there were so many sights to see, so much thronging human life, and everybody seemed so intent on business, that rti?tfligfi .maFR FR FR MHMHMH his mind was in a tumult.

"Why, I never felt so lonesome even when I was alone," he said to himself one evening, as he walked out upon the crowded street. "If I had only one person to talk with."

It was so awkward, "so countrified," as he put it, to wander about on the streets without knowing where to go or what to do with oneself.

A week went by, and he was beginning to feel homesick and despondent.

"I wonder if I ever shall find any one to associate with," he muttered to himself.

He sat gloomily in his little room, which was neat enough, but dingy at night. How despondent he felt!

"I've been a here a week, and not a Church member has said a word to me about going to Church," he said impatiently. "And I wonder where all the Young Men's Christian Association fellows are, that they don't look after strangers. They can't be very anxious about helping people."

The next day a young man who worked in the bank near Willis, said to him as they were coming out of the door at noon:

"Gaylord, you look glum to-day. What's the matter?"

"Well," faltered Willis, gulping a little, "I feel homesick, I suppose. You see, in the village I knew everybody and everybody knew me, but here it seems I can't get acquainted with a soul."

"That's too bad," said the other, in a sympathizing tone. "You mustn't live like a hermit in a city like this. There are plenty of amusements. Suppose you go with me to-night."

"Where to?"

"To the Grand. There's to be a splendid play to-night."

"To the theater, you mean?"

"Yes, that's what I mean. It's a rollicking, high-class play."

Willis hesitated.

"Well, I'll let you know this afternoon," he said.

Willis now had a problem to solve. He had never been at a theater in his life. His parents and pastors had always advised against going to such places. What should he do now? This was the question to be answered to his own mind while he ate his dinner at the restaurant.

"What have the Church or Young Men's Christian Association done to make my life endurable in this place?" he said to himself. "Not a thing! But here's Otis Mann, who's not a Church man at all—he saw that I was lonesome and blue, and he offers to be sociable. Well, nobody can blame me for going with a person who has taken some interest in me," Willis decided as he arose from the table and put on his hat.

When he met Otis half an hour later, he said, "I have decided to go with you to-night."

Not without many qualms of conscience did Willis enter the brilliantly lighted theater that evening. He was dazzled, he was somewhat carried away with the acting; and yet he could see how worldly the performance was, and that some of the scenes were even coarse and vulgar, and something seemed to say to him: "This may be very fine and charming, but it is no place for a Christian to be."

Then he thought of the old village church, and of his father and mother, and Mr. Sterling, the saintly old pastor. After the play was over and he and his companion had gone out on the street, Willis felt that he could breathe more freely.

"Come with me down this street," Otis propsed.

They presently turned into a gilded place whose character Willis did not recognize from the outside. Within, however, he noticed a bar, and caught the fumes of liquor.

"Come, Gaylord, let's have a glass of wine—just to be a little sociable," suggested Otis.

It was a moment of fierce mental struggle for the country boy. How could he say no to the only friend he seemed to have in the city? If he offended Otis, his old, lonely life would begin again—the long, dreary evenings in his room or on the street. Then suddenly the image of his old pastor seemed to rise before him. See the influence of a word of timely advice, which may never be lost; which God may bring back to the mind in the very nick of time The parting words of old Mr. Sterling flashed into the faltering boy's thought:

"Look after yourself; don't expect other people to do so; be a man; if good company doesn't seek you, seek it, my boy, and you will find a warm welcome."

He hesitated no longer.

"No, sir; I will not drink with you," he said resolutely, looking his companion full in the eye. "I didn't suppose that you would lead me into a saloon, Mr. Mann. Good night, sir"—and before Otis could recover from his astonishment, Willis had dashed out of the door.

"How weak and silly I've been!" muttered Willis, in self-contempt. "I've been expecting Church people to run after me, a stranger in a city like this, where there are thousands of people. How could they know who I was, or even that I was a stranger and had no friends? If I can't take care of myself, I must be a poor, weak fellow, that's all!"

The next day, young Mann, his tempter, proved the depth of his friendship by refusing even to notice Willis when the two young men brushed clothes. Long before evening Willis had made a resolve.

"If Church and Young Men's Christian Association people won't hunt me up, I'm going to hunt them up!" he said.

It was not very elegantly put, but the resolve was brave and strong. Before seven o'clock he found the Young Men's Christian Association building, and that, too, with very little effort He introduced himself to one of the young men, who, in turn, made him acquainted with several others. All gave him a warm welcome. They showed him the various departments of the building, and he spent a delightful evening in the reading-room among the best papers and magazines. Before leaving, he made arrangements to take evening lessons in several useful branches of study. He went back to his room with no sting in his conscience.

The next Sunday, instead of waiting for some one to give him a special invitation, he went of his own accord to one of the churches. In the evening he attended the meeting of the young people's society. The meeting over, he did not hurry away, or even wait for some one to speak to him, but he spoke frankly, though modestly, to the President, saying he was a stranger, and wanted to find a Church home in the city.

"I'm glad of it, sir" said the President, heartily. "I like the spirit you show; you don't wait to be asked, and run after, and coaxed. Come and sit with me at the preaching service. I think you will like our Church."

And Willis did find that there were many people who were interested in him. Church people in the city were not cold and indifferent, as he had thought them. He soon got his letter from his home Church, and united with the city Church, and became an earnest worker.

"I don't mean to excuse Church people for not going after strangers more than they do; but after all there are a great many people who expect the Church to look after them as if they were helpless children, when they ought to have pluck enough to look after themselves."

That is what Willis says to persons who complain of being neglected.—L. S. Keyser, in Presbyterian.

"KISS ME, MAMMA."

We do not know the author of the following pathetic incident, but we do know that many a parent's heart beats sadly to-day because of hasty, impatient, faultfinding words spoken to the dear children of whom it is said that "their angels do always behold the face of the Father." God help the parents everywhere not to "offend one of these little ones."

The child was so sensitive, so like that little shrinking plant that curls at the breath nd shuts its heart from the light.

The only beauty she possessed were an exceedingly transparent skin and the most mournful, large blue eyes.

I had been trained by a very stern, strict, conscientious mother; but I was a hardy plant, rebounding after every shock. Misfortune could not daunt, though discipline tamed me. I fancied—alas!—that I must go through the same routine with this delicate creature; so one day when she had displeased me exceedingly by repeating an offense, I was determined to punish her severely. I was very serious all day, and, upon sending her to her little couch, I said: "Now, my daughter, to punish you, and show you how very, very naughty you have been, I shall not kiss you to-night."

She stood looking at me, astonishment personified, with her great mournful eyes wide open—I suppose she had forgotten her misconduct till then—and I left her with big tears dropping down her cheeks and the little red lips quivering.

Presently I was sent for. "O, mamma, you will kiss me; I can't go to sleep if you don't!" she sobbed, every tone of her voice trembling, and she held out her little hands.

Now came the struggle between love and what I falsely termed duty. My heart said give her a kiss of peace, my stern nature urged me to persist in my correction, that I might impress the fault upon her mind. This was the way I had been trained, till I was a most submissive child and I remembered how I had often thanked my mother since for her straightforward course.

I knelt by the bedside. Mother can't kiss you, Ellen," I whispered, though every word choked me. Her hand touched mine; it was very hot, but I attributed it to her excitement. She turned her little grieving face to the wall. I blamed myself, as the fragile form shook with self-suppressed sobs and crying. "Mother hopes little Ellen will learn to mind her after this." I left the room for the night. Alas, in my desire to be severe, I forgot to be forgiving!

It must have been twelve o'clock when I was awakened by my nurse. Apprehensive, I ran eagerly to the child's chamber; I had had a fearful dream.

Ellen did not know me. She was sitting up, crimsoned from the forehead to the throat, her eyes so bright that I almost drew back aghast at their glances.

From that night a raging fever drank up her life; and what think you was the incessant cry that poured into my anguished heart? "O, kiss me, mamma, do kiss me; I can't go to sleep; I won't be naughty if you'll only kiss me! O, kiss me, dear mamma; I can't go to sleep!"

Holy little angel! She did go to sleep one gray morning, and she never woke again—never. Her hand was locked in mine, and all the veins grew icy with its gradual chill. Faintly the light faded out of the beautiful eyes; whiter and whiter grew the tremulous lips. She never knew me, but with her last breath she whispered, "I'll be good, mamma, if only you'll kiss me."

Kiss her! God knows how passionately but unavailing were my kisses upon her cheek and lips after that fatal night. God knows how I would have yielded up my very life could I have asked forgiveness of the sweet child.

Grief is unavailing now. She lies in her little tomb. There is a marble urn at the head, and a rosebush at her feet; there grow sweet summer flowers; there waves the grass; there birds sing their matins and their vespers; there the blue sky smiles down to-day; and there lies buried the freshness of my heart.—Selected.

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MY HAND IN HIS.

It makes a great deal of difference whether you take hold of God, or God takes hold of you. Said a father: "My little girl to-day refused to let me take hold of her hand when we were walking together. She thought she could go alone. But when we came to a place which was slippery, she took hold first of my little finger, and then, as it grew more icy, of my whole hand. As we went on, and it was growing worse, she let go entirely, and said: 'Papa, take hold of me.' She knew I was strong, and that she could not fall unless I fell. Now," said he, "I have been slipping, slipping, for the last eleven years, and the reason is that I have not put my hand into the hand of God. I have been trying to take hold of him, but not asking him to take hold of me. As long as he has hold of my hand I can't fall. He would have to be dethroned first. If our hands are placed in his whose throne is in heaven we never can fall down into hell."—D. L. Moody.

SECRET COMMUNION.

It requires time to become spiritual, time for repentance, faith, prayer, meditation, good works, entire consecration and Scriptural holiness. No sinner can become a mature saint in a moment. The forgiveness of sins is an instantaneous work, but the life to separation from sin and devotement to God runs from conversion to coronation. One of holiest men that ever lived expressed regret that he had spent so little time with God and so much time with men and things. We all commune with God too little, and are too much engrossed with distracting cares. Daniel knelt before God three times a day. David, in his better years, had seven regular seasons for prayer each day. Jesus was much in prayer. Robert Murray McCheyne allowed that he "ought to spend the best hours of the day in communion with God." "It is my noblest and most fruitful employment," he said, "and is not, therefore, to be thrust into a corner." Secret prayer is the key to success in public Christian work. Fifteen minutes with God is the best qualification for an hour with men. Rapt communion with the devine begets holy trust for contact with the human. "They that wait upon the Lord shall renew their strength." The mightiest Christians that ever lived, like Jacob, Moses, Paul, Peter, Luther, Fletcher and Asbury, were often and long on their knees waiting for the baptism.

Have your own place for secret prayer. "But thou, when thou prayest, enter into thine inner chamber, and having shut thy door, pray to thy Father which is in secret, and thy Father which seeth in secret shall recompense thee."—Michigan Christian Advocate.

THINKETH NO EVIL.

One of the most beautiful chapters in the Word of God by universal acknowledgment, is the thirteenth of I Corinthians. And yet it is one of the most searching tests of genuine religion in the whole Bible. It is a searchlight that exposes fanaticism, hypocrisy and self-deception. Formalists, hypocrites and fanatics do not seem to love to analyze the chapter and dwell at length upon it. It takes an honest man to be willing to let this chapter search him through and through. For it treats in the most practical manner on our duty to our fellow-men and shows whether we have love to God or not by the way we treat our fellowmen.

One of the most searching of all its tests is found in the phrase, "Thinketh no evil." In the original it is even stronger. It is "imputeth no evil." Love does not impute evil when a good construction can be put upon the conduct of other people. To put an evil construction upon the actions of other people when any other construction is possible is far from being of God. It is devilish. Love can not do it.

The mother that holds on to her wayward son when all the world has given him up, magnifies his good qualities and puts as good a construction as possible upon his evil actions because of the love she has for him.

