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Editorial.

A DESPERATE CASE.

Attention is called to the communications of Drs. R. C. Armstrong and F. T. Mitchell. Let everybody read them and act at once. The case is now a desperate one. It will be an everlasting shame to Methodism, and especially to the Methodists in the Northwest Texas Conference, if that fine piece of property is lost to the Church. It is not so much the losing of a valuable piece of property as the loss of an educational institution that Methodism in Texas can not afford to be without. All of our schools are full to the overflowing now, and still we have not the facilities to educate all our boys and girls. To lose one of our best and most efficient female coleges at this time would be a calamity indeed! Will not our rich and poor come to the rescue at once "before its everlastingly too late?"

COXEYISM AS A DISEASE.

In an article in the July number of the Review of Reviews, Mr. W. T. Stead, founder of that periodical and author of "Christ in Chicago," treats at some length of Coxeyism in Europe and America. He takes the position that Coxey's efforts are aimed at the overthrow of certain industrial conditions which existed in England fifty years ago, but which have been so ameliorated by organized charity and wholesome legislation in that kingdom as to shelve the writings of such people as Mrs. Browning and Ebenezer Elliot, whose pens were chiefly instrumental in bringing about the needed reforms.

Mr. Stead is a learned, thoughtful, but cranky writer, and his conclusions are not always deducible from his premises, yet it is always worth one's while to read what he says—especially on questions of reform, in which he takes a special interest. From him and from other sources we are lead to believe that the present feverish condition of our industrial people will be finally settled upon a just and equitable basis. Much trouble and even bloodshed may yet distract the country, but after the smoke of battle has cleared away, a better state of things will come about and capital and labor will come to an understanding satisfactory to all parties.

In Great Britain there is a Labor Commission or Bureau where labor leaders and employers can emplead each other, and where all differences can be amicably settled by arbitration. This will come about in this country, we doubt not, and then such a thing as a strike will not be known in all the land.

In connection with the labor troubles and the inconveniences to the public growing out of the several strikes there are other matters that come in for an airing. It has been charged by the temperance people for years that in our larger cities—especially in New York—the whisky element was running the municipal and State governments, and that crime was winked at and criminals let go free for a consideration. In the last few weeks this charge has been made by others, the thieves having fallen out among themselves, and the Senate Investigation Committee, of which Mr. Lexow is Chairman, is unearthing some wonderful things. Dr. Parkhurst, about whom the papers have had so much to say—generally of a flippant character—is the leading mover in the prosecution of this investigation, and the facts already brought to light show that the charges of the New York divine were below the actual truth.

All this trash has been boiled up from the bottom of the social and political cauldron during these heated months of strikes and tramplngs and Coxey marchings. They were and are but symptoms of a diseased state of morels in the social and political world, and when they shall have been fully understood and the case properly diagnosed, we believe that the remedy will be applied which shall restore health along all lines and bring back dove-eyed peace to the hearths and homes of our American people.

In this consummation so devoutly to be wished, however, we assure the reader that mere legislation will not meet the case. The people must see, and they will see, if we are to be relieved to any permanent extent from these disorders, that the principles of the gospel are the only basis upon which a nation can build, if it would build to stand. Every other is a sandy foundation. Truth and righteousness must be the twin pillars upon which any peaceful and prosperous superstructure must rest, either for the individual or the nation. The liquor traffic and its infidel supporters and abettors must be dragged to the light and their deeds exposed, and the foreign elements who hate and oppose our Protestant Christian institutions must be shown to be common enemies and so placed in check that they can not run rough-shod over the institutions for which our Christian fathers fought, bled and died. It has been very popular in certain quarters to ridicule our Puritan ancestors and their alleged superstitions, but it must be borne in mind that they gave us our free Constitution, but not the anarchy and violence that follow the neglect of their sturdy habits and rigid observances. Let us return to such of the old paths as lead to peace and prosperity at home and a good name abroad, and we again repeat that the latter can not be enjoyed until the former has been observed.

TO DECREASE CRIME.

We have already, in a previous article, called the attention of our readers to the responsibilities of Christian citizenship for the promotion of good government in the selection of good men for office. We called attention to the selection of men for the three several branches of the Government—legislative, executive and judicial. Stress was laid upon the importance of electing good men to offices involving the inforcement of law for the suppression of crime, and especially to the importance of electing good men to fill the judicial office, from the supreme bench down to the justice of the precinct. A great deal more importance attaches to the election of men to the higher courts than many suppose. The decisions from these courts become law for the government of the courts below them, and it is possible that a case properly tried and justly determined may, upon mere technical ground, be undone by the superior court. It is well enough for the sovereigns to look into this matter just now, as we understand that there are several superior Judges to be elected at the fall election. We want, of course, good lawyers as well as good men on the bench, but we do not want men of such transcendentally judicial mind that they invariably lose sight of the merits of the case in the fascination of hair-splitting discrimination among mere technicalities of law. We want good lawyers in the best sense of that word, men who know the ends and spirit as well as the letter of the law, and whose patriotism and devotion to good government is equal to their knowledge of the law.

But even when the best men are chosen there may be such difficulties in the law itself that the Judges are hampered in their efforts to render decisions according to the real merits of the case. Such difficulties are to be remedied of course by the legislative body. It may be true also that the best executive officers may need additional safeguards other than their oaths to constrain them in the discharge of their duties.

The late Grand Jury of Dallas County evidently thought that there were sore needs for remedies at the two points above mentioned and submitted their reasons in an able paper to the court that appointed them. After setting forth the fact with well substantiated proof, that while the moral condition of the country generally is improving the criminal elements are becoming more depraved, and the legal turpitude of our civilization is increasing, they set themselves to discuss the importance of taking some measure to arrest crime. The ADVOCATE would be pleased to give the whole argument, and indeed the whole report, but our space will allow only the following extract, which we commend to the sober consideration of every one interested in good government and the suppression of crime:

> Without taking the time, and in such a report as this being unable to enlarge upon so grave a subject as this, we simply suggest that one of the methods that may and [as is said by philosophic writers on this question] does result in a decrease of crime is the certainty of punishment. And it is concerning this that our first suggestion relates. It appears that we have among other judicial tribunals, organized with special reference to the suppression of crime, a Court of Criminal Appeals. It appears that all criminals, without reference to the grade of offense, have as a matter of course the right to appeal to said Court of Criminal Appeals. It appears further that we have a system of criminal laws at present which require said court to reverse and send back to the trial court all cases where any error formal or substantial has been committed. Among formal, or what are known as technical errors, are the following: A failure to show that the criminal committed the offense in a particular county or year, although all the facts show where and when he committed the offense. From information received by us, we feel safe in saying that a large majority of cases that are appealed are reversed because of such errors, and that, in the very nature of things, such errors will continue to occur everywhere where ordinary prudence and skill are exercised. And, further, such errors had absolutely nothing to do with the merits of the case. The evidence may be perfectly clear that the defendant murdered a man or burned a house, or the error may have absolutely stole a horse, and, furthermore, nothing to do with the guilt or innocence of the defendant, and yet, the case is sent back for another trial because it did not appear in what county the offense was committed. And we are informed that these reversals more frequently occur in the more serious cases than in the smaller ones.
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> We submit that a system of laws that permits a criminal to escape punishment although proven guilty, because of a fact that in no wise involves his guilt, is at variance with and obnoxious to justice and right and common honesty. And it results not only in heaping upon our people thousands upon thousands of unnecessary costs, but also in freeing the criminal, at least such is the general tendency. If it is true that the certainty of punishment is a factor conducive to the suppression of crime, then our present system of laws is an enemy to that suppression and a friend of the criminal. For, if there is any one thing above another that results in making punishment uncertain, it is our present Court of Criminal Appeals and the present laws by which our Court of Criminal Appeals is guided. A simple little law of not more than ten lines would change all this. Let our Legislature say to the Court of Criminal Appeals that all criminals who appear from the evidence to be guilty must be punished. Our present system is simply the friend of criminals and those who defend them. And it is a relic of an age that is past. It is all the merest rot to say that such technical monstrosities are necessary to the welfare and protection of an innocent man, and that it would be dangerous to abrogate such laws. No innocent man is ever injured, but guilty men may be punished by annulling such technical laws. We understand that more than one effort has been made in the past to repeal these laws and pass one permitting the Court of Appeals to affirm all cases where the record showed the defendant to be guilty; but the friends of criminals under the pretended guise of the safety of defendants have succeeded in preventing the passage of such a law. We submit again that we find more harmful results from reversals of cases by our Court of Appeals to the suppression of crime than from any other cause. It seems that our juries and officers generally in the court below are succeeding in punishing criminals. It is very seldom that a jury is found that will acquit a guilty man, but the refuge of the criminal seems to be in the higher court. This is a very grievous commentary upon our judicial system. And while not the fault of the Judges, it certainly is the fault of a system of laws that permits or renders possible such a result. If the certainty of punishment is important, and if at present, because of appeals, punishment is uncertain, we suggest to you that in your report to the executive department of our State you urge that our law in this respect be changed. Other States have changed their laws in this regard, and because we have not there are perhaps more reversals in Texas in proportion to appeals than in any two States in the Union which have so changed their laws.
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> As to the second subject, the supervision of county and State officials, we find that we have no law which adequately provides for the periodical and efficient inspection and supervision of our officers. Since the organization of the Criminal District Court an effort has been made under the laws as they at present exist to look into and examine and understand and report upon the condition of each official record, to the end that the people at large may know just what their public servants were doing and how they were discharging their duties. But it seems from the report of our last Grand Jury and from an inspection of our present laws that no proper or sufficient law exists to enable any one to attend to this matter. In large counties especially, if not in all counties and cities, there should be some board of authority competent to periodically examine into and report upon the official administration of public affairs, to the end that official errors may be prevented or corrected and official worth commended. In a country where City Councils and County Commissioners have, as in ours, such plenary and unlimited power and where, as here, they are so inadequately compensated (the office being more one of honor and trust rather than emolument) and yet where business matters of so very vital and grave moment are transacted, and, too, where other officials are armed with such general authority, there should be some head, some general or proper authority to whom such officials should be accountable; at least some power, lodged somewhere, that could at stated periods inquire into the official conduct of affairs.
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> There is at present a law requiring the keeping of certain records, but none whatever permitting the public in a proper way to know what our officials are doing. And while we have no reason to feel that our county officials are not generally properly discharging their duties, still as a matter of governmental economy we suggest that the attention of our next Legislature be called to the necessity of a law providing for the general supervision of county and city officials throughout the State.

A SLANDER THAT PROVOKES ADVICE.

The Chicago Tribune has for years compiled all cases of lynchings in the United States and recorded the details of every case; such as the date, locality, name of person, and nature of the alleged offense. The record shows that the total number of lynchings in the United States since 1885 is 1622. During this period 262 persons have been lynched in the Northern and 1360 in the Southern States. Of the 1360 persons lynched in the South 952 have been negroes. During this time thirty negroes have been lynched in the North. These fearful records show that the Northwestern has not "slandered the South" when it has asked white people in both North and South to abate these revolting evidences of savage brutality, and for the sake alike of white and black men. The latest lynching is that of an accused negro who was literally skinned alive, the victim dying in agony while alleged American citizens gloated over their victim's agony. Granting that the negro deserved his death, it yet remains that the white men should have been spared the spectacle of cruelty that would awaken the pity of a Sioux Indian. The Tribune says that white men are granted the right of trial by jury and are seldom lynched in the South, while negroes are seldom tried by jury and are often lynched in that part of the Union.—*Northwestern Advocate.*

To prove that both the Tribune and the Northwestern have grossly slandered the South in the above, it is only necessary to examine the records of the doings of the gallows and to visit the State penitentiaries. Anyone who does not know that negro convicts far out-number white convicts in the South is too ignorant to speak on the subject at all. Negroes are not put in the States' prisons by lynch law. A rare thing that negroes are tried in the courts in the South, indeed! Why, it is an every day occurrence. As this ADVOCATE has stated before, the only reason why the North does not lynch as many negroes as the South is because the negroes are not there.

But we have no apology whatever to make for the lynchings in the South. This journal has in the past, as it expects to do in the future, joined all Southern journals of any repute in condemning mob law under any and all circumstances. It is but savagery in one of its worst aspects. There is absolutely no excuse for it, and it is a disgrace to any people.

Only last week a negro was lynched without excuse at Sulphur Springs, Hopkins County, this State. He had committed a horrible crime, it is true, but the law is amply adequate to punish such crimes. This time it was not the usual crime. The negro waylaid and shot a white man and his wife, fatally wounding the lady, but not the man. Murder is a crime that occurs more or less frequently, and in more or less atrocious forms. It has occurred many times in this State in more atrocious forms than the one at Sulphur Springs.

If our State laws are not sufficient to punish the crime of murder, organized society had better disband at once and proclaim anarchy instead. The anarchy which dyed its hands red in the blood of Carnot, France's President, is no worse than the reign of mobocracy which tramples all forms of law under foot and executes its savage revenge upon whom it will.

We have said more than once that if lynchings for the unmentionable crime were not stopped that other forms of crime would be treated in the same manner. Now it is lynching for murder. Next we will hear of some man being swung to a limb for theft.

If the courts have been extremely tardy and uncertain in bringing criminals to justice, the remedy is not in mob rule. Put better men in office and reform the practice of law. Perhaps the officers of the law whose duty it is to administer justice and suppress crime were elected by the very men who compose the mob.

But the extreme haste to punish crime does not speak well for a civilized people. The very intention of legal processes is that there shall be sufficient delay to allay passion in order that justice, and not revenge, may be administered. There is no doubt but that if the uncertainty and extreme slowness to punish criminals by the courts are the expression of the intricacies of our criminal code and practice, these need to be simplified. Let there be reform at this point, and in the meantime let those who with such zealous haste trample the law under foot to wreak their revenge upon criminals bend their energies instead to this end.

Finally, let Bro. Edwards condemn lynching as much as he will, but let him speak the truth in all things. It would be well enough to remember also that perhaps he can do more good by admonishing the delinquents of his own territory where his paper is read. To read a lecture to a man in the moon may be fine sport to the reader, but the man with the brush-heap torch will be none the wiser; and while those who do hear may fall a few points in respect for that gentleman, he will continue to burn his brush just as if he were the only man, and his the only torch in the universe. But, nevertheless, notwithstanding whenever Bro. Edwards banishes anarchy, riots and Judge Lynch from the North, we promise most emphatically that not one negro shall thereafter be lynched in the South. Suppose, therefore, that in the meantime we cease to hold up one section as against the other more villainous and savage, in the spirit of true philanthropy each provoke our own people to good works by holding up the virtues of the other for their emulation.

A GROWING EVIL.

There is an evil in the land, and it is growing. It is in the Church, and it must be stopped. It is not liquor, nor cards, nor theater, nor anything like that. It is not any "sin of commission," as the old brethren used to say, but it is on the line of "omission." It has come to pass that our Church, Quarterly and District Conferences have lost their attraction for the masses of our people—yea, even some of the official members themselves so far ignoring their vows and obligations as to seldom attend these meetings. The Quarterly Conference has dwindled down in many places to a mere stewards' meeting, as though "question eight," in the order of business, was the only point to be considered in the whole list of twenty-five. The District Conference is generally attended by the preachers, but the case is rare where there is a full attendance of the delegates; and this, too, after the presiding elder has insisted, at the time of their election, that none be voted for unless they are willing to do their duty and attend the conference. But the evil does not stop here. Those who go often leave before the conference adjourns, so depleting the number present as to discourage those who remain, and leave some of the most important business to be transacted by a restless and demoralized minority. This writer has attended a number of District Conferences in the last two years, and with few exceptions he has found these evils to exist, and unless there is reform along these lines our once great rallying seasons and times of refreshing from the presence of the Lord will crystallize into mere formal business meetings without the semblance of the prestige and power these conferences once possessed.

The District Conference especially is, or ought to be, not only a great religious occasion—prominence being given to religious exercises—but an educative institution also. Our connectional interests are taken up and considered here. The great lines of Church work are brought under review, and in the light of our law, and guided by the practical operation of our Discipline, the various interests of the Church are ventilated, and the people are both entertained and edified. Many of our people know practically nothing of our Church law and less of our institutions. Comparatively few of them have read the Discipline, and the only knowledge they ever get is by observing the practical operations of the law in our Church courts; and when this is neglected there is utter ignorance and consequently little or no interest in any of these things.

We must wake up and change front along here. We have the best form of Church government the world has ever seen, but the best machinery will do no good unless it is operated, and Methodist institutions amount to no more than others if neglected or ignored. There ought to be some conscience in this matter. We have all taken solemn vows to attend upon the ordinances and support the institutions of the Church, and we are at a loss to understand how any man with these vows upon him can pass them by and call himself a Christian.

EVERY one who has lightened another's burden without adding to the load of any has demonstrated his right to live among men.

THE WATCHTOWER.

Out of the Committee.

They say the weather is very hot in Washington City, and judging from the thermal environments in these parts, the saying is not difficult to believe. Great damage has been done, no doubt, by the high temperature in the past few days as respects crops, etc. But "it's an ill-wind that blows no one good," even though it be a hot wind. The extreme heat at Washington is reported to have had the effect to inspire the United States Senate with a desire to do a little business. The long-delayed tariff bill has at last emerged from the Committee of the Whole and is before the Senate for adoption. It is hoped that it will pass and be returned to the House before this issue of the ADVOCATE leaves the press. The House has adjourned until Thursday, July 5, with the expectation of getting the bill from the Senate on that day. The House in the meantime has been working at appropriation bills, and has passed bills admitting Arizona, New Mexico and Utah to Statehood.

Wanted a Law to Prevent Strikes.

The great coal strike with its threatening aspects of blood-shed and destruction of property has scarcely subsided when the country is again shocked in almost every department of business life by the strike of the American Railway Union against Mr. Pullman, who owns the sleeping car monopoly. It seems that his carpenters want $2.50 per day instead of $2.20. These men are members of the union which has in its membership railroad employes of various classes. The union has espoused the cause of the Pullman employes and demands of the railway companies that they boycott Mr. Pullman by refusing to haul his cars. The companies refuse to boycott; then a strike is ordered, and freight trains are stopped, passengers interfered with, and the whole country is made to suffer because Mr. Pullman refuses to pay his carpenters what they demand for their labor. Men are thrown out of employment, women and children suffer with hunger, innocent shippers of perishable goods lose their property, merchants are knocked out of their profits, riots are incited, men are murdered, and the whole country is thrown into a fever of excitement, and even brought to the very verge of war. The strikers may have a just grievance, but surely something is wanting in our social system when so much suffering is to be thrust upon a whole people by the grievance of a few. There certainly ought to be some law and legal process by which the differences between large corporations and their employes can be equitably adjusted so as to avoid these universally damaging strikes. The employes of large corporations are not as the employes of single individuals on temporary jobs. Men devote their energies and talents to learn the work peculiar to the business of these corporations, and their living depends upon such employment. The business can not be run without them or the training of new men. They have some rights as to wages or remuneration from the business which their labor has built up. That the employer should have the absolute power to reduce their wages at will or to throw them all out of employment arbitrarily does not seem to be just the right thing; yet neither does it seem right that the employer should be forced to yield to the dictation of any combination of the employed as to how he shall manage his business. We stand, therefore, for a legal regulation for the equitable settlement of all such troubles. Resolutions are being offered in both Houses of Congress to raise a joint committee to investigate causes and the justness of the strike.

Prohibitionists in Convention.

The Prohibition party met in convention at Waco, June 28, and adopted a platform and nominated a State ticket. J. M. Dunn, the nominee for Governor, is a Methodist preacher and a good man. H. G. Damon, nominee for Lieutenant-Governor, is a good member of the Baptist Church. This party can no longer be accused of being a one-ideaed party. One must believe in more things than the prohibition of the liquor traffic to be a good member of that party, as the platform will show. Following is the full ticket and platform. The platform was adopted as follows without amendment:

> We, the Prohibition party of Texas in convention assembled, gratefully acknowledge Almighty God as the rightful ruler of all nations, humbly invoking his blessings upon our efforts for the public good, and reaffirming our allegiance to the National Prohibition party, do present the following declaration of principles:
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> 1. The liquor traffic is the chief source of crime, poverty, degradation and political corruption, and should not be legalized and protected under any form of license, but absolutely prohibited by law.
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> 2. We are opposed to tariff, either for revenue or protection, and favor absolute free trade, believing that the revenue needed for the support of the Government should be raised by means of a graduated income tax.
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> 3. Money should be of gold, silver and paper, all full legal tender, adequate in volume to meet the demands of business, issued directly to the people by the Government without the intervention of individuals or private corporations.
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> 4. Railroads, telegraph lines and all other means of transportation and communication which owe their existence to grants of power from the State should be controlled by the State, and no higher charges allowed than may be necessary to afford a reasonable profit on capital actually invested.
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> 5. The privilege of suffrage should be determined solely by standards of character and intelligence; and no foreigner should be allowed to vote who has not become naturalized and resided in the United States over ten years.
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> 6. Foreign immigration has become a burden upon industry, one of the factors in depressing wages and causing discontent. Taerefore, we declare in favor of immigration laws so framed as to exclude the pauper, criminal, insane and anarchist classes.
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> 7. Speculation in margins, the "cornering" of money, grain and other products, and the formation of trusts and combinations for the arbitrary advancement of prices should be prohibited.
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> 8. The President, Vice-President and Senators of the United States should be elected by direct vote of the people.
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> 9. All official fees should be paid into the public treasuries, and all officials, State, county and municipal, paid reasonable salaries.
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> 10. Non-resident aliens should not be allowed to acquire land in this country, and we favor the limitation of individual or corporate ownership of land. All unearned grants of lands to railroad companies or other corporations should be reclaimed.
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> 11. We stand unequivocally for the American public schools taught in the English language, and are opposed to any appropriation of public money for sectarian schools.
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> 12. All taxable property shall be listed for taxation at its actual value, less any bona fide indebtedness of the owner thereof.
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> 13. We are opposed to the issuance of Government bonds for any purpose in times of peace, and denounce the Democratic and Republican parties for the recent issues of such bonds under plea of necessity, and declare that such action is contrary to the interests of the people.
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> 14. We cordially invite the co-operation of all our fellow citizens to the end that these declarations may be made triumphant in the State and Nation. Where there are other organizations which stand for any or all these positions we shall regard with special favor any efforts wisely directed toward securing such a union of forces as shall in any way hasten the overthrow of saloon rule, reinforced as it is by the monopolists on the one hand and outworn and vicious political organizations on the other hand.

Chairman T. A. Moore of the Committee on Nominations presented the following report which was adopted:

For Governor, J. M. Dunn, of Sulphur Springs.

