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EDITORIAL.

THE STATE OF THE CHURCH.

Just after the adjournment of our several Texas Conferences we endeavored to turn the thought of the brethren especially toward the spiritual state of the Church, inasmuch as the conferences placed great emphasis upon this question. The result is, that the most of our communications since then have been on that and kindred subjects. The brethren have taken a wide range, and each one has given the reason for the hope that is in him. In addition to those who have appeared in the Advocate, we have on hand a long list of articles awaiting their turn made up of the same character of matter. This we are glad to see, for it indicates a wide spread interest upon a question of the deepest importance. The reading of these articles will prove wholesome to the ministry and membership of the Church, and good results ought to follow. The thing to do is to find the cause of any lack of spiritual vigor, and proceed to remove it as quickly as possible. When this is done, a healthy state of things will be inaugurated, and spiritual life and activity will soon begin to manifest themselves. Indications of an improved condition are already apparent. From many places we hear of the progress of revivals, and others are in near prospect. And with the preparations being made by the Church for this sort of work, the stagnant conditions which have seemed to obtain in the past year or two will have to give way to aggressiveness and conquest. One of the strongest evidences of the Divine origin of the Church of God is, she is endowed with wonderful power of self-recovery from a backslidden state. The means necessary for a result of this kind are within the reach of those in whose hands her interests and destiny are placed. The Holy Ghost, working in the hearts and lives of her ministry and membership, is the medium of this self-recovery; and access to God through the Divine Spirit is open to those who seek for times of refreshing from the presence of the Lord. Our conferences stressed the necessity for this sort of helpful dependence, and the columns of the Advocate have been flooded with literature qualified to aid the preachers in their efforts to bring our people into sympathy with this great need. Then the Fort Worth Conference was a spiritual dynamo in which this power was wonderfully manifest, and from it have gone out influences tremendously potent for good among the people at large. We therefore look for a year of spiritual growth and prosperity. All that is now necessary to bring it about is deep consecration and laborious work. The Church is neither dead nor asleep, though she may have been somewhat retarded during the past year or two in her progress. She is the bride of the Lamb, and there is in her the same inherent powers of life found in Christ. God has not forsaken her. His great heart is in sympathy with her travail, and the character of his beloved Son is involved in the outcome of her struggle. He is jealous of her success in winning souls

from sin, and in her effort to spread scriptural holiness over these lands. As long as her children cry unto him in her behalf; as long as they reach out after higher things through her instrumentality; as long as they suffer in spirit for her enlargement of victory over Satan; as long as they weep over her loss of power and rejoice over her return of her prosperity, she can never meet with permanent reverse or decay. Let us therefore thank God and take courage, for the day of our redemption from dearth and spiritual barrenness draweth nigh.

THE TWENTIETH CENTURY MOVEMENT.

The present century is rapidly drawing to a close, and the new one will soon be upon us. During the progress of the old one, Methodism has made wonderful strides in spiritual and material things. The fact is, one hundred years ago we were a feeble folk, and our Church work was crude and unorganized; but now we are like the stars for multitudes, and our wealth is abundant. We have grown under the guidance of divine Providence into a great ecclesiastical organization and a tremendous spiritual force. No single movement in modern times will compare with the work inaugurated by John Wesley, in the vitality of its spirit, in the working out of its details, in its effect upon conscience, in the rapid increase of its numbers, and in the development of its system. It is the marvel of the present generation. Students of history are giving it very close attention.

But, if Methodism has accomplished so much under its disadvantages in the century now nearly gone, what is it she ought not to accomplish, with her present advantages, in the century to come? We ought now to be prepared for conquest. To do things on a scale in keeping with our ability, we want to start off with large equipment for the task. That we need a thorough baptism of the Holy Ghost upon the pulpit and the pew, is a proposition too self-evident for serious discussion. But this need is not peculiar to the present time. There has never been a period in the progress of our work when this necessity was not upon us; and while we are in this militant state, we will hardly outgrow this necessity. As an unfolding organism, dependent upon vital spiritual forces for sustenance, the Church will continue to need these oft-recurring baptisms of power from on high. To recognize this need, and to put forth special effort to meet it, are not evidences of dearth and death, but of recuperative energy and reliance upon the one source for quickening zeal and holy anointing. A Church thoroughly satisfied with itself, and with its work and attainments, is approaching the incipient stages of decay; but a Church calling upon its ministry and membership for a renewal of faith and consecration, is girding herself for an impetus in a forward movement. We therefore regard the present indications of our Methodism as most hopeful and inspiring. She is adjusting herself for a mighty struggle, and if all of the signs do not fail, the next few years will show us achievements in spiritual and material things of which we have never dreamed.

Along with this preparatory work of spiritual baptism, comes the effort to do great things in the line of education. We are planning to open the approaching century with a million of dollars placed upon the altar of the Church for the equipment of our schools, whose special work will be to train the oncoming generations of our people for still better service in the Master's cause. All the other branches of the Methodist family are doing likewise. But to accomplish this great end, we will need the co-operation of the entire membership of the Church, and of all its auxiliary societies. The presiding elders, the pastors, the Sunday-school Superintendents, the League Presidents, and the Presidents of our Home and Foreign Missionary Societies must bestir themselves and take the lead in this great movement. One dollar a member is the minimum expected from our people. This means that those who are able are expected to go up into the hundreds and thousands in their offerings. Those who can do no more are asked for the one dollar, and this, put into the hands of God, will help the aggregate to do great things for the world. In Texas, with our two hundred thousand members, much is expected of us, and we must not be found wanting. Therefore, the work of organization must begin at once, and deep enthusiasm must be generated. This can not be done by fits and starts, but by earnest, intelligent, persistent work. The Advocate promises unqualified co-operation in this undertaking. We deeply desire its largest success.

THAT NEW YORK PREACHERS' MEETING.