It is the very essence of love to look on the best side of the actions of those we love. And if we truly love men we shall do the same. And if we do not love men we do not love God. If we harbor suspicions and impugn motives we do not love. To love and to impugn motives of hearts we can not see is impossible.

It may be urged that we must rebuke sin. To be sure—but until we are sure that we know the motives of others, that we know just how much light they have, just their aims and trials and temptations we need be careful.

Many an honest soul has gone through life under the ban of people, who meant to be good because motives have been misunderstood. And many a person full of suspicions against others has had it paid back, "for with what measure ye mete it shall be measured unto you again."

A soul filled with the perfect love of God is so artless and transparent in his motives that he can not be suspicious of others. On the other hand, he who is constantly suspicous of others is likely to judge others by himself. There is little danger that any large number of men will imperil truth by being over-charitable. The danger lies in the other direction. Measure your love by I Corinthians 13 and you can discover if you have the genuine, imported kind. For this is from heaven.—The Christian Witness.

Nobody is richer until somebody is poorer. Evermore the vicarious exchange is going on. The rock decays and feeds the moss and lichen. The moss decays to feed the shrub, the shrub perishes that the tree may have food and growth. The leaves of the tree fall that its boughs may blossom and bear fruit. The seeds ripen to serve the birds singing in all the boughs. The fruit falls to be food for man. The harvests lend man strength for his commerce, his government, his culture, and conscience. The lower dies vicariously that the higher may live. Thus nature achieves her gifts only through vast expenditures.

"I cannot sweep the darkness out, but I can shine it out," said John Newton. We cannot scourge dead works out of the Church, but we can live them out. If we accuse the Church with having the pneumonia, let us who are individual air-cells in that Church breath deeply and wait patiently and pray believingly, and one after another of the obstructed cells will open to the Spirit, till convalescence is re-established in every part.—A. J. Gordon, D.D.

"Spiritual-mindedness," what is it? Is it yours? Do you desire it? Do you hunger and thrist after a deeper spiritual life? Are you earnestly seeking it? Will you make this one thing the essential object of your life? Your success as a Christian depends upon the depth of your spiritual life. God wants not shallowness, but deeper depths.

If any work is really God's giving, and he puts it either into our hearts to devise, or into the power of our hands to do, no fear but he will also provide stuff sufficient, whether metal or mental.—F. R. Havergal.

Never to tire, never to grow cold, to be patient, sympathetic, tender; to look for the budding flower and the opening heart; to hope always like God; to love always—this is duty.—Amiel's Journal.

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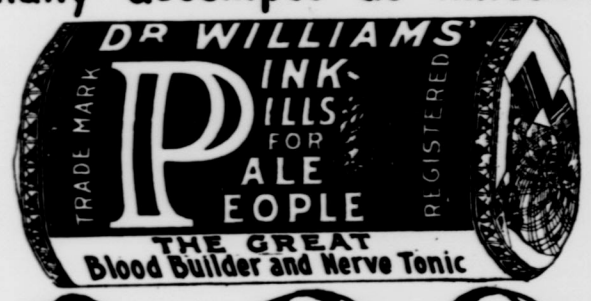
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BACK NUMBERS—Subscriptions may begin at any time, but we can not undertake to furnish back numbers. We will do so when desired, if possible; but, as a rule, subscriptions must date from the current issue.

We appreciate the work of the brethren who write for these columns. We could not run the Advocate without their help; but we must ask a number of them either to condense their communications or divide them into about two or three numbers. Some of them are fearfully long and they take a large amount of space. We are going to and fro among the people in filling appointments, and we often hear complaints against these long communications. It is our deliberate judgment that an article over a column and a half long does not find numerous readers—and this is too long for most of them. Now, brethren, there are a great many writers who want to have a hearing in the Advocate, and we want variety; so you are earnestly requested to go over your communications several times before you mail them to us and take out all surplus verbiage and reduce them to as brief space as possible. People want substance instead of verbosity. Boil down! Boil down!

We announced last week that there would appear in this issue some account of the work being done by the Polytechnic College, but in order to get a first-class half-tone cut of the faculty to go along with the editorial notice, we are forced to defer the matter to a future edition.

In this issue we publish the rejoinder of "Arminius," and we wish to state that this will close the discussion of this subject for the present. It is useless for any one to send in a reply to it.

We have before us the January-February number of the Southern Methodist Review, edited by Rev. John J. Tigert, LL.D. It opens with a well-written article by Edward A. Allen, of the University of Missouri; subject, "Dialect in America." The most fascinating article in the number is a biographical sketch of "Colonel William L. Nugent," by Bishop Galloway. One of the most helpful articles in the present issue is from the pen of Rev. Thomas R. Pierce, D. D., on "A Review of Wesley's Journal." This is one of the richest mines of our Methodist literature, and Dr. Pierce has gone into it with care, and the result is a contribution worthy of preservation. The editor, Dr. Tigert, has a fine artlcle on "Ethics—The Science of Duty." There are several other communications of more or less merit, and, taking it all in all, it is an excellent number of this highly creditable periodical.

EDITORIAL BIRD-SHOT.

Charity always begins at home, and that is right; but it ought not to spend its life there unless you have a family of paupers.

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Some men smile graciously in the presence of other women; but the same men often frown and snarl when at home with their own wives.

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You have never seen the righteous forsaken nor his seed begging bread; but you have seen a few of them claiming help on account of ancestral goodness.

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Job had infinite patience under great affliction, and never indulged in outbursts of passion; his wife could attend to that matter for him.

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Truth walks over the stream upon a bridge with heavy buttresses; but a falsehood coons across it upon a single plank with shaky supports.

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Sin never travels alone in its journeyings through the world; it always has company, and where you find one there are others akin to it not far away.

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A man first tells a lie, and then he swears in order to make people believe that what he has said is the truth. Swearing is two sins in one.

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To say that you do not care what people think about you, is either to tell a falsehood or to prove that you are fearfully degraded.

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Public sentiment is stronger than law; and this is the reason why certain classes of our people are permitted to trample many laws under their feet.

DEATH OF TWO PREACHERS.

Rev. M. W. Shearer, who was transferred from the North Texas Conference last fall to the Indian Mission Conference, and stationed at Anadarko, is dead. Elsewhere we publish a note from his presiding elder, Rev. J. F. Sherwood, conveying this sorrowful intelligence. We have none of the particulars. He was a good man and popular in the North Texas Conference. Many of our brethren will be made sad when they read this announcement.

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We have received through Rev. J. W. Goodwin the news of the death of Rev. A. D. Parks, a superannuate of the East Texas Conference. He died of pneumonia the 4th instant at his home in Fair View, Nacogdoches County, Texas. His wife is also lying at the point of death with the same affliction. This is sad intelligence, and it will be read throughout his conference with genuine sorrow. A proper obituary notice will follow later on.

As announced in another column, Mr. W. C. Everett, the representative of the Publishing House, and acting for Barbee & Smith, has secured a fine location on Elm Street, where he will open up our Branch House about the first of April. He has returned to Nashville to select the stock and arrange for its shipment. He will return the first of March and spend that month in getting the house in order, and with the opening of spring, the Branch House will begin operation in earnest. This means much for Texas, and we rejoice in the coming of the enterprise. And now that the Branch House is assured, it is incumbent upon our Texas Methodists to rally around it and help to make it a great success. We believe in doing things on a big scale in Texas, and now we have a rare opportunity. Let us make the most of it.

THAT "CONFIDENTIAL AND PRIVATE" CIRCULAR.

If Dr. W. B. Palmore could take a peep into our mail and read some of the letters from our preachers anent his "Confidential Circular," he would come to the conclusion that he had encountered a harder constabulary than he found in the "police inspectors" who admitted him as a "farmer" into the dominion of the Czar. These Texans are made of sterner stuff than those hired officials across the sea, and the promise of a dollar don't seal their lips and turn them over to a well-planned system of piratical journalism. That wonderful "circular" found its way from Red River to the Rio Grande, and from the Arkansas line to the Gulf, and is coming in every mail, like doves to the window, to this hospitable office. Upon its back are some very emphatic words inscribed, some of them a little too unparliamentary for publication. This ought to teach the Doctor a lesson. There is an idea down this way that it is just as reprehensible to mislead Texas subscribers as it is to mislead United States Senators; and there is less excuse for deliberately misleading through a cool, circular letter than doing it without much time to think by telegram. If he proposes to keep this up, he ought to begin to exercise charity toward some other people who have come under his pious condemnation of late. There is not a preacher amongst us, so far as we have heard, who does not exercise a feeling of disgust at his secret method for supplanting the Texas Advocate. His presumption in this thing is monumental and stupendous. He ought to put on sackcloth and ashes, and walk through the length and breadth of Texas, and ask the pardon of these men whom he has tried to win over from their sworn allegiance to their conference organ to the service of an interloper. And all for the sake of a dollar! Fe, fi, fudge away! The dear brother has been rolling upon wheels and floating upon the sea so long till he has gotten under the impression that the world and the fulness thereof belong to him and the St. Louis Advocate! He will find out that Texas is preempted.

A VISIT TO ROXTON.

Last Saturday, in the midst of a fearful blizzard, we boarded the train for Roxton. I arrived toward nightfall, and the cold increased. Rev. W. D. Mountcastle, the presiding elder, and Rev. J. A. Wyatt, the preacher in charge, met me at the depot, and gave me a cordial welcome. I was soon domiciled along with Bro. Mountcastle in the delightful home of Bro. and Sister H. A. Bywaters. They are devoted members of our Church, and so are their children. Twenty-six years ago they started out in life, a young couple, with nothing but good health, warm affection for one another, and a determination to make life a success. Right well have they succeeded. A more elegant home, abounding in Methodist hospitality, would be hard to find. Bro. Bywaters is a prosperous merchant of the town, and he is also extensively interested in some black land farms. The town is some twelve miles this side of Paris, located on the Santa Fe road, and in the center of some of the finest black soil to be found in Texas. Ten years ago the location was a farm with a forest of big trees, scattered about over it, but the railroad came along and the town was born. It has grown into a fine community of some seven hundred souls. A huge cotton gin, with hundreds of fleecy bales lying promiscuously about, tells the secret of progress and growth. The country for miles is productive of this commodity, and the merchants handle about eight thousand bales of it in the course of the year. There are many nice residences in the community, and the people for the most part belong to the different Churches. It is a local option town, and everything was orderly and well disposed. If any disturbance occurs, it is usually caused by the lower element who get whiskey from Paris and other localities. But this is not frequent. We have a good frame church building, comfortable and neat. It will accommodate about three hundred people, and it has a membership of two hundred and upwards. Some of them live in the country. There are three other charges belonging to the work. Bro. Wyatt is active and wide awake, and he allows no interest of his work to suffer for attention. He is a good preacher, a devoted pastor, and a warm-hearted man. He enjoys religion, and knows how to help a man preach by his deep attention and hearty amens. His good wife is confined to her bed at the present with a stubborn bilious attack, and has been for some weeks. They live in a nice little parsonage, with good garden spot annexed. I saw all of the evidences of a happy family. His entire work is moving off well and the outlook for a successful year is promising. I preached morning and night to two very good audiences despite the fearful weather. They were responsive and appreciative. Bro. J. F. Holding is the superintendent of the Sunday-school, and very active in looking after it. I met Bros. C. R. Caldwell, T. P. Arnold, A. J. Terrell and others, and they said many good things about the paper. It was a great pleasure to spend these days with Bro. Mountcastle. We were old friends twenty odd years back in the old Holston country. We lived over the days and friends long agone. He is a strong, useful preacher and a well equipped presiding elder. He knows personally every foot of his work, and he understands his men. He is a progressive man. He has among his preachers a reading circle. Some dozen of them will all buy a good book each, read it thoroughly, then have a quarterly meeting, discuss the contents, and then exchange books for the ensuing quarter. Thus they stimulate one another in the study of good literature and in the acquisition of knowledge. In this way they keep in touch with the best thought of the day. No telling the benefit of a plan of this character. Brother Mountcastle is very much encouraged with his outlook, and sees signs of a year of good revivals. May his expectations all be realized.