For Lieutenant-Governor, H. G. Damon, of Corsicana.

For Attorney General, J. B. Goff, of Austin.

For State Treasurer, E. I. Rogers, of Hillsboro.

For Comptroller, E. A. Wingo, of Wills Point.

For Commissioner of the General Land Office, A. B. Dailey, of San Marcos.

For Superintendent of Public Instruction, B. W. Williams, of Weatherford.

Populist Platform.

We did not have sufficient space in this department last week to give the platform of the People's party, but give it with their full ticket in another place this week. The ADVOCATE is not in the political business, but gives platforms and tickets of the different parties simply as a matter of information. The ADVOCATE is for good government, and hopes its readers will choose accordingly after earnest and prayerful investigation.

THE poorest man is not he who is without money, but the man who is without hope and without God in the world.

NORTH TEXAS

LEAGUE CONFERENCE

A LARGE, ENTHUSIASTIC MEETING

Of the North Texas League Conference, at Denison, Texas, June 26-29, 1894.

FIRST DAY.

The second annual Epworth League Conference of the North Texas Conference, M. E. Church, South, met in session at Denison, Texas, June 27, 1894, at the M. E. Church, South, at 9 a. m.

After devotional services, conducted by R. R. Allen, of McKinney, in the absence of President and Secretary-elect, Rev. C. B. Carter, of Dallas, was elected temporary President and Rev. E. C. McVoy, of St. Jo, Secretary. The Secretary asked for two Assistant Secretaries. A. W. Cullum, of Dallas, and Rev. Geo. S. Sexton, of Henrietta, were elected.

E. C. McVoy moved that every member of the Epworth League within the bounds of the North Texas Conference, together with all the preachers in charge, members of the conference, be allowed a voice and a seat in the Epworth League Conference. Adopted.

Rev. J. D. Scoggins moved that the President appoint a Committee on Nominations, consisting of one member from each presiding elder's district, whose duty it shall be to make nominations for all committees and officers needed by the conference. Carried.

The presence of Miss Josie Crutchfield, one of the Vice-Presidents, was noted, and she was invited to the chair. By request of Miss Crutchfield, Bro. Carter retained the chair and she took a seat upon the rostrum.

Addresses of welcome were delivered by Miss Ida Wingrove for the M. E. Church, Denison; Russell Noble for the Junior League, and T. L. Rippey, Senior League, M. E. Church, South, Denison. Rev. W. M. P. Rippey, pastor in charge, welcomed heartily the conference, and Rev. J. W. Hill, of the TEXAS CHRISTIAN ADVOCATE, responded to the addresses of welcome.

The following Leagues had representatives, and the roll of delegates was completed: Whitewright, Van Alstyne, Bonham, Pottsboro, Oak Lawn, Dallas; South Dallas, Floyd Street, Dallas; Trinity Church, Dallas; M. E. Church, South Denison; Plano, Gainsville, Broadway; McKinney, Denison, Caruth, Sherman, Travis Street; Paris, Centenary; Texarkana, State Line; Terrell, Sherman, Willow Street; Whitesboro, White Rock, Paris, Lamar Avenue; Greenville, Pittsburg, Farmersville, Decatur, St. Jo, Henrietta, First Church, Dallas.

The following delegates were present—Senior League:

Whitewright—Joe T. Bargher, Misses Cora Sears, Addie Sears, Lizzie Patterson, Maggie Ragsdale, Lou Stevens, Gwynie Evans.

Van Alstyne, No. 702—Rev. J. A. Wyatt, Mrs. Fannie Wyatt, Miss Beulah Thompson, Gus Thompson.

Bonham—J. N. Willard, Misses Grace Blair, Gertrude Hampton, Effie Cecil.

Pottsboro—Rev. T. E. Sherwood, Miss Ida Potts, Miss Lee Greenup.

Oak Lawn—Miss Sue Sisler, Miss Emma Cullum, A. W. Cullum.

South Dallas—W. H. Potts, Mrs. W. H. Potts, Rev. C. B. Carter.

North Denison, M. E. Church—Rev. Cooper, Miss Ida Wingrove, Charlie Wiman.

Plano—Mrs. Fannie Bowman, Henry Bowman, G. A. Mayes, W. E. Harrison, Miss Nettie Hughston.

Gainesville, East Broadway—J. T. Wylie, Miss Ella Brown, Miss Nanetta Akin, Miss Emma Poindexter, Miss Mary Read, J. M. Moseley.

McKinney—J. C. Wylie, Miss Lizzie Sligh, Miss Daisy Hamilton, Miss Eula Piemmons, R. R. Allen, Ed Williams, Miss Ollie Piemmons.

Denison—J. D. Knaur, Miss Jennie Snell, Miss Bertha Hardwick, Rev. W. M. P. Rippey.

Dallas, First Church—Miss Lizzie Keeper, Mrs. Pearl Godbold, Julius T. House.

Floyd Street—Miss Mattie Harris.

Caruth Church, Dallas County—J. F. Atwood, Miss Phoebe Hammer.

Sherman, Travis Street—Miss Mamie Wright, D. E. Emmerson, Mrs. D. E. Emmerson.

Paris, Centenary—Miss Mamie Clark, Maggie Healey, Mr. A. L. Scales.

Texarkana, State Line—Rev. H. O. Moore, Mrs. Susan G. Few.

Terrell—J. W. Warren, Miss Sue Warren, Jas. D. Smullen.

Sherman, Willow Street—Rev. J. J. Clark, Clara Agee, Miss Myrtle Andrews, Roy McElrath.

Whitesboro—G. W. Clark, Miss Belle Marshall, Miss Lizzie Diamond, Miss Josie Crutchfield.

Denison Mission—Rev. L. S. Barton.

Winnsboro—Rev. R. C. Hicks.

White Rock—Alvin Clark, Thos. W. Lovell.

Paris, Lamar Street—M. L. Jones, Miss Lula D. Murrill, Miss Georgie Warlick.

Greenville—Lotie Adams, Ava Cameron, Alice Scoonover, J. L. English.

Dallas—Trinity Church, J. O. Wynn.

Pittsburg—Mrs. Fronie Hopkins.

Farmersville—Miss Florence Utt, Miss Effie Hines, Bert P. Clifton.

Decatur—H. H. Halsell.

St. Jo—Rev. E. C. McVoy, Mrs. J. D. Evans.

Henrietta—Rev. Geo. S. Sexton.

Bonita—Rev. J. D. Scoggins.

Pecan Grove League—Miss Maggie Walsh, Miss Minetta Kern, Dexter Wilkins, Tice Wilkins, Rev. Geo. H. Adams.

Delegates, Junior League:

Greenville—Mrs. F. B. Carroll, Superintendent; Ed Perkins, Lizzie Upthegrove, Luna Collier.

Whitewright—Geo Smith, Josie Carter, Hattie Thaxton.

Denison—Miss Effie Cash, Charlie Davis, Russell Noble.

South Dallas—Mrs. Potts.

Paris, Lamar Street—Miss Lula Murrill.

Sherman—Rev. I. S. Ashburn, Rev. J. M. Binkley.

Junior Leagues.—Greenville, Denison, Whitewright, South Dallas, Paris (Lamar Avenue).

Reports from the Leagues were heard, and the following Leagues reported:

Whitewright—Reported by J. T. Burgher; organized January, 1894; present membership, 63.

Van Alstyne—Reported by G. W. Thomasson; organized February 26, 1893; present membership, 25.

Bonham—Reported by J. H. Willard; organized April, 1893; present membership, 120.

Pottsboro—Reported by Miss T. Greenup; organized April, 1892; present membership, 44.

Oak Lawn, Dallas—Reported by A. W. Cullum; organized August, 1892; present membership, 40.

South Dallas—Reported by Rev. C. B. Carter; present membership, 26.

Plano—Reported by Miss Nettie Houston; organized 1892; present membership, 50.

Gainesville, Broadway—Reported by Miss Poindexter; organized May, 1893; membership when organized not given; present membership, 70.

McKinney—Reported by Miss Sligh; organized April, 1894; present membership, 115.

Denison—Reported by Miss Bertha Hardwick; organized September, 1892; present membership, 122.

Dallas, First Church—Reported by J. T. House; organized May, 1892; present membership, 65

Dallas, Floyd Street—Reported by Miss Harris; organized May, 1891; present membership, 70.

Rev. J. W. Hill moved that no one occupy more than five minutes in making the report of his or her League. Carried.

Caruth—Reported by Miss Phoebe Hammer; organized September, 1892; present membership, 26.

Sherman, Travis Street—Reported by D. E. Emmerson; organized 1891; present membership, 90.

Paris, Centenary—Report deferred.

Texarkana, State Line—Reported by Rev. H. O. Moore; organized 1891; present membership, 91.

Terrell—Reported by John Warren; organized February, 1894; present membership, 145.

Rev. Geo. S. Sexton moved committee of four, consisting of two young ladies and two young men, to solicit clubs of subscribers from Leaguers to the Epworth Advocate. Carried. Miss Josie Crutchfield, by request, favored the conference by a solo, "Death is Only a Dream." A communication from Rev. I. Z. T. Morris in regard to topic cards was read. The chairman announced Committee on Epworth Advocate as follows: J. C. Wylie, Miss Josie Crutchfield, D. E. Emmerson and Miss Nena Bass. Also Committee on Nominations: C. B. Carter, J. M. Moseley, E. C. McVoy, Miss Annie Warren, Mrs. F. B. Carroll, Miss Fronie Hopkins, Joe Burgher, Miss Blair and A. L. Scales.

Motion to adjourn prevailed, and, after singing doxology, Bishop Key pronounced benediction.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

The conference met at 2:20, C. B. Carter in the chair. After religious service, conducted by Ed Williams, of McKinney, the minutes of the morning session were read and approved. The call of Leagues was made and delegates from the Pecan Grove League, Sherman Circuit, enrolled. The presence of Rev. George H. Adams, of Collinsville; Rev. J. H. Reynold, of Howe Circuit, was noted.

The reports of the Leagues were again taken up and the following Leagues reported:

Sherman, Willow Street—Reported by Rev. J. J. Clark; organized June, 1893; present membership, 76.

Whitesboro—Reported by G. W. Cook; organized July, 1893; present members, 70.

White Rock—Reported by A. L. Clark; organized January, 1892; present membership, 52.

Paris, Lamar Avenue—Reported by Miss Georgia Warlick; organized March, 1891; present membership, 35

Greenville—Reported by Miss Lotie Adams; organized September, 1892; present members, 59.

Dallas, Trinity Church—Reported by J. O. Wynn; membership, 40.

Farmersville—Reported by Miss Florence Utt; organized July, 1892; present membership, 41.

Decatur—Reported by H. H. Halsell; organized March, 1892; present membership, 90.

Paris, Centenary—Reported by Miss Mamie Clark; organized 1890; present membership, 100.

Henrietta—Reported by George S. Sexton; organized 1892; present membership, 23.

St. Jo—Reported by E. C. McVoy; organized March, 1893, with 25 members; present membership, 40.

The following Junior Leagues reported:

Greenville—Reported by Ed Perkins; organized January, 1894; present membership, 189.

Rev. W. M. P. Rippey moved that this report be published in the TEXAS CHRISTIAN ADVOCATE. Carried.

Whitewright—Reported by Master George Smith; organized April, 1894; present membership, 64.

Denison—Reported by Miss Effie Cash; organized January, 1894; present membership, 50.

South Dallas—Reported by Mrs. W. H. Potts; organized May, 1894; present membership, 28.

Paris, Lamar Avenue—Reported by Miss Lula Murrill; organized March, 1894.

St. Jo—Reported by E. C. McVoy; organized March, 1893; present membership, 40.

Sherman, Travis Street—Rev. I. S. Ashburn asked to defer this report until Thursday afternoon.

Sherman, Willow Street—Reported by Rev. J. J. Clark; organized March, 1894; present membership, 26.

Farmersville—Reported by L. F. Gunn; organized June, 1893; present membership, 85.

Bro. W. F. Barnum, of Fort Worth, was called upon and gave some interesting items concerning the Fort Worth Leaguers.

The call of Leagues having been completed, "The Epworth League as a Spiritual Force" was discussed by W. H. Potts, of Dallas.

After an intermission of thirty minutes, the conference was called to order again, and report No. 1 from the Committee on Nominations was read as follows:

Committee on By-Laws and Constitution—Rev. F. B. Carroll, D. D., F. H. Nichols, A. L. Scales. Adopted.

Committee on Program—H. H. Halsell, Misses Lotie Adams, Belle Marshall, Lizzie M. Sligh.

Committee on Resolutions—Rev. H. O. Moore, Miss Alice Scoonover, J. J. Clark, J. D. Scoggins, Misses Florence Utt, Ella Brown, Josie Crutchfield, Eula Piemmons, Lula Murrill, Rev. R. C. Hicks, J. T. House and M. L. Jones.

The question: "How to Train a Larger Number of Leaguers to Take Part in Prayer-Meetings?" was discussed by Rev. E. C. McVoy, of St. Jo.

"Best Methods of Charity and Help" was discussed by Rev. J. W. Hill, of Dallas.

Short speeches on this subject were made by Revs. Geo. S. Sexton, J. D. Scoggins, E. W. Alderson and Bishop J. S. Jey.

The presence of Hugh L. Ewing, delegate from Centenary M. E. Church, South, Paris, and Miss Laura Moore, of Chico, was noted.

The names of Rev. E. W. Alderson, presiding elder of Dallas District, and Rev. R. G. Mood, of Collinsville, were enrolled.

A motion to adjourn prevailed, and after a song the benediction was pronounced by Rev. E. W. Alderson.

NIGHT SESSION.

Conference met at 8 p. m.; prayer and praise service, conducted by Jas. Smullins, of Terrell, after which Rev. E. W. Alderson was introduced and delivered a lecture on "Methodism."

At the conclusion of the lecture, conference adjourned with the benediction by Bishop J. S. Key.

SECOND DAY.

The conference met at 8:45 a. m.; prayer and praise service by R. W. Lewin, of Denison; Rev. C. B. Carter in the chair.

The minutes of the afternoon and night sessions were read and approved.

Rev. J. D. Scoggins asked that the names of Misses Josie Crutchfield and Ida Dunkley be added to the Committee on Program by order of the Chairman of the Nominating Committee. The request was granted.

Sister Parsons, the oldest League member in Southern Methodism, was introduced to the conference while the verse, "My latest sun is sinking fast," was sung. A touching scene followed.

Reports from Leagues were then taken up. The following reported:

North Texas Female College League—Bishop Key reported a flourishing League of 100 members, which was a power for good among the girls.

Pittsburg—Reported by Mrs. Phronie Hopkins; organized June, 1893; membership 71.

Pecan Grove—Reported by Miss Minetta Kern; organized January, 1894; present membership 47.

Chico—Reported by Miss Laura Moore; organized April, 1894; 100 members.

A written report was read by the Secretary of the Junior League of Trinity Church, Dallas; organized in 1892; present membership, 35.

Henrietta—Junior League reported by Rev. G. S. Sexton; organized January, 1893; present membership, 20.

A paper on "The Social Department—Its Duties and Opportunities," was read by Miss Belle Marshall, of Whitesboro.

R. R. Allen moved that the paper be published in the TEXAS CHRISTIAN ADVOCATE and also the Epworth Advocate. Carried.

Mrs. F. B. Carroll, of Greenville, read a paper on "The Epworth League as a Training School for the Christian Workers of the Future Church."

Motion to request Mrs. Carroll to send her paper to the Epworth Advocate and TEXAS CHRISTIAN ADVOCATE for publication was carried.

A. L. Scales, of Paris, addressed the conference on "The Country League—Its Possibilities and Difficulties."

Rev. E. W. Alderson made a short talk on the advantages possessed by country Leagues.

A resolution, offered by Committee on Resolutions, to send fraternal delegates to the Northwest Texas Epworth League Conference to meet in Cleburne in August. Adopted.

Whereas, The State of Texas is one, but divided in our connection into several conferences; and,

Whereas, We have been informed by Bro. Barnum, a Northwest Texas Leaguer present, that a Conference League will be held in that Conference; and,

Whereas, The aforesaid Bro. Barnum has invited us to send a fraternal delegation to that conference; therefore,

Resolved, That this conference of Epworth Leagues send such delegation, consisting of one lady and one gentleman, and the Committee on Nominations hand the President two names for this purpose.

J. D. SCOGGINS,
Chairman

Rev. Geo. S. Sexton, of Henrietta, and Miss E. Josie Crutchfield, of Whitesboro, were elected fraternal delegates.

Rev. J. D. Scoggins made report No. 2 from Committee on Nominations as follows:

Officers for ensuing year: H. H. Halsell, President; J. J. Clark, First Vice-President; J. C. Wylie, Second Vice-President; Lee Rippey, Third Vice-President; Edgar C. McVoy, Secretary. The report was adopted by acclamation.

J. D. Scoggins announced the Committee on Resolutions was ready to report, and reports were read as follows:

On Temperance, Rev. H. O. Moore. Adopted:

Whereas, The Methodist Episcopal Church, South, is committed to the work and to the life of Bible temperance, requiring of all our people total abstinence from the manufacture, sale or use of intoxicating liquors as a beverage; and,

Whereas, Our last General Conference took very high ground on the whole temperance question; and

Whereas, The Women's Christian Temperance Union, the Independent Order of Good Templars and similar temperance societies deal with various side issues that bar many of our people from working in them, and yet further, require the expenditure of time and money that might be better used by and through the Church; and,

Whereas, We believe that the Church is the agency that God intended to employ for healing of all maladies among all people; and,

Whereas, There is a real demand for fuller instruction on all lines of temperance work and more diligent effort on the part of our young people to save themselves and their generation from the whisky fiend; therefore, be it

Resolved, 1. That we, as Epworth Leaguers, request our pastors to preach one or more sermons on the various phases of temperance work.

2 That in our literary department of work we will circulate books, tracts and the papers giving information on temperance, and we will from time to time arrange for lectures, essays, Bible readings and so forth by which to better educate our young people in temperance facts and work.

3 That we will write, talk, sing, pray and vote, when permitted to do so, for the overthrow of king alcohol, and for the producing of a Church and a land in which there shall be no more curse of strong drink to break human hearts, blast human lives and damn human souls.

On Epworth League Advocate, J. F. House.

Resolutions of thanks to the citizens of Denison for entertainment, and to railroads for favors shown, also to Dallas News for correct reports of conference work, were read by Miss Josie Crutchfield. Adopted.

On mission work, J. D. Scoggins. Adopted:

Whereas, The cause of the missions, both home and foreign, is of the very first importance to the Church to-day and will increase in importance as the years go by; and,

Whereas, Our own beloved Church is not indifferent to the claims of the regions beyond, but has readily entered the open doors in China, Japan, Brazil and Mexico; and,

Whereas, the Church of the near future shall need to call to her aid in order to adequately meet these demands of duty all of her vast resources of consecrated brains, as well as money, hitherto too much held in reserve; and,

Whereas, The Epworth League is clearly destined under God to become the strongest and most valiant division of the Church forces; therefore, be it

Resolved, 1. That it is the sense of this conference that the entire Epworth League movement should be thoroughly committed to the same great cause of world-wide evangelization.

2. That we as a League Conference do hereby agree not to be content with helping the heathens at our doors, but determine to put ourselves by every possible means into vital and sympathetic touch with our several mission fields and with our brothers and sisters who, counting not their lives dear unto them, have left all and gone out into the foreign lands to preach Christ.

3. That to this end we will seek out practical ways in which we may be able to co-operate with those who go while we remain at home.

J. J. Clark read resolution recommending a pledge for our Leagues.

J. D. Scoggins moved to refer the above resolution to the standing Committee on Constitution and By-Laws. Seconded.

The motion was discussed by Bishop Key, E. W. Alderson, W. M. P. Rippey, G. S. Sexton, R. C. Hicks and E. C. McVoy.

The question was carried over to the afternoon session.

Revs. F. A. Rosser, presiding elder of Paris District; I. S. Ashburn, of Sherman, and Miss Maud Overaker, delegates from Plano, were enrolled.

It was announced that Bishop Key would preach at 11 a. m.

An intermission of fifteen minutes was taken.

Bishop Key then occupied the pulpit. After a gracious service the benediction was pronounced by Rev. J. M. Binkley.

EVENING SESSION.

Conference met at 2:30 p. m; half an hour prayer and praise service conducted by D. E. Emmerson; C. B. Carter in the chair. The minutes of the morning session were read and adopted.

Rev. I. S. Ashburn, with a large number of his Junior League, entertained the conference with a rehearsal which showed that the Junior League is flourishing in his Sherman charge. They have a membership of 97.

Rev. T. E. Sherwood, of Pottsboro, was noted and his name enrolled.

For thirty minutes Rev. J. D. Scoggins addressed the conference on foreign missions, especially in regard to our mission work in Mexico.

After an intermission of fifteen minutes the resolution in regard to the pledge was taken up. Rev. Geo. S. Sexton offered an amendment that the resolution be referred to Board of Control of Epworth Leagues. Accepted. Speeches were made on the subject by J. J. Clark, J. D. Scoggins, Chambers, Barton, R. G. Mood, G. S. Sexton, J. T. House, A. W. Cullum and E. C. McVoy.

An amendment was offered by E. C. McVoy as follows:

That each of our Leagues be requested to adopt the pledge as reported till the Board of Control should adopt a pledge for use of all Leagues.

After farther discussion the amendment was adopted by a vote of 63 to 58. The following is the pledge adopted.

Do you solemnly pledge your active service in the Epworth League for the honor and glory of God in the advancement of his cause, and to your own personal spiritual blessing and that you will do cheerfully any work assigned you and exert yourself for the attainment of the chief ends and aims of the Epworth League, attending upon every service unless providentially hindered, and if possible read some portion of Scripture every day?

Answer: I do, God being my helper.

Rev. J. D. Scoggins moved that all resolutions adopted by the conference be read to the individual Leagues. Carried.

The question as to where the next conference should be held was taken up. George S. Sexton moved that nominating speeches be limited to two and a half minutes each, and that the number made in favor of any one place not exceed four. Carried.

The following places were put in nomination: McKinney, Gainesville (Broadway), Paris, Sherman and Henrietta.

After speeches were made in favor of each place, Mr. Chambers withdrew Sherman in favor of McKinney, and G. S. Sexton withdrew Henrietta in favor of Gainesville (Broadway) The vote was taken and Gainesville was selected.

By motion of R. R. Allen, of McKinney, the vote was made unanimous.