A few weeks ago the Associated Press dispatches sent out from New York a sensational report of the alleged proceedings of the Methodist preachers' meeting of that city, in which one Dr. Cadman was reported to have called in question the miracles and other portions of the Scriptures. This same report stated that Bishop Andrew was present, and cheered the statements of Dr. Cadman. Some of the great dailies of the country seized upon this report, and made much ado over the fact that the great Methodist Church was growing very liberal in its interpretations of the Bible, and that the old landmarks once held by this Church were being given up, etc.

In the next issue of the New York Advocate, Dr. Buckley took occasion to show that there was really no ground for such a dispatch, and that the whole thing was largely a fabrication of some over-wrought reporter, bent upon a sensation. He furthermore stated that Bishop Andrew was not even present when the paper of Dr. Cadman was read. Neither was any reporter present in the preachers' meeting.

Yet the secular press copied this fabrication, and gloated over it with apparent delight. After Dr. Buckley's denial came out, some of these daily papers published it, by request, but made no editorial reference to the denial whatever. It is a little singular that the secular press is so quick to make the most out of any report which they regard as antagonistic to the established doctrines and usages of the

Church. They delight to give it the widest publicity and to call public attention to it in lengthy editorials. Why is it thus? Are these dailies opposed to the spirit of orthodox Christian teaching? Or is it simply a morbid desire upon their part to spring and then emphasize a sensation?

Suppose Dr. Cadman had assumed the position with reference to the Bible alleged in that Associated Press dispatch? What would it prove? What effect would it have had upon the doctrinal status of the Methodist Church? Why, the whole thing would not amount to a puff of wind. At least three millions of members of the great Methodist Church never heard of Dr. Cadman until this sensation came to the front. More than that, they care nothing about his views. His conference would attend to his case, in the event that he needed attention, in about two hours' time, and then he would drop back into obscurity and his small place in the Church would never be missed. The Methodist Church is not dependent upon the paltry views of any one of its ministers, or any one thousand of them, for its stability and integrity of doctrine and usage. It is founded upon something more durable than the caprice or idiosyncrasy of some man who happens to hold down a little section of its membership in New York. For more than one hundred years she has been bringing sinners to repentance, lifting up the fallen, establishing great institutions of learning, and making her polity and system of truth potent in the development of a higher order of civilization; and it makes one just a trifle weary to see the secular press assuming that the views of some one of its preachers is a matter of any serious consequence to the Church at large. When Dr. Briggs and Dr. Preserved Smith, of the Presbyterian Church, some time back drifted out into latitudinarianism, this same secular press went into ecstasies over their departure. It now turns out that one of these erratics dropped into the Protestant Episcopal Church, and the other one into the Congregational Church, and if the earth had opened and swallowed them up they would not have more completely disappeared from view. Dr. Swing and Dr. Thomas have shared the same fate in their attempt to head a great lax religious movement. No, the Methodist Church is a million times bigger than any one man whom she has picked up and made respectable. If he can not conform to her regulations, she is prepared to give him a permanent discharge, and move on with her great mission as though he had never lived.

Now, let us look at another side of this question. The Methodist Church in all her branches is now engaged in raising millions of dollars for the education of the rising generation of the world, but we have not noticed that the great dailies have sent out any sensational accounts of this work. This is something worthy of their widest interest, but they do not seem to have caught the spirit of this mighty enterprise. We have seen no Associated Press dispatches to this effect. But just let a preacher of small reputation in New York come before his locality as having made an assault upon the doctrines of the Bible as held by the Methodist Church, and he is reproduced all over the continent as a hero among men! This sort of thing has developed into a maudlin sentiment in the columns of the secular press until it is qualified to bring about nausea upon the part of thoughtful people.

COMMUNICATIONS

LAW—DOCTRINES—REVIVALS.

A careful study of the principles of common law with a thorough study of ecclesiastical law is necessary to all pastors. A proper administration of the law depends upon a corresponding knowledge of its principles and application. No one may hope to grasp at one effort the great principles underlying civil and ecclesiastical governments. Blackstone's Commentaries and Greenleaf's Law of Evidence lay a good foundation for a legal structure. To these books if the theological student will add "Ecclesiastical Law," by Hon. W. J. Henry and Bishop William L. Harris, D. D., LL.D., he will have acquired a working knowledge of common law and the correlation of common and ecclesiastical law. This is at once an interesting, instructive and important study. Bishop M. S. Merrill's "Digest of Methodist Law" will prove a most valuable aid to the student of Methodist law. Then to pursue the subject he may add "The Organic Law of the M. E. Church," by Judge Hiram L. Sibley. To Tigert's "Constitutional History of American Episcopal Methodism" add the "Digest of the Doctrinal Standards of the Methodist Church," by Principal Shaw, D. D., LL.D., of Wesleyan Theological College, Montreal. Mr. Shaw is a Canadian. It appears strange to me that a learned minister of our Church, a DD., LL.D., thought it necessary at the last session of our General Conference to move a committee to determine the constitution of our Church. I have called attention to these books to direct the minds of the young pastors to them that they may post themselves on the polity and standards of doctrine of our Church. All pastors should be familiar with the organic and statutory laws of the Church, and also our standards of doctrine, which should be maintained humbly, yet fearlessly in the sight of God. To my mind the great problem of the spiritual declension of our Zion and the spiritual depletion of our ministry and the restoration of spiritual life and power will be solved satisfactorily if we will prayerfully and faithfully execute the laws of the Church and humbly preach the doctrines contained in our standards. To do this will be to execute to the extent of our ability the scope and intent of our Church and ministerial vows. These embrace every phase of practical religion and contemplate the engagement of every member of the body and faculty of the soul in the service of the Master. These vows assume that each pastor is an evangelist, who by prayer, faith and fidelity shall be efficient in the proclamation of the truth, and shall have seals to his ministry and fruits of his labors. With the divine equipment as vouchsafed to every consecrated worker in the vineyard of our Lord there shall be a harvest of souls redeemed by the Omnipotent. Revivals of religion are consequent upon conditions. Comply with the conditions and the revival follows as cause and effect in things natural. I rejoice in the intimations of a great ingathering into the kingdom of our Lord.