In last week's issue we published a communication from Bishop Candler on the importance of the work to be done by our Church in Cuba. The communication came just as we were going to press and we did not have the opportunity to stress it as it deserved. We hope it has been read by our people, and that some of them will heed the Bishop's appeal. He is talking about a very practical matter; and by re-reading his article, you will see that we have an open door before us. We shall always be glad to have the Bishop to use these columns as often as he has occasion; and we hope that if the occasion does not come of itself, he will create it and give Texas the benefit of his thought. He is one of our foremost men, and we want to hear from him.

Tell them fellers a-braggin so on ye to send ye subs. in token like.

T. J. DUNCAN.

Mexia, Texas.

Poor Palmore! You ought to be ashamed of yourself, trying to keep him from dividin' with you, who only allow a po sinner 20 cents! Shame on you!

T. J. DUNCAN.

Mexia, Texas.

UNITED STATES SENATOR CHAS. A. CULBERSON.

In this issue of the Advocate we present a good picture of Senator Culberson. His career as a public man is phenomenal. He was born at Dadeville, Ala., June 10, 1855; moved to Texas in early life; graduated at Virginia Military Institute, Lexington, Va., in 1874; studied law under his father, the Hon. David B. Culberson, and at the University of Virginia; began the practice of law at Jefferson in 1877; moved to Dallas in 1888; was elected Attorney-General in 1890 and re-elected in 1892; was elected Governor in 1894 and re-elected in 1896; and elected to the United States Senate to succeed the Hon. Roger Q. Mills in 1899. This is a remarkable record for a man now about forty-four years of age. While Governor of the State, Mr. Culberson gave us a clean, business-like administration. But the most notable thing in his executive service was the calling of an extra session of the Legislature to prevent a brutal prize-fight which was booked to come off at Dallas in the fall of 1895. When this public offense against the moral sentiment of Texas was announced, it was discovered that our law was inadequate to prevent it, and this extra session was called to pass a law that would meet an emergency of this kind for all time to come. All of the sporting men of the State and many otherwise good men, high in business circles, brought every possible influence to bear upon the young Governor to induce him to permit the contest to come off as announced. Many of his life-long friends personally appealed to him, but it was to no purpose. He had the moral and religious people back of him, and he stood by them like a man of courage, and by his act prize-fighting in Texas was forever rendered impossible. While preserving the public morals of the State the good people of the State have taken care of him. They are willing to trust and honor the man who has that sort of respect in his official acts for moral sentiment. A public man has nothing to fear who is willing to stand by the right. We, therefore, give a picture of that character of man on our first page.

WORDS OF COMMENDATION.

Don't the old Advocate shine, though? Turn her loose!

J. W. HILL.

Greenville, Texas.

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I am glad to say the Advocate is moving up in this field.

W. W. GRAHAM.

Marshall, Texas.

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I congratulate you upon the splendid paper that you are sending out.

JNO. M. MOORE.

Travis Park Church, San Antonio.

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The Advocate is a pleasant visitor at our house each week. It gets better further on, and should be in every Methodist home. J. J. RAPE.

Colmesneil, Texas.

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You are giving us a good paper and I will help you all I can by money and subscriptions to do yet better work if possible. J. M. MILLS.

Beckville, Texas.

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I stand up out West here to say that you please us with the paper. The addition of the page of current news from the country, and another page of "Methodist News," has added largely to your paper. Keep up your present lick, and you are easily at the front. C. W. GODWIN.

Uvalde, Texas.

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I am delighted with the Advocate. It is a power for good. It gives the news of the day such as our people should read. It is full of spiritual pabulum and edifying discussions of vital issues. God bless you in this great work, and may it culminate in a reformation in the Church of pure and vital godliness. I. W. CLARK.

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I write to tell you that I appreciate the Advocate very highly under your editorial management. It is indeed a fine publication. Texas Methodism should be proud of it, and give it the most liberal support. We should double its circulation. There is no use having a good thing and the people not get the benefit of it. I will try to hold all the subscribers here that it has, and try to enlarge the list. My people are greatly pleased with it. I do not see how a Texas Methodist can do without it. I think the last two issues were as fine as I have ever seen sent out from that office. Success to you. T. H. MORRIS.

Decatur, Texas.

TEXAS PERSONALS.

We were pleased to see in our office this week Bro. A. G. Tadlock, of Chico, Texas.

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We thank Bro. Jno. M, Barcus for kind words and an invitation to spend a Sunday with him and his good people.

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We enjoyed a good letter from Rev. W. M. Leatherwood, of Archer City. Such kind words stimulate an editor to do his best.

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Rev. Z. B. Pirtle, of Trenton, says: "You are making just such a paper as we need. I am going to secure a lot more subscribers."

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We appreciate a kind note from Rev. W. A. Bowen, of San Antonio. He is a live preacher and a true friend. We used to be his pastor.

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Rev. A. B. Duncan, in a private letter, sends a good word of greeting to us and speaks appreciatingly of the Advocate. He is at Quitman.

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Dr. J. S. Chapman, of the Abilene District, makes us feel pleasant with his warm words of congratulation. We can return his compliments.

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Rev. L. A. Webb, of Athens, Texas, writes us a pleasant note. He says: "After a man reads the Advocate he is bound to love God and men more."

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We regret to hear that Rev. C. W. Godwin, of the West Texas Conference, has been quite sick. He was down with the prevailing complaint—la grippe.

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Rev. William Allen and wife send us cheerful greetings. Such words make us feel that we ought to invest every pound of tact and energy in the Advocate.

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We notice in the Goldthwaite Eagle that Rev. C. A. Evans has been dangerously sick of pneumonia; but at last account he was thought to be out of danger. We hope for his speedy recovery.

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In a private note from Rev. S. J. Rucker, of Salado, he says anent the "confidential" circular: "I most heartily say amen to all you say about that circular. We are proud of our own Advocate and want none of the St. Louis.

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Rev. C. H. Maloy, of Willow City, West Texas Conference, was over last week on business and gave us a pleasant visit. He is in good health and hopeful in spirit.

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In a note from Rev. E. V. Cox, of Arlington, he says: "I am pleased with your editorial on Palmore." This note was written on the back of one of the Palmore circulars.

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Rev. H. A. Boaz, of Abilene, encourages us with many pleasant words, and he wants us to spend a Sunday with him soon. These invitations are like the sands of the seashore for numbers.

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Rev. G. F. Boyd sends us a note which is highly appreciated. Among other things he says: "In the language of an old colored preacher, I want to say that you are piling yourself on yourself."

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In a private note from Rev. Jerome Duncan, of Vernon, he says: "I am glad you went after Palmore. I am in receipt of his circular, and the very spirit of it is so manifestly deceptive that it merits contempt. But he will not be able to work Texas through Texas preachers."

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Rev. W. P. Pledger, of Beaumont, Texas, says: "You are giving us a paper which meets the demands of the present time in every department of life." We are glad to hear of the prosperity of our Church in that growing town. The Board of Stewards have raised the preacher's salary from $900 to $1200. Good for them!

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We are sorry to note the death of Col. Roland K. Chatham, of Bryan, which occurred the 3d inst. He was sixty-four years of age, an old ex-Confederate and a leading member of our Church where he lived.

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Rev. F. M. Fort, of Blanket, in a private note, says: "You are making us one of the finest papers in Southern Methodism. I have admired your looks from the very first." Now, what has Greathouse got to say?

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Rev. Hubert Knickerbocker says some pleasant things about the Advocate in a letter now before us. His work at Weatherford is well spoken of. We hope to spend the fourth Sunday in this month with him.

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Rev. W. E. Boggs is out again after several weeks' tussle with la grippe. He has been invited by Mrs. Key to preach the annual sermon for the North Texas Female College next June. He will do the work well.

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A pleasant note from Rev. E. W. Solomon, presiding elder of the Brenham District, is appreciated. Among other things he says: "You deserve the thanks of all honest men for your manly expose of Palmore and his methods."

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Last Sunday Dr. Alderson's Church in Sherman narrowly escaped destruction by fire. Some time after the morning service the wainscoting caught from its proximity to the register, but fortunately was discovered before much damage was done.

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From a correspondent in the Daily News we see many good things said about Rev. W. W. Watts, Chaplain of the First Regiment of Texas Volunteers now in Cuba. Bro. Watts is admirably adapted to that sort of work. He has a way of getting close to the soldier boys.

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Dr. J. R. Milburn, a prominent layman at Rusk, sends us a letter which breathes a spirit of warmest brotherly love. He closes with these words: "I would not do without the Advocate for ten times its cost, and if I were too poor to pay for it I would do without two sacks of flour in order to get it."

A NOTE FROM MRS. KEY.

My appreciation of your "write-up" of the college can not be expressed. It was such a new experience for the college to be made so prominent that it almost swept me off of my feet.

Ten years have I struggled to place it where it would deserve recognition, and your generous commendation overwhelms me with gratitude.

If I can serve you, command me, for I will never cease to remember what you have done for the "apple of my eye."

You will also have the thanks of the preachers of our conference.

L. A. KIDD KEY.

Sherman, Texas.

A MISSIONARY'S WIFE

Interesting Letter from India—A Long Summer Season.

The following letter is from the wife of an American Baptist missionary at Nowgong, Assam, India: "After living here for several years I found the climate was weakening me. I began taking Hood's Sarsaparilla every summer. This I found so beneficial that I now take one dose every morning for nine months in the year, that is, through the hot weather. My general health is excellent and my blood is in good condition. My weight does not vary more than one pound throughout the year. I find Hood's Sarsaparilla indispensable in the summer and recommend it for use in a debilitating climate." MRS. P. H. MOORE.

The above letter is similar to thousands received and constantly coming in.

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ANNOUNCEMENT.

We are gratified to be able to announce that we have perfected arrangements for opening a branch house in Dallas April 1. We have leased a splendid business house, No. 296 Elm Street, and will get possession of it about March 1. The month of March will nearly all be consumed in fitting up the house, providing suitable furniture and fixtures, receiving and opening up our stock and in arranging other preliminary details. We will carry a complete line of our own publications, in addition to one of the largest and best selected assortments of miscellaneous books in the Southwest. In fact, we will be able to fill any order from Dallas that we can fill from Nashville. We hope, in making this new departure, to have the united support of the "people called Methodists" in Texas and adjacent territory and assure them of our willingness to enlarge and extend the business of the Texas house to the greatest limit the buisness may justify or demand. Further announcements will be made from time to time.

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BOARD OF CHURCH EXTENSION, NORTHWEST TEXAS CONFERENCE.

As has been announced by Dr. Whisner, the Parent Board of Church Extension at its meeting in April will not consider applications for aid unless they have first been approved by the Conference Board at its regular annual meeting, or at a meeting of its Executive Committee, to be held during the first half of March. In accordance with this the Executive Committee of the Northwest Texas Conference Board of Church Extension will meet in Fort Worth at the Polytechnic College at 10 a. m., Tuesday, March 7th.

Persons wishing aid from the Parent Board must have their applications properly filled out and filed with the Secretary, Rev. C. R. Wright Hillsboro, Texas, or come in person and bring the application.

Applications for help from the Conference Board will not be considered at this meeting. W. F. LLOYD,

Chairman of Board.

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FIRST QUARTER, LESSON 8, FEBRUARY 19.

Christ Feeding the Five Thousand.—John 6:1-14.

Golden Text: "I am the bread of life."—John 6:35.

Time: About the first of April A. D. 29.

Place: Near Bethsaida on the shore of Galilee.