A motion was made and carried that Miss Josie Crutchfield sing a solo. She sang, "Never Alone," congregation joining in the chorus.

Miss Mamie Wright, of Sherman, read a paper on "The Literary Department Necessary to the Autonomy of the League." It was a most excellent paper.

T. L. Rippey made a motion that this paper be sent to TEXAS CHRISTIAN ADVOCATE and the Epworth Advocate for publication. Carried.

The topic treated by above mentioned paper was discussed by Rev. W. M. P. Rippey and Rev. C. B. Carter.

Chairman Carter introduced the newly elected President, Harry H. Halsell, of Decatur. The conference greeted him with enthusiastic cheering.

Bro. Halsell delivered a short address thanking the conference for the honor and trust bestowed upon him.

D. E. Emmerson read a report of the committee to secure pledges of subscribers to Epworth Advocate. Two hundred and ninety were secured.

A motion to extend thanks to W. M. P. Rippey and Chairman C. B. Carter for faithful work during conference was adopted.

Conference adjourned with benediction by Rev. J. D. Scoggins.

NIGHT SESSION.

At 8 p. m. prayer and praise service for half an hour was conducted by J. H. Willard, of Bonham.

At 8:30 Chairman Carter called the conference to order. The minutes of the afternoon session were read and after some corrections were adopted.

A resolution thanking the Secretaries was offered as follows:

Resolved, That the thanks of this Epworth League Conference are hereby extended to the Secretaries, Revs. E. C. McVoy, Geo. S. Sexton and A. W. Cullum, for their faithful and efficient services. (Signed)

MISS E. JOSIE CRUTCHFIELD,
W. M. P. RIPPEY.

The love-feast was led by W. M. P. Rippey and proved to be a benediction to every heart. There were 172 testimonials in an hour and twenty minutes, and twenty-seven verses with chorus singing. At the close of the service there were nine personal requests for prayer, and many asked prayers for their loved ones and friends. The invitation was given and seven young men surrendered to Christ to preach the gospel, and one young lady for the mission work Fifteen promised to join the Leagues of the city. A large number promised to revive the "amens" when they go home.

The song, "God be With You Till We Meet Again," was sung and the conference adjourned *sine die* with benediction by Rev. C. B. Carter.

NOTES.

Addresses of welcome were delivered by Bro. T. L. Rippey, son of the pastor, Miss Ida Wingrove, of the M. E. Church, and Master Russell Noble, the latter speaking on behalf of the Junior League. The speeches were all of a high order, and as the conference put it on me to respond, I found myself greatly put to it to escape a

—— Fall below
Demosthenes and Cicero.

In the absence of Judge Bass, the President, Rev. C. B. Carter, presided, and he handled the gavel like an old Chairman.

The Church was not large enough to accommodate the people. The conference could have gotten along very well in that space, but the good people of Denison are alive to the League work and they crowded out to see and hear.

Rev. W. M. P. Rippey is a master in Israel. He is perfectly at home in providing for and entertaining a crowd. Every one was delighted with the ease and grace with which he moved among the delegates, making each and every one feel at home.

I enjoyed the hospitality of Bro. A. F. Platter and his good wife at their palatial home. If any man can pick a flaw in their entertainment he would find fault with the Garden of Eden. Their children—Paul and Bernice—are models. Brother and Sister Platter are greatly blessed in many ways, and they take a delight in all the work of the Church in which they are greatly beloved. Every Methodist preacher who visits Denison knows just where to find a good home and a warm welcome. May the Lord continue to bless them and their children!

Miss Florence Utt read the report of the Farmersville Chapter, and it was so good that we give it a place in our League department this week. The conference requested that the report of the Junior Legue of Greenville, by Master Ed. Perkins, be published also. It appears in our League column in this issue.

After my lecture on Tuesday evening at 8:30 the conference, at the invitation of the Y. M. C. A., repaired to their hall and held an informal reception. Many new acquaintances were formed, old ones renewed and all enjoyed a good time.

The good people of Denison threw their doors and hearts wide open to the members of the conference. Every one asserted that he had the best home in the city.

Bishop Key, Bros. J. M. Binkley, T. E. Sherwood and J. H. Reynolds put in an appearance Wednesday morning, looking as peart as Katydids, except Sherwood, who looks a little sheepish for having transferred to the Denver Conference. However, he repented in time and came back among his old friends before it was "everlastingly too late."

O how those Leaguers did sing! If one wishes to listen to the best voices in Texas let him attend a League Conference. Regret was expressed on every hand at the absence of Bro. Hemphill, who is regarded as the Sankey of Southern Methodism in Texas.

The lecture of Rev. E. W. Alderson on "Methodism," Wednesday evening at 8:30, was a masterly effort. Its praise was in everybody's mouth.

Bishop Key is a great favorite with our young people. He loves them, and they know it; and all the world loves a lover.

Revs. E. C. McVoy, Geo. S. Sexton and Bro. A. W. Cullum were the Secretaries of the conference. I am debtor to Bro. Sexton especially for valuable assistance in reporting the minutes of the meeting.

Rev. Geo. S. Sexton, of Henrietta, is the champion of the North Texas Conference as a man of "infinite wit and most excellent fancy."

Rev. F. A. Rosser, of the Paris District, and Rev. H. O. Moore, of Texarkana Station, were sowing smiles among the members of the conference.

Bro. Jas. H. Willard read the report of the Bonham Chapter—a magnificent paper.

The League Conference is a great occasion for the development of the talking talent. It is perfectly wonderful how intelligently and composedly these young men and women speak and read and pray! Some of the young men lead a prayer service with the poise and self-possession of old workers.

Enthusiasm! enthusiasm! The man who can not speak to a church full of Leaguers is a dead failure in any crowd. Indeed, it is hard to keep from speaking.

The fact was brought out during the conference that the Epworth League is being antagonized at some points by a so called undenominational society which was launched by a Calvinistic Church, and is being adopted by some of the weaker denominations. Methodism is fully able to attend to her own affairs.

The McKinney Chapter finds work for needy people, thus helping the helpless to help themselves. Fine idea.

One or two Chapters were reported to be a little out of line on one or two points, but loyalty is the watchword, and all seemed anxious to find and keep to the old paths. The time-honored custom of kneeling in prayer is being emphasized by the League.

Bro. W. F. Barnum, of Fort Worth, gave us a fine report from the Chapter of First Church in that city. His Conference—the Northwest Texas—League meets at Cleburne August 28.

Report of Greenville Junior League.

The Greenville Junior Epworth League was organized January 7, 1894, with fifty-one members. At first this only included boys and girls from six to fifteen years. We found some of sixteen and even seventeen years of age who could not attend the night service of the Senior League, so we have added these ages to our enrollment. We number now 180 members, with three divisions, a Superintendent for each division, and a President and other officers elected from our own members. Our Sunday-school Committee has canvassed the town; found over 100 chil-

dren not in any Sunday-school. They have added eighty-six to our Sunday-school and induced others to attend the Sunday-schools of their own denomination.

We have a committee who brings flowers for our church on Sunday, and visit the sick and the absentees of the League during the week.

Our League has contributed for home missions, $36 45; foreign missions, $9.20. Amount in treasury, $12 55. Total raised for all purposes in six months, $58 20.

We have bought thirty opera chairs and placed them in our church.

Our devotional meetings are held Sunday afternoon. Once a month we have a missionary day and temperance day. Thirty six of our members have been recently converted and joined our Church.

We have learned the names of the books of the Bible, Psalms 23, the Beatitudes and Ten Commandments. We supply the jail with our religious papers. ED PERKINS,
President.
LIZZIE UPTHEGROVE,
Secretary.

Report of Farmersville Chapter.

"Let the words of my mouth and the meditation of my heart be acceptable in thy sight, O Lord, my strength and my Redeemer."

Trying to keep this motto in view we herewith submit the report of League No. 658, of Farmersville, Texas, for the year beginning August 25, 1893, and ending June 22, 1894.

We organized in July, 1892, with a membership of 20, which increased the first year to 85. At the beginning of this year the list was revised, and at present we have enrolled 41 members, 30 of which are active members. As the flower is of a pale, delicate color when it first appears, then deepens and deepens in hue until it grows into healthy bush, such has been the spiritual growth of our League—not formality alone, but reality as well.

The cottage prayer-meeting, which is held every Monday night, is a means of grace.

The charity and help department of our League has been carefully looked after, and a considerable amount of good has been done in the way of distributing literature, clothing, provisions, fuel, and in cooling the fevered brow of the sick.

Our literary department is not in the fault, but rather we have been edified by the reading of well-chosen selections, beautiful essays, the study of the Scripture and Discipline.

Our hearts have been made to rejoice by the much inspiring addresses of visitors, and while the choir would sing 'Showers of Blessings," the hearty handshaking would send the thrills to our hearts and cause the "cup of joy to overflow," and the shoutings of hallelujah to ring through the streets of our little town.

While our League has improved rapidly in every department, we trust we have not neglected one of the most important phases of the work, that of the finances. We began the year with the amount of $50 90. Dues collected during the year, $43 45. Amount paid out: $11 for library, $19 65 for help of sick, $6 45 for clothing the poor, $25 to assist in building study for our pastor.

Total amount expended during the year, $65 65; amount deposited, $28 70.

Let us continue in this good work, "For the perfecting of the saints; for the work of the ministry; for the edifying of the body of Christ, till we all come in unity of faith and the knowledge of the Son of God, unto a perfect man, unto a measure of the stature of the fulness of Christ, that we henceforth be no more children tossed to and fro and carried about with every wind of doctrine, by the sleight of men and cunning craftiness whereby they lie in wait to deceive, but speaking the truth in love may grow up unto him in all things which is the head, even Christ." Respectfully submitted,
WM. G. DITZLER,
President.
FLORENCE D. UTT,
Secretary.

An Explanation.

As the absence of the Secretary's book with minutes of last year's meeting caused some annoyance and disappointment at the North Texas League Conference, I feel that it is due myself to say that the minutes were duly recorded and the book in the hands of the President. I presume he, in his absence, failed to send in the book.
A. K. RAGSDALE,
Former Secretary N. T. L. C.

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MRS. L. A. Kidd Key:

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GATESVILLE, TEXAS.

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GEORGE T. VAUGHAN.
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Mrs. L. Kidd Key:

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NORTH TEXAS FEMALE COLLEGE.

(From Epworth Methodist)

We went for our first time to the commencement of this college on June 2 Sunday, at 11 a. m., in the Opera House, which seats 1500 people, Dr. Palmore preached to the house full of people; many could not get seats but stood and gave undivided attention until the benediction was pronounced. The Doctor preached as he can. The five points which go to make stability in Christian character will not be forgotten soon by those young ladies.

This closes another successful year of this institution. It is now no longer a Texas college only. But Sister Key did not only want to keep our girls in Texas, but in the South, so she has planned to that end, and is now reaping the fruit. In the place of going to Boston and other cities, to the great musical conservatories, they are coming to this college, for she has superior teachers to them. There have been ten States represented in the college this year, and from as many more inquiries came for the next term. Well, why not have the tide changed, instead of going out of Texas to college, let them come, and come they will when all of our schools do as Sister Key has done—offer them something better than they can get elsewhere in America. And not until then will they, nor ought they, to come or stay, either.

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SUNDAY SCHOOL.

(Prepared by Rev. I. W. Clark, A. M. Paris, Texas.)

THIRD QUARTER, LESSON 3.—JULY 15.

VISIT OF THE WISE MEN.—Matt. 2:1-12.

GOLDEN TEXT: *They saw the young child with Mary, His mother, and fell down and worshiped Him.*—Matt. 2:11.

These wise men came from the far East and were, doubtless, the most prominent men of their country. If they were Persians, they were philosophers and priests, for these were called Magi. They were Gentiles, and spent their time in watching the stars, and they believed that the movements of the planets indicated the will of the gods. They dealt in curious arts, and were consulted by the kings when any important move was anticipated to know the will and pleasure of the gods. In their observations they had seen an extraordinary star and, not being able to divine its mission, they concluded, as the star seemed to hover over the land of Judea, that some great person had made his appearance among those people. These wise men had, doubtless, traditions from the fathers, for Abraham came from the East and Job lived there. "Balaam came from the mountains of the East and was one of the wise men."—*Henry's Com*

"A persuasion existed in the minds of many that some ancient writings of the priests contained a prediction that about that time an Eastern power would prevail, and that persons proceeding from Judea would obtain dominion."—*Tacitus.*

The most reasonable way to interpret the Scriptures is to accept these wonderful transactions as the immediate results of God's guiding hand. Had an angel appeared to these people as they appeared to the Jewish shepherds, they would not have comprehended the message.

The Jews were accustomed to angelic appearances. Their history is full of instances. Abraham, Isaac, Jacob, Joseph, Moses, and all Israel had seen the manifestations of God's will delivered by the hand of angels.

These astrologers could be led by the stars, and the Holy Spirit assumed the form of a bright star, and thus led them to the place where Jesus was, while the Jews were called to the place by the voice of the angels, so that both Jews and Gentiles were made witnesses of the directing hand of God in proclaiming this son of Mary to be the Son of God and the Savior of all men. Why should we try to account for this star to the satisfaction of the unbelieving? It did appear, and whether by natural causes or by miraculous power, it was, in either case, the hand of God. The same hand that holds the sun to give us light by day, and the moon and stars that shine by night, can hold out a special star to do his pleasure. He can shine without material form, as he did from off Jewish altars, from between the cherubim. The form or substance of the star is immaterial, for "God, who caused the light to shine out of darkness, hath shined in our hearts to give us the light of the knowledge of the glory of God in the face of Jesus Christ." Why did not all the people see this star? We are inclined to believe that the light was *in* the wise men that caused them to see the star.

1. This Herod was an Edomite and had been reigning thirty-five years. He was made King of Judea by Augustus and Antonius, the rulers of the Roman State. "The sceptre shall not depart from Judah, nor a law-giver from between his feet until Shiloh come; and unto him shall the gathering of the people be."—Gen. 49:10. We have here the fulfilling of the prophecy, not only in the change of sceptre, but in the gathering of the people. The shepherds of Judea mingle their praise with the worship of the Gentiles, and the gifts of Jews and Gentiles lie mingled together at the feet of the infant Savior.

2. These wise men certainly had confidence in the directing wisdom of God as manifested in this star. They do not ask if a king is born, but they inquire "*where is he that is born King of the Jews.* The Holy Spirit spoke to the prophets directly, and the world accepts their statements in the fulfilling of the prophecies, while these wise men find the indications as they received it in the person of the Babe and corroborated in the experience of the shepherds. God spoke by the mouth of the angels to the shepherds, but he spoke to these Gentile philosophers by the star, and by his Spirit he gave the same light to both.

3 6. Herod regarded this as an evil omen, and he was troubled, not only on account of apprehensions of being supplanted by the new born King, but his evil heart is troubled on account of his bad life. The presence of these wise men, asking about him who has been sent of God, disturbs the conscience of the wicked king, and he calls together the priests and scribes whose business it is to know the law, and he demands of them the place where this child is to be born, and the answer is given in the language of prophecy: *And thou Bethlehem, in the land of Juda, art not the least among the princes of Juda; for out of thee shall come a Governor that shall rule my people Israel.*

7, 8. The king now calls the wise men to know the time the star appeared, and to gain their help in finding and putting to death the child. He tells them that he wishes to worship him. Satan transforms himself into an angel of light, and, often, in the garb of Christianity, he does his meanest and most damaging work against the Church. Bethlehem was not more than seven miles away. Herod could have sent trusted servants to find out about Jesus, or he could have watched the wise men, but his mind is befogged and his counsels are darkened. Long before this, God had looked through the cloud that protected his people, and threw into confusion the army of Pharaoh, while Israel escaped by the Red Sea.

9, 10. It is supposed that they traveled from Jerusalem to Bethlehem without the star, for *when they saw the star they rejoiced with exceeding great joy.* This was probably as they entered Bethlehem, for it was a considerable town, and they knew not in what part of the town Jesus was. This star *came and stood over where the young child was.*

Luke says: "And when they had performed all these things according to the law of the Lord they returned into Galilee and their own city Nazareth." But the visit of the wise men was before they went to Nazareth, and was at Bethlehem. The flight into Egypt began from Bethlehem, so "all these things, according to the law of the Lord," includes the visit of the wise men and the flight into Egypt.

11, 12 These wise men were obedient to God's voice, and when they were warned in a dream they departed by some other road than by Jerusalem and returned into their own country. These men were full of interest concerning Jesus, and were bent on finding him. When they came to Jerusalem and saw the people unconcerned about the matter it seems that they would have been discouraged.

It is said that Herod sent for the wise men, and it may be that these wise men had found Simeon and Anna, for Mary and Jesus had been to Jerusalem, and these pious persons had seen Jesus and spoken of him. Simeon may have warned these wise men against Herod

It is not reasonable to suppose that this temple service would not have been talked of by those who saw it. Simeon was a man of prominence, and doubtless knew the king's mind, and when the wise men came they were directed by God's Spirit to Simeon for instruction, and this put the people to talking, and the matter came to the king's ears. God's people are safe so long as they remain in his hands, for he who rules the elements and holds all secret forces in his fist can, and does, take care of the least of his people. A special providence solves the mysteries of faith, and puts every fibre of our being under the eye of him who promises to answer our prayers.

OLD AND YOUNG.

SATAN'S WILES.

Once on a time I heard a sermon
Gently dropping on my soul,
Refreshing as the dews of Hermon,
Where Jordan's gassic waters roll;
And yet it caused me some regret,
For the Trinity in council met.
The preacher said, and formed the plan
In their own image to make man
And a new world in which to place him,
And with eternal life to grace him.

This purpose Satan overheard,
And being very much alarmed
They would receive more praise than he,
And so opposed it; they may make him,
Said he, but surely I shall take him,
And in my image he shall be.
Old worlds I know have traveled through,
But where could they have placed the new?
Then shadowing feebly, no doubt,
He found the new creation out.

But were this true, had Gabriel filed
The council while in secret session,
Man never would have been exiled
From Eden, nor have known transgression.
For Satan never could have bound him
A slave to sin had he not found him,
Nor overcome his weak resistance
Had he not known of his existence.
So had he not the secret known
Man in God's image still had shone.

This teaches us that we should tide
Our hearts from "cowans and eavedroppers,"
Lest Satan sow his seeds the while,
And with our wheat tares should be cropped,
And then it is a question mooted
If tares can ever be uprooted
Without great damage to the wheat.
At least it is by far the better
To tie our hearts unto the setter
Than risk the chances of defeat.
C. L. SPENCER.

SAMBO, THE CALF.

"I believe," said grandmother, after she had finished the story of Old Gobbler, "I never told you anything about Sambo, the black calf."

"No," said Johnny, "you never did. Tell us about him, grandmother."

"Well, Sambo was a calf that we raised the last summer that we lived on the farm. He was black all over, and that was why we called him Sambo. He was a spunky little fellow. I suppose the way that Ben used to tease him made him more spunky."

"Who was Ben?" asked Johnny.

"He was a boy who lived with us that year. He used to drive the cows and do errands and help take care of the animals. Ben didn't mean to be a naughty boy, but he was roguish—very roguish. He was fond of fun, and sometimes his fun led to mischief."

"And how did he tease Sambo?"

"Well, for one thing he used to teach him to bunt—that is, to run and strike his head against anything that made him angry. It is natural for calves to do so, and they can be taught very easily. Ben and one of the neighbor's boys used to provoke Sambo by running toward him with the head lowered; then when Sambo ran at them, to bunt his head against the head that was tareatening him the boys would dodge one side. The calf would be going with such force that he could not stop, and would tumble over in the dust. Then how those mischievous boys would laugh!

"Of course Ben knew better than to play such tricks. It was spoiling the temper of the calf. But Ben was pretty well punished for it one day.

"It was well along in the summer, and Sambo was quite a large calf. Ben had given up teasing him, for I had found out what Ben had been doing, and gave him a pretty severe talking to. But Sambo didn't forget what he had learned. He had grown so large and strong that he could easily knock a person over.

"There was going to be a grand picnic one day over on the side of the mountain. The Sunday-school was going in big wagons all trimmed with evergreens. There had been swings put up and croquet-grounds laid out, and there was to be a big dinner. Ben had been looking forward to it for weeks. We didn't have such gatherings very often in the country, and when there was one the children thought a great deal of it.

"Ben had a very pretty suit of clothes, which he wore to church and Sunday school, and he was going to wear them to the picnic. They were light gray, and, with his light straw hat and white collar and blue necktie, Ben was a very neat-looking boy as he stood beside the road waiting for the picnic-wagon to come along.

"There had been a hard shower the night before, and the road was full of mud. But it had cleared off, and the sun was shining beautifully. It was as lovely a day as ever was seen.

"Well, as I said, Ben stood there by the road waiting for the wagon. Sambo had been feeding in the lot next the house, and none of us noticed that he had pushed the gate open and strayed out by the side of the road. The fence hid him so that we didn't see him.

"Then it happened that Ben's shoestring untied, and he stooped over to tie it. Just then I caught sight of Sambo lowering his head to run. I called out to Ben, but it was too late. Sambo had made a plunge at Ben. He struck him with such force, as he was bending to tie his shoe, that Ben lost his balance. He stumbled and went rolling over and over in the mud and water of the road just as Sambo used to go rolling in the dust. But it was no laughing matter for Ben this time."

"Did it spoil his clothes, grandmother?"

"Yes. When he got up he was a sorry sight to see. He was covered with mud from head to foot, and there was no picnic for him that day. Poor Ben! He was so disappointed I felt sorry for him. But, after all, it was only a punishment for his mischief and folly."

"Johnny," said Bessie, "Uncle Frank is smiling at something. I believe he is making some verses about Sambo."

She went into the studio and looked over Uncle Frank's shoulder, and seemed very much amused at what he was doing. When he had finished it, she brought out the paper he had been working upon and read these verses:

"When he teased the bunting calf
Ben had many a hearty laugh;
Then it seemed such splendid fun
Just to see him roll and run.

"Two the same rough game could play;
Sambo tried it picnic day—
Spoiled the Sunday clothes of Ben;
Sambo did the laughing then."

Above these verses was a very laughable picture of a boy splashing into a mud puddle, while a black calf stood by in a comical attitude, his head thrown up and mouth open and a funny expression of laughter on his face. The picture was labeled "Sambo laughing."—*The Outlook.*

A little boy was once much puzzled about sins being blotted out, and said, "I cannot think what becomes of all the sins God forgives, mother."

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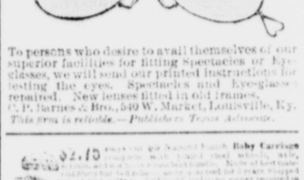
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2. If subscribers order the discontinuance of their periodicals, the publisher may continue to send them until all arrearages are paid.