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DOTS FROM ONE OF BASCOM'S SERMONS.

The Christian revelation was not intended merely or mainly to gratify intellectual curiosity and enrich the mind of man, but so to change his nature and reverse his moral condition as to establish him in the final virtue and happiness of heaven. The gospel is a grand and peculiar system. It claims a divinity of origin, an essential importance, an excellence of matter, an amount of evidence, a demonstration of claim, a convincing energy, an impressiveness of appeal, a practical utility, to which no other subject or system can possibly lay claim, or, laying claim, must be found at fault and prove insolvent in what it affects. The source of its origin is divine. This is the great basement principle, the foundation axiom of the Christian. The hand of God is seen in its construction. His finger is visible, and his wisdom conspicuous in all its provisions and proportions. Springing from, it has always held communion with, the heavens, and proclaimed the divinity of its origin by the number and splendor of its triumphs. Other systems have failed. Vague guesses have been sent forth from time to time like Noah's dove, from the frail ark of man's unaided reason, to hover over the dark and unfathomed abyss of the future, to no avail. Philosophers, with

golden dreams, and lessons of philosophic meekness, in gorgeousness of calculations of physical truth, still left the wayward and tossed vessel of the human soul upon a sea of strange and untried expectation. It was at this fearful and befitting crisis that revelation threw the full sunrise of immortality over our world, the undying light of which remains to guide us still. Revelation being the product of the wisdom of God, bears the impress of all his perfections. Its every ray of light is a heaven transmitted beam, to the human understanding. It is indeed the veritable apotheosis of all that is lovely in the intellectual universe—an exhibition of heavenly worth, of the temper and conduct of the world above, to which we aspire. In theory, it is a revelation of Deity; and in practice, the nearest possible assimilation to Him. It places the interest of time in obedience, and opens upon the soul the objects of immortality. A system perfect in model, and perfect in movement, needing no touch of human perfection, or earthly finish. Given to man to be studied and understood, to be received and conformed to, stamped with the impress, and glowing with the energies of immortality and hell. Christianity is a system so true as to preclude everything false; so great and good as to have nothing weak or wicked about it. What but the gospel gives birth to those mighty hopes and fears which gather over the soul like angel's wings as now and again it is felt to be darkened by a shadow no body projects, and tossed by a tempest no order governs. The vicious and wayward may resist these convictions, but like the eternal lights of the sepulcher, they continue to burn unextinguished in the wasted heart. Hope and fear alternate in the bosom, and, ever and anon, rush quivering over all the chords of the soul! The one fixes attention upon the harps of the blest, echoing the harmonies of heaven; the other opening an ear to the wail of the lost, dirging the perdition of undone eternity. Christianity has ever had a witness and advocate in the human being. Conscience shakes her terrible scepter and utters her monitory voice. The gospel is man's only resource. It nerves and sustains him in the renunciation of sin, the practice of virtue and in reverence and affection for God and goodness. Wonderful powers unfolded, changing even the relations of Deity. The long lost image of God is recovered. In the gospel we learn how to estimate the earth, and have in our hands the chart of the world to come. It provides for the moral illumination of man, the justification of his person and the regeneration of his nature, fixing the standard of duty and morality. Immortality itself is in every practical sense a discovery of Christianity. Man need not go on a pilgrimage in quest of knowledge. By a thousand ministers it shall dawn from heaven like the dews of Hermon. Aggression, without good and sufficient reason, gives the moral evil of war. As certainly as Christianity is true, so certainly there will be a period in the world's history when the glory of man or nation shall not consist in the number of widows, orphans and dependent sufferers, doomed to tears and penury, want and woe, by the butcheries of this absurdly fashioned science. That Christianity, unless the lips of heaven have deceived us, can never become the religion of the world, until the foul stain, the damning blot, is wiped from the calendar of time. The Christian minister belongs to no part or people of earth exclusively, but to both hemispheres and every people—by special appointment, a missionary both at home and abroad, the world his alma mater, and mankind the alumni. Through him and others the influence of the gospel is winding its way in a thousand meanders to the point of ultimate destination. A thousand independent machineries of moral discipline, complete in themselves, and yet all parts of a universal movement, are in successful play. Men and nations shall become one in principle and one in policy, one in affection and one in conduct. Piety in principle and purity in conduct shall become coextensive with the abode and the business of man. The gospel was to go forth from the place of its first publication, and disdaining all locality, diffuse itself among the nations. Providence will prepare the way, divine influence the heart, while divine truth, the Bible, shall be the grand, exclusive instrument of the world's restoration to the image of God and the friendship of heaven. The agency belongs to God, the instrumentality to the gospel. Heaven in wisdom selected the

means, and will in time effectuate the work. The consummation of the gospel will present us the history of sin and misery, dislodged from earth and winding up in hell. The purposes of God will hold empire amid the contingences and revolutions of the world, while the energies of heaven will, by the ministry of conscience and conviction, sway impulsively the human heart. Christianity has done for the world what no other power can do. Informed and liberalized the human mind, making men good and resemble them to God; opening to the nations the Book of Life, and asking them to write their names there, and live without the fear of death. She is standing amid earth's stormy vicissitudes, like eternal Lebanon, with her diadem of cedars pointing to heaven, while the desolations of ages are piled at her feet and storied in her shadow. This work can not be retarded. The indestructible elements of rejuvenescence and immortality found in the gospel will secure the triumphs and multiply the conquests of Christianity until the empire of sin is destroyed and death is swallowed up in victory—until the road to hell shall be waste and desolate beneath her frown, and the path of life, reposing in her smile, shall be thronged with travelers as stars be-studded and crowd the broad galaxy of the heavens! Let me but contribute to augment this exulting throng of Christian immortals, and I will know no other ambition. Sharing in this lofty distinction, I have but one word for the world. I ask but a single boon of earth—it is: Oppress me with no other preeminence! Let the broken hearts I have spent my life in binding up, the wounded spirits I may have healed, be the throne and evidence of my triumph.