Persons: Jesus, his disciples and a great multitude.

Connections: Between chapters five and six a whole year was spent in Galilee, of which John gives practically no account. The occasion was the withdrawal of Jesus to the other side of the sea for needed rest. This is the only miracle recorded in all four of the gospels alike.

The presence and teachings of Christ always drew the multitudes about him. He never lacked for a hearing, for he spake as never man spake, and he wrought as never man wrought. He could not conceal himself, even for a little rest and refreshment. And the same holds good to-day. Wherever Christ is presented with earnestness and studious thought the people will be on hand to hear the message. The reason for this is very clear. He had a heart of deepest sympathy with the needs of struggling humanity, and he had a remedy for all of their ills and an antidote for all of their griefs. They found relief from sickness and sorrow and sin when they came to him and believed his word. It is equally true at the present time. Christ's gospel saves from sin; it restores manhood; it builds up character; it soothes the broken heart; it solves the mystery of death; and it points to a home beyond the grave. This is why the multitudes hang upon its teachings, and as long as these misfortunes afflict humanity, just so long will the gospel be of special interest to the minds and hearts of mankind.

These people—five thousand, and perhaps more—followed him across the Sea of Galilee and remained with him until hunger began to vex and annoy them. The disciples were in a quandary. How to feed all of this exhausted troop of people away out out there from the city, was to them a problem. To Christ there was no difficulty. It so happened that a small boy was hanging around the outskirts of the crowd with some bread and a couple of fishes. The small boy is ubiquitous. Wherever you look or turn he is there. You can not get away from his presence. God bless him, he is the hope of the world. If we will only take care of him, and give to him the right kind of tuition, the future will have have no fears in store for the Church or the country. No doubt but that this boy was very willing to turn over his little store of provision for a few pennies. Did you ever see a boy who would not exchange most anything in his possession for a little money? That is boy nature in full play. So the Savior took charge of this meager stock. By the exercise of a power peculiar to himself, these articles were multiplied and remultiplied a thousandfold until all the people were filled. Nobody saw the manifestation of the processes of this divine power, but the results of it were self-evident. Christ did there in a few minutes exactly that which he is doing through the seasons in the production of bread. It is as easy for him to do the one as it is to do the other. If he can do it by the operation of natural law, then he can do it just as well by an instantaneous act of his will. For, as God, he has all power in heaven and upon earth. And just as he quietly and without any outward demonstration works a natural miracle of this sort, so he quietly works a spiritual miracle in the regeneration of the heart. The process of this regeneration is a mystery, but the result is apparent in the experience and the life of the one thus wrought upon. "It is not by might nor by power, but by my spirit, saith the Lord."

At the conclusion of the festival, there was a large amount of provision left over. The boy not only got pay for his bread and fish, but he had more left upon his hands than he knew what to do with. And thus it ever is. All we need is simply to have faith enough to put even small things, if they represent all that we can command, into the hands of Christ, and he will bring to us the largest returns. We scatter a few bushels of wheat over the ground in seed time, and we gather a full golden harvest in the time of the reaping. The trouble is that we invest so little in the enterprises of Christ and have so little faith in his promises that we receive small return. Now if, with a small quantity of bread and two fishes, Christ could feed these hungry thousands, what is it he could not do with the thousands that the Church of to-day is abundantly able to place at his disposal? And instead of impoverishing ourselves, we would have more left oftentimes at the end than we had in the beginning. He can take our all, however little it may seem, and do great things with it for humanity. Absolute faith in Christ will enable him to do the apparently impossible. He is the same to-day that he was when he fed the multitudes along the shores of Galilee.

THE EPWORTH LEAGUE.

Lesson for February 12: Joy in Finding the Lost.—Luke 15:1-10.

The key to this parable is found in the opening verse of the chapter: "Then drew near unto him all the publicans and sinners for to hear him: and the Pharisees and scribes murmured, saying, this man receiveth sinners and eateth with them." Then he spoke all three of the parables found in the chapter, two of which are found in the lesson. He wanted to prove to them that just as a woman valued a lost piece of coin, and just like a shepherd would put forth extraordinary effort to recover a lost sheep, so he valued lost humanity, and was putting forth great effort to recover it. Mankind belong to him and he came to seek and to save them. The two figures of speech are apt and beautiful. What is it that a woman, even to-day, will not do to find her lost money? What is it that a stockman will not do to recover his lost sheep? And when they find that which was lost, they are ready to tell their neighbors of their good fortune. So with Christ when he reclaims a lost soul. To him it is an exceeding great joy. And not only so, but there is joy in the presence of the angels of God when the lost are found and restored to their normal place in the Church of Christ. Now since Jesus made it the work of life to save the lost ones, so we as Leauguers ought to aid him in the work of saving the souls of men. The lost ones are all around us, and we can not go amiss to find them. Into this great wilderness of sin, he invites us to enter and make the search for some wanderer. Have you committed yourself to this work?

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SUPPORTING THE MINISTRY.

There are many people who are not content by never paying anything themselves to the support of the ministry, but are constantly shooting off their mouths and using all their influence to keep others from doing their duty in this respect. Even Church members who have sworn to support the institutions of the Church, will stop sometimes to hear these Church and Bible haters "spout." Men who would delight to see every preacher starved, every Bible burnt, and every Church sunk to the bottom of oblivion, when the facts are known, it will be discovered that such men hate God, and it grieves them to see good men supporting his embassadors. You will hear men talk about letting the preachers go to work, as though they were all a set of idlers. The writer, speaking for himself, can say that he never had a job that gave him more work or harder work than the ministry. As to the amount of work, I could swap jobs with almost anyone I know of and have less work to do than I am now doing. Looking over my work of last year, I feel quite sure that I traveled more than any officer in the county, made more public addresses than any lawyer in the county, and made more visits than any doctor in the county. Yet there are people who will contend that the preacher should do all this service without any compensation. And that, too, in the face of the fact that the scriptures teach plainly that they who preach the gospel shall live of the gospel. As to the amount of compensation, I do not hesitate to say that the faithful minister will do more work for less compensation than almost any other class of men. Men who are howling around about what preachers receive for their labor, forget that there are hundreds of men in the ministry on small salaries who could make four or five times as much in other professions, and not have to work any harder.

The writer gave up a profession which would have paid him from $75 to $100 per month to go into the ministry. He has worked a great deal harder in the ministry on far less compensation. I am not complaining; I have always served good people. I would be glad if I knew I had the opportunity of preaching the gospel here for one thousand years. C. G. SHUTT.

Armour, Texas.

COMMENDING A PREACHER.

Being nominally a Bishop born in the Methodist Church, without election or reprobation, and having lived out my "threescore years," and numbered one on the "ten," I have a desire to tell the readers of our Advocate about the great favor conferred on Athens by the last Annual Conference of the East Texas Conference. This favor is indeed a Christmas gift in the person of Bro. L. A. Webb and family. We have not pounded him and his in the glitter, gush and rich profusion of the poundings of which the Advocate gives account. But he has pounded us, for one month now, by day and by night, on the Sabbath and during the week, in prayer-meeting, in affliction by the bedside and at the grave of departed worth, in the fear of God and moved by the power of the living Christ; he is instant in season and out of season, in fair weather and foul, obeying to the letter fully Paul's injunction to Timothy. Wherever the battle is waged fiercest, he is there to hold up the blood-stained banner of the cross of Christ, and call sinners to repentance and professed Christians to duty and to the joys of Christianity in life, and its triumph over death. He breaks to us in the name of Christ the gospel feast in such a way that we may realize that the bread of life and the waters of salvation are accessible to fallen humanity, and that this doctrine is taught in the Bible, in the Old Testament and the New, from the declaration of the good old prophet, "Ho, every one that thirsteth, come ye to the waters," down to the declaration of our Lord: "The Spirit and the bride say, come; and let him that heareth say, come. And let him that is athirst come. And whosoever will, let him take the water of life freely." Thank the Lord for sending us Bro. Webb. Thank the Lord, for the present outlook of the Texas Christian Advocate.

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I, as only one subscriber to the Texas Christian Advocate welcome Dr. Rankin, our new editor, and I love him as such without knowing him, believing all things, hoping all things for him and the paper.

But I shall ever remember with feelings of gratitude Dr. Pierce, our old editor. His beautiful, chaste and oft-times comforting editorials have always been received with a hearty amen! in my mind and heart. Who is it that has traveled this mysterious route called "life" forty years—if there has come to such an one the experiences common to most of its pilgrims—and does not thank him for his "Rest and Reward," "Deliverance from Sin," "Light at the Eventide," "Fainting by the Way," "Child-like Faith," and innumerable other papers from his masterly pen?

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MRS. R. K. HARGROVE.

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WOMAN'S HOME MISSION SOCIETY.

The Woman's Home Mission Society of the East Texas Conference will meet in annual session at Jacksonville, Texas, February 22, 23 and 24, respectively. Each auxilary is requested to send the name of their delegate to Misss Nannie Whitley, Jacksonville, Texas, as early as possible. All officers are called to meet in executive session Tuesday, February 21, at 3 o'clock. Committee on Transportation will secure reduced rates on all railroads. It is hoped that each auxiliary will be represented and all officers be present.

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"ON TO CUBA."

That is the watchword of our Nation and of the Church of Christ. It is the watchword especially of the M. E. Church, South, for reasons that will appear.

On to Cuba! For what? To give the gospel of our Christ. Our commission may be found in the opening paragraph of the sixty-first chapter of Isaiah. My heart glows as I read the inspired words. Read them, and pray as you read, brothers and sisters. More than political freedom, Cuba needs the gospel that offers a free pardon to every repenting sinner and guarantees grace and glory to whosoever will. We will teach this gospel, we will sing it, we will spread it throughout Cuba, God being our helper. I want again to hear our blessed old hymns sung as I once heard them sung in the musical Spanish tongue in our little mission chapel on Concordia Street in Havana. Be ready, some Cuban brother, to pitch the tune. Healing for the broken-hearted, deliverance to the captives, sight to the blind, the setting at liberty them that are bruised—this is our gospel for you, O ye Cubans, whose night of agony, we humbly and joyfully believe, is nearly past.

On to Cuba! Who? All of us. Yes, brethren and sisters, all of us. Some will go in person; the rest will send their sympathy, their prayers, their gifts. With glad hearts and willing minds our people will enter this open door. Others will be ready to go, and may the Lord go with them and bless them! But Cuba especially invites Southern Methodists. We have already made a beginning there. We are her nearest neighbor. We have had large experience in the past elsewhere that ought to be profitable unto us in the planning and prosecution of missionary work in Cuba. The Lord has given us a training for this very work. May he give us wisdom to know our duty and grace to do it, even in this our day!

On to Cuba! The fair isle will be waiting for our coming. Our watchword will be Love, and our victory will be the victory of faith.—Bishop O. P. Fitzgerald, in the Review of Missions.

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To the Members of the Woman's Foreign Missionary Society of the Texas Conference:

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W. F. M. SOCIETY.

If our Auxiliary W. F. M. Society at Gonzales has been mentioned in the worthy columns of the Advocate for some time at least, I have failed to see it. We have a small band of workers who are trying to accomplish all the good we can for the dear Master's cause in foreign fields.

At present we have enrolled seventeen members. Comparing with the number of names on our Church record it is not as great numerically as it should be. We also have a Ladies' Aid Society that is much stronger and is doing good work. Many of our Church members do not seem to care to assume the responsibilities and obligations of both societies. Our Missionary Society was organized in 1882, with nineteen members, and at that time one dollar a year was all that was required of the members. Of those Christian-hearted women who first agitated the subject in Gonzles of "woman's work for woman," three of them are yet with us and doing all they can for this worthy cause. Our Treasurer is one of these "faithful few."