3. If subscribers neglect or refuse to take their periodicals from the postoffice to which they are directed, they are responsible until they have settled their bills and ordered them discontinued.

4. If subscribers move to places without informing the publisher, and the papers are sent to the former address, they are held responsible.

5. The courts have decided that refusing to take periodicals from the office, or removing and leaving them uncalled for, is *prima facie* evidence of intentional fraud.

6. If subscribers pay in advance they are bound to give notice at the end of the time if they do not wish to continue taking it; otherwise the publisher is authorized to send it and the subscriber will be responsible until an express notice, with payment of all arrearages, is sent to the publisher.

All remittances should be made by draft, postal money order, or express money order, express or registered letters. Money forwarded in any other way is at the sender's risk. Make all money orders, drafts, etc., payable to L. BLAYLOCK, Dallas, Texas.

THE League Conference at Denison requested the ADVOCATE to publish certain papers read before that body. Those appearing in this week's issue are the only ones that have reached this office.

THE St. Louis Christian Advocate devotes its issue of June 27 mainly to a write-up of Central College. The pictures of President Hammond and faculty adorn the outside front cover.

FOR the convenience of the Texas Conferences, at the request of many brethren, Bishop Hargrove has kindly consented to revise his appointments. The revised list will be found elsewhere in this issue of the ADVOCATE. It will be observed that no two of the Texas Conferences will now be held on same date. This will greatly accomodate our connectional interests in this State.

THE Rev. J. W. Boswell, D. D., has been selected by Dr. Hoss, as assistant editor of the Nashville Advocate, and has already entered upon his work. Dr. Boswell was assistant editor under Bishop Fitzgerald, and is admirably adapted for the place. He is a safe, strong writer, and we have no doubt but that he and the editor will work in great harmony. Dr. Julien C. Brown succeeds Dr. Boswell as editor of the Memphis Christian Advocate. We welcome Dr. Brown to the trials and triumphs of the tripod.—*St. Louis Advocate.*

To all of which the TEXAS ADVOCATE says, amen.

DR. R. H. RIVERS.

Rev. R. H. Rivers, D. D., died at Louisville, Ky., on the 21st. Dr. Rivers was at one time President of Centenary College. He was also an author of celebrity, and served in the pastorate in many important stations. He was a man of marked ability and of admirable Christian character.—*New Orleans Advocate.*

Our preachers all over the connection learned to appreciate the worth and ability of this great man through his elements of mental philosophy, which has held an honored place in our course of study.

BISHOP GALLOWAY, LL D

And now it comes to pass that Rev. Bishop Chas. B. Galloway, A. M., D. D., is henceforth to be styled LL D also. This latter title was conferred on him by the Northwestern University at its late commencement in Chicago, where the Bishop delivered the baccalaureate address. The University is located at Evanston, Ill., and is presided over by Hon. Henry Wade Rogers, A. M., LL.D., who so ably represented the M. E. Church as one of its fraternal delegates to our General Conference at Memphis. The Northwestern University is the largest school, perhaps, under the auspices of our sister Church, matriculating the past year about 2500 young men, and graduating at the close of its last session about 300. The institution has done itself honor in conferring this honorary degree upon our brainy young Bishop, and the entire Church, South, already in love with its illustrious President, will feel a special interest in that school for all time to come. We say the University did itself honor. We mean it. Any institution on the continent adds dignity to itself when it places laurels upon the brow of such a man as Charles Betts Galloway. Suffixes and affixes nor any titular dignity can add to his inherent worth. God made him to adorn rather than to be adorned. He is an ornament to any society, class or ecclesiasticism on either side of the sea. And yet he seems not to realize this nor any part or modification of it. He is as simple as a child, and as approachable as the humblest Christian in Southern Methodism. There is neither bluster nor a cold and formal stiffness about him as if he should say: "I am a Bishop; I wish to seem polite; but have a care; I am worthier than thou." None of that; but easy, affable, warm, impulsive, great-hearted—a lover of men, and a man beloved of all who know him.

DR. BOURLAND PRESIDENT.

A telegram from Waco announces that Dr. H. A. Bourland of the Northwest Texas Conference has been elected President of Waco Female College, and will take the field at once in the interest of that school. As that magnificent property is greatly embarrassed and is likely to be sold under the hammer, we devoutly hope that in the good providence of God the Doctor has come to the position of President for such a time as this. He was employed for four consecutive years as Financial Agent of the Southwestern University, and is thereby armed with an experience in such work not common to our preachers at large. Moreover, he served four years as pastor of our Fifth Street Church in the city of Waco, where he was held in the highest esteem, and where he had an ample opportunity of learning all the inside work of the college which is located in that city. We bespeak for him and the institution over which he is called to preside the good wishes of all our people.

THE CHURCH PRESS.

Some men have the happy faculty of giving their hearers or readers great nuggets of thought—chunks of wisdom in a few words. Such speakers and writers in these days of push and progress, when men literally read as they run, are public benefactors. Men are too busy to sit down and go through long columns of dry platitudes to select the few thoughts sprinkled here and there. They want it boiled down and served hot. The following from the Southern Christian Advocate strikes us as well said and in a commendable "fewness" of words:

But if the preacher is to be a powerful and an influential factor in modern life he must come out of his ecclesiastical hermitage and mix with action; must throw aside the out-worn armor and weapons of mere theological joustings and fencing bouts and take to the tactics and weapons of modern social and moral warfare. He must realize that buffeting abstract Satans, tumbling over theoretical men of straw, denouncing Judas, and flaying the Mormons, while fine parade practice, is not fighting the Lord's battles and will not win the Lord's victories. Le preachers take lessons in this respect from Dr. Parkhurst, and men of that kind, who find their foes not in books, but behind bars, at the head of brothels, in places high and low, where there is good stealage. This is the way "to wrestle" with principalities and powers, with the rulers of darkness, with spiritual wickedness in high places.

The pulpit has such an opportunity as never Luther, Savonarola, Huss, Knox or Wesley had. What will they do with it?

The Central Christian Advocate says of the League:

The League has done other noble things since its organization, but among its best fruits we count the developing influence which it has exerted in raising up and training a host of diligent, consecrated, eager and hopeful young men and women, whose labors in the years to come will be elements of victory for the Church in its campaign for the conquest of the world for the Redeemer.

The Christian Courier says:

This is a good summer to get work out of the Church member—politician. Put him through, for you may not get another whack at him for two years.

Our observation is that some Church members have more politics than religion at this writing. They will give time, energy and money to further the interest of their special candidate, but "the times are too hard" when the work of the Church claims their support. Verily, the devil is smooth.

The Alabama Christian Advocate says, concerning the woman question:

One thing is very evident, even to the casual observer, and that is, that the South must fight the battle. The issue is upon us and it behooves us to strike the decisive blow before the sentiment becomes too deeply intrenched and fortified.

The Texas Baptist and Herald calls attention to a fact that escapes many people who talk rather than think about Romanism and her political tendencies:

While there are Roman Catholics who are inconsistent, whose patriotism is strong and whose religion is weak, who break with any authority that undertakes to dominate their political convictions and patriotic duties, and such should be both respected and pitied; respected for their integrity and pitied for their inconsistency. Yet every true Catholic is as much bound by the secret instructions of his priest as could be any member of the A. P. A. by the obligations of his order. Whatever may be the objections to a secret political society, and we consider these objections great and good, yet every one of these objections is equally applicable to the secret political schemes of Roman Catholicism.

Some Chinese went on a strike over in Pekin not long since, whereupon the Emperor ordered that the leading agitators be promptly strangled, and that the others be sent to the mosquito country. Of course, this brought matters to an abrupt termination. Concerning this peremptory action, and its possible effects in this country, the Central Christian Advocate says:

His method would require some modification in this country, at least until we became accustomed to it. But a part of it could possibly be worked to advantage. Some of the professional agitators who persuade contented men into the belief that they have great grievances might be sent to a mosquito country. We know of some sections along the Mississippi River that would fill the bill exactly, and they could be bought very cheaply. There the agitators could rave to their hearts' content. Moreover they would have the opportunity of throwing Prof. Garner completely in the shade by studying mosquito life—not in the dreamy, indefinite sort of way in which he studied monkey life in the heart of Africa—but with the view of inaugurating a general strike on the basis of no night work.

The Old Southern hits the highway of truth in the following:

Editing a paper is somewhat like preaching a sermon. Sometimes you have "liberty" and make a success, and sometimes you get wofully "in the brush." But there seems to be more "brush" about the sanctum than about the pulpit. The preacher has this advantage over the editor—the inspiration of the living presence of his congregation. Many a pulpit effort has been rescued from failure by the moistened eye and quivering lip of some interested hearer.

We believe that a consciousness of success in a pulpit effort is as near heaven as a poor preacher ever gets in this life, and the reverse of it brushes very close to the other place. When a preacher gets in the brush and begins to pump thunder and spit cotton, his lips as dry as a powder-horn, and the sweat pouring off him like he was taking a Turkish bath, with part of his beloved auditors asleep, others looking at their watches, and still others yawning and gaping—these conditions form the dregs of human misery. And what makes it worse, he can't quit! He knows—he feels that he is a "goner," but a cruel fate impels him on in the vain hope that he may yet catch the wind in the shoulder of his sail, and he struggles on until the sheer exhaustion of every faculty forces him in disgrace to give it up, and he sneaks away with the conscience of a criminal covered with sweat and blushes and loaded down with groans.

The same paper puts in a protest at the proper place:

It is said that one of the leading hotels in New York City has ceased having a "menu," and has a "bill of fare" instead, on which the names of the dishes are printed in plain English. Is it not time for every hotel in the country to quit their foolish French affectation and do likewise?

The Wesleyan calls attention to a sad departure from the old paths that must, in due time, produce a grievous harvest:

The good old custom of reading Bible stories to the children Sunday afternoons has almost faded out of the memory of the present generation. Now the parents of progressive ideas send the boys out of doors to get rid of them, and in our cities the Sabbaths are made hideous by the yells of youthful demons and the smashing of window panes to the terror of everybody save the fat policeman who placidly reposes on the nearest corner.

The truth is, in many cases, mother is too busy arranging her "bangs and back hair," and father is too closely confined at his office to give the children any care. The party, the ball, the theater, the society—all these must be looked after, but the moral and religious training of the children is turned over to others or neglected altogether. It is a sad sowing! What shall the harvest be?

The Buffalo Advocate says:

Mayor Bishop, of Buffalo, has granted a license to Mr. Shea to run a concert hall (another name for a beer garden) within a few feet of the French Church on Washington Street, although the law provides that no saloon shall be opened within this distance of a church. The protest of the Church against this action of the Mayor was in vain, because the Mayor is a politician, and he knows that the Church will not stand together to back its sentiments at the ballot-box, while the saloon will.

That state of affairs is not peculiar to Buffalo; it is everywhere. It is a sad fact that our officials as a rule are in the power of the saloons, but a sadder fact that our Church people "will not stand together." The politicians have learned that they can outrage the better classes and they will take it, but that the liquor traffic will kick and protest. If the decent people would kick a little the politicians would have more respect for them. We desire it to be universally known that the TEXAS CHRISTIAN ADVOCATE is a kicker from away back against the liquor evil and all its supporters.

Concerning the strike among the miners the same paper says:

The miners have a cause. They are oppressed. Their day will come. But they will never win their rights, save as they insist on cool, able, judicious guidance, and in such guidance repose full confidence.

The Nashville Advocate says:

The overflow of Methodism into other Churches has been a continuous process for more than a hundred years. But for our exuberant vitality, the drain would have been exhaustive. As it is, however, we have been able to give away an incessant stream of members and ministers without being seriously damaged. The causes which lead people out of our Church are numerous. But we have yet to hear of one who was animated by the desire to get into a more religious organization.

The truth is, Methodism has about as many converts in other Churches as she has in her own communion. Other denominations are anxious to string our fish—yea, they will take our old gars, those old soreheads who have failed in our Church, and have left to the great joy of all behind them.

PERSONALS.

TEXAS.

—The Rev. I. K. Waller, of Union, writes, June 26: This is the 25th day we have watched beside the bed of our daughter, Lula Gay, who is sick with fever. She is now better, and we hope for her recovery. This will explain my absence at the District and League Conferences. Hope soon to be at my work in Ycakum.

—Sister M. K. Little, who is visiting a brother in Erath County, while her husband is perhaps out of reach in the western part of this his large (the Vernon) district, asks the prayers of the Church for a sick child lying at the point of death. We know that in response to this many Christian hearts will send up a petition to the throne of grace. May they be heard. Our good sister abides the Lord's will.

GENERAL.

—Lord Chief Justice Coleridge, of England, is dead.

—The new Chief Justice of the Supreme Court of Florida, Hon. B. F. Liddon, is a Methodist, and is highly spoken of.

—Dr. W. D. Kirkland will remain on the editorial tripod of the Southern Advocate as editor pro tem. until conference.

—Brother in Red: Mrs. Kelley, wife of Rev. Lewis Kelley, preacher in charge of Vinita Circuit, died at her home in Vinita, on Wednesday evening, June 20.

—Rev. Joseph Jamison, pastor of our Church at Guthrie, Ok., paid the ADVOCATE a pleasant visit one day last week. He is out taking a little rest and is improving, he says, every day. He reports Church interests in the Territory in a flourishing condition.

—Wofford College, South Carolina, has conferred the degree of D. D. on Rev. Geo. W. Walker, of the South Carolina Conference and President of Paine Institute, in Augusta, Ga.; on Rev. Geo. W. Yarbrough, of the North Georgia Conference, and Rev. J. C. C. Newton, of the Japan Conference.

—The Northwestern University, at Evansville, Ill., has conferred the degree of LL D. upon our knightly young Bishop, Chas. B. Galloway. This is the school over which Dr. Henry Wade Rogers presides. It is probably the largest school in all Methodism—its matriculations last year numbering about 2500 young men.

—New York Advocate: The Rev. Dr. T. Bowman Stephenson, ex-President of the British Wesleyan Conference, after enjoying nearly two months of much-needed rest from his busy home work, and making a tour in the United States, sailed last week by the City of Chester for England. Dr. Stephenson and Mrs. Stephenson, who accompanied her husband in his whole tour of rest and observation, were most cordially greeted wherever they went, by American Methodists, both North and South. All our people were sorry that they could not remain longer. We are pleased to add that Dr. and Mrs. Stephenson left with greatly improved health.

GENERAL CHURCH NEWS.

The first Deaconess Home in the Canadian Methodist Church has just been established in Toronto. A large, well-located house has been rented, an energetic Aid Society organized, and two ladies sent from the Chicago Training School will take charge. Many ladies are applying to enter, three have already been accepted, and there is every indication of decided success.

The Methodist Episcopal Church has thirty-eight churches that have in the neighborhood of 1000 members or more each. The largest membership is that of the Hanson Place Methodist Episcopal Church, Brooklyn, which possesses a membership of 2076. These thirty-eight churches altogether have a total membership of 43,708, or an average of 1150.

MISSIONARY INTELLIGENCE.

The most reliable statistics of Christian missions in India show that there are not far from 12,000 missionaries, teachers and other active Christian workers in the country, and that there are over 800,000 native Christians, and Church property, including schools and publishing houses, to the value of $3,500,000.

At its session in Memphis the General Board of Missions, M. E. Church, South, made the following appropriations and assessments:

APPROPRIATIONS.

Brazil	$ 29,471 50
China	30,523 58
Japan	31,096 50
Central Mexico	28,096 60
Mexican Border	16,125 00
Northwest Mexico	13,226 00
Indian Mission	17,498 00
Pacific	3,204 00
Los Angeles	4,272 00
Columbia	3 560 00
East Columbia	2,225 00
Denver	4,940 00
Montana	3,560 00
Western	1,780 00
New Mexico	4,628 00
West Texas	712 00
Florida	2,403 00
West Virginia	955 00
German Mission	2,832 00
Expense	13,350 00
Total	$214,458 18
Sum sufficient for Bishops' travel	———
Sum sufficient for travel of members of the board	———

CONFERENCE ASSESSMENTS.

Alabama	$16 000 00
Arkansas	5,000 00
Baltimore	14,500 00
Brazil Mission	1,500 00
China Mission	500 00
Central Mexico Mission	800 00
Columbia	600 00
Denver	700 00
East Columbia	600 00
East Texas	4,500 00
Florida	4,200 00
German Mission	2,000 00
Holston	9 000 00
Illinois	600 00
Indian Mission	3 000 00
Japan Mission	2,400 00
Kentucky	9,300 00
Little Rock	8,000 00
Los Angeles	2,400 00
Louisiana	9,000 00
Louisville	11,500 00
Memphis	13,000 00
Mexican Border Mission	600 00
Mississippi	9 000 00
Missouri	12,500 00
Montana	400 00
New Mexico	500 00
North Alabama	13 000 00
North Carolina	14,200 00
North Georgia	24,500 00
North Mississippi	11,000 00
North Texas	10,000 00
Nortwest Mexico Mission	600 00
Northwest Texas	10,000 00
Pacific	2 500 00
South Carolina	16 000 00
South Georgia	16 000 00
Southwest Missouri	9 000 00
St. Louis	7,000 00
Tennessee	22,500 00
Texas	5 500 00
Virginia	21,800 00
Western	1,300 00
Western Virginia	2 000 00
Western North Carolina	13,500 00
West Texas	4 000 00
White River	3,500 00
Total	$350,000 00

EDUCATIONAL NOTES.

The catalogue received from the Sam Houston Normal School shows the following facts: This year 525 persons have been enrolled as students; 73 have graduated. These students represent 148 counties, and 381 are natives of this State.

Thirty-six young ladies have just graduated from the Chicago Training School for Missions. Of this number seven will enter a foreign field, four will enter various departments of the home field, five will return to their homes, one will marry a Methodist minister, and nineteen will enter deaconess work.

The Board of Trustees of Vanderbilt University has elected Dr. H. C. Tolliman, of the University of Michigan, to succeed Dr. Charles Forster Smith in the Greek chair, and Prof. W. H. Schuerman, of the University of Missouri, to succeed Olin H. Landreth in the engineering department. The board was increased by the election of four members, as follows: Messrs. Cornelius Vanderbilt, of New York; Samuel Cupples, of St. Louis; Nathaniel Baxter, Jr., and S. J. Keith, of Nashville. Vacancies in the board were filled by the election of Judge Ratcliff, of Arkansas, and E. W. Cole, of Nashville.—*Times-Democrat.*

LET IT NOT BE DONE!

This is an hour of great peril to a vital interest of the M. E. Church, South, in this great State. To lose the property of the Waco Female College for the consideration of a few thousand dollars would not only be a reflection upon us as a Church, but a sad calamity. But to have this property pass into the hands of the Catholic Church would add to our mortification. This we believe will be the result unless relief comes at once.

Will not all the pastors throughout the State of Texas bring this matter before their respective congregations and give them an opportunity to contribute? When cash can not be had get subscriptions to be paid at the earliest date possible. Send the money to R. O. Rounsavall, Waco, Texas. The money is not to be used unless the property can be saved, but will be returned to the respective charges from which it is sent in case the property is not redeemed. By this kind of an arrangement no risk is taken whatever by the contributor. Let everything be done during the next four weeks that possibly can. The time is short and much needs to be done.

Are there not some Methodists who have means at their command who will respond liberally to this call? Let every one do something; if not able to give largely, give a little. We do not doubt that the Catholics are preparing to buy this property if it is sold at public sale. And it will be sold early in August unless relief comes. Don't wait; act at once. I pray God to help us.

R. C. ARMSTRONG.

THE TIME IS SHORT.

Since writing the little article for the ADVOCATE, entitled "A New Danger," our creditors have let us know that they will not defer the sale of our college property longer than the first Tuesday in August. And it is confidently asserted that the Roman Catholics have perfected their arrangements to purchase it. The time is short, but it is long enough to save us from this calamity if the friends of Methodism, led by their pastors, will act at once and report their moneys to our treasurer, Prof. R. O. Rounsavall. Who can think of bearing the life-long pang that will pierce the heart of every Methodist at the recollection of the loss of this beautiful institution, and the hands into which it has fallen?

May God forbid a calamity so distressing! If our ministers notify our people and only ask their aid, this disaster will not occur; and if the property is not saved to the Church, all moneys sent to the treasurer will be returned to the donors. Still, my faith is strong in God and his people.

F. T. MITCHELL.

A CARD AND OFFICIAL NOTICE.

It is with the greatest reluctance that the writer announces his transfer from the East Texas Conference. The few years he has been in that conference have been of the very happiest relations. From the very first he has felt at home among a band of brethren—than whom there is not a nobler, nor more generous, nor more brotherly band of Methodist preachers in the world. Not one iota of complaint has he ever had cause to make against any member of that body, but on the other hand they have honored him far above his merits. Words can not tell the degree of gratitude he feels toward them for their many kindnesses and honors they have bestowed upon him.

In returning to the Northwest he feels that he is only going home to a dear mother, where he was born as an itinerant and where he spent the first twelve years of his life. In the transfer from one to the other he only feels that he has enlarged his home, and also his capacity for work in the Lord's vineyard; and whether these changes have been wise or unwise he feels quite sure that his heart has been enlarged by the enlarged circle of intimate relations with brethren dearly beloved. Below is the official authority on which this announcement is made.

JAS. CAMPBELL.

James Campbell, an elder in good standing in the East Texas Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South, is hereby transferred to the Northwest Texas Conference of the same Church.

R. K. HARGROVE,
Bishop in Charge.

NASHVILLE, TENN., June 28, 1894.

EAST TEXAS CONFERENCE.

Grapeland Circuit.

D. L. Cain, June 30: Grapeland is prohibition, and is one of the best little towns on the I. and G. N. Our work is progressing finely. A large and attentive congregation at Grapeland last Sunday. Our Wednesday night prayer-meetings are spiritual and interesting. The people keep saying: "Let's have a parsonage for Grapeland Circuit," and the preacher keeps saying amen.

Tyler.

W. M. Hayes, June 27: Last Sunday was a great day in Tyler. There were received by baptism, profession and letter into the Churches members as follows: First Baptist, 81; Second Baptist, about 20; Cedar Street Methodist, about 20; Southern Presbyterian, about 10; Cumberland Presbyterian, 37; Campbellite, 4; Marvin Methodist Church, 97. Perhaps there will be added during the week 100 to the different Churches. The good work goes on.

Beaumont.