Carve not a line, raise not a stone
But leave me alone with my glory.
SAML B. SAWYERS.

A GOOD SOLDIER OF CHRIST.

A SERMON BY REV. J. M. BREWER.

Thou therefore endure hardness as a good soldier of Jesus Christ. Paul here considers a Christian under the notion of a soldier—especially a minister of his Word; but at the same time the providence of God is the eye that sees and the hand that leads his ministers through hardships and the misty hours of travel through the dark valley. A good soldier is one who is willing to die for his country and fellow countrymen. A soldier that has not at heart a spirit of love for his native land and its inhabitants is not worthy to be called a citizen in the true sense of the word; and if this be true, he is not a good soldier—his soul is not in the interest of his country or kingdom. Now what kind of soldier does God want to charge the enemy of Christ? Does he want a man who will flinch when the devil's bullets are whistling through the camps of Israel? No; such a person is an injury to the cause of Christ instead of being an advantage; they are a dead weight on the ship of Christianity. I pity the man who claims to be a soldier of the cross and at the same time has not the courage to do the biddings of Christ, who traversed hills and valleys doing the work that the Father assigned him. A good soldier will take with him "the helmet of salvation, or an emblematical representation of the hope that he professes. In all of our deportment we must "bear about our bodies the marks of the Lord Jesus Christ," and the continual safety of our souls strongly cemented on the promises of God will open the way for a great victory. He who carries Christ in his heart has the interest of religion in his soul, and he wants to see Christ magnified and the same time he is willing to suffer the hardships of life in order that Christ may take the throne in every man's affections. Oh, for more power to enable us to more successfully use the sword of the Spirit! As far as education is concerned, viewed from a literary standpoint, we are far in advance of what we have ever been; but have we the burning desire for the salvation of souls that we ought to have? It was easy for Peter to tell the Lord that he would stand firm when the sea of life was calm. But soon the heavens grew black and the storm of trial swept down and shook his faith from center to circumference. We need to be very watchful. If there are any weak places in our nature the devil is sure to detect them and hurl his "fiery darts" to no little effect, if they are not well guarded by prayer. Watchfulness is the secret of success. It is said of Napoleon that his battles were planned by him several days before the fight came off. Brethren, if we would spend more time in our closets asking God to assist us in preparing for the great battles that must be fought against Satan, who is waging his engines of war against us daily, we

would be prepared to successfully fight the battles of life. A good soldier of Christ will not become entangled with the games of worldly things.

Paul plainly tells us that "no man that warreth entangleth himself with the affairs of this life." He who will preach the gospel thoroughly and wishes to give full proof of his ministry should not become absorbed with the things of this world. For if men's treasures are in this world, be not surprised if their hearts are here also. Christ wants us to set our faces heavenward. I am glad that God has ordained that we give our whole lives to the ministry of the Word. If we do not give Christ all the labor of our lives, we will be a blank as itinerant preachers. I was very much impressed with the heroism of a young man who lives in the bounds of my work who enlisted as a volunteer for the freedom of Cuba. After he had been at home some days he got a notice to be ready to go to the Philippines should he be needed. I said to him: "Are you willing to go?" "Yes," was his reply. "I am willing to go anywhere for the freedom of Cuba." Brethren, we should be ready to go anywhere that God calls us to go. Wherever we are sent, there we should do our best, by the help of God, to set at liberty those who are laboring under the galling yoke of sin. Use your talent—let it be much or little. In an army the man who shoulders a musket, drives a team or wheels a cannon, can be as patriotic as the men who command the army. Thank God, the man who serves an humble mission can be as great a Christian hero as the man who serves the wealthiest Church in America. It affords me much joy to attend an Annual Conference and see the old itinerant preachers rise to give in the report of their year's work. Age has furrowed their cheeks and frosted their heads, but they are happy to know they have a place to work for God. Those old veterans will soon go to that great reunion that will meet in the city of God. Then the King of glory will tell them why it was best for them to serve hard works and return home for a new year's work financially as naked as a rock. I'll tell you, there will be shouting when the savior says: "In yonder world you were only rending from the mountain of the Lord the true substance that is now molded into diadems that will crown your heads through eternity. At the last Annual Conference that Dr. Finley attended he told me that he expected soon to attend that great conference above. These old men are fast giving way; but I am glad to say that Christ will never let the Church suffer. Wesley, Whitefield, Coke and Asbury have been dead for a number of years, but Christ has given us more men endowed with the same spirit that those great men possessed. I thought of shouting at Houston when I heard Bishop Galloway say the spirit that was in Wesley is in his sons to-day. Let's fight awhile longer! There remaineth yet much land to be possessed. Let's not forget the islands of the sea. The dusky regions of Africa should be in every heart. If we can not go and unstop the deaf ear or open the blind eyes of the heathen, let us give them our prayers and sympathy.

EXTRACT FROM THE VOLUME OF EXODUS.

The Israelites were God's chosen people. The Book of Exodus shows clearly that he had a particular providence over them. For instance, Joseph's life was preserved providentially; as an evidence of it God preserved his that he might preserve the life of his father, Israel. The manner in which God used him in this part of the history exhibited that tender interest, so majestically beautiful, that Joseph manifested toward his aged father and wicked brothers.