At our January meeting, Bro. Harris was with us and led us in an earnest prayer, invoking the blessings of our Heavenly Father upon our every effort for the present year. All our officers were re-elected. Mrs. O'Neall, President; Mrs. Bass, Treasurer; Sister Harris (wife of our worthy pastor), Secretary; and Mrs. Walters, Vice-President. All had given such perfect satisfaction during the past year we were eager for them to still fill the respective offices. We paid to the District Treasurer the past year for dues, contingent fees, etc., $42, and have promised $10 "pledge money," some of which has already been paid; and we feel sure that by February 1 the entire amount will be paid and sent to Miss B. Malone, of San Marcos.

We also have a Juvenile Society of twenty-four members, known as the "Sunbeams." It is of recent organization, and the little ones seem perfectly delighted and happy in the work as little missionary helpers. The children really are much more enthusiastic in this important work than a great many of our mature members of the Church. Could the idle members but realize how much God has done for them and how little they are doing for him, what a difference there would be in the funds for mission fields!

We may be rich to-day in this world's goods, but to-morrow may find us beggars. All belongs to God, and if we as faithful stewards do not use that which he entrusts to our keeping to glorify his name and build up his holy cause, can we wonder when he takes it from us and gives it to another who has used his five talents to gain another five? We are praying and hoping that this year may, before the close of it, find our society greatly increased, both in membership and fianance. We hope to see the present members more regular in attendance, and by our influence bring others in to enjoy the blessings and realize the vast importance of dedicating our time and talents to Him who has redeemed us from sin.

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AN OPEN LETTER TO THE PREACHERS OF THE EAST TEXAS CONFERENCE.

Dear Brethren: By the time this is published you will probably have received from Dr. Hammond or from your presiding elder a roll book to be used in the subscriptions for the Twentieth Century Educational Fund. You will perhaps be of the opinion that you can do nothing with this book or the cause in which it is to be used, or you may be asking yourself what the plan of the Educational Board is, and whether you ought to try to do anything. You will pardon me therefore for this letter to you, which I write as the Secretary of Education for the East Texas Conference, and I hope you will carefully consider its contents and suggestions. I hope you will read carefully the leaflet which you will find inside of your roll book, and that you will give heed to that part entitled "The Plan of the Collection," and follow its suggestions as far as the condition of your charge will permit. You will observe also that it is the plan of the Church to devote 20 per cent of the money collected to the endowment fund for the Vanderbilt University and 80 per cent is to be used as your own Board of Education and conference may direct. Now this will eave us 40 per cent each for Alexander Collegiate Institute and Southwestern University. This 40 per cent can be applied to the payment of the money due for the lot we are purchasing for the Institute and for the new building at Georgetown. Money for these purposes we are raising anyhow, and why not raise it this way and thus be in harmony with the plans of the Church while we push our work? Permit me to urge you to take the roll book sent you, preach on Education, and present the plan of the Church in this matter to your several congregations. Explain that we are indebted to Vanderbilt as we are to the Southwestern University and our conference school, and take any subscriptions you can get, but urge the dollar proposition as far as possible. Then if all do not subscribe, get a steward or committee to finish the canvass, or, if you can, do it in person. Write me privately and ask me any questions you wish if you do not entirely understand me.

V. A. GODBEY.

Jacksonville, Texas.

THE FORT WORTH CONFERENCE.

Please give me space to express my gratification at the conference which Bishop Galloway has called to meet in Fort Worth March 16 and 17. Indeed, it is to open with a prayer-meeting on Wednesday night, the 15th. Nothing could be more appropriate and timely than this "conference" It has about it the ring of old-time Methodism. Then they frequently "conferred" about spiritual things and about holy living. They "stirred up" one another to take hold on God, and their "pure minds were put in remembrance" by loving counsels and friendly warning. In those days they "confessed their faults one to another and prayed one for another." A repetition of such conferences, accompanied by mighty cryings unto God, will give us another Pentecost to fill our own lives with blessedness and overflow on the Church and the world. Oh, how we do need a revival—a genuine, old-time, soul-stirring, heaven-moving revival. We must have it. We can not do without it. Presiding elders need it. Pastors need it. College Presidents and professors need it. Local preachers need it. Stewards need it. Sunday-school Superintendents and teachers need it. Epworth League officers need it. The whole Church needs it. Most of all, sinners need it. And we are going to have it. The Word says so. "If my people, which are called by my name, shall humble themselves, and pray and seek my face, and turn from their wicked ways, then will I hear from heaven, and will forgive their sins, and will heal their land." This promise is ours. If we fulfill the condition the blessing will follow.

Second in importance to the spiritual state of the Church only is the question of Christian education, which is to be the subject for consideration the second day of the conference. Wisely has the Bishop linked these two together. They are the pillars that support the temple. With either one lacking the Church of God has but little beauty, strength or force. Education without spiritual life is cold and dead. Therefore, spirituality is put first. But spirituality without knowledge and culture is weak and almost helpless in its encounter with the educated world. Therefore, we educate our sons and daughters. Only in the just and proper emphasis on both these subjects can we hope to win large victories in Christ's name. Let the conference come. It is a move in the right direction. Fort Worth will entertain it gladly. The city pastors will announce to whom to send names. Let all come Wednesday and stay till Saturday. Laymen who are convenient, might drop in also.

W. F. LLOYD.

Fort Worth, Texas.

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PRESIDING ELDERS OF TEXAS, ATTENTION.

Bishop Chas. B. Galloway has called the presiding elders of the several Texas Conferences to meet in conference in Fort Worth, on the 16th and 17th of March. We expect good from this meeting for ourselves and for all Texas. All who expect to be present will notify me at once, or as soon as possible, and the Methodists of this city will take pleasure in furnishing entertainment. E. D. MOUZON.

Fort Worth, Texas.

THE NEW YEAR AND ELSE.

"New Year's Day" has come and gone and we are now wading far out into the year 1899. January 1 was a crisis in many a Christian life. Confessions were made and promises to amend were many and solemn. God was called to witness our contracts. His grace was implored to help us keep our pledges. The leadership of the Holy Spirit was invoked, and down the stream of time we go again. What issues this new year brings with it! What great problems are thrust into our pathway for our consideration and solution! What fearful responsibilities will be ours this year. No wonder we are made to pause and reflect and renew our vows and our covenant. While the future may be dark and our way hedged about and our burdens great and our strength weak, yet we hear him saying: "I will never leave thee nor forsake thee." Planted on this promise with the assurance that "we can do all things through Christ which strengtheneth us," may we not lay plans for doing great things for God and the Church this year? As for myself, God is opening up the way and then taking the lead in the work. No greater disappointment could come to us than to fail to see a sweeping revival over the entire charge. God has promised to bless on certain conditions, and as far as we are able these are being met. Then certainly the blessing is ours.

Yesterday was a great day with us. The 11 o'clock service—one of missions—was attended by the Spirit of God. At night God owned our effort, and at 4 p. m. an Epworth League was organized with eighteen members. God will yet harness the young life of the Church in this country and use it for his glory.

One of the most overwhelming poundings this preacher and family ever had came on Friday evening before Christmas and was one of the many tokens of friendship and appreciation they have had since conference. God's blessings will abound toward the generous donors. For the year 1899 my watchword shall be, "Duty to God and to my fellow men," and my expectation shall be the salvation of my charge.

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BRENHAM DISTRICT, TEXAS CONFERENCE.

I will hold a Missionary Institute, according to the requirement of the Discipline of 1898, paragraph 356, in Cameron, Texas, from March 2 to 5, inclusive. Every preacher is expected to be present and to do his part. The following is the programme:

March 2—7:30 p. m.—Sermon, theme: "The Church's Mission is to Give the World the Gospel," E. W. Solomon.

March 3—9 to 9:15—Devotional exercises, conducted by W. T. Melugin. 9:15 to 9:30—"Misionary Literature; Our People Need It," L. P. Davis. 9:30 to 9:45—"How to Supply This Need," J. M. Crutchfield. 9:45 to 10—"Epworth League and Missionary Work," M. F. Daniel. 10 to 10:30—"Human Theories for the World's Betterment, and the Relation of the Gospel to Them," F. L. Allen. 10:30 to 11—"The Missionary Obligation from a Layman's Standpoint," W. M. Stone. 11—Sermon: "The Brotherhood of Man," A. L. Boyd. 2:30 to 3—"Missionary Prayer-Meeting," Thos. R. Cain. 3 to 3:15—"The Missionary Obligation and the Reception of Members Into the Church," H. R. Kimbler. 3:15 to 3:30—"The Best Answer I Know to the Old Saw, 'I Believe in Home but Not in Foreign Missions,'" J. L. Yates. 3:30 to 4—"Missionaries at Home Make Missionaries Abroad," H. C. Willis. 4 to 4:15—"A Contribution from Every Member of the Church," Geo. C. Cravy. 4:15 to 4.30—"The Gospel Measure of the Contribution," W. T. Melugin. 4:30 to 4:45—"Prayer and Consecration in Order to Missionary Work." C. L. Farrington. 7:30 p. m.—Sermon, theme: "The Leadership of the Holy Spirit," J. L. Massie.

March 4—9 to 9:30—"Missionary Experience Meeting," J. B. Sears. 9:30 to 10—"Why Stress Missionary Collections in Early Part of the Year?" E. A. Potts and W. E. Washburne. 10 to 10:30—"The Relation of Missionary Collections to Revivals of Religion," J. L. Massie. 10:30 to 11—"The Present Missionary Opportunity and the Women's Organizations," J. B. Sears. 11—Sermon, theme: "Jno. 4:35." F. L. Allen. 2:30 to 3—Prayer and Consecration Meeting, led by H. M. Haynie. 3 to 3:15—"The Sunday-school Missionary Work," Thos. R. Cain. 3:15 to 3:30—"Prayer an Aid in Collecting Missionary Money," H. M. Haynie. 3:30 to 3:45—"How Best to Take Our Missionary Collections," W. C. Bracewell. 3:45 to 4:30—"Woman's Work," Mrs. F. L. Allen, Mrs. J. B. Sears, Mrs. J. D. Campbell, Mrs. J. M. Crutchfield. 4:30 to 5—An interchange of views concerning personal responsibility to "go or send." 7:30—Mass meeting, addressed by J. L. Massie.

Sunday—11 a m.—Sermon, theme: "The World's Need of Christ," by J. L. Massie. 3:30 p. m.—Missionary sermon to the Children, by H. M. Haynie. 7:30—Sermon, "The Gospel God's Remedy for the World's Ills," H. C. Willis.

The purpose of the passage of this law is to arouse the preachers as well as the Church and to help to better methods in saving the world. Every preacher is under the same obligations to attend. Do not be afraid your charge will suffer by your coming. The probability is it will suffer more if you do not come. Let us come together with fasting and prayer for an outpouring of God's Spirit upon us and our work. E. W. SOLOMON,

P. E. Brenham District, Texas Conf.

An original article by Washington Irving is an unusual event in magazine literature. The Outlook has been fortunate enough to obtain, through representatives of the Irving family, a heretofore unpublished article by Washington Irving, called "A Festal Day in Rome." It has intrinsic interest, which is increased by an introductory sketch showing how Irving's literary ambition came into being, and by a fine portrait. ($3 a year. The Outlook Company, New York.)

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Naples, Texas, Jan. 20. 1899.

Georgetown District—Second Round.

Georgetown	March 12
Round Rock	March 18, 19
Salado	March 25, 26
Bartlett	April 1, 2
Taylor	April 8, 9
Liberty Hill	April 12
Granger	April 15, 16
Belton	April 23
Temple, First Church	April 28
Moffatt	April 29, 30
Temple, Seventh Street	May 1
Holland	May 6, 7
Bertram	May 12
Florence	May 13, 14
Rodgers	May 27, 28
Burnet	May 27, 28

W. L. Nelms, P. E.

Weatherford District—Second Round.