J. L. Williams, June 28: We have just had our third Quarterly Conference. Rev. W. A. Sampey, presiding elder, was present; also Sister Sampey. The people all love Bro. Sampey for his very work-sake, and Sister Sampey has won the entire people and their presence was a glorious benediction upon all. Sunday at 11 o'clock Bro. Sampey preached one of the finest sermons ever preached in this part of the State, from the text: "Holding forth the word of life"—one of the finest missionary sermons we ever heard. We are gliding along in Jesus' name.

NORTH TEXAS CONFERENCE.

Dallas Preachers' Meeting.

C. M. Threadgill, Secretary: The preachers met at parsonage of First Church, at usual hour, Monday morning, June 2, W. F. Clark in the chair. Present: Spragins, Carter, Rogers, Threadgill, Lewis, Alderson, Thomasson and Graves. Report of Churches:

First Church—Usual communion service yesterday; 1 accession, 1 infant baptized; fine class-meeting and prayer-meeting; League doing good work; Bro. Tareadgill preached for us last night.

Floyd Street—Good communion service yesterday; 4 accessions, 4 infants baptized; fine prayer meeting Wednesday evening; very spiritual class meeting yesterday afternoon; Bro. Read preached for us last night.

South Dallas—We are getting in good shape; baptized 2 infants yesterday; we have a prosperous Sunday-school, and our League is doing well.

Oak Lawn—Nothing of special interest; usual services yesterday.

East Dallas—Bro. Rogers reported congregation small yesterday; very interesting Sunday school.

Trinity—Very spiritual communion service yesterday; good congregation; 1 infant baptized; good class-meeting; Bro. Spragins preached for us last night.

West Dallas—Usual services yesterday; good Sunday-school.

Presiding elder reported the district in good order. Bro. Graves, of the Bethel Mission, reported that they had had several conversions during last two weeks; interest increasing. He wants more moral and financial support from the Churches. He hopes such action will be taken by the Board of Directors and the Churches as will bring the needed assistance.

NORTHWEST TEXAS CONFERENCE.

Silverton.

E. B. Wallace, June 29: Just closed a few days' meeting at Beula; a good time; 1 conversion. The crowds were small, but several came from six to ten miles.

Round Rock.

James M. Sherman, July 2: Just closed our protracted meeting at Chandler's Branch yesterday evening. We had five conversions and one reclamation. Five joined the M. E. Church, South. We have baptized two babes the last week.

Decatur.

A. B. Roberts, July 3: Our Church was alive when our District Conference convened; hence we have had conversions every day from the first. Fifty up to date; and, thank God, the good work is going on. Bros. E. A. Bailey and J. J. Harris stayed with us until Saturday.

Fort Worth.

Walter E. Evans, July 2: Our meeting at the stove foundry closed last night. Results: Several conversions, five accessions to the Methodist Church and some to others; Church greatly warmed up and some family altars established. The people expect to vote whisky out at an early day, and we have good prospects for building a church house. This is a new place and the Church is weak. We were assisted by Rev. W. E. Caperton. Bro. J. W. Adkisson preached once and secured four or five students for Polytechnic College. Outlook is good for a strong organization at this place. Praise the Lord for his presence.

Italy.

J. A. Walkup, June 25: The meeting that has just closed was inaugurated by the dedicatory service of our new church, which was observed the second Sunday in June. Bishop Jos. S. Key preached two very interesting and impressive sermon Sunday morning and evening, and Bro. W. Love Vaughan, of Dallas, conducted the singing. Bro. Vaughan was with us during the meeting, and his kindly assistance will ever be remembered by the people of Italy. Revs. J. S. and M. R. T. Davis assisted in the meeting, and did some good and very effectual work. There were a large number of bright conversions and reclamations, and thirty-five additions to the Church.

Breckenridge.

R. F. Dunn: The most remarkable meeting it has ever been our privilege to attend closed at Breckenridge Sunday night, June 24. It was conducted by Rev. S. J. Vaughan, our pastor at that place, who succeeded in uniting the Christian people of that town almost as thoroughly as it was on the day of Pentecost, when "they were all with one accord in one place." Methodist, Baptist, Presbyterian and Campbellite stood side by side; went out into the congregation to bring their friends to the altar, pointed the penitent to the Savior of men, and rejoiced with each other around the old-fashioned mourners' bench as their friends gave their hearts to God. It was one great big protracted love-feast for God's people, and the greatest victory over sin I ever saw. Here we had a demonstration of the wisdom of genuine Christian unity, and what God will do for his people when they work together in the "unity of spirit." Bro. Vaughan was assisted by Rev. J. H. Trimble, who preached the first three sermons, and Rev. E. V. Cox and the writer. The preaching was plain, earnest, evangelical—"straight from the shoulder out." There were 130 conversions and about 110 accessions.

Bethel Mission.

G. S. Wyatt, P. E.: R. B. Bonner, pastor in charge of Bethel Mission, is having an opportunity to show his strength and ability by developing a most difficult mission. He says he is doing his best. I held his second Quarterly Conference June 22, at Shady Dell. There were three officials present, one of them single. Two had fasted. One holds family prayers, and the three take the ADVOCATE. The financial report was as follows: Frozs, $2 25; Honest Ridge (a good name), $13 05; Prairie Point, $1; Bethel, —; Shady Dell, $2 25. Total, $18 55. There are two Sunday-schools, but no missionary organization among the children. The preacher in charge has not, but will preach upon the subject of Christian education. There were no pupils from this mission in our schools last year. The preacher is in high favor with his people and is expecting some glorious revivals, from the results of which he hopes to build up very much the work.

Groesbeck Circuit.

G. S. Wyatt, P. E.: The Rev. J. A. Wallace, preacher in charge of Groesbeck Circuit, is one among the few pastors who labors earnestly to make a Quarterly Conference an occasion of great interest and help to the Church. The second Quarterly Conference for Groesbeck Circuit was held June 23, at Wallace Chapel. Bro. Wallace had gone before and had been holding services, with the assistance of Rev. R. A. Hall, since Wednesday night; had called the attention of the people to the necessity of fasting and prayer. Would you be surprised if I were to tell you that we had a good time? This presiding elder preached five sermons, beginning Friday night, after holding another Quarterly Conference and riding something near thirty miles in a buggy, and continued till Sunday evening. The Lord was with us, and

if there be anything in outward signs much good was done. There were seven officials present, six of whom are married; three of these hold family prayers; one had fasted; five take the ADVOCATE. Financial report: Groesbeck, $72 30; Horn Hill, $1 50; Wallace Chapel, $22; total, $98 80. Three Sunday schools; one Juvenile Missionary Society. The preacher has not, but will preach on the subject of Christian education. One pupil at Georgetown last year.

Thornton Circuit.

G. S. Wyatt, P. E: Thornton Circuit made more real, substantial progress last year, under the supervision of Rev. M. L. Hallenbeck, than it had in the two preceding years of my presiding eldership. Bro. Hallenbeck seems to be determined to hold it, not only to the point where he built it up to last year, but to go beyond that this. To this end he is laboring. His second Quarterly Conference, held June 21 at Bellview, was quite a success—taking into the account the exceedingly busy time of year and that it was held on Thursday. The stewards talk with more encouragement and express larger views of Christian liberality than I have ever known them. Hallenbeck has fearlessly and intelligently preached the doctrines of the Church and disabused the minds of the people of the many errors to which they are often forced to listen if they go to hear the preachers of other denominations. There were six officials present. Five hold family prayers; four take the ADVOCATE. The financial report was as follows (Big Hill and Steele Creek not being represented): Thornton, $34 80; Rucker, $19 35; Bellview, $3 00. Total, $57.15. The preacher has not, but will preach on the subject of Christian education. No pupils from this circuit in our schools last year. Two Sunday-schools, but no organization among the children for the missionary work. I trust there will be before the next Quarterly Conference.

Corsicana Circuit.

G. S. Wyatt, P. E.: The third Quarterly Conference of the Corsicana Circuit was held at Zion's Rest last Saturday. A good congregation was present at 11 o'clock. The power of God was present, and many went home to be better. The night service was good also. Sunday at 11 Bro. J. W. Sansom, of Irene Circuit, preached to a large congregation with blessed results—shoutings among Christians, conviction among sinners and conversion among mourners; while I preached to Bro. Bishop's congregation with much liberty and doubtless good results. There were fifteen officials present, thirteen of whom are married. Eight of the thirteen hold family prayers. Seven of the fifteen fasted before Quarterly Conference. All of the fifteen save one take the ADVOCATE. There are four Sunday-schools. The pastor promised that there would be some Sunday-school missionary societies before the next Quarterly Conference. He also promised that he would preach on the subject of Christian education. No pupils from this circuit in our schools. The financial report is as follows: Harrison's Chapel, $5; Grape Creek, $14 25; Mill's Grove, $6 20; Pleasant Grove, $6 50; Zion's Rest, $10 50; total, $42 45. The General Rules had been read and enforced. The circuit is well supplied with Church registers, having one for each Church. The pastor promised that there should be Church Conference Records also. Taken altogether, the Quarterly Conference was a good one. Pastor and people seem to be in good spirits.

TEXAS CONFERENCE

Houston.

G. C. Rankin, June 27: We have let the contract for the enlargement of our church and the work is under way. We will have nearly double our present seating capacity and the interior will be beautified. When completed, we will have a commodious and handsome auditorium.

Zion Circuit.

Hubert C. Willis: Our protracted meeting at Zion Church closed on the fourth Sunday in June after holding for two weeks. The Holy Spirit was with us and manifested himself in the conversion of about thirty five or forty souls. Twenty-four of the above number united themselves with our Church. Bro. H. G. Williams, of Anderson, was with us preaching in the Spirit and with power. We bless the Lord, take fresh courage and press on.

Hockley.

J. W. Kelley: A ten days' sojourn helping in a meeting on Hockley Circuit reveals to me that the good work begun last year is being continued with increasing interest. Bro. Daniels is certainly the right man in the right place. He has received over fifty in the Church this year. One church in process of erection, another in contemplation, and Kirby's Chapel has been made anew. It will not be long before this mission will become a self supporting circuit, and be able to help to carry on the work in other places.

Plantersville and Courtney.

R. W. Adams, July 2: Our third Quarterly Conference was held at Plantersville, 16th and 17th of June. Bro. Wootton, our presiding elder, was absent on account of sickness, but Bro. Wesson, of Navasota, came and preached to the edification and comfort of all, and administered the sacrament on Sunday at 11 a. m. We continued the meeting. Bro. Kelley, of Maysville, was with us two days, and the rest of the time I preached as best I could. The Lord was with us in great power. Souls were made to rejoice in a Savior's love. Ten additions to the Church: good prayer-meeting organized for Wednesday night, with the one they have kept up an Sunday evening; $29 raised on conference collections. We are praying for a revival all over our work.

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Merrilltown Circuit.

J. W. Thompson, June 25: We closed our revival meeting at Cypress last night. It was said to be the grandest revival that had been there for a long time. I do not think that there was one who did not pray when called on. There were sixteen ladies that prayed. We were assisted by Bro. Hart, of Davilla; Uncle Jack Adkinson, of the C. P. Church; and Bro. Luke Mackrell, local preacher. Ten conversions and 8 additions to the Church. Collected the missionary assessment in full at that place. Last of all, the fathers and mothers came and bowed at the altar and said that they would have prayer-meeting on Sunday nights, and when there was a sociable in the neighborhood they would have a prayer-meeting. The young ladies and young men of the Church came and bowed with their parents and said the same. We make war with Satan at Merrilltown the 27th of this inst.

WEST TEXAS CONFERENCE.

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W. E. Rector, June 27: Have just closed a meeting at Rocky. Had a good interest all the time. Nine joined on profession; 6 were baptized. Paid the evangelist (who was the pastor in this instance), $13. I am indebted to Bro. Shuford for one sermon. Did the rest of the preaching myself. Am greatly indebted to Rev. W. E. Kersey, a local preacher in his eighty-third year, who assisted us much by his presence and prayers. We expect to begin a meeting at Middletown July 13, and expect Rev. R. J. Deets and his assistant, Prof. Wilcox, to be with us in the meeting. Everybody invited to attend.

Benton.

A. B. Bynum, June 28: Our camp-meeting closed at Big Foot on the 24th. It continued ten days and resulted in 99 conversions and reclamations, 80 of whom joined the Methodist and Baptist Churches. Nearly all of the preaching was done by Rev. J. P. Childers, who preached the gospel in demonstration and power, which produced Pentecostal results. Never did this scribe witness such manifestations of saving power. The Church was greatly revived, and this once weak point now promises to be as the blooming rose. Rev. T. V. Childers proved himself a master workman in the management of the singing. The choir knelt at every prayer, and their singing proved to be a power for good, and we pray God's blessing upon these men of God wherever they may go.

THAT MEETING.

Did all the Leaguers in the North Texas Conference know of that meeting in Denison? Did you go? If not, I am sorry and hope you will be with us at Gainesville next year. I do wish every one that can possibly go would meet with us there. So sorry you did not get there; you missed the biggest thing that has yet been in Texas. The attendance was good, about 125 delegates being present. One of the features was the 6 a. m. prayer-meetings. They were well-attended and gracious in their effect. A glance at the progam shows there was no time wasted, and reflects credit upon the committee. The addresses and papers were considerably above the average on such occasions. I feel no hesitancy in pronouncing them among the strongest I ever heard. By resolution of the body the papers of Mrs. F. B. Carroll, Miss Belle Marshall and Miss Mamie Wright were requested to be published in our ADVOCATE and the Epworth Era. I do hope that when they shall appear the President of every local League in Texas will read these excellent papers to his League, and that they will give a more earnest heed to the things of which they treat. It would have done the heart good for you to have looked into the faces of that crowd—for intelligent interest it was worthy of note. While it doubtless was a representative crowd, I have no doubt but that the "woods are full" of just such representatives.

Another notable feature of it was the junior exercises given by I. S. Ashburn, of Sherman, with some of his Junior League. He had them go through with some of their exercises of their course, and I believe they showed a knowledge that caused some of the Leaguers to wonder. Every League ought to push this department. If you are ignorant of where to get aids for the work I know Bro. Ashburn is interested in it enough to give you all the information he can.

The North Texas Epworth League Conference claims the honor of having the oldest Leaguer in the Southern Methodist Church. She was present and introduced—Grandma Parsons, ninety-seven years old and for seventy five years a member of the Methodist Church. A most affecting scene it was when, after her introduction, some one started, "My latest sun is sinking fast," and the Leaguers shook hands with her, and old and young rejoiced together in Christ. She has lived under the administration of every President this country has ever had. Surely her life is illustrative of the keeping power of God.

From the interest taken and the enthusiasm shown I am confident that there will be much done during the next year. Everybody seemed to get his cup full.

The Committee on Resolutions submitted one relative to a pledge for the local Leagues, which provoked quite a discussion. The discussion of the resolution brought out this: that the powers that are supposed to be were opposed to it, but as one of the advocates of the pledge showed, all they said against it was very strongly for it. After vigorous, good-humored discussion the resolution was adopted by a vote of 51 to 49. I believe it will be for the good of the Leagues if it is done. One thing was most distressingly apparent: the neglect of the reading course. Here I would insist upon every Leaguer reading, and profiting by it, the paper of Miss Wright upon this subject. This is the only right of existence that the Epworth League has as a distinct and separate organization. The only zeal that is useful is an intelligent zeal. A consecrated ignorance is no better than any other kind. Consecrated ignorance is absolutely hurtful to the cause it espouses. Let all Leaguers have a zeal according to knowledge.

Give us an intelligent devotion to Methodist polity and history among our young people and the Methodist Church will take the world for Christ. Let every Leaguer study the polity and history and traditions of our Church, and he or she will be aroused to action, prompted by knowledge and inspired with love. Of our Church this is true: to love her you must know her. Ignorance may be blissful, but can never be useful. Last, Hill, you missed the best of your life by going before that love-feast. My soul! What an experience! Such a sight! Beneath its contemplation sink heart and soul oppressed at the wonderful manifestation of the power of the Spirit of God! Talk about heights! While sitting and listening to those living and life-giving experiences, I thought of Jacob's dream, and said truly this is heaven, for they speak the language, sing the songs and have the joys of the blessed. Talk about altitudes! This was Pisgah! From the least unto the greatest the cry was, "I love the Lord because he heard my cry." Just think of it! One hundred and seventy-two testimonies and twenty-nine verses of song sung in one hour and twenty-two minutes! Did anybody ever see such? Three testimonies a minute! The most lively and vimful I ever heard.

At the close of this scene, of which it was said by one before it, that he would just as soon miss that much of heaven was afterwards confirmed by many who heard him.

A call was made for any young man who felt called of God to preach the gospel and who had not yet but was now determined to devote himself to God's work, to come and give himself wholly to God, and for any young woman who felt called to mission work to come also. Seven young men and one young woman came. There were shouts then. Sinners came and asked for prayer, and all the people praised the Lord. May the memory of that blessed occasion linger in the hearts of all there present like the savor of holy incense around the altar! Hallelujah! Praise the Lord! W. A. S. THEBE.

"OLD FOGY"—CRITIC ONCE MORE.

"Young Fogy," in his reply to my answer to his criticism on "Infant Church Membership," says: "When a man loses his temper not long thereafter his head is in danger. 'Young Fogy' did not propose to harm 'Old Fogy.' He suspects that he knows the man having the *nom de plume*."

Now, I can assure the good brother that "Old Fogy" was never farther from "losing his temper" than when he wrote that reply, and so far from his knowing "the man having the *nom de plume*," the article was so illogical and utterly unscriptural, he thought, as the *nom de plume*, "Young Fogy" indicated, that it was written by some young novice in divinity, and that he would try as tenderly as possible to set the young brother right, and you may imagine his surprise when, after his article was in the hands of the printer, he learned that "Young Fogy" rivaled "Old Fogy" in years and was a veritable D. D. You will, therefore, pardon me for this mistake. "Young Fogy" seems to be troubled because I said he jumped on Mark's gospel with both feet. Now let us read what he did say. He says of Mark's gospel: "I did not jump on it at all. What I did was to point it out as a grave mistake that an author of a book should in this year of our Lord quote Mark, Chapter XVI, near the conclusion. I said nothing which reflects in the slightest degree on Mark's gospel, as every one who read my article knows. However, there are twelve verses somebody appended to Mark's gospel, and I called attention to it, as there are a great many people who are not aware of the fact." Now if that is not an attack on Mark's gospel, I do not know what it would take to constitute an attack on any writing, and if the reader can tell whether "Young Fogy" accepts any part of Mark's gospel as genuine, he will have to go so somewhere else than to his first article to find it out. It does seem that "Old Fogy" can not please "Young Fogy" at all. If "Old Fogy" quotes from the Bible he is told it is not genuine, and that there "are twelve verses which somebody appended," and that it is a "grave mistake that an author of a book should quote chapter XVI near the conclusion."

I then thought I would give Webster's definition of curse, thinking surely that would be good authority with the brother. But, alas! he just most pedantically parses me out of the ring.

Hear him: "Why did he not turn to "to curse?" That was the question at issue. Did God curse Adam at all? . . . It is an active, transitive verb; preterit and p. participle 'cursed.'" There now! I suppose this is what pugilists call being knocked out on the second round.

And now "Young Fogy" says: "I baptize infants, but none of the sinners." Let us make one last desperate effort to please him. For, as our Scripture nor Webster's Dictionary neither suits him, certainly if we go to the poets we will strike both his tastes and talents. We therefore go to Methodist literature, as found in our grand old hymn book, indorsed by every Bishop in the M. E. Church, South, and North:

> Lord, we are vile, conceived in sin,
> And born unholy and unclean;
> Sprung from the man whose guilty fall
> Corrupts his race, and taints us all.
>
> Soon as we draw our infant breath,
> The seeds of sin grow up for death;
> Thy law demands a perfect heart,
> But we're defiled in every part.

Now, if my quotations from the Bible, Webster nor the Hymn Book none please my brother, I give the effort up in despair. The thing can't be "did."

"Young Fogy" says: "The cursing of the ground for Adam's sake was well for Adam. Labor was for his good every way, and the world could not dispense with labor if they had no wants to be supplied by labor's results."

My! My! What a blessing God is here unawares pronouncing upon Adam for his sin. For the logical deduction from what "Young Fogy" says is that Adam would have been unhappy if God had not put him to work, sweating, toiling, decaying and dying.

"The curse of the ground for Adam's sake was well for Adam." Does not "Young Fogy" make the curse of God upon all subluinary things the greatest blessings possible? Let us see what some of these things were which "Young Fogy" says were well for Adam. God said to the woman: "I will greatly multiply thy sorrows;" and to Adam he said . . . "in sorrow shalt thou eat of it all the days of thy life . . . until thou return to the ground . . . for dust thou art and unto dust shall thou return."—Gen., chapter III.

And still "Young Fogy" says: "The cursing of the ground for Adam's sake was well for Adam." I must confess that among the many strange ideas presented by "Young Fogy" his ideas of what "is well for Adam" is the strangest.

"Young Fogy," in his first article, denied that God cursed Adam and Eve and their posterity, and affirmed that there was not an "intimation of it in the Bible." In reply I quote what Paul said: "For as many as are of the works of the law are under a curse, for it is written, cursed is every one that continueth not in all things which are written in the book of the law to do them . . . and that Christ hath redeemed us from the curse of the law, being made a curse for us."—Gal. 3:10.

To avoid the force of this, "Young Fogy," in his last article, says: "Old Fogy' leaps to Paul (Gal. 3:10) where he is speaking of Moses' law (ceremonial) with its burdensome rights enforced by pains and penalties (legal and temporal), from which Christ redeemed us."

Here "Young Fogy" is mistaken again, for he makes the ceremonial law the law from which Christ died to redeem us, instead of the law of works, which says, "Cursed is every one that continueth not in all things written in the book of the law to do them," which law Adam transgressed. Therefore it is said Christ was made of a woman, and made under the law that he might redeem them that were under the law. The Gentiles were redeemed just as much as the Jews by Christ's death, but the Gentiles were never under the ceremonial law of Moses, and therefore the ceremonial law could not be the law from which Christ died to redeem us. He could not redeem us from under a law which never had jurisdiction over us.

The ceremonial law was a prophecy, symbol, promise and type of the coming of Christ, all of which was fulfilled in every jot and tittle in Christ, who was the anti-type, and it being fulfilled necessarily passed away. These ceremonies and types were object lessons to the Jews for the time to educate them, and prepare them for the coming of Christ, and therefore Paul, speaking of the ceremonial law, says: "The law is our school-master to bring us to Christ." Think of a grave minister teaching that Christ died to redeem us from under a law which itself died, in the very birth of Christ, died to redeem us from the curse of the law that was to bring us to himself. Does not such exposition of Holy Writ need a doctor?