When in after years the children of Israel fell into bondage they increased in numbers and thriftiness so rapidly that Pharaoh feared for his own supremacy, and resorted to the wicked sacrifice of every new born male at its birth. When Moses was born the midwife was so struck with the beauty and comeliness of the babe that she determined to evade the mandate of Pharaoh at the peril of her own life, and she forebore putting him to death, but spared the promising child. The mother hid him away for three months, until she feared to let him remain in her possession under seclusion any longer. So, with untold solicitude for the preservation of his life, she fell upon that beautiful plan of hiding him away in a safe little ark, platted and ceiled by her own sympathetic hands, amid the bulrushes in the River Nile. Then entrusting him to the care of the God of Israel she left her daughter Miriam to watch at a distance.

When Pharaoh's daughter came

down to take her accustomed morning bath she discovered the little ark, and bade her attending maids fetch it to her.

On opening it she beheld the beautiful babe lying within, sobbing, and she had compassion on him, saying: "This is one of the Hebrew's children."

Miriam then, standing by, said unto Pharaoh's daughter: "Shall I go and call a nurse?" Then Pharaoh's daughter bade her go, and she went and called the babe's own mother.

Pharaoh's daughter named the babe Moses, because she drew him out of the water, and she entrusted the child, unwittingly to the care of its own mother, and Moses was brought under tender nurture, skilled in the laws of his Hebrew brethren.

Now when he was grown and looked upon the burdens of his brethren he was incensed at their oppression. He defended the life of a Hebrew brother and smote an Egyptian and hid him. Then afterwards, when trying to settle an altercation between two of his own Hebrew brethren, he was accused of the murder of the Egyptian. Moses then found that the thing was known and feared. Pharaoh then sought to slay Moses, but he fled and went and dwelt in the land of Midian. He went and sat down by a well and there came seven daughters of Reuel, the priest of Midian, to water their flocks, and they were driven away by the shepherds. Moses rose up and helped them water their flocks. When they had gone home and reported to their father the kindness of the stranger, he sent and called him that he might eat bread with them.

Moses was content to dwell with them, and Reuel gave Zipporah his daughter to him for a wife, and they had a son and called him Gershom, for he said: "I have been a stranger in a strange land." Now while Moses kept the flock the angel of the Lord appeared unto him out of the midst of a burning bush and called him: "Moses!" and he said: "Here am I." God said unto him: "Put off thy shoes from thy feet, for the place whereon thy standest is holy ground." Moreover he said unto him: "I am the God of thy fathers, the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob," and the Lord said: "I have surely seen the affliction of my people which are in Egypt, and have heard their cry by reason of their taskmasters; for I know their sorrows and I am come down to deliver them out of the hands of the Egyptians and to bring them up out of that land unto a land flowing with milk and honey."

"Come now, therefore, and I will send thee unto Pharaoh that thou mayest bring forth the children of Israel out of Egypt." He gave Moses the blessed assurance in plain utterance that he would certainly be with him, and that it should be a token unto him that God had sent him, that when he had brought forth the people out of Egypt they should serve God on Mt. Horeb.

When Moses feared that the Israelites would not credit his divine mission God strengthened his faith by divine revelation, working wondrous miracles with a rod, producing and healing leprosy instantaneously, turning water into blood through Moses as a medium. When Moses feared for his powers of eloquence God gave unto him his brother, Aaron, the Levite, for spokesman.

Then went Moses and gathered together all the elders of the children of Israel, and Aaron told them the words which the Lord had spoken unto Moses. They believed and bowed their heads in worship.

And it came to pass at the end of the 430 years that all the hosts of the Lord went out with Moses, their deliverer, from the land of Egypt. They numbered in all, according to Dr. Adam Clarke, not less than 3,263,000 souls. Two-thirds of this number we may suppose were married, in which case their wives would amount to 400,000, with babes. We are told in I. Cor. 10:2 that "They were all baptized unto Moses in a cloud and in the sea." They were sprinkled from above, not one, but all, by divine dispensation.

Yea, God was with his hosts of wandering Egyptians to the Promised Land, and guided them by a pillar of cloud by day and a pillar of fire by night. This is the night of the Lord to be observed of all the children of Israel in their generations. This is the Pass-over of Israel—God's great and wonderful providence over them.

Then sang Moses and the hosts of Israel, "The Lord is my strength and song, and he is become my salvation. He is my God, and I will prepare him a habitation. My father's God, and I will exalt him."

And God fed the children of Israel on manna from heaven day by day.

He gave unto them through Moses, their law-giver, the tablets of stone, containing his divine commandments, that they might know his will, and feed upon his promises, and go up and possess the land.

The Lord's presence is ever with his people, and those who trust in him have confident, constant, ever-increasing rest in his tenderness and mercy.
J. H. DAVIDSON.

SHALL WE INSURE OUR CHURCH PROPERTY?

It is not my purpose to discuss the question ethically. A few good, honest people still believe that God's plan is to protect such houses of worship from flame and tempest as divine omniscience may deem to be worthy of divine intervention. Their number is not legion, however, and it would hardly be prudent for the trustees of our Church property to await their conversion to the theory of the application of the best business methods to the best of all businesses—our Lord's business. Moreover, our Church has spoken, through her last General Conference, and the will of the Church is no longer an open question. All of our Church property belongs to the connection, and each board of trustees is under obligation to protect that part which it holds in trust, against loss, by adopting approved methods of insurance.

That we may get some idea of the interests involved, I give the statistics of Church property reported at the last sessions of the five conferences in Texas:

Texas Conference, 186 church buildings and 75 parsonages; value of all Church property, \$488,350; insurance carried, \$37,750; premiums paid, \$213.30.

West Texas Conference, 153 church buildings and 73 parsonages; value of all Church property, \$321,715; insurance carried, \$30,400; premiums paid, \$171.85.

North Texas Conference, 329 church buildings and 141 parsonages; value of all Church property, \$694,147; insurance carried, \$98,310; premiums paid, \$780.85.

Northwest Texas Conference, 406 church buildings and 200 parsonages; value of all Church property, \$1,046,027.50; insurance carried, \$87,904; premiums paid, \$990.05.