Aledo, at Benbrook	Feb. 11, 12
Mineral Wells, at M. W.	Feb. 18, 19
Springtown, at Walnut Creek	Feb. 25, 26
Weatherford, 1st Church, at 1st C.	Mar. 4 5
Ranger, at Caddo	March 11, 12
Gordon and Strawn, at S.	March 18, 19
Breckenridge, at Pisgah	March 25, 26
Eliasville, at Cedar Springs	April 1, 2
Whitt, at Whitt	April 8, 9
Thurber, at Thurber	April 15, 16
Huckabay, at Hannibal	April 22, 23
Santo, at Corinth	April 29, 30
Millsap, at Mt. Vernon	May 6, 7
Palo Pinto	May 13, 14
Peaster, at Carter	May 20, 21
Weatherford mis. at Bethel	May 27, 28
Couts Memorial, at C. M.	June 3, 4

J. R. Morris, P. E.

San Antonio District—Second Round.

Devine and Lytle	4th Sun. Feb
Hondo and Sabinal	1st Sun. March
West End,	11 a. m., 2d Sun. March
Prospect Hill	7:30 p. m., 2d Sun. March
Comal Street	7:30 p. m., March 15
Amphion cir	3d Sun. March
Moore cir	4th Sun. March
Pleasanton cir	1st Sun. April
Pearsall	2d Sun. April
Bexar	3d Sun. April
Eagle Pass	4th Sun. April
Del Rio	5th Sun. April
Utopia cir	1st Sun. May
Cotulla cir	2d Sun. May
San Miguel	3d Sun. May
Uvalde	4th Sun. May
Sherman Street	May 28
Travis Park	May 29
South Heights	May 30
Flores Street	May 31

B. Harris, P. E.

San Angelo District—Second Round.

San Angelo sta	4th Sun. Feb.
Sterling City cir., at Grape Creek,	1st Sun. March
Mason cir., at Mason	2d Sun. March
Pontotoc cir., at Pontotoc	3d Sun. March
Brady cir., at Rochelle	4th Sun. March
Milburn cir., at Bethel	1st Sun. April
Paint Rock cir., at Kickapoo	2d Sun. April
Menardville cir., at Long Mountain,	3d Sun April
Sonora, at Ozona	4th Sun. April
Sherwood, at Sherwood	5th Sun. April

Theophilus Lee, P. E.

San Marcos District—Second Round.

Luling	Feb. 25, 26
Seguin	March 4, 5
San Marcos sta	March 11, 12
Harwood	March 18, 19
Buda	March 25, 26
Belmont	April 1, 2
Lockhart cir	April 8, 9
Kyle and Pleasant Grove	April 15, 16
Gonzales	April 22, 23
Lockhart sta	April 29, 30
San Marcos cir	May 6, 7
Dripping Springs	May 13, 14

I. T. Morris, P. E.

Vernon District—Second Round.

Farmer, at True	March 3
Graham cir., at Centre Ridge	March 4, 5
Graham sta	March 5, 6
Throckmorton, at Fish Creek	March 8
Haskel cir., at Haskel	March 10
Haskel sta	March 11, 12
Vernon sta	March 18, 19
Crowell, at Wesley Chapel	March 25, 26
Harrold, at Union Point	April 1, 2
Chillicothe, at Big Valley	April 5
Seymour cir	April 8, 9
Seymour sta	April 9, 10
Benjamin, at Goree	April 12
Quanah sta	April 15, 16
Childress sta	April 17
Altus	April 22, 23
Mangum	April 25
Eldorado	April 29, 30

Delegates to District Conference to be elected this round C. W. Daniel, P. E.

Abilene District—Second Round.

Abilene sta	Feb. 4, 5
Baird sta	Feb. 11, 12
Putnam mis.	Feb. 18, 19
Big Springs sta	Feb. 25, 26
Albany and Moran	March 4, 5
Cisco sta	March 11, 12
Abilene mis	March 18, 19
Buffalo Gap sta	March 25, 26
Cottonwood cir	April 1, 2
Eastland cir	April 8, 9
Merkel and Sweetwater	April 14
Snyder cir	April 15, 16
Midland sta	April 21
Colorado mis	April 22
Colorado sta	April 22, 23
Clyde mis	April 26
Clairemount cir	April 29, 30
Roby	May 3
Anson	May 6, 7
Clear Fork mis	May 13, 14

Jas. S. Chapman, P. E.

Paris District—Second Round.

Clarkesville sta	March 11, 12
Centenary, Paris	March 18, 19
Marvin cir., at Rocky Ford	March 25, 26
White Rock and McKenzie, at W.	April 1, 2
Detroit cir., at Liberty	April 8, 9
West Paris sta	April 15, 16
Lamar Avenue, Paris	April 16, 17
Woodland cir., at Bagwell	April 22, 23
Annona cir	April 29, 30
Powderly mis	May 6
Blossom and Reno, at Reno	May 7, 8
Maxey cir	May 13
Emberson cir., at Bethel	May 14, 15
Rosalie cir, at Bogata	May 20, 21
Deport cir	May 21, 22
Lake Creek cir	May 25
Roxton cir	May 27, 28

W. D. Mountcastle, P. E.

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WILSON.—Mabel Clara Wilson, daughter of Sam and Hattie Wilson, was born August 20, 1896, and departed this life October 23, 1898. Little Mabel was two years, two months and three days old. Her little heart was too tender for this world. Oh, how hard to part with her. She was the pet of our home. Little Mabel was so sweet, so smart and affectionate. Our sunshine is all gone. This world is dark to us, but we expect to meet some day where parting will be no more. Everything was done for her that loving hands could do. She has gone to prepare a home for her loved ones left behind. HER SISTER.

Ebony, Texas.

ROGERS.—Charles C., son of C. C. and Sister Rogers, was born June 2, 1893, and died November 19, 1898. Little Carter, as they called him, suffered a long time from a strange trouble in his side. He grew weaker all the time, but endured his suffering with great patience. The little fellow knew that he must die and leave his parents and little brothers,but yet he tried to be cheerful to the end. I shall never forget the smiles as they chased each other across his little pale face. What patience his parents must have had as they waited upon him day after day, knowing that he could never get well. Dear parents, while his little tracks are seen no more around your door, nor his pale face in your family circle, and his little chair is vacant. Carter is gone where there are no pale faces. Meet your little boy in heaven. M. W. ROGERS,

Pastor.

MASK.—Friday morning the pure spirit of Ella Gertrude left the tenement of clay to be forever with the Lord. For" the damsel is not dead, but sleepeth." Thank God for this new conception of death given to us by our blessed Lord. Hers is a blessed sleep, from which none ever wake to weep. She was converted and joined the Methodist Church at the revival at Lynn Grove in 1893. For awhile she was a little remiss in her duties. Last summer she renewed her allegiance. These vows she most faithfully performed. She was a good girl, gentle, kind, sympathetic and tender-hearted. Her friends might be counted by the score. She was twenty years old Christmas eve, being born December 24, 1878, and died January 6, 1899. She was the third child of P. A. and E. J. Mask. But they mourn not as those who have no hope. She was born, raised, and died on Wallace Prairie in Grimes County, Texas. May the good Lord find all of the relatives just as ready at his coming as was the subject of this sketch.

CHAS. U. McLARTY.

Stoneham, Texas.

MELTON.—In the divine dispensation of the All-wise Creator it becomes my sad duty to announce to the Christian world that on July 26, 1898, our beloved friend and brother, W. S. Melton, of Avinger, Cass County, Texas, was called from time to eternity. W. S. Melton was born in Harrison County, Texas, in 1855, and his father, L. J. Melton, then moved to Marion County, Texas, where he spent the greater portion of his life. Brother Melton was united in the holy bonds of matrimony to Miss Lily McCain in 1881, and from this happy union there was an issue of six children. Two of them have gone before and now sleep with their father in the cemetery of Avinger, Texas, thus leaving a kind wife, three sons and one precious little girl (Murie), to mourn the loss of their father. Weep not, mourn not; your father is not dead. "He is not dead, but sleepeth," and in the resurrection he will be with those that "die in the Lord." I will say, it was my good fortune to know Brother Melton from his youth to his untimely death. He was an obedient son, a good citizen, a kind husband and a loving father. He professed religion at an early age and joined the M. E. Church, South, and from thence he was a strict and consistent member of the Church. During his connection with the Church he filled various offices of the Church and did his whole duty as he saw it. Brother Melton's life was not unlike other men, and his pathway was not always strewn with flowers. He had his trials and difficulties in this life the same as other men, for just as he was budding into manhood he lost the counsel and advice of a kind and loving father. He being the only son he assumed the care of his mother and his eldest sister. How well he performed this duty we have as a testimony the happy countenance of a loving mother and an affectionate sister, but this was not his only affliction, as it was only a short while till the hand of Providence claimed his mother and hen his sister; but he faltered not, but like a true Christian he bowed in humble submission to the will of the Father, feeling at the same time that he would soon have to submit to the same strong arm, "who doeth all things well." Brother Melton was an upright, pure and incorruptible man. He was always ready and willing to aid or work in capacity that would contribute to the glory of God. He was a faithful member of the Church, and an enthusiastic supporter of the Sunday-school and of the prayer meetings of the community in which he lived. Brother Melton endeavored to so live that by a long life of absolute honesty and honorable conduct, he would merit the esteem, the admiration and love of all honest and honorable men. I regret very much to say that when Brother Melton died he was not permitted to make a dying declaration, but we know from the holy life that he led and from the many Christian expressions that we have heard fall from his lips during this life, that, if our beloved brother had been permitted to make a declaration he would have spoken many words of comfort and consolation to his family and to the many friends that stood around his bed. O, what a glorious consolation it must be for the loved ones that have gone before to leave with us a dying declaration, assuring us of their hope of immortality in the bright forevermore!" Then in the conclusion of this memorial we tender our heartfelt sympathy to the family of our diseased brother in their sad bereavement, and commend them to the mercy of God who is our present help in the hour of need. Children, now that your father is no more, and his spirit has gone to the God who gave it, be of good cheer, seek the salvation of your soul, emulate the example of your pious father, build you up a spiritual body, in the hope of Jesus Christ, and go on to that state of perfection until you will be enabled, like your dear father to proclaim in the language of Paul, 8th chapter Romans, "I am persuaded, that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor principalities, nor powers, nor things to come, nor things present, shall be able to separate us from the love of God, which is in Christ Jesus."

A TRUE FRIEND.

HARRIS.—Floyd Harris, the eldest son of Brother and Sister R. J. Harris, of Seymour, died in Dallas, January 19, 1899, ofter a brief illness. He had gone to attend the Dallas Telegraph College, but had been in school only one day and a part of another when the fatal stroke came. Floyd was born in Graham, August 6, 1881, joined the Methodist Church in January, 1894, after knowing the experience of a sound conversion. His life as a member of the Church was consistent. Everybody loved him and he loved everybody. His death was a great shock to the entire town. His parents are heart-broken, but do not sorrow as those who have no hope. They will miss him for a time, but the meeting afterwards will be joyful. We commend them to the grace of God.

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KEITH.—Sam Boyd Keith, son of J. H. and Octavia Keith, was born February 24, 1883, and died January 23, 1899. No death in our town has caused such universal sorrow since my coming. Just merging into young manhood, exceedingly bright, a member of the graduating class (with flattering prospects of graduating with high honors), warm-hearted and cheerful, Sam was universally loved and esteemed. He was the pride and joy of his parents' hearts. Never causing them any trouble by any act of his, they looked forward to his future life as a great comfort and joy to them. But God ordered otherwise; and while their hearts are torn and bleeding, they submit to the Father's will and await with resignation the happy day of reunion in the home of the redeemed above. May all his classmates and friends and loved ones meet him there, where, in the midst of joys eternal and pleasures forevermore, they will join with him and all the good of all the earth altogether in the glad antnem, "Unto Him that loved us and washed us from our sins in His own blood, and hath made us kings and priests unto God and His Father, to Him be glory and dominion forever and ever. Amen." May the comforting grace of God be with the sorrowing.