"Young Fogy" seems to be greatly exercised because I said in my former reply that he had jumped on Mark's gospel with both feet, and in his last article he says: "I did not jump on Mark's gospel with one foot. I did not jump on it at all." "I said nothing which reflected in the slightest degree on Mark's gospel, as every one who read my article knows. *However, there are twelve verses which somebody appended to Mark's gospel and called* (italics mine) attention to it, as there are a great many people who are not aware of the fact." Now what "Young Fogy's idea is as to what it would take to constitute an attack on any book, I do not know, if he claims the words we have just quoted was no attack on Mark's gospel. If King Jehoiakim, who took the roll of Jeremiah and "cut it to pieces with his penknife and burned it," had said he was doing nothing that 'reflected in the slightest degree upon that roll, we would have been somewhat astonished.

But when a Christian minister says that any part of the four gospels "is not genuine," and that there "are twelve verses which somebody appended to Mark's Gospel," and that he calls attention to it because "there are a great many people who are not aware of the fact," and then say: "I did not jump on it at all," and that "I said nothing which reflected in the slightest degree on Mark's Gospel," is something I confess I can not understand. Pity he called attention to it. If any part of the gospel which has been received by the Church through all the ages is untrue, as these fellows inflated with the spirit of the higher criticism and advanced thought tell us, will it not suggest the question to the mind of plain people that if one part of the Bible the Church has always received is false, may not all be false? Will it not encourage doubt and skepticism? We are not willing that any Jehoiakim, with his little knife, should cut out any part of this holy canon. It will be a sad day for the Church when her ministers use the scissors on the Bible like an editor does his exchanges, cutting out what suits them and throwing the rest into the waste-basket as "not genuine." The old Methodist rule of not mending the law, but keeping it, would be better employment than unsettling the faith of our people by telling them that "somebody appended twelve verses to Mark's Gospel."

And now we dismiss, finally, this unprofitable discussion, which was provoked by "Young Fogy's" attack on my article on "Infant Church Membership," by saying that it seems that the great trouble of "Young Fogy" is, that he wishes to let the world know that he does not believe children are fallen, depraved, or, if you please, that they are sinners. That is a question I have not discussed, nor do I expect to discuss it in this connection, for if they are sinful they need baptism as a symbol of the grace that can make them pure; and if they are in a justified state they are entitled to baptism by their state of grace, for in the Bible we have examples of baptism of the justified and of the unconverted.

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PERSONAL.

Allow me to say a word concerning myself. When I came to Montague I came, as I thought was probable, to die soon; but my health so greatly improved that as soon as the weather softened I made three appointments for preaching, a month. This arrangement was short lived. My old trouble came back on me. My circumstances were those of trial and privation and suffering. God's grace was my support and sufficiency. I am grateful, as I look back, that no feeling or word of complaint was felt in my heart or spoken by my mouth I thank God for the heavenly inspiration which can possess our entire being. Since then I have been and am yet passing through, either to better health or to heaven, a protracted and painful illness. Whether God intends to usher me suddenly into his presence, or to carry me through tedious and suffering ways, I know not. "Shall not the Judge of all the earth do right?" "My times are in thy hands." "All my appointed time will I wait till my change come"—wait hopefully and trustingly. So I am not gloomy nor despondent. I am keeping company with the wisest and best of men—some in heaven and some on earth. By the great law of association, I hope I am still becoming wiser and holier, that I may be the better prepared to meet God when he calls me into his presence.

As to the future, I want to say finally that I think of death very differently from what I used to think when younger. Death—a change of state eternally and infinitely for the better. A good man in Georgia having proclaimed to his friends when very sick that he would soon be in heaven, when he got well told Bishop Pierce that he partially backslided, so great was his disappointment. Rev. Joseph Law, a local preacher, when told by his physician that he could not live through the day, replied: "If I knew it, the rest of the day would be my happiest time on earth." I can not be sad and unhappy in view of death. There is, I confidently believe, too much that is ennobling and even God-like before me to admit of such a state of feeling. "In thy presence is fulness of joy; at thy right hand there are pleasures forever more."

"I'll praise my Maker while I've breath,
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WHAT BECAME OF A LIE.

First, somebody told it,
Then the room wouldn't hold it,
So the busy tongues rolled it
Till they got it outside,
When the crowd came across it,
It never once lost it,
But tossed it and tossed it,
Till it grew long and wide.

MOTHER grown old! Boys, girls, see if you can read what follows without a deeper thrill of filial love and sympathy: "Grown old, the mother is sometimes sorrowfully clear-sighted and freed from the blessed illusions of youth. When her children were little things playing about the door, and tucked into bed at night, all safe and sweet and rosy, she had her dreams of their future. There was nothing too bright, too brave, too beautiful for her imagination and her hope as she looked at her darlings sleeping or waking. As they grew older, went to school and college, or into the shop and the counting-room, the mother now still dreamed and planned, still wove her enchanted stories, in the center of which she saw her children, heroes, professors, scholars, benefactors, and champions of the weak, defenders of the helpless, ornaments of the age, and renowned to be. Her Frank, her Charles, her Sydney, whatever others might do, they were bound to excel, to stand in the van, to reap the reward, to scale the heights, to discover the long-hidden secrets. But there dawns a day upon the mother when, grown old, as wrinkles and gray hairs testify, she renews the wonderful keenness and acuteness of childhood; she sees the dropping of many masks; she comprehends things as they are. Past the hour of dreaming and castle-building, past the clouds and the mirage, her vision is like that of God's angels."—*Selected.*

SEVEN REASONS

Why I Should Belong to the Woman's Missionary Society.

The Woman's Missionary Society of our Church has an ideal it is seeking to actualize—viz., the embracing within its membership of the entire female membership of the Church in a holy alliance for the rescue and redemption of the women of heathendom. The Master is here in this work, and calleth for thee. Let us see!

First, chiefly as women we must do this work in behalf of the heathen women, or it cannot be done.

There are very many sad things in their condition, but the saddest is this, their seclusion; that there is no place granted for the leverage that might raise, no aperture for the light that might illumine, no access for the gospel that might gladden, for the truth that would sanctify and satisfy and save—none save one. A woman's voice must tell it to them, or they can not hear; a woman's hand must touch them, or they cannot be reached.

It is not a question of the comparative value of methods. We are shut up to the one. O my sisters, rise to the meaning of this argument! We must do this work, woman to woman, or it must remain undone. Here is tremendous responsibility.

Second, in the sphere of our operations we are working, according to the soundest principles of philosophy and policy, among the women and children at the very foundations of society. What they are, how they are trained determine the character of any civilization. Woman in her various relations, no matter what her condition, exerts the earliest, deepest, strongest, subtlest force. Man has power; this you may resist. She has influence; that you cannot. "Upon what depends the condition of France?" said a statesman to Napoleon. "Upon the character of her mothers," was the wise reply. So depends the condition of any country.

"How may we make a nation of infidels?" queried one. "By placing children for the first ten years of life under infidel teachers." So would we make a nation of Christians.

Third, because of the providential openings for this work.

Hitherto this tremendous social force was inaccessible; for women linger longer at the old shrines and cleave firmer to the old faiths. We can not now trace how the change has been brought about, how insensibly the East has been permeated with the thoughts and methods of Western civilization. Suffice for us to know that many doors swing open their hinges; and to hear the voice of the Spirit: "Enter! Occupy!" Avenues are open, barriers have fallen; with the opportunity comes the obligation.

Just in this right, ripe, ready season did the Woman's Missionary Society spring into existence. Who shall doubt that for this thing and at this time came we into the kingdom? that He who was working by His providence there was working by his Spirit here, awakening a sense of power and responsibility and duty in many minds, opening the way for a higher training, and that these were working together for the coming of Christ's kingdom? Therefore we ought to work with these, and thus be workers together with God.

Fourth, by affiliating with this society, we practically acknowledge special obligation to Christ as women, and the peculiar, perfect adaptation of his Spirit and teachings to the wants of our nature. We owe everything to him. All we have comes to us from that gospel in which, in one sense, there is neither male nor female, but all are one in Jesus Christ. Christianity is the only system of religion that accords to woman any recognition. Here she has the highest. And because its spirit has permeated our civilization we are what we are, we have what we have. We must take all these into account when we sum up, How much owest thou my Lord? Now, every craving of a woman's heart, every instinct of her nature is set and satisfied in the God-man, Christ Jesus; in that wonderful union of power and tenderness, of strength and sympathy. The religion of women for women it is scornfully called. So be it, God be praised! and by so much will we give it to other women whom it will suit and satisfy as it does us.

Fifth, because of the perfect harmony of this society with all working organizations of the Church; never supplanting, always supplementing; rejoicing in the preaching of the gospel wherever it can be preached, and teaching wherever it can be taught. The conception of this work was in the minds of missionaries. They know and attest the need thereof; so do the most thoughtful and earnest minds in our Church. General Conference has given it a place in authorized Church work. So the minister who stands aloof or the woman who is not in line is apart from the goodly fellowship of saints who are enlisted in this service.

Sixth, it commends itself to us by its simple terms of membership. By so little, or rather by so many littles, it proposes to accomplish so much. Two cents a week is its easy requisition. None too young, too poor, too burdened, that by extra earning or closer saving they may not spare this mite.

Seventh, you are summoned to this work by its effects on the women of the Church. It has given them something to think of worth the thinking, to talk of worth the talking, to do worth the doing. It has carried out of self where there may have been a tendency to absorption and narrowness. It has increased gratitude and love. It has intensified experience. It has developed and utilized abilities. It has brought out the most and best in her.

It is solving the problem of woman's place and work in the Church. It is answering the question what she may do for Jesus. It is supplying a want. It is saving a waste. It is preventing a weariness in the lives of many women who will not, can not, dare not be idle in their Master's vineyard, and yet who heretofore may have said, and never more need say: "No man hath hired us." The Church has gained much more than she has given to this agency, in the quickened, enlarged intelligence, in the stimulated activity and increased zeal of its female membership.

Its effects on heathendom who can calculate? Only eternity can reveal. Twenty-five young women have been sent forth as light-bearers. These, with native teachers and assistants, have established nine boarding and twenty-four day schools, in which 1078 pupils are receiving Christian education. Bible women are being trained, who will go from house to house telling the glad tidings to their countrywomen. A hospital has been built and equipped, where patients, while being treated for bodily ills, may hear of the Savior of souls. The fallen are rescued, souls renewed, lives transformed, and death glorified. These are the morning rays. For this work we need deeper devotion, more earnest service. For this let us pray.—*By Permission Woman's Missionary Society of the Methodist Episcopal Church.*

REV. JOSIAH W. WHIPPLE.

I suppose that a great many friends, and especially the ministers of the Texas Conference, like myself, have waited anxiously for some one to write of the life and labors of Rev. Josiah W. Whipple. As no notice of his death, or least such a notice as he well deserved, has ever appeared, I simply come as one of his co-laborers to lay a small evergreen upon his grave.

Bro. Whipple has been so long and closely identified with Texas and Texas Methodism that to write of him is to tell the early history of our Church in this State and carry us back to the year 1840, when, as a frail youth, he entered upon the arduous labors of a frontier preacher. Though always in delicate health, his energy knew no limits. The contemporary and co-laborer with Fowler, Summers, Alexander and Richardson, he lived to show the present members of the Texas Conference what could be accomplished by consecrated zeal in the Master's cause. He told in the camps of the pioneer the story of the cross. He followed the trail of the Indian to where the hardy frontiersman had pitched his tent in order to claim this broad land for freedom and for Christ.

To the memory of such a man I am unable to do justice. His name was once a household word from the Trinity to the Rio Grande. Thousands have waited upon his ministry, and I might say thousand have been led to Christ by his faithful preaching. He was too good to be envious, and too broad-minded for a sectarian bigot. His delight was to lead sinners to Christ, and to accomplish this end he spent much of his time in the saddle.

Riding all night to tell the story next morning was no unusual thing for him. He moved with the rapidity of a Jehu. For his Church he had a loyalty that kept him in sweet accord with her rules and regulations. To the servants of God his home was their home. He would share his purse and divide his last crust with the most humble. As presiding elder he carried the burdens of his preachers as his own. If his men were pressed and had but little with which to feed their families, the quarterage all went to the troubled brother. The young and inexperienced preacher always felt strengthened when Bro. Whipple came. All the means that fell into his hands were spent for the Lord's cause. His life was ever on God's altar.

His last days were full of peace. A few weeks before his death I asked him if he was satisfied about his future. I almost thought that it was the angel's light that glowed in his face, and their musical voices chiming instead of his, as he triumphantly answered, "Oh, yes! Oh, yes!"

He was my friend when a boy preacher. He was my friend in manhood. He passed away leaving me richer in experience for having known him. Peace to his ashes.

FRED L. ALLEN.

SAN AUGUSTIN E DISTRICT.

"Second round" on the district over; several things may be reported. Nacogdoches made a deal, and thereby both church and parsonage are out of debt. Dr. Ridley has a complete "directory" of his Church—something new in these parts. The pastor at Linn Flat is living in a parsonage. Of the long list of Linn Flat pastors, I believe Lowery is the first to occupy a parsonage. At Hemphill, Groves, with untiring zeal, has gathered round him his flock, and they now have the material for a house with six rooms. In a short times Davis, of Carthage, will go into their new home. The Church at Tenaha has been supplied with comfortable seats. Of the sixteen pastoral charges, eleven made better reports than on first round. If each steward who reads this will work diligently, creditable reports will be made even on the "third round."

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AN ECHO FROM THE WORLD'S FAIR.

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Church Notices.

DISTRICT CONFERENCES.

Paris District, at Detroit ..... July 5
Tyler District, at Lindale ..... July 5
Austin District, at Elgin ..... July 5
Houston District, at Wharton ..... July 11
Sherman District, at Whitesboro ..... July 12
Beaumont District, at Livingston ..... July 12
Vernon District, at Clarendon ..... July 25
Palestine District, at Alto ..... July 26
Dallas District, at Bethel ..... Aug 1

TEXAS ANNUAL CONFERENCES.

North, Bonham, Bishop Hargrove ... Nov 8
Northwest, Hillsboro, Bp Hargrove .. Nov 22
West, Lockhart, Bishop Key ..... Nov 15
German Mission, Bishop Key ..... Nov 22
Texas, Cameron, Bishop Hargrove .... Dec 5
East, Jacksonville, Bishop Hargrove . Dec 13

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BISHOP KEENER.

South Carolina, Laurens ..... Nov 21
North Mississippi, Sardis ..... Dec 6
Mississippi, Meridian ..... Dec 13

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Memphis, Humboldt, Tenn ..... Nov 14
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N. C., Trinity Church, Durham ..... Dec 5
South Georgia, Waycross ..... Dec 13

BISHOP GRANBERY.

West Virginia, Huntington ..... Sept 5
Holston, Abingdon, Va ..... Oct 10
Louisiana, Louisiana Avenue, N. O. . Dec 12
Baltimore, Washington, D. C ..... March 27

BISHOP HARGROVE.

Indian Mission, McAlister ..... Oct 31
North Texas, Bonham ..... Nov 8
Northwest Texas, Hillsboro ..... Nov 22
Texas, Cameron ..... Dec 5
East Texas, Jacksonville ..... Dec 13

BISHOP DUNCAN.

Kentucky, Frankfort ..... Sept 13
Louisville, Owensboro ..... Sept 27
Tennessee, Franklin ..... Oct 17
North Alabama, Athens ..... Nov 21
Alabama Brewton, Ala ..... Dec 5
Florida, Jacksonville, Fla ..... Jan 9

BISHOP GALLOWAY.

Japan, Kwansei Gakuin ..... Aug 3
China, Soochow ..... Oct 11

BISHOP HENDRIX.

Denver, Colorado Springs ..... July 26
Western, Augusta, Kan ..... Aug 23
Missouri, Carrollton, Mo ..... Sept 5
Southwestern Missouri, Jefferson City, Sept 12
St. Louis, Fredericktown, Mo ..... Sept 26
Illinois, Marion ..... Oct 3

BISHOP KEY.

New Mexico, El Paso ..... Oct 4
Northwest Mexico, Durango, Mex ..... Oct 11
Central Mexico, Toluca, Mex ..... Oct 25
Mexican Border, Pecos, Tex ..... Nov 8
West Texas, Lockhart, Tex ..... Nov 15
German Mission, Llano ..... Nov 22

BISHOP HAYGOOD.

Virginia, Charlottesville, Va ..... Nov 14



North Georgia, Rome, Ga ..... Nov 21
Arkansas, Quitman, Ark ..... Dec 6
Little Rock, Prescott, Ark ..... Dec 12
White River, Helena, Ark ..... Dec 19

BISHOP FITZGERALD.

Montana, Corvallis, Mont ..... Aug 2
East Columbia, Spokane, Wash ..... Aug 16
Columbia, Oregon City, Or ..... Aug 30
Los Angeles, San Bernardino, Cal .. Sept 20
Pacific, San Francisco, Cal ..... Oct 10

WEST TEXAS.

CUERO DISTRICT.—THIRD ROUND.

Nursery cir, at Terryville .... 2d Sab in July
Hallettsville cir, at County L 3d Sab in July
Clear Creek cir, at Concrete.. 4th Sab in July
Yoakum, at Shiner ..... 5th Sab in July
Leesville cir, at Leesville ..... 1st Sab in Aug
Wesatche cir ..... 2d Sab in Aug
Port Lavaca cir ..... 3d Sab in Aug
JOHN S. GILLETT, P. E.

BEEVILLE DISTRICT—THIRD ROUND.

Lagarto cir, at Mathis ..... 2d Sun in July
Oakville cir, at Mineral City .. 3d Sun in July
Floresville sta ..... 4th Sun in July
Lavernia cir, at Wesley .... 5th Sun in July
Stockdale cir, at Nockenni Ch 1st Sun in Aug
Helena cir, at Escondido ..... 2d Sun in Aug
Skidmore cir, at St. Mary's .... 3d Sun in Aug
W. H. H. BIGGS, P. E.

SAN MARCOS DISTRICT—THIRD ROUND.

Luling and Prairie Lea ..... 2d Sun in July
San Marcos cir ..... 3d Sun in July
Lockhart cir ..... 4th Sun in July
Harwood cir ..... 5th Sun in July
Belmont cir ..... 1st Sun in Aug
Dripping Springs ..... 2d Sun in Aug
B. HARRIS, P. E.

KERRVILLE DISTRICT—THIRD ROUND.

Ingram cir, at Sunset ..... 2d Sun in July
Center Point sta, at Brownsboro ..... 4th Sun in July
Boerne cir, at Salado ..... 5th Sun in July
Blanco cir, at Flat Creek ..... 1st Sun in Aug
Bandera cir, at Bandera ..... 2d Sun in Aug
M. A. BLACK, P. E.

LLANO DISTRICT—SECOND ROUND.

Pontotoc cir ..... July 7
Fredonia cir ..... July 14
Paint Rock cir ..... July 21
Sterling City cir ..... July 28
San Angelo sta ..... Aug 4
Cherokee cir ..... Aug 16
A. C. BIGGS, P. E.

TEXAS.

AUSTIN DISTRICT—THIRD ROUND.

Tenth Street, Austin ..... 11 a m July 15
Twenty-Fourth Street ..... 8 p m July 15
Webberville cir, at Colorado Chap July 17, 18
Cedar Creek cir, at Moss Branch .. July 21, 22
Manor sta ..... July 24, 25
Elgin and Pleasant Grove, at P G .. July 28, 27
Manchaca cir, at Moore's ..... July 28, 29
First Street, Austin ..... 8 p m July 19
Merrilltown cir, at Pond Spring. July 31, Aug 1
Meinade cir, at Alum Creek ..... Aug 4, 5
Hastrop sta ..... Aug 7, 8
Winchester cir, at West Point ..... Aug 11, 12
LaGrange sta ..... Aug 18, 14
Columbus sta ..... Aug 15, 16
Flatonia sta ..... Aug 18, 19
Weimar sta ..... Aug 20, 21
JOS. B SEARS, P. E.

HUNTSVILLE DIST.—THIRD ROUND.

Huntsville sta ..... July 7, 8
Dodge cir, at Dodge ..... July 14, 15
Anderson cir, at Rosan's Prairie ..... July 18
Bryan sta ..... July 21, 22
Madisonville cir, at Elwood ..... July 25
Zion cir, at Bedias ..... July 28, 29
Millican cir, at Wesson Chapel ..... Aug 4, 5
Montgomery cir, at M ..... Aug 8
Hempstead, at Howth ..... Aug 11, 12
Mockley cir, at New Hope ..... Aug 18, 19
Willis sta ..... Aug 25, 26
Conroe mis, at Arnold's Mill ..... Aug 29
Shepherd mis ..... Sept 1, 2
Cold Springs cir ..... Sept 5
Prairie Plains cir ..... Sept 8, 9
W. WOOTTON, P. E.

CALVERT DISTRICT—THIRD ROUND.

Hearne and Wheelock, at Wheelock . July 7, 8
Una cir, at Henry Prairie ..... July 14, 15
Kosse cir, at Harmony ..... July 14, 15
Bremond and Reagan, at Reagan .. July 17, 18
Marlin sta ..... July 19, 8 p m
Calvert sta ..... July 21, 22
Said Prairie cir, at Said Prairie ..... July 28, 29
Personville mis, at Personville ..... July 28, 29
Fairfield cir, at Mount Zion ..... Aug 4, 5
Jewett and Buffalo, at Buffalo ..... Aug 11, 12
Centerville cir, at Red Land ..... Aug 18, 19
Roger's Prairie cir, at Union ..... Aug 18, 19
Rosebud cir ..... Aug 18, 19
Durango cir ..... Aug 26, 27
FRED L. ALLEN, P. E.

CHAPPELL HILL DIST.—THIRD ROUND.

Davilla cir, at Camp-ground ..... July 7, 8
Pleasant Hill cir, at Pleas't Retr't. July 14, 15
Bellville cir, at Camp-ground ..... July 21, 22
Chappell Hill sta, at Camp-ground July 28, 29
Mayfield cir, at Port Sullivan ..... Aug 11, 12
Cameron sta ..... Aug 18, 19
Milano cir, at Prairie Point ..... Aug 25, 26
Lexington cir, at Porter's Chapel ..... Wednesday, Aug 29
Brenham sta ..... Sept 1, 2
Giddings cir, at Ledbetter ..... Sept 8, 9
Sealy cir, at San Felipe ..... Sept 15, 16
E. H. HARMAN, P. E.

HOUSTON DISTRICT—THIRD ROUND.