East Texas Conference, 302 church buildings and 86 parsonages; value of all Church property, \$383,559.30; insurance carried, \$22,350; premiums paid, \$148.

Totals, 1376 church buildings and 575 parsonages; value of all Church property, \$2,933,798.80; insurance carried, \$276,714; premiums paid, \$2304.55.

From these statistics it appears that Texas Methodism owns, approximately, three millions of dollars in Church property, exclusive of the amount in the German Mission Conference, about nine per cent of which is covered by insurance. As to the cost of this insurance, we can reach no reliable estimate from the report of premiums paid. Take, for example, the Northwest Texas Conference. The reports show \$87,904 insurance carried, and \$990 premiums paid, while it is also shown that fully \$40,000 of the total amount carried gives no report whatever of premiums paid thereon. In the Texas Conference, no premiums are reported on \$24,000; in the West Texas Conference \$14,000; in the North Texas, \$29,000; in the East Texas, \$7500. With these facts before us, we may safely say that the average premiums now being paid are 1 1/2 per cent on the amount of the policies in force. This is clearly exorbitant. A company in another State, proposing to handle Church insurance on a safe basis, and having some good indorsements, proposes to write policies at about half of the average amount we are paying.

From a careful study of these facts, some conclusions seem to be inevitable: 1. Our Church property is not sufficiently protected by insurance. 2. We are paying extravagantly from the Lord's treasury for the amount we do carry.

My proposition is that Texas Methodism ought to insure her own property. Our connectional system and relations guarantee our ability to make the plan of mutual protection eminently successful. It will be cheapest, because its management will be solely in the interest of the Church, and its expenditures solely to rebuild Methodist property. It will be the safest, because the Methodist Episcopal Church, South, is a more permanently solvent institution than any insurance company.

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If it should be objected that the Church ought not to go into the insurance business, I would say that the most of our conferences are already in the life insurance business, and these Conference Brotherhoods have proven to be a great blessing, and a most Christian undertaking. Moreover, their successful operation is indicative of the feasibility of the plan under discussion.

A commission, appointed by the several Boards of Church Extension, with authority to put into operation and carry out some such plan as has been suggested, on the simplest mutual and connectional assessment plan, would, in my humble judgment, prove a great business blessing to the Church in Texas.
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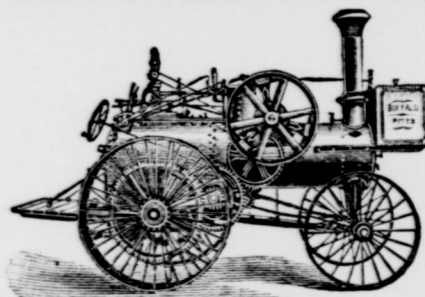
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SECULAR NEWS

After a long and contentious opposition, the proposed Dallas City Charter passed its last reading in the Lower House at Austin last week by a vote of 66 yeas to 36 nays. The opposition came mostly from men who represent counties far removed from Dallas. This is significant.

The Legislature some time back passed some bills, giving two or three of our railroads the right to purchase some branch lines, and thereby bring about a larger consolidation of the roads in the State. These bills, the Governor vetoed as fast as they came to his table. The Senate then proceeded to pass some of these bills over his veto; but the Lower House stood by the Governor, and so the matter has ended.

Samoa is again stirred up, and this time serious results have ensued. This is a troublesome little government, anyhow. It is made up of a group of islands in the Southern Pacific Ocean, about 400 miles northeast of the Fiji Islands. It has a population of about 35,000, and since 1879 it has been under a municipality directed by the Consuls of Germany, Great Britain, and the United States. The other day they violated the treaty, and undertook to elect a king. A riot followed, and the British and American cruisers opened fire upon some of the villages, and a number were killed.

At Gibson Station, on the M., K. and T. road in the Territory, on last Thursday night, three heavily armed men, with masks on, entered the depot and compelled the agent to give up the money in his keeping. No clue to the robbers.

Gen. McArthur, in charge of the American forces in the East, entered Malolos the morning of the 30th and routed the insurgents with great slaughter. They fled, after firing the city. This is, or was, the capital of the so-called insurgent government.

The Legislature recently passed a bill known as the Sheriffs' and Constables' fee bill. This was gotten up by the State Sheriffs' Association; but it was promptly vetoed by the Governor. The Sheriffs made a hard effort to get the Legislature to pass it over the veto, but failed. The Governor understands the limits imposed upon such legislation by the Constitution.

The steamer Stella, plying between Southampton and the Channel Islands, struck upon the dreaded Casquet Rocks last Friday, and went down with her crew. It is reported that some seventy people perished. The ship belonged to the Southampton Railway Company, and was carrying an excursion.

The Arkansas Legislature has just passed an anti-trust law, which has been signed by the Governor. It turns out that the law will practically drive the insurance companies out of the State, and much dissatisfaction is expressed, not only in that, but in other States, with reference to the matter.

The First Texas regiment of volunteers has arrived at Galveston from Havana, whence the members of it will be mustered out of service. Thus the war with Spain is practically closed, and the soldiers will mostly return to private pursuits.

The Great Falls Manufacturing Company, at Sommerworth, N. H., has restored the wage scale of 1895. This will help some 2200 men employed in that plant. Also a ten per cent raise has been made in the wages of the men employed in the Delaware rolling mills, and in the Scranton stove works, both plants in Pennsylvania. Other great works are doing likewise: so it seems that better times are on hand in many places in the North.

General Nelson A. Miles, the General in charge of the army of the United States, was a clerk in a crockery store at the breaking out of the Civil war. He enlisted in a recruiting company at Roxbury, and was made a second lieutenant. Now he has the chief place in the military service of the country. The possibilities of the American youth are wonderful.