G. S. WYATT.

BISHOP.—Hughes Bishop, daughter of C. L. and N. M. Bishop, was born May 16, 1893, and died at their home, in Kaufman, Texas, March 19, 1898. Hughes was an attractive child, with beautiful features and a bright intellect. Her disposition was so loving and confiding that she was preeminently the pet of our home. Her little life in that home was like the unfolding of a beautiful flower, which, alas! when it reaches its perfection, gladdens the heart for a little while, then withers and dies. Little Hughes is not, for God took her to himself. He who said: "Suffer little children to come unto me" called her to his home above. With sad hearts we laid her body to rest, and returned to our home feeling that a dark shadow had fallen over it, but realizing that the little life-light that for five years had shown so brightly there is now a beautiful star in the galaxy of glory. Yes, darling, we will meet you there. MAMMA.

SEAY.—R. A. Seay was born in Georgia, where he spent his boyhood and young manhood days. He professed religion in early life and joined the Methodist Episcopal Church, South, in which he lived a consistent life for nearly half a century. He loved the Church, and her prosperity was his joy. His home, though humble, was the preacher's home. He came to Texas in an early day and settled in Anderson County. Afterwards he came to Henderson County, where he lived more than thirty years. He was a leading member of the Church at Asbury Chapel, and his delight was in the association of those sturdy, godly itinerant preachers who laid the foundation of Methodism in this State. His last days were spent with his daughter, Mrs. A. J. Brewer, in Kaufman, Texas, where he died August 17, 1898. He had been declining for some weeks and was very feeble, but his sudden death was unexpected and a great shock to his loved ones. His life went out like the burning out of a taper—without a struggle or even the quiver of a muscle. He simply went to sleep and awoke in the better world. His remains were laid to rest with Masonic honors in the Kaufman cemetery to await the resurrection morning. His aged wife, who has borne with him his sorrows and shared with him joys through all these years, his sons and daughters, mourn their loss, but his gain. We shall meet him by and by.

HIS DAUGHTER.

FARRAR.—Sister Martha E. Farrar (nee Myrick) was born in Maury County, Tennessee, June 16, 1833. Her father with his family moved to Mississippi in 1836; thence to Shelby County, Tex., in 1839. There her mother died, and they moved back to Tennessee, where she was educated. They came back to their old home in 1851. She was married to J. T. Farrar November 10, 1852, and after forty-six years God in his infinite wisdom has severed this happy union for a short while. Ere long they shall be reunited in heaven. Sister Farrar was converted under the ministry of W. G. Veal at Liberty, Ellis County, Texas, and joined the M. E. Church, South, in 1862. For thirty-six years Sister Farrar lived a consistent Christian life and her death was peaceful, which sad event occurred December 31, 1898. Sister Farrar died in the triumph of a living faith. Living as she lived, truly death has no sting and the grave no victory. The husband has lost a true wife, the children a loving mother and the Church a faithful friend.

W. B. STARLING.

Fleming, Texas.

WILHITE.—George W. Wilhite, son of Washington M. and Rachel Wilhite, was born in Greene County, Tennessee, June 12, 1854. His mother died in 1858. In 1859 he moved with his father to Arkansas, and came to Texas in 1862. He was married to Miss Martha King October 5, 1879; was converted in 1878; joined the Methodist Episcopal Church, South, in 1881; moved to Wise County and settled near Rush Creek in 1882. Here he lived an official member of the Church until January 13, 1899, when God in his wise providence called him to himself. Bro. Wilhite's suffering was great for a few days. But he was

willing to say the Lord's will be done. He was an every-day Christian—summer and winter—and his religion sustained him in his sickness. He oftcn expressed himself in his affliction as being ready, if it was God's will to call him. I visited him in his affliction. He took me by the hand and said: "I can not last long; but, thank God, I'm almost home. Glory to God; affliction will soon be over with me." He loved his Church and was true to his pastor. Bro. Wilhite leaves a wife and four children to mourn their loss. But they do not mourn as those having no hope. We feel that their loss is his eternal gain. May they ever seek to so emulate his good deeds as to be adjudged worthy to follow him to that blessed home where parting is no more.

J. W. TINCHER, P. C.

Greenwood, Texas.

GRAY.—Alexander Gray was born in Eastern Tennessee April 3, 1842, an departed this life at 10:30 o'clock on the morning of January 2, 1899. He immigrated to Texas in 1867, was converted in the winter of 1866 and united with the Baptist Church. He severed his connection with this denomination in 1877 and joined the Methodist Church. He was one of the earlier members of our Chico class, being twelfth on a roll of two hundred and forty-six. He was a soldier during the entire period of the Civil War and received an honorable discharge at its close. In 1867 he was happily married to Miss Lucile Allen, who, together with seven of their nine children, still survives him. On his deathbed he testified to the exalted worth of our Lord's religion. He suffered intensely, but bore all with remarkable fortitude. His loved one: have lost a faithful and loving husband and father and his Church an earnest and important steward. Bro. Gray was buried in the Chico cemetery, a very large number attending the services. In this sore affliction we commend to his sorrowing family God and the word of his grace.

E. R. EDWARDS.

HOLT.—Died, on September 21, 1898, at the home of her father in Paradise, Texas, Mrs. Sallie Atkins Holt, wife of Mr. E. E. Holt. As one expressed it, it was from Paradise to Paradise; for ever kind and self-sacrificing in all her daily walks, she made this earth while here a veritable haven of peace and happiness to those around her. Only they who knew her best can fully appreciate their loss; but wherever she was known a host of friends mourh her early death. She was born in Henry County, Tennessee, September 14, 1868, and since giving herself to Christ at Athens, Arkansas, in 1883, had been an earnest, active member of the M. E. Church, South. The loss falls heaviest on her devoted husband, for they had waited for each other long and patiently, though duty to others kept them apart till December 23, 1896. Truly the loss is hard to bear, but let us strive to forget the heartache in the thought of her transcendent happiness now at rest with the Savior, whom she loved so dearly and served so faithfully, and with the knowledge that if we but follow in the paths she trod we shall meet again where there is no shadow of parting any more, but eternal joy together in the smile of God. A FRIEND.

SMITH.—Thomas H. Smith, second son of Rev. J. T. and Mrs. Cassie Smith, was born in Shelbyville, Shelby County, Texas, November 17, 1882; was dedicated to God in baptism by Rev. W. A. Sampey May 18, 1883; joined the Methodist Eiscopal Church, South, in Crockett, Texas, in 1890, at the early age of eight years. Died at the district parsonage in Timpson, Texas, September 20, 1898, at 5 o'clock a. m., aged fifteen years, ten months, and three days. Thus, in brief, the story of a short life is ended. Why one in health, young in years, strong in possibilities, should be called on to lay down life, are some of the things that we know only in part; yet, thank God, we will some day walk in the fullness of light, and "know as we are known." Years do not always measure life. This life, though ony in its morning, was filled with words and deeds of kindness that linger in the memory of all who knew him. He was a boy of many friends. All who knew him loved him. Tender and affectionate at home, he lightened the cares and brought sunshine into the household. Kind, cheerful, and willing to sacrifice his pleasure that others might be happy, won for him the esteem and appreciation of all he met. With a willing heart and cheerful face he met the work of his Church, in the choir, in the Sunday-school and in the League. About a month before his death, at the Newborn camp meeting, he was greatly blessed, and there renewed his pledge and consecration to a higher Christian life. In his last hours he expressed himself clearly as to his faith and trust in Christ. He was free to talk of his religious experience and purpose. To the work of the ministry his life was offered. He felt himself called of God to this work, and was beginning to give his time to the preparation of the great work of his life. It seemed to be one of his happiest thoughts that he would rise to take his father's place in the ministry. This thought was not enjoyed by Tom alone, for his father looked forward to the day when his boy, strong in health, vigorous in mind, and full of the Spirit of his Master, would stand at the bar of the Annual Conference, assume the obligation of the Church and take up and carry forward the work of the father. All of this is swept away. Like the morning mist it is gone. Happy is the man who submits all things to Him, who will turn mourning into joy and song, and drive back the dark clouds, leaving the sky beautiful and blue. Many letters of sympathy from friends, far and near, have come to cheer the hearts of the afflicted family. In their sorrow they have had the presence of Him who is able to deliver. Tom is dead—no not dead, but sleepeth. Farewell, young friend, from all the accustomed places of earth, but not from our hearts—never; we will meet again. Beyond the reach of farewells, sorrow, sin and death we shall meet in the "land unhurt by sin and undimmed time." JAS. W. DOWNS.

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IN MEMORIAM—SWEETLY SLEEPING.

Mrs. Dula Binford Hay was born in Kaufman County, Texas, July 17, 1867. She graduated in the class of 1886 in Huntsville Female College, Huntsville, Alabama; was married to Rev. Samuel R. Hay in Paris, Texas, in 1889. Two children—Horace Ross and Sam R., Jr. Horace is six years old; was born in the parsonage at Abilene, Texas. Sam R., three years old, was born in the parsonage at Belton.

Sister Hay, the wife of our new and much loved pastor, left us on Friday, January 20, 1899. She came to us this new year to enter with her husband on a new charge. Though delicate and sick, she was inspired with plans for the new work; but as the days went by she grew worse. Her sisters came to administer to her during her illness, and in much tenderness and love did they nurse her till the latest hour. In spite of this and the constant support and watch-care of her husband night and day, and the skillful hand of the physician and many kind friends, she still grew worse and worse. It seemed that God was calling to her: "Come up higher." Otten during her illness she would speak of the new home being so comfortable and nice, and of her new friends who were so attentive to her every want. Being a devoted Christian, she trusted herself in the hands of God, who doeth all things well. Her preparation had long since been made, and she had only to yield herself to the angels to be borne to the sweet haven of rest, and who now watch over her remains till the morning of the resurrection.

Asleep! She pillowed her head for the night; her eyes are closed for sleep, to open them to look upon Jesus and other loved onec, and where there is no night, nor morning, nor sunset, nor clouds, nor grief, nor pain. Death is the gate to eternal life. How near the gate of heaven seems when we know that our loved ones have passed through it. The tie which bound us to earth will henceforth bind us to heaven. Who has no treasure in heaven? We would not call her back, a wealthier love is hers. Her life is not ruffled with anxious care, neither storm-tossed, tempted or tried; we grieve because she has left us, but while we weep or wonder, she appears in garments of light and beauty and warbles songs of celestial joy. The charnel house is robbed of its victory. The stone is rolled away. The tomb is empty. Methinks I hear her say, "Husband, children, behold my crown and my palm. Faint not at your tribulations. If I had fainted I had not conquered. Fight the good fight and then come up hither to me, and swell the song of victory. Death is but a short slumber from which we shall awake in his likeness, and enjoy what eye hath not seen, nor ear heard, nor either hath entered into the heart of man the things God has prepared for those that love him." The vacancy in the home, oh! how keen the pang! Husband will miss the willing, waiting hands to grant his loving requests; the cheerful words of encouragement when he is tempted and tried. But God says, "I am with you always." The little baby boys will feel an aching void in their young lives. Already, after their mamma had been taken down stairs to the parlor to be placed in the casket, little Horace and Sam crept into their mother's vacant bedchamber alone, closed the door behind them, and stood together looking on the empty bed. Auntie suddenly came in, and they with sobs in their little bosoms, looked up to her saying, "Where is mother?" They then went out into the yard,and searching among the violets as they did during her illness, bringing to her each little bloom as they unfolded their fragrant petals. They now came in with another tribute of love (the last)—a large bouquet of sweet violets and said, "Give these to mother." The little darlings realized the presence of God as did Mary when she broke the alabaster box. The floral offerings of each, the Home and Parsonage, Young Ladies' Aid and Missionary Societies, Sunday-schools and League, and friends, were heaped up on her narrow bed, and the fragrance went up as incense for her beautiful Christian life. Dear children, angel mother still watches over your cradle bed. She will not return to us, but God will bring us to her. He has passed through the grave and left the door open on the other side.