Wharton ..... July 14, 15
Matagorda ..... July 21, 22
Shearn ..... July 28, 29
Richmond ..... Aug 1, 8 p m
Eagle Lake ..... Aug 4, 5
Cedar Bayou ..... Aug 11, 12
Pierce ..... Aug 18, 19
Dickinson ..... Aug 18, 14
Columbia ..... Aug 18, 19
Velasco ..... Aug 25, 26
Alvin ..... Sept 1, 2
E. W. SOLOMON, P. E.

AUSTIN DISTRICT—SECOND ROUND.

District Conference, at Elgin ..... July 5
JOS. B. SEARS, P. E.

NORTHWEST TEXAS.

WEATHERFORD DIST.—THIRD ROUND.

New Hope mis ..... July 6
Whitt cir ..... July 7, 8
Graham sta ..... July 14, 15
Graham mis ..... July 17
Farmer cir ..... July 21, 22
Bryson mis ..... July 28, 29
Santo mis ..... Aug 4, 5
Weatherford cir ..... Aug 11, 12
Garvin mis ..... Aug 18, 19
Weatherford, Elm Street ..... Aug 25, 26
Hoonsville cir ..... Sept 1, 2
Aledo cir ..... 1 p m Wednesday, Sept 5
Mineral Wells mis ..... Sept 8, 9
J. T. L. ANNIS, P. E.

FORT WORTH DISTRICT—THIRD ROUND.

Arlington cir ..... July 7, 8
Mansfield cir ..... July 11
Lipan cir (2d Quarterly Conf) ..... July 14, 15
Missouri Avenue ..... July 17
Covington cir ..... July 21, 22
Granbury cir ..... July 25
Morgan cir ..... July 28, 29
Cleburne cir ..... Aug 4, 5
Bluffdale cir ..... Aug 11, 12
Marystown cir ..... Aug 18, 19
Osceola cir ..... Aug 25, 26
Fort Worth mis ..... Sept 1, 2
Mulkey Memorial ..... Sept 8, 9
Cleburne sta ..... Sept 15, 16
W. L. NELMS, P. E.

WAXAHACHIE DIST.—THIRD ROUND.

Grandview cir, at County Line ..... July 7, 8
Waxanachie cir, at Mt. Peak ..... July 14, 15
Bristol cir, at Palmer ..... July 21, 22
Hutchins mis, at Carroll ..... July 28, 29
Lancaster and Ferris, at Bluff Sp'g's. Aug 4, 5
Milford cir, at Derr's Chapel ..... Aug 11, 12
Red Oak cir ..... Aug 18, 19
Wheatland and West Dallas ..... Aug 25, 26
Reagor cir ..... Sept 1, 2
Alvarado sta ..... Sept 8, 9
JOHN S. DAVIS, P. E.

GEORGETOWN DIST.—THIRD ROUND.

Marble Falls and Fairland, at F ..... July 14, 15
Liberty Hill and Leand, at Rock H July 21, 22
Bartlett, at Macedonia ..... July 28, 29
Jonah, at Lane's Port ..... Aug 4, 5
Taylor sta ..... Aug 11, 12
Florence ..... Aug 18, 19
South Belton, at Belle Plaine ..... Aug 25, 26
North Belton, at Harmony ..... Sept 1, 2
Belton ..... Sept 8, 9
Corn Hill and Salado ..... Sept 15, 16
SAM P. WRIGHT, P. E.

CISCO DISTRICT—THIRD ROUND.

Armstrong mis, at Gra'ms Chp 2d Sun in July
Carbon cir, at Jewel ..... 3d Sun in July
Breckinridge cir, at Eolien .. 4th Sun in July
Proctor mis, at Gra'ms Chp 5th Sun in July
Carlton cir, at Center ..... 1st Sun in Aug
Duffau cir, at Oak Grove ..... 2d Sun in Aug
Alarm Creek cir, at Bowmans ..... Aug 15
Green's Creek cir, at Cow Ck'k .. 3d Sun in Aug
Dublin sta, at Dublin ..... Aug 24
Stephenville cir, at Oak Dale .. 4th Sun in Aug
E. A. BAILEY, P. E.

WACO DISTRICT—THIRD ROUND.

Rosqueville ..... July 7, 8
Valley Mills, at China Springs ..... July 10
Bruceville and Mooreville, at M ..... July 14, 15
Mart, at Kirk ..... July 21, 22
Rodgers, at Heidenheimer ..... July 28, 29
West, at Geneva ..... Aug 4, 5
Lorena cir, at Earle's Chapel ..... Aug 11, 12
Abbott cir, at Bell's Springs ..... Aug 18, 19
Troy, at Shiloh ..... Aug 25, 26
R. C. ARMSTRONG, P. E.

VERNON DISTRICT.—THIRD ROUND.

Plainview, at Plainview ..... July 7, 8
Mobeetie, at Canadian ..... July 14, 15
Memphis, at Memphis ..... July 21, 22
Clarendon sta ..... July 28, 29
Altus, at Dunbar ..... Aug 4, 5
Eldorado, at Liberty ..... Aug 7
Mangum, at Jester ..... Aug 9
Newton, at Willis' Chapel ..... Aug 11, 12
Harrold, at Harrold ..... Aug 18, 19
Seymour mis, at Round Timbers ..... Aug 25, 26
Seymour sta ..... Aug 26, 27
Benjamin, at Goree ..... Aug 28
Crowell, at Highland ..... Sept 1, 2
M. K. LITTLE, P. E.

BROWNWOOD DISTRICT.—THIRD ROUND.

Ballinger sta ..... July 4
May cir ..... July 7, 8
North Brownwood ..... July 14, 15
Comanche cir ..... July 21, 22
Comanche sta ..... July 28
Cottonwood cir ..... July 28, 29
Zephyr cir ..... Aug 1, 5
Glen Cove cir ..... Aug 11, 12
Mullin cir ..... Aug 18, 19
Goldthwaite sta ..... Aug 23
Coleman mis ..... Aug 25, 26
Ballinger mis ..... Sept 1, 2
Robert Lee mis ..... Sept 8, 9
W. M. SHELTON, P. E.

ABILENE DISTRICT.—THIRD ROUND.

Colorado sta ..... July 7, 8
Istan mis, at Istan ..... July 14, 15
Snyder mis, at Browning ..... July 21, 22
Sweetwater cir, at Roscoe ..... July 24
Rayner mis, at Aspermont ..... July 28, 29
Anson cir, at Bethel ..... Aug 4, 5
Roby mis ..... Aug 11, 12
Nolanda cir ..... Aug 14
Merkel cir ..... Aug 18, 19
Buffalo Gap cir ..... Aug 25, 26
Abilene sta ..... Aug 25, 26
E. L. ARMSTRONG, P. E.

CORSICANA DISTRICT—THIRD ROUND.

Itasca cir, at Union Valley ..... July 7, 8
Hillsboro sta ..... July 8, 9
Blooming Grove cir, at Cryer Cr'k.. July 14, 15
Barry cir, at Black Hills ..... July 21, 22
Mt. Calm cir, at Mt. Calm ..... July 28, 29
Hubbard cir, at Hancock ..... Aug 4, 5
Kerens cir, at Long Prairie ..... Aug 8
Dawson cir, at Brushy ..... Aug 11, 12
Rice and Chatfield cir, at Reynolds. Aug 18, 19
Wortham cir ..... Aug 21
Mexia cir ..... Aug 23
Irene cir ..... Aug 25, 26
Thornton cir ..... Sept 1, 2
Mexia sta ..... Sept 3
Bethel mis ..... Sept 5
Grosebeck cir ..... Sept 6
GEO. S WYATT, P. E.

GATESVILLE DISTRICT.—THIRD ROUND.

Killeen etc., at Nolansville ..... July 5
Brookhaven cir, at Pleasant Hill .... July 7, 8
Coperas Cove cir, at Mt. Pleasant.. July 14, 15
Lampasas sta ..... July 16
Lampasas cir, at Pleasant Hill ..... July 18
Kometa cir, at Long Cove ..... July 22
Oglesby cir, at Stocktons ..... July 29, 29
Jonesboro cir, at Weaver's Chapel .... Aug 4, 5
Hamilton and Hico cir ..... Aug 11, 12
Coryell City cir, at Osage ..... Aug 18, 19
Gatesville sta ..... Aug 23
Iredell and M. Gap cir, at Lanham .. Aug 25, 26
Meridian sta ..... Aug 29, 30
Harmony cir, at Boggy ..... Sept 1, 2
E. F. BOONE, P. E.

EAST TEXAS.

SAN AUGUSTINE DIST.—THIRD ROUND.

Timpson and Tenaha, at Timpson .. July 7, 8
Nacogdoches cir, at Appleby ..... July 14, 15
Concord, at Joaquin ..... Monday, July 16
Garrison cir, at Caledonia ..... July 21, 22
Minden, at Redland ..... July 28, 29
Nacogdoches sta ..... Aug 4, 5
Shelbyville, at Pleasant Grove, Saturday, Aug 11
Center sta ..... Aug 11, 12
Center cir, at Newbern ..... Aug 18, 19
San Augustine and Sexton, at Patroon Aug 25, 26
Hemphill, at McMahan's ..... Sept 1, 2
Sharpsville ..... Wednesday, Sept 5
San Augustine mis, at Union, Saturday, Sept 8
Melrose; at Chireno ..... Sept 8, 9
Linn Flat ..... Sept 15, 16
CHAS. F. SMITH, P. E.

TYLER DISTRICT.—THIRD ROUND.

Lindale cir, at Lindale ..... July 9
Canton cir, at Wesley Chapel ..... July 14, 15
Grand Saline cir, at Grand Saline July 21, 22
Troupe and Overton cir, at Bethel. July 28, 29
Lawndale, at Cottonwood ..... Aug 4, 5
Edom cir, at Ashburn camp-g'n'd.. Aug 11, 12
New York cir, at Red Hill ..... Aug 18, 19
Tyler cir, at Pleasant Retreat ..... Aug 25, 26
Larissa cir, at Earle's Chapel ..... Sept 1, 2
White House cir, at Noonday ..... Sept 8, 9
Tyler sta, at Tyler ..... Sept 16, 17
T. P. SMITH, P. E.

BEAUMONT DISTRICT—THIRD ROUND.

Sunset, at Nona ..... July 7, 8
Wood ville and Colmesneil, at Bar. Bluff ..... July 14, 15
Livingston, at Livingston ..... July 21, 22
Moscow, at Hollywood ..... Aug 4, 5
Wolf Creek, at Silsbee ..... Aug 11, 12
Orange sta and mis ..... Aug 18, 19
Orange cir, at Wallis' Chapel ..... Aug 25, 26
Burkeville, at Week's Chapel ..... Sept 1, 2
Jasper sta ..... Sept 8, 9
Jasper cir, at Homer ..... Sept 15, 16
WM. A. SAMPEY, P. E.

MARSHALL DISTRICT—THIRD ROUND.

Longview sta ..... July 7, 8
Harrison, at Concord ..... July 14, 15
North Side, at Union Chapel ..... July 21, 22
Marshall sta ..... July 28, 29
Beckville, at Ebenezer ..... Aug 4, 5
Church Hill, at Church Hill ..... Aug 11, 12
Delkerry, at Bethel ..... Aug 18, 19
Henderson, at Stovall Chapel ..... Aug 25, 26
Kilgore, at Hickory Grove ..... Sept 1, 2
Henderson sta ..... Sept 8, 9
JOHN ADAMS, P. E.

PALESTINE DISTRICT—SECOND ROUND.

Alto cir, at Wells ..... July 7, 8
Palestine sta ..... July 14, 15
Saron mis ..... July 21, 22
Trinity, at Groveton ..... July 23, 24
L. M. FOWLES, P. E.

NORTH TEXAS.

SHERMAN DISTRICT—THIRD ROUND.

Collinsville cir ..... July 7, 8
Pilot Point sta ..... July 8, 9
Whitesboro sta ..... July 14, 15
Bells and Savoy cir ..... July 21, 22
Whitewright sta ..... July 28, 29
Howe cir ..... Aug 4, 5
Van Alstyne sta ..... Aug 5, 6
Germans cir ..... Aug 11, 12
Travis Street ..... Aug 18, 19
Willow Street ..... Aug 18, 19
Pottsboro cir ..... Aug 25, 26
Whitesboro cir ..... Sept 1, 2
Pilot Grove cir ..... Sept 4, 5
Gordonville cir ..... Sept 15, 16
Denison mis ..... Sept 22, 23
J. M. BINKLEY, P. E.

BONHAM DISTRICT.—THIRD ROUND.

Bailey cir ..... July 7, 8
Petty and Whiterock ..... July 14, 15
Honey Grove sta ..... July 15, 16
Wolfe City sta ..... Tuesday, July 17
Bonham cir ..... July 21, 22
Bonham sta ..... July 22, 23
Randolph cir ..... July 28, 29
Ladonia sta ..... Tuesday, July 31
Ben Franklin ..... Friday, Aug 3
Lake Creek ..... Aug 4, 5
Dodds cir ..... Aug 11, 12
Lannius ..... Aug 18, 19
Brookston ..... Tuesday, Aug 21
South Bonham ..... Aug 25, 26
Fannin ..... Wednesday, Aug 29
J. R. WAGES, P. E.

PARIS DISTRICT—THIRD ROUND.

Blossom sta, at Red Oak ..... July 9
Clarksville sta ..... July 14, 15
Annona mis, at Williams Chapel July 21,

A MIRACLE OF TO-DAY.

A STORY THAT EQUALS THE MIRACLES OF OLD.

A Little Girl Suffers Terrible Agony for Years—Physicians Said She Would Die—Cured at Last—Her Mother Says It Is a Miracle.

(From the Taunton, Mass., Gazette.)

The following story needs no comment whatever. It is the town talk in Wrentham, Mass., and the child's mother tells it as follows: Mrs. Fuller said: "My daughter is now eight years old. When she was four years old she had rheumatic fever, and at once she was stricken helpless; she went from bad to worse until we all despaired of ever seeing her about again. I employed at various times physicians of Foxboro, Franklin and Attleboro, but all to no practical benefit. I gave her all sorts of medicines, and this spring I buried over two bushels of empty bottles which she had emptied from time to time. One doctor who attended her said that she had liver complaint and dropsy, and that she was going to die. I had given up all hope myself when last March I happened to get hold of an Albany, N. Y., paper, and there I read of the wonderful cure of a man up that way by a medicine known as Dr. Williams' Pink Pills, the patient having been afflicted as my daughter was. At that time her legs were drawn up behind her, and her arms were almost helpless. Her head was drawn down on her shoulder and she was a pitiful sight, I tell you.

"I sent and got two boxes of Pink Pills, and when she had used them up I thought I could see just a bit of improvement. Then I got two more and she began to lift herself in bed, and to help herself in other ways. She kept on taking the pills, and now she is able to go over to the neighbors, and is bright and smart. She was a living skeleton; there was nothing to her but bones, and they were all out of shape. When she was first taken sick she was out of her head, and for three years, if you will believe me, it was an utter impossibility for me to catch more than five minutes sleep at a time, so much care was she, and such constant attention did she require, and I was the only one she would let wait upon her. But I am glad I did so, and now I am getting my reward," and the fond, patient, faithful little woman glanced with pride and pleasure to the spot where the little girl was playing with her sister in the shade, just outside the window. "I have spent more than $500 on her, and although I never begrudged it, yet I did want to see my child improve faster than she did. To day she eats more at one meal than I do in two. When I commenced to give her the Pink Pills she was afflicted with a skin disease which was very annoying. Now that has all gone, and I think the pills are responsible for that. Before I started on the Pink Pills I wrote to a specialist in Buffalo, and described her symptoms; he said she had blood poisoning, due to bad milk, and wanted me to bring her there for treatment, although he said he didn't believe she would ever get over it. She had been given up by four doctors who were certain they could not cure her. Why, she couldn't open her mouth, and I actually had to force the food into it. Her mouth was all sores, and, oh, dear, what a looking child she was, and such a care! Nobody but myself knows what a trial we both have been through, for she was too young to realize it. If my statement will do anybody any good I shall be glad to have it published, and if those who read it will only come to me, if they are skeptical, I can convince them in very little time that I now what I am talking about. People around here say it was a miracle, and I believe it was."

The neighbors bore witness to the condition of the child previous to the use of Dr. Williams' Pink Pills, and were enthusiastic in their praises of the splendid work which had been accomplished by them in this case.

Pink Pills contain, in a condensed form, all the elements necessary to give new life and richness to the blood and restore shattered nerves. They are an unfailing specific for such diseases as locomotor ataxia, partial paralysis, St. Vitus' dance, sciatia, neuralgia, rheumatism, nervous headache, the after effects of la grippe, palpitation of the heart, pale and sallow complections, all forms of weakness either in male or female, and all diseases resulting from vitiated humors in the blood. Pink Pills are sold by all dealers, or will be sent post paid on receipt of price, (50 cents a box or 6 boxes for $2.50—they are never sold in bulk or by the 100) by addressing Dr. Williams' Medicine Co., Schenectady, N. Y., or Brockville, Ontario.

THE GRAB HOOKS.

The internal revenue tax yielded our Government last year $153,000,000; of this sum $91,000,000 was from the tax on distilled spirits, $31,000,000 from that on tobacco, $30,000,000 from fermented liquors, $1,266,000 from oleomargarine, and the remainder from miscellaneous sources.

The Woman's Christian Temperance Union petition for the "Protection of the Home" and addressed to the "Governments of the World," has been completed and will be formally presented to all of the world's Governments. The first one to which it will be presented is that of our own United States. Already 3,000,000 names have thus far been secured.

A colored medical school has recently been established by the Freedmen's Aid and Southern Education Society in connection with the New Orleans University, 1428 St. Charles Avenue, La. It admits both men and women students. There is but one colored doctor to every 35,000 colored people in this country.

Little boys and girls will be interested to know that Mrs. Drew, daughter of Wm. E. Gladstone, England's great statesman, permits her little daughter Dorothy to trot about barefooted, and requires her to wear shoes and stockings only when the roads at Harwarden are miry or frozen, or when she goes with her grandpa to take a walk in town. She is her grandpa's constant companion, and has heard perhaps more state secrets than any other person in England, but she does not understand them to be secrets, and so does not repeat them.

THE POPULIST STATE TICKET AND PLATFORM.

For Governor—Thos. L. Nugent.
Lieutenant-Governor—Marion Martin.
Attorney-General—R. N. Bell.
Treasurer—Henry McCulloch.
Land Commissioner—S. C. Granberry.
Comptroller—E. O. Meitzer.
Chief Justice Court of Criminal Appeals—Colonel Dahoney.

PLATFORM.

1. We hereby endorse the principles enunciated in the People's party platform adopted at Omaha July 4, 1892.

2. We declare the People's party to be an anti-monopoly party and reiterate our opposition to monopolization of natural resources and public utilization by individuals or corporations for speculative purposes.

3. We declare the monopolies of land, money and transporation to be the fruitful sources of civil and industrial inequality and wrong, the parent of monopolies from which all lesser monopolies spring, and to the end that these monopolies and their baneful consequences may be removed we advocate as appropriate measures of relief:

4. The abolition of all private banks of issues of every character, whether State or National.

5. The construction, ownership and operation of railroads by the Government to the extent necessary to control and regulate railroads.

6. The Governmental ownership and operation of all telephone and telegraph lines.

7. The free and unlimited coinage of gold and silver upon the ratio of 16 to 1.

8. The issuance by the Government of full legal tender paper money upon some system or plan which, while securing flexibility, shall so regulate the value of currency as to limit it to the actual needs of business.

9. We denounce emphatically the issue of gold bonds in times of peace to meet current expenses of the Government.

10. We favor the building of the Nicaragua canal under proper treaty; provided it is built, owned and operated by our Government in proper cooperation with Nicaragua and Costa Rica.

11. We declare that the doctrine of a tariff for revenue is wrong in principle and we specially condemn the policy of free raw material while manufactured goods are protected.

12. All lands heretofore granted to individuals or corporations in which the grantees have not complied with the conditions of the grant should be forfeited to the State for homestead purposes.

13. No alien ownership of land should be allowed in Texas.

14. Corporations shall not be allowed to own more land than they actually use in the prosecution of their business.

15. We favor an effective system of public schools for six months in the year for all children between the ages of 6 and 18 years and that each race shall have its own trustees and control its own schools.

16. We demand the adoption of a uniform series of text books for the public schools to be furnished by the State at cost.

17. We demand an amendment to our State Constitution authorizing the loan of our public school funds, not otherwise invested, upon lands of the people of this State with proper limitations upon the quantity of land and the amount of money.

18. We demand reformation in the punishment of convicts; that convict labor may be taken out of competition with citizen labor; that convicts be given intellectual and moral instructions and that the earnings of the convict above the expenses of keeping shall go to his family.

19. We demand a free vote and an honest count.

20. We demand an efficient lien law that will protect the artisan, mechanic, labor and material man.

21. We demand that all county officers receive fixed salaries, not to exceed $2000 per annum net, and that all fees shall be turned into the general fund.

22. We demand the establishment of a State Bureau of labor.

23. We favor the creation of a State Board of Arbitration to adjust all differences between corporations and employes.

24. We demand that Commissioners' Courts should not be allowed to contract a debt against a county for more than $5000 unless the same be ordered by a majority vote of the county.

25. We demand the free and unlimited coinage of gold and silver at the ratio of 16 to 1 and that they be made legal tender for all debts.

26. We demand a sufficiency of good money to supply the wants of trade, and believe that $50 per capita is required.

27. We demand such amendment of the vagrant laws as will prevent the prosecutions as criminals of industrious laboring men while in a condition of enforced idleness.

28. While believing Government ownership offers the only complete and satisfactory solution of the railroad question, we nevertheless favor the continuance of the commission, but demand that the commissioners shall be elected by the people and that the law shall be administered in a spirit of fairness to all parties.

29. We demand that the State provide sufficient accommodation for all its insane without discrimination in color.

30. We favor proportional representation.

31. We declare the People's party to be in favor of local self government and the enjoyment by the individual of his natural rights to the greatest extent compatible with good society.

32. We favor such amendment to our Constitution and tax laws as will secure the assessment of lands and improvement separately.

33. We favor a modification of the laws of limitation as to real estate, to the end that the titles to lands may be quieted.

34. We demand the enactment of a law declaring eight hours to be a legal day's work, except in domestic and agricultural affairs.

MARRIAGES.

SMITH—ENNIS.—At the residence of the bride's father, Capt. J. W. Miles, near Malakoff, Texas, at 4 p. m., Mr. Lee W. Smith and Mrs. Mary Ennis, Rev. J. C. Calhoun officiating.