The Commission looking into the "embalmed beef" scandal had Col. Roosevelt, of the Rough Riders, before them the other day; and from him they learned that the canned beef supplied the men in his regiment in Cuba was not fit for food, and that the eating of it made many of them sick.

The United States Senate decided some time ago that the Governor of a State was only authorized to appoint a Senator in the interim of the Legislature; but that when the Legislature failed to make an election, the State would have to go unrepresented in that high body. According to that decision, Utah, California, and Delaware will have but one member each in the next session of the United States Senate—all of them having adjourned without electing any one to represent them.

Severe snow storms prevailed the 30th ult. over Iowa, Illinois, and Missouri, and they are said to be the worst ever known at this season of the year.

The report of the income accounts of the railroads of the United States, for the year ending June the 30th, 1898, shows that the gross earnings of ninety-seven per cent of the total mileage amounted to \$1,238,523,380. This is an increase of \$116,433,697. The operating expenses of these roads were increased to the amount of \$58,716,994. But even then, the net income was increased \$57,716,913. Who says that the railroads do not make money?

It is stated upon the best authority that at the close of the last month, there were 354 trusts of various kinds attempting to monopolize the business and industrial pursuits. The aggregate capital, as indicated by the stocks and bonded indebtedness, was \$5,833,882,842. Now, if we remember that the census of 1890 showed that the entire capital then employed in the manufacturing industries, including the mechanical, and all retail dealers, amounted to only \$6,525,000,000, the tremendous grip of the trusts is apparent to all, even the casual observer.

The Emperor of Corea has caused a sensation by appearing in public in a full uniform cut and made in the American fashion. His attendants have also donned a similar dress. The Emperor, it is stated, has cut off his topknot. So even Corea shows some indication of progress.

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NOTES FROM THE FIELD.

NORTHWEST TEXAS CONFERENCE.

CHILDRESS.

G. A. Nance, March 29: Our second Quarterly Conference for Childress Mission was held last Saturday. Presiding Elder Hardy was on hand from the Fort Worth Conference, recently held. It is no wonder that he preached and presided well. We held love-feast Sunday morning; received one member at the close of the preaching service. We have sent our assessment for foreign missions, Orphan Home and Bishop's fund; have also sent a special for the Brazil Mission of \$25.

JONESBORO.

F. M. Winburne, March 29: Our meeting, as reported by Bro. Toland, did much good in rebuking popular sins, toning up a sleeping Church and especially in the reclamation of backsliders. Several joined our Church and several more will follow. Besides we start a subscription for a new church-house here. The present drouth causes church building to move slow. We had a grand meeting at Levita the 19th inst., and a real "laud sille" at Sardis last Sunday. Shouting, hand shaking etc. The fires are burning and we expect a great revival.

McGREGOR.

J. H. Braswell: Easter was a great day for us; Sunday-school large; opened doors of Church in the school; two accessions—one by baptism, one by vows. The Lord was present. At night a joint program by the Juniors and Seniors was rendered, to the delight of a large and appreciative audience. Epworth League doing well. One of the best children's societies I ever saw. Our charge is hopeful. We now have all the societies of the Church. A genuine revival is now the burden of the pastor's heart. We send greetings to all the brethren.

GEORGETOWN.

Jas. Campbell April 3: Our meeting closed last night. Two northers swept down upon us during the last week and interfered much with the work; yet there were conversions until the end. There were in all about 130—perhaps more, as we could not well keep count, and have tried not to overcount. Received 23 into the Church yesterday; others will join. The conversions were mostly in the Church. The new rule on the reception of members works well.

DESDIMONIA.

M. H. Hudson: It seems to me that I never felt the weight of immortal souls as I do now. I feel like I had rather die than not to see the revival flames begin to catch. The weight of responsibility that is upon my soul I feel will surely cast me down if I do not see demonstrations of saving power. Pray for us that God may send it. I am expecting it. Since we came in November last the brethren have furnished the parsonage with necessary heavy furniture, including wash-pot, tubs, etc., and have paved the front yard, and gave their pastor a real nice overcoat. This last was by the people of Graham's Chapel, originating in Sister Stinette. And now, brethren, let's go to our knees before God for a revival such as Desdimonia Mission never felt before, and our God, who answers by fire, will give it us.

ELIASVILLE.

J. S. Huckabee, March 29: We are pressing the battle against sin on this circuit to the best of our ability. Had a glorious revival at our home Church Christmas week; thirteen additions to the Methodist Church. We have six appointments. There seems to be a gradual increase in faith and zeal over the entire work. We have four Sunday-schools using our literature, with a constantly increasing membership, and two Epworth Leagues doing a good work. Our beautiful new church at Cedar Springs is now about complete. Our beloved predecessor, J. M. Wynn, deserves credit for building this nice house. Our people will ever love him for his work's sake. We have called our home church and painted it outside and in with the money received from the Church Extension Board. It is a gem. I serve a kind and hospitable people. They are looking well to the temporal needs of the preacher and his family. May God's blessings ever rest upon the dear old Advocate. We all think out here it gets better further on. I wish I could place it in every home in my charge.

FIRST CHURCH, WEATHERFORD.

H. D. Knickerbocker, April 4: We are making progress. We have made \$500 worth of improvement on the parsonage since conference. We have now \$750 subscribed to put a steel ceiling and other interior improvements in our church. Bro. Jno. R. Morris, our presiding elder, is raising \$450 in our membership to buy a lot down in town to put the District Parsonage on. He has secured \$350 of the amount. So you see we are advancing materially. We pay the presiding elder monthly in full, as well as the pastor. Bro. Morris says it helps and heartens him. I believe it would any presiding elder. Try it, all ye stations. Our congregations are very large; our Sunday-school is fine; our League is flourishing. We are planning a revival to begin (as to the protracted meeting part) on the third Sunday in April. We expect great things. All the interests of Zion are prospering in Weatherford—the College, the Churches and the preachers. We had a great day Easter; congregation overflowing and much spiritual joy.