A few words of condolence taken from a letter from a friend of a former charge:

Dear Brother Hay: The sad news of the death of Sister Hay was a shock to us all, and I feel with you deeply in this your hour of darkness. During her stay with us we learned to admire her strong womanly character, her modest, gentle life, and to love her for her sweet Christian life. There is but one source of consolation in an hour like this. I know you will turn to Him who doeth all things well.

My wife joins me in a message of love and condolence which we can not express.—Yours truly, R. W. Hall.

With deepest sympathy and love,

(Mrs.) ABE MULKEY.

CARLISLE. — Mary Jane Carlisle, (nee Radford) was born at Woodville, Mississippi, January 4, 1836; was happily married to J. L. Carlisle December 25, 1855, and they came to Hunt County, Texas, and settled near Caddo Mills in the winter of 1876, where she died July 8, 1898. She leaves her husband, one daughter, and two sons to mourn her death. A walk through the house and her beautiful yard of shrubbery, the work of her own hands, marks her as a Christian lady of the old Southern type. Her home was the center of attraction. She loved the fine arts and the beautiful in nature. She hung for loved ones on memories' walls many handsome pictures. She loved her husband and children, and they loved her in return. Her neighbors and friends speak in the highest terms of her exemplary life and high Christian character. In her youthful days she was born of the Spirit and united with the Church and came to the grave in full age, like a shock of corn ascendeth in his season. She was sick only a short time and her death was unexpected. It was a sudden transition from earth to heaven. She entered the grand metropolis of life with death-spray still upon her locks. In the splendors of the glory world she is in our Father's mansion to welcome the loved ones as they come one by one. G. F. BOYD.

SMITH.—Margaret Amanda Smith was born in Marshall County, Tennessee, on January 4, 1838. Was the daughter of Robert W. and Drucilla McGaugh. Her father and mother were among the oldest and worthiest settlers in the country, and raised a family especially noted for their piety and purity of character. Thus reared in such an amosphere she early in life—at the age of 9 years—gave her heart and life to God and his service. That sweetness and purity of life so early seen in her girl life, increased with her years, and ripened and mellowed with her age. She was married September 30, 1856, to J. K. Smith, who survives her. This union was blessed by four children. Only one, J. C. Smith, survives his mother. The family moved to Texas during the year 1876, living one year at Mansfield, Tarrant County, since which time they have resided in Ellis County. She was a woman of strong mind and individuality, and unusually good judgment. Her whole life was in her religion and her family, always looking to the welfare of her husband and children at the sacrifice of herself. Her last illness was long and painful, but no murmur escaped her lips. In the paroxysms of pain even she rejoiced in God, and spoke of her readiness to meet her Savior. She rests sweetly in Jesus.

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SOUTHERN METHODIST NEWS.

Bishop Wilson, now in China, was threatened with pneumonia recently, but he is reported to be up and practically well again.

The Raleigh Christian Advocate starts February 15 as the organ of the North Carolina Conference, with Rev. F. N. Ivey as editor.

Bishop Fitzgerald has recovered from his late attack of la grippe and is able to be out again, though he is not trying to do much work yet.

Judge H. W. Foote, of Mississippi, a prominent lawyer and politician, and a life-long Methodist, died recently at the advanced age of eighty-nine years.

Rev. I. W. Cooper, D. D., President of Centenary College, La., is moving things in the interest of that institution. He was our collegemate some twenty-five years ago.

Bishop Keener has an excellent communication in the last issue of the Southern Christian Advocate, on the "Perfect Law of Liberty." It sparkles with the old-time fire.

Rev. R. A. Young, D. D., of the Tennessee Conference, is now an old man, though he is still strong and vigorous. He celebrated his seventy-fifth birthday on the 23d of January.

Rev. A. O. Armstrong, a prominent member of the Baltimore Conference, died January 29, at Rockville, Md. He was a strong, useful preacher and one of the truest men that ever lived.

Rev. John W. Baker, of the North Georgia Conference, is now eighty-eight years of age. He is on he superannuated list, a bright, happy old man, awaiting his approaching release.

We notice that Rev. B. E. L. Timmons, of the North Georgia Conference, was recently very seriously hurt in a railway accident. His principal injury was in the joint of the left knee.

Dr. George S. Savage, for a long time one of the Superintendents of the American Bible Society in Tennessee and Kentucky, is now teaching a Bible class in the Kentucky Wesleyan College.

Rev. Thos. J. Todd, a great scholar, and at one time in charge of a chair in Vanderbilt University, is confined to his bed in a hospital in Cincinnati, being treated for Bright's disease. He is a sick man.

Rev. D. C. O'Howell, of the Missouri Conference, died last week, or the week before, in St. Joseph, Mo. He was quite a prominent member of his conference and a presiding elder of great usefulness.

On the 14th of this month Dr. DuBose will address a mass-meeting of the Leaguers in Kansas City, Mo. Our League Secretary is a live man, and he lives to a wise advantage. He writes nothing foolishly.

Rev. Samuel M. Green, for a long time a member of the South Carolina Conference, but for nearly fifty years a local preacher, died last week at the advanced age of eighty years. He was a fine preacher.

John G. Granberry, of Americus, Ga., one of the oldest and most devoted members of the Methodist Church, died last week. He was a great favorite with all of the preachers and a fine Sunday-school teacher.

The daughter of Rev. W. F. Vaughan, D. D., presiding elder of the Maysville District, Kentucky Conference, died recently. A little over one year ago he buried his eldest daughter; so this is a terrible affliction.

Dr. Hoss says that "if Dr. D. W. Carter, of our Mexican work, could be spared from that field we should be happy to send him at once to Havana, with a full purse and power to act." All of which we heartily indorse. Dr. Carter is master of the Spanish language, and he could begin our work there at once. He is one of our very best missionaries.

Rev. M. B. Chapman, D. D., editor of the Central Methodist, and pastor of one of the leading Churches in Louisville, announces in his last issue that owing to the heavy duties of his pastorate, his connection with the editorship of the Central ceases with that edition. We are not surprised at this. A man can not run a paper successfully and look after a congregation.

From a correspondent we clip the following: "The venerable and venerated Rev. Sam Black, of the Western Virginia Conference, though in great feebleness, is still with us, and his name is like oil poured forth."

Dr. Z. A. Parker, President of the North Alabama Conference College, has suffered a severe stroke of paralysis, and the physicians say his case is hopeless. This is sad—and it follows the death of Dr. Keener so closely.

Rev. James C. Bissell, of the South Carolina Conference, died two weeks ago after a protracted illness. He joined the conference in 1873, and untill his health began to fail some months ago, he was a useful preacher.

Dr. R. N. Sledd, of the Virginia Conference, has been asked to issue a volume of sermons, and he has consented on condition that a sufficient number of copies are subscribed for to guarantee the cost of publishing the first edition.

Rev. H. W. South has recently changed his address to Solway, Hardin County, Ky. His old friends in Texas will be glad to hear from him. He states that he is growing feeble, but still reads and appreciates the Texas Advocate.

Rev. James D. Anthony, for fifty-two years an itinerant preacher in Georgia, died the 26th of Jan., in Savanah, Ga. He was one of the most useful preachers known in all that section of the Church. He was called the "Bishop of the Wiregrass." Everybody loved and honored him.

In a communication in the Midland Methodist, Rev. J. A. Burrow, of the Athens District, Holston Conference, says: "While at Hiwassee College, I had the pleasure of being with Drs. Brunner, Grace and Stradley, three veterans of Holston. Dr. Brunner was just recovering from a spider bite, which came near proving fatal. These men love to talk of the men and the affairs of the Church to which they have given their lives."

The last issue of the Wesleyan has in full the sermon preached over the remains of the late Dr. Morgan Calloway, by Bishop Candler. It is a sermon of rare merit, covering the points of interest in the life of a rare man. It is said that the name of Dr. J. D. Hammond, our Educational Secretary, is being mentioned in connection with the presidency of the Georgia University. He is an alumnus of that institution, and credit to his alma mater.

Dr. Hoss is now in Cuba and the Nashville Advocate of last week had a fine communication from him descriptive of his trip and his observations in Havana. He says of the city: "Havana is a city of over 200,000 inhabitants and about 20,000 houses. Of these not over 200 of them are two stories high, and a great many of them are the merest shells. Old Havana is infected through and through with yellow fever."

NEWS OF OTHER CHURCHES.

The sales of the two Publishing Houses of the M. E. Church, in New York and Cincinnati, since the division of the Church in 1844 amount to $60,679,379.94. They are strong financial institutions.

The Methodist Episcopal Church has six institutions devoted to the care of its indigent old people. They are located respectively in Baltimore, Brooklyn, Philadelphia, Chicago, New York and Quincy.

The Protestant Episcopal Church in its recent statistics show a membership in the United States of 685,343; and a net gain for the year of 1238. Rather a meager showing for the organization claiming to be the only true Church in the country.

The Disciples of Christ have joined the number of those who are having national denominational congresses. One such, under their auspices, is to be held in St. Louis the latter part of April, at which city evangelization and education are to be considered

Rev. C. P. Bridewell, pastor of the First Prebyterian Church in Fort Worth, has been unanimously called to the pastorate of the First Presbyterian Church in Atlanta, Ga., at a salary of $3000. Mr. Bridewell is about thirty years of age and a very eloquent minister.

The Dallas Presbytery so far has refused to release Rev. W. M. Anderson, D.D., from the pastorate of the First Presbyterian Church of this city to go to a call from Nashville, Tenn. His Church people decline to give him up. We trust they will hold him, for he is an admirable man.

While Dr. Whitsitt's resignation of his position in the Theological Seminary at Louisville has disposed of the personal element in the discussion touching that matter in the Baptist Church, it has nevertheless put a duty upon the trustees of the seminary, who have to vote upon his action next May. There is some division of sentiment among them.

The Bishops of the Methodist Episcopal Church are rallying their preachers and members around the Twentieth Century Educational project. They have inaugurated a plan and pledged themselves as a Church to raise $20,000,000 by the dawn of the twentieth century morning, to be devoted to their educational work. The Northern Methodists have a way of accomplishing whatever they undertake.

Dr. N. B. Hillis, of Chicago, has accepted the call to the pastorate of the Plymouth Congregational Church, Brooklyn. He succeeded David Swing in Chicago some years ago, but now he follows Lyman Abbott and Henry Ward Beecher. He is a very strong and versatile preacher and an author of note. One of his books, "The Investment of Influence," is in our present course of Epworth League study. It is to be hoped that Dr. Hillis will make some improvement upon the theology of Abbott and Beecher.

Those interested in Canadian affairs have long been familiar with the name of Father Chiniquy, the converted Catholic priest who for several years has been a strong opponent of Roman Catholicism. He joined the Presbyterian Church after his conversion and he remained a faithful minister in that communion till his death, which occurred a few weeks back. He was a great temperance worker and did some good throughout the Dominion. The Catholic Church ardently hoped for his return to her fold, but he remained steadfast to the end.

The Technology Review, a quarterly magazine relating to the Massachusetts Institute of Technology, Boston, Mass., is a new venture in the field of technical literature, appearing for the first time with the opening of the year, and conducted by the faculty and alumni of the Massachusetts School of Industrial and Applied Science. The Review is well and attractively gotten up on good paper in fine legible style, pages about one hundred and fifty, filled with interesting reading matter pertaining to the achievements of science in its application to all the useful arts of the present day in architecture, civil engineering, mechanical engineering, electrical engineering, physics, chemistry, biology, bacteriology, mining, etc.

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