BLAIR—MAYFIELD.—At the Merrilltown Church, June 27, 1894, at 9 p. m., Mr. Wm. A. Blair and Miss Fannie Mayfield, Rev. Jas. M. Sherman officiating.

MOGEL — SCHWARTING. — In the Methodist Church in Round Rock, Texas, June 28, 1894, at 10 a. m., Mr. Carl Mogel and Miss Annie Schwarting, Rev. Jas. M. Sherman officiating.

FENNER—CUMMINGS.—At the home of the bride's father, G. N. Cummings, near Vienna, Lavaca County, Texas, June 6, 1894, Mr. C. O. Fenner and Miss Kittie Cummings, Rev. Wm. J. Sims officiating.

TARKINGTON—PETTERSON.—At the home of Mr. S. D. Petterson, father of the bride, June 13, 1894, Mr. E. L. Tarkington and Miss Florence Petterson; all of Williamsburg, Lavaca County, Texas; Rev. Wm. J. Sims officiating.

OBITUARIES.

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WRIGHT.—The death angel invaded our town last Sabbath evening just as the sun was going down the mountain and took one of our number, Mary Ella Wright, daughter of Joe and Emma Wright, formerly of Guion, but now of this place. Although our hearts are bereft, yet we rejoice that our loved ones are safe in the Master's fold, and that at the last day we may claim our own. Two hours before her death she spoke audibly, and held out her hand and said: "Home." No doubt she was just entering the portals of the everlasting home, where no pain nor trouble ever comes. Dear bereaved ones, look up to the source from whence comes all our blessings, and, although this seems a hard trial to be repeated in one year, yet the Lord tempers the wind to the shorn lamb. May the grace of God sustain you, is my prayer. A FRIEND.

BUFFALO GAP, TEXAS.

PATTERSON.—Cicero Patterson, son of John and Jane Patterson, was born in Alabama in 1860; came to Texas at the age of twenty; married Miss Mollie B. Walker December 12, 1882, and died at his residence in Bonham, Texas, June 23, 1894. The writer first met him in sickness at his home in January, and found him so cheerful that he was surprised to find he was not a Christian. After prayer and some talk he asked the writer to pray for him, adding; "I'm not prepared to die." On the afternoon of March 11 he saw the all-sufficiency of Christ and was comforted. His comfort increased and his prospects brightened till he passed away. On the 12th I baptized and received him into the Church. He then asked that his two youngest children be baptized, which was done. He was a placid, patient sufferer, never complaining at his lot. He leaves a devoted wife, three sweet children, father and one sister to overtake him on the other side. God grant they may. W. M. LEATHERWOOD.

BONHAM, TEXAS.

TUCKER.—Mrs. Garie Ann Tucker (nee Maule), wife of Rev. J. H. Tucker, M. D., was born in the State of New York, in 1827, and died in the city of Laredo, Texas, May 27, 1894. When a small girl, with her parents, she came to Texas. During the time when Revs. Thrall, Alexander and DeVilbiss, our first missionaries to Texas, were preaching the gospel of truth to the few scattering immigrants of the country, she made a profession of religion, was baptized by Bro. DeVilbiss and joined the M. E. Church, South. In 1860 she was married to J. H. Tucker, since which time she has borne, though very delicate, the trials and vicissitudes of a Methodist preacher's wife. For some time previous to her death she was a great sufferer. In her condition of bodily infirmity was afforded to her an opportunity to prove to herself and those about her what a great victory is given when patience is let have her perfect work. She scarcely complained at all about her own suffering. In the death of her daughter, Sister Dickson, a few weeks ago, she experienced a bitter grief, but she ever continued to trust God through the dark hour up to the time of her death. About two hours before her sudden death she told her pastor and her family that, knowing her broken constitution and state of health, she did not expect to live through the summer. She realized that the time of her departure was at hand, though it was a surprise to many. She was watching.—Matt. 24:44 and 46. Not overly communicative; what she did say we knew was sincere. She loved her Church; she loved her pastor. In her the writer ever found a true friend—one next to his mother—true and devoted. She is sadly missed. Many friends join with our aged and beloved Bro. Tucker, the three grandchildren and other relatives in grief at their loss; but God saw fit to call her to her reward, and we, bowing in submission to his will, are grateful for her life, and wait hopefully for the time of reunion. M. S. GARDNER.

LAREDO, TEXAS

WRIGHT.—Mr. S. M. Wright was born in Wilson County, Tenn., December 27, 18—; was married to Elizabeth Hamilton, September 11, 1838; moved to Texas in 1852; died in Kyle, Texas, of paralysis. Out of the nine children three preceded him to the glory world. He lingered on this shore about six years after his sainted wife had gone home. He longed to quit the walks of men and be with the Lord. For fifteen months he was confined to his bed as helpless as a babe, and was a beautiful example of patience and simple trust. His dear daughter (Mrs. Young), with whom his last years were spent, says she has seen him so happy that a kind of awe seemed to be over the house. His last and touching words were, "I come, I come." No doubt he was talking to the Savior, who died that he might live. One of the greatest comforts of his religion was: he was never known to doubt his acceptance with the Lord. May his loved ones that are left follow his good example and meet him in glory, is the prayer of a true FRIEND.

BUFFALO GAP, TEXAS.

HARRELL.—Richard Harrell was born in Perquimans County, North Carolina, May 11, 1813; died in Hunt County, Texas, June 19, 1894. He was twice married, and two children by the first and nine by the second marriage survive him, and are all members of the Methodist Church. His second wife died in 1888. Grandpa Harrell, as he was generally called, was the founder of the Harrell Camp ground, which was established in 1849, ten miles northwest of Greenville. From these meetings have grown Kingston, Celeste, Floyd, Merrit, Bethel Grove and Harrell Chapel Churches very largely. A few days before his death he said: "My work is about done, but I am ready and willing to go. Don't get discouraged in your labors, but be strong in the faith." He has been a member of the Methodist Church sixty-three years. Many hungry ones that have been fed at his table, many souls that have been converted through his instrumentality, with his own lovely children and grandchildren, need not weep, but only rejoice that they know where to find him.

W. J. BUDWORTH, Pastor.

KINGSTON, TEXAS.

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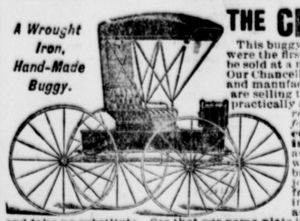
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AT WILLS POINT.

The Terrell District Conference met at Wills Point on Thursday, June 28 I went over on Saturday and found Rev. C. B. Fladger in the chair and Rev. Marvin Nichols at the Secretary's table, with a fair attendance of preachers and delegates, sturning off business according to the best methods and in the spirit of the Master. The truth is, this was one of the most spiritual business meetings I have attended this year, and its influence upon the members and upon the town of Wills Point is going to tell in the days to come.

As the conference resolved that the Secretary write a synopsis of the proceedings to be published in the ADVOCATE, I will merely furnish a few notes:

My home during Saturday and Sunday was at the residence of Mr. N. A. Matthews, a clever gentleman, whose wife is a zealous Methodist, and they entertained the beloved Fladger and myself in great style.

Dr. W. A. Edwards, "of the East Texas Conference," as the presiding elder termed him, is the pastor at Wills Point, and though the wealthy suit of rich black hair has long since departed from the summit of his cranium, the brain on the inside is as vigorous as it ever was. He lives in a fine parsonage, with an elegant lady for a wife, drinks good, cold cistern water, carries a gold-headed cane, wears a beegum hat and kid gloves, and preaches in as neat a church and to as large and intelligent a congregation as any man in a city no larger than Wills Point.

Sisters McCloud, of Terrell, and Ansley, of Kemp, were on hand in the interest of the Woman's Home Mission and Parsonage Society. They made a fine impression. I exhorted after them.

Rev. W. H. Vaughan had gone before I arrived, but they reported him in fine health and in possession of $205 15 more money for the Orphan Home than he had when he struck the town. Vaughan, as an agent for that home, is a big success. His work grows on him. He has talked orphan until he is getting to look like an orphan himself.

I happen to miss Dr. McLean all around. I half way believe he is systematically giving me the dodge. Now mind, Doctor, I will head you off yet before the summer is gone.

Rev. Marvin Nichols makes a fine Secretary. He is a rising young man. The mantle of the sainted Geo. T. Nichols seems to have fallen upon his son. May the Lord grant him a double portion of his father's spirit!

Rev. C. B. Fladger is a model presiding elder. He is perfectly easy, both in the chair and among the people. His preachers all love him, and as for the people, they rate him the biggest man in the country, except "Dr. Edwards, of the East Texas Conference."

The conference passed vigorous and complimentary resolutions concerning the TEXAS CHRISTIAN ADVOCATE. Dr. Fladger made a telling speech for the paper, urging the brethren to place a copy of it in every Methodist family. I made my usual ADVOCATE speech "with variations," as Dr. McLean would say.

The Committee on Divine Service put me up to preach Sunday, at 11 o'clock, and "spoke me" at 4 p. m. on the Epworth League. Well, it is some comfort to be allowed to preach on Sunday at District Conference, seeing that I can not get to be "elder."

The conference passed a resolution requesting all our Sunday-schools to employ only religious teachers. This should be carried out to the letter. How can the blind lead the blind? How can a man who knows nothing of religion impress the young mind with the truths of the gospel? Every teacher ought to work and pray for the conversion of every member of his class. No other kind of a teacher ought ever to be employed.

Rev. L. P. Lively preached on Saturday at 11 a. m. Of course it was a grand sermon. That old Mowhawk Chief has not a superior in Texas as a pulpit orator. I did not see that wretched dog of his. It is likely that, despite his master's caution, he has swallowed a hunk of medicated beef.

Rev. A. H. Brewer, of Terrell, is responsible for the following: The members of a negro Church in Philadelphia met to inaugurate a plan for building a new house of worship. They passed the following resolutions: 1. Every one must give something. 2. Every one must give according to his ability. 3. Every one must give cheerfully. They then proceeded to take a collection. An old steward started down the aisle with his hat, and coming upon a well-to-do carpenter, who only put in $5, shouted out: "I don't want dat $5." "Why?" queried the donor. "Kase," replied the collector, "it is in keepin' wid de fust resolution, but not wid de second; you is able to give mo'." "Take dat, den," snapped the donor as he recovered the $5 and put in a $20 bill. "I ain't a gwine to have dat nuther," protested the collector; "kase, while it fills out de fust and second resolutions, it breaks down on de last." The donor chewed his tongue a bit, and bursting out in a big guffaw threw in the whole $25 cheerfully, carrying out all the resolutions and removing all the scruples of the collector. J. W. H.

TERRELL DISTRICT CONFERENCE.

The Terrell District Conference has gone into history. The Secretary will doubtless give you a full statement of its proceedings, but bear with me while I say a word or two.

Wills Point is proverbial for its royal District Conference entertainments, and if the brethren were sincere in their reports, its reputation was well sustained at this conference. We expected much from the conference, and feel that we can say our expectations have been more than realized. The attendance was large.

The impression made on the community was that the Terrell District is manned by able, intelligent, godly, consecrated men for the most part that will be one day at the front. The decision here is that the ministry of our Church has no special advantage over the laity; that both are moving forward on the line of intellectual development, *hari-pasa*. J. W. H., of the ADVOCATE, was with us in power and the demonstration of the claims of the ADVOCATE. Hill is a sight at a District Conference. He is the biggest thing on the ground, and his keen perceptibility soon takes in the situation. Did I say Hill was the biggest thing on the ground? If I did I will take it all back. Hill is too modest to pit himself against a beloved, and I have too much practical good sense to place any man above a beloved except a Bishop. So, Bro. Editor, begin to take a second seat and make room for a more honorable guest, viz., the beloved C. B. Fladger. Your correspondent has been much associated with the above named until he is nearly ready to say at this end of the train it is Jonathan and David.

The nearer you put men together and the longer they remain with each other the better judges they are of intellectual and spiritual development, and for ten years this corresponden has had his eye on this preacher and has marked every stage of his development. C. B. Fladger can get more religion into and out of a District or Quarterly Conference than any man I know. Religion somehow goes along with his services, be they what they may. The District Conference was manipulated deftly, and to all its work, management and everything every heart said amen.

This is the last District Conference the North Texas Conference will hold at Wills Point; perhaps forever. The social relations so long ago, and so lovingly formed, are now dissolved. Thence forward Wills Point will look to the East for the coming day. New relations, new friendships, and new associations are to be formed, and all of this conference will never assemble this side of heaven in the same body again; and while I hold the hand of the East Texas and North Texas in my loving embrace, permit me to give to each the parting kiss of love, until we meet in that conference that hath no boundaries.

WM. A. EDWARDS.

BROWNWOOD DISTRICT CONFERENCE.

With profuse expression of love for this scribe the Rev. J. G. Putman moved that he be requested to report the proceedings of the late session of the Brownwood District Conference. It was so ordered. With reciprocating love I am at my task.

The fourteenth session of this District Conference was opened promptly at 9 o'clock on Thursday morning, June 14, with religious services by Bro. Coker, local preacher on Comanche Circuit. The presiding elder, Rev. W. M. Shelton, was in his place. Organization was effected by the election of S. R. Saltzar Secretary and W. D. Bradfield, Assistant Secretary. It was ordered that the usual committees be appointed. The chair appointed committees on the spiritual condition of the Church in the district, on education, on temperance, on Sunday-schools, on Epworth League, on finance and on Quarterly Conference Records. These matters, however, were freely discussed even before the reports were read. The committee work of the conference was little more than a resume of the discussions on the floor.

The conference was a live one from start to finish. It was spiritual, if anything. The first preaching service ended with great rejoicing—a conference with more religious power the brethren say they have never attended. Some of the preachers came up with great victories already achieved in the year's work; others of us came up out of trial. Brownwood Station, under the leadership of Bro. Putman, is aflame with revival fire. Some sixty accessions up to date. Comanche Station, with Bro. A. E. Carraway as preacher in charge, has been visited with a glorious revival during the year. An hundred or more accessions. Special revival services yet to be held in most of the charges.

Our presiding elder certainly knows all the ground of a pastorate and is equally efficient in finding out what his preachers know about it. Nothing relative to the spiritual status of our charges escaped him. These inquiries brought out the fact that fifty per cent of our membership is the average attendance upon the preaching of the Word. In a few instances the average attendance was reported as high as ninety per cent of the membership. About forty per cent of our membership are regular in attendance upon the Lord's Supper. Twenty-five per cent of heads of families conduct family worship. Prayer-meetings and class meetings in some charges are finely attended. Fifty per cent attendance reported by several of the pastors. Administration of discipline was earestly inquired into. The conference adopted resolutions urging pastors to guard carefully and wisely the door to the Church. It was urged that the Disciplinary conditions of Church membership, namely: (1) a desire to flee from the wrath to come, (2) genuineness of one's faith, and (3) willingness to keep the rules of the Church, be required of every one knocking for admission into our Church.

The conference enjoyed the very encouraging communication from Dr. J. H. McLean as to the condition of the Southwestern University, and also a warm speech from Dr. John R. Allen, of the Annex; also a communication was had from the Waco Female College. These institutions received the hearty endorsement of the conference. A breezy discussion was had on the committee's report as to the Fort Worth Depository. Some of the brethren thought the committee's language a reflection on our good Bro. Morris. Some of the verbiage was changed and the conference unanimously endorsed the resolution that steps be taken at the next session of the Northwest Texas Conference to dissolve the contract among the Texas Annual Conferences by which the Fort Worth Depository is maintained.

Advanced ground in the Brownwood District is being taken every day on the question of temperance. Several of the charges are already free from the curse of whisky—notably Brownwood and Coleman. The committee, with Bro. Swinden as Chairman, brought in strong resolutions on this subject and received the hearty endorsement of the conference.

The Sunday-school and Epworth League were made quite prominent. Bro. W. H. Vaughan, whose presence we now note, made his famous and often repeated speech against the union idea of Sunday-schools. The reader is doubtless familiar with the "green corn" episode narrated in that speech. Bro. Vaughan's visit was greatly enjoyed; his talks and sermon were pointed and interesting. He got in subscription and money something over $100 by his visit.

It was developed that there are only three active Leagues in the district. Total League membership in district, 240. Indications are that there will be several Leagues organized within the next few months in the district. The time to organize the League is immediately after the revival. It was suggested that each pastor begin at once to select three or four of his livest young people and with them study the methods and aims of League work. This he is to have as the nucleus of his League organization.

Perhaps the livest report of the conference committees was the report on finances. Bro. J. E. Vernor, of Goldthwaite, headed this committee. The report, together with the President's probing, revealed the fact that the most inefficient system possible as to our finances obtains in Brownwood District. The Disciplinary plan, despite of the presiding elder's repeated exhortations at every Quarterly Conference, is adopted in scarcely three charges in the district. The Disciplinary plan nor no other plan obtains in most of the charges. Finances are greatly in arrears. Brownwood has made her conference collections, but of the $1200 estimated for preacher in charge has paid only about $350. This is a fair sample, and I mention this charge because the figures happen to stay with me. The preachers, however, got under conviction. It was presented very clearly that we pastors ourselves are responsible for this loose method of doing things.

The Brownwood District Conference is made up of men. Our presiding elder, after his first round, said that somebody had done good work in manning the district. Happy any man that follows John P. Mussett in any work! Bro. Shelton is his worthy successor; the peer of any man in the Northwest Texas Conference in preaching power—unsurpassed in his knowledge and execution of the Discipline, genial, and withal as unobtrusive as a child. He loves his preachers and people, and his preachers and people love him. A more lovable, unselfish set of men I have never been with than the pastors of our district. Godly emulation, but no selfish rivalry among us. Bro. Wellborn is the scriptorian of our district. Bro. Jordan makes the impression that he is the happiest man in it. Bro. Hilburn is the nice man. Bro. Fair is the weeping prophet among us. Bro. Putman knows when to say amen. Bro. Thomas is a love-feast concentrated. Time would fail me to tell of the other brethren who are worthy successors of the truest martyr that ever lived and died. Our local preachers and laymen are strong men. The work of the Church is very near their heart. Bros. Baird, Vernor, Switzer, Swinden, Connor, Rape, Tucker, Coker, and the hosts of other consecrated laymen are powers in the Brownwood District.

W. D. BRADFIELD,
Assistant Secretary.

BALLINGER, TEXAS.

TEXAS CHRISTIAN ADVOCATE A GREAT PAPER.

Resolutions by Brownwood District.

The District Conference of Brownwood District, Northwest Texas Conference, ordered me, as their Secretary, to forward to you, for publication, the following reports of a special committee appointed to consider the TEXAS CHRISTIAN ADVOCATE, and a communication from Bro. I. Z. T. Morris.

ON ADVOCATE.

To the Presiding Elder and Members of Brownwood District Conference:

DEAR FATHERS AND BRETHREN—Your special committee take special pleasure in calling to your consideration the claims of the TEXAS CHRISTIAN ADVOCATE upon us for an increased support. The TEXAS ADVOCATE has recently been greatly enlarged and improved. In its several departments are to be found a great variety of information, such as will be helpful to our people in the building up and carrying on the work of the Church.

Either one of these departments, such as the Sunday-school, the Epworth League, the news from the conferences, is well worth the subscription price. And then in the editorial department is found a degree of ability unsurpassed by any of the Advocate family.

We urge the circulation of the TEXAS ADVOCATE, insisting that it should be a weekly visitor in every Texas Methodist home; and we do especially urge upon every official member of each pastoral charge the necessity of reading the ADVOCATE in order to a better understanding of the duties and a needed help in the discharge of the work entrusted to them. Respectfully submitted,

J. H. TUCKER,
JOHN C. S. BAIRD,
W. D. BRADFIELD,
Committee.

REPORT ON THE COMMUNICATION OF I. Z. T. MORRIS.

DEAR BRETHREN—Your committee, to whom was referred the communication of Bro. I. Z. T. Morris, beg leave to submit the following report:

Whereas, The proceeds of our Publishing House are for the benefit of the traveling, supernumerary, superannuated preachers, their wives, widows and children; and, whereas, the quadrennial report of the Agents of the Publishing House shows that during the past four years $30,000 have been diverted from this channel by depositories; and, whereas, the gain of convenience to our Texas preachers by the existence of the Fort Worth Depository can not compensate or equal the loss of proceeds to our traveling, supernumerary, superannuated and worn-out preachers, their wives, widows and children; be it

Resolved by the Brownwood District Conference, in Brownwood assembled, That it is the sense of the conference, without reflection on Bro. Morris, that the ensuing Northwest Texas Annual Conference shall take steps towards the dissolution of the contract between the five Texas Annual Conferences in the maintenance of the Fort Worth Depository.

W. D. BRADFIELD,
JNO. C. S. BAIRD,
J. H. TUCKER.

GAINESVILLE DISTRICT CONFERENCE.

The Gainesville District Conference, of the North Texas Conference, held its nineteenth session, June 21-23, in Denton Street Church, Gainesville. About thirty clerical and forty-five lay delegates were in attendance. The presiding elder, R. M. Powers, presided over the conference with that pleasantness of style that made the body feel at home and free to speak in the interest of the Church on all questions. Hon. H. L. Stuart was elected Secretary, with Revs. J. F. Pierce and J. E. Vinson assistants.

Rev. W. H. Hughes, of the Dallas District, was with us, representing his recent publication, entitled "Baptism—The Mode and Subjects," by Old Foxy. He remained with us until he gave us one of his spiritual sermons, which did us good.

Rev. J. A. Wyatt, of Van Alstyne Station and Financial Agent of the North Texas Female College, and Rev. I. S. Ashburn, of Sherman Station, looked in on us and addressed the conference in the interest of that prosperous institution. Each of these brethren gave us a good sermon, which added to the spirituality of the session.

Rev. W. H. Vaughan, Agent of the Orphan Home, Waco, was with us in smiles and in wit, and fully enthused with the interest of a home for the orphans. He explained his work, preached on the subject, took a collection for the "Home," amounting to about $400, in cash and subscription, and hurried on to other pastures green.

Rev. Frank Naylor, of the Indian Mission Conference, was seen mingling with us, as the king of birds on poised wings, looking for his prize.

Prof. D. J. Evans, of Whitewright, Texas, was with us in his prime and rendered us some of his best service in song.

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The various interests of the Church were brought out by the chair, and well represented by both preachers and delegates, showing the district to be in good condition and the preachers at their post for the accomplishment of greater things in the name of the great Head of the Church.

The Woman's Parsonage and Home Mission Society was well represented, showing that these consecrated women are doing faithful work in their sphere.

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