POLYTECHNIC COLLEGE.

M. K. Little, March 30: We are in the midst of a great meeting here. The old time revival fire has appeared. The power of the Holy Ghost is manifest from pulpit and pew. Backsliders and sinners fall upon the altar and cry for mercy and many

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are being saved. Many young men and women will return from this Christian institution to their homes with a personal experience of saving grace. It is our hope and prayer that not one shall pass through a session here and go away unconverted. Christian workers are being developed, and already, when the pastor makes an invitation to penitents, scores move at once to find an unsaved soul. These shall go out to bless the community where they live. We have secured the amount necessary to pay the debt on our college property. The matriculations are well nigh on to four hundred, and "expansion" a necessity. We are receiving subscriptions, to our new building, reaching the thousands. We expect within twelve months to have ample accommodations for five hundred students. Nothing will so effectually open purses and turn a flood of wealth into our Christian schools as a tidal wave of revival fire. I believe it is coming. I believe the great conference at Ft. Worth was the pentecost before the greatest year the Church in Texas has ever had. How our hearts were strangely warmed and moved as we tarried there.

SIFE SPRINGS.

W. B. Ford: This is the eighth day that I've been suffering from tonsillitis, and no signs of letting up. Grandpa Vaughn preached for me yesterday, and have written for Bro. West, another local brother, for next Sunday. There is much work to be done, and I have been greatly hindered. I am glad to read of revivals. There is and has been all winter so much sickness that the people have not attended services regularly. We have had some fine services. Organized four Sunday-schools. The Advocate has always been a feast to me, but some new features make it more and more the paper for the masses.

CHILLICOTHE.

R. A. Walker, April 3: We have just closed a fine meeting at this place. We were ably assisted by Revs. J. L. White, of Harrold, Ben Hardy, of Childress and Jerome Duncan, of Vernon. The meeting continued thirteen days, and had it not been for the cold weather, results would have been greater. As it was, there were eight or ten conversions and reclamations. Received eight into the Church and organized an Epworth League with twenty-seven members. The entire Church greatly revived.

COTTONWOOD.

R. S. Heizer. There are times in the life of every loyal itinerant preacher when he must bid farewell to those that have endeared themselves to him and his family on the old charge and go out to form acquaintances among a people whom he knew not. This is a trial often for the best, and have learned to adjust ourselves to it as best we can. When my name is read out to a new charge I feel that the people to whom I am sent are for the next twelve months my people, their interest is my interest and vice versa. We are among a kind, good people; many tokens of kindness have found their way to the parsonage and are greatly appreciated. There has been much sickness and many deaths in the bounds of this charge during the winter, and we have had sickness in our own home, and the attendance upon divine service has been greatly retarded. But the work is progressing on all lines. We have had some precious seasons and some of the unconverted have said, "Pray for me." For the next month we will have sacrament at each appointment. Our second Quarterly Conference is just over and it was a precious time. Our beloved presiding elder, Dr. J. S. Chapman, D. D., was on hand, presiding and preaching, to the delight of all present. The charge was well represented, and a liberal support for the pastor and his family was estimated by the Board of Stewards. During the quarter there was paid for the support of the ministry \$78.80, for furnishing churches \$69, Bishop's fund \$7.25, and for education \$9.70. The outlook is encouraging, and we feel hopeful for a good year. The Rev. C. W. Young served this work for the past two years, and is held in high esteem by this people. He wrought well, and left as a monument to his zeal for the Master's glory three excellent church houses. We are praying and looking for a gracious revival all over our work. I bear many good things concerning the Advocate; it is highly appreciated by those of my people that take it. Oh, that I could put it in every home in my charge; we would then have a revival such as this circuit has not had.

NORTH TEXAS CONFERENCE.

ROSALIE.

W. H. Brown, March 29: Our meeting closed last night at Bogata. There were

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ROSALIE.

W. H. Brown, April 3: On Saturday afternoon the people of Bogata met at the church to see the new converts received into the different Churches. Fifty-nine were added to the Methodist roll during the meeting at that place; 33 were baptized. The C. P. Church received 33 members, I believe, and the Baptists got 8. Of course all that professed were not received at that place; 161 professed conversion. We are raising a subscription to build a Methodist church at that place. God is very good to us down here.

BAILEY.

W. J. Bludworth, March 28: The second Quarterly Conference for this charge was held in Bailey Saturday last. Dr. Pierce, our presiding elder, was with us. He came on Friday and stayed till Monday; and while just recovering from a severe attack of la grippe, he held our conference and preached three most excellent sermons. His presence was a blessing to us all. I am glad to say he is fast improving and without a setback he will soon be strong again. Our official members were nearly all present. This is a body of fine-looking men, whose hearts are in sympathy with all the workings of the Church. Our stewards reported \$186 for the support of the ministry. From this meeting we take courage and press on, and hope for a prosperous year.

BROADWAY-GAINESVILLE.

W. A. Stuckey: This is our third year at Broadway, and so far is the best year of the three; congregations larger and more spiritual. The Holy Ghost has been with us in converting power even at 11 o'clock services, and it is not uncommon to hear the old-time shouts in our midst. We are expecting great things this year. The fires kindled here by former pastors still burn at this consecrated altar, and by the grace of God we expect to continue the holy flame. No preacher ever served a more loyal people. With such local preachers, exhorters, stewards, Sunday-school workers and Leaguers as we have a preacher can hardly fall in his work. We are hoping and praying for a great revival this year.

COTTON GIN.

J. D. Crockett, April 1: We are moving forward on all lines. Our new seats are about ready for the Cotton Gin Church. A new organ has been purchased for Campbell's Branch, and about enough money subscribed for an organ at Point Enterprise. Considerable improvements have been made at the parsonage. We have re-organized two Leagues and will organize another to-morrow. The first Sunday in March, while preaching at Forest Glade, two souls were converted, and one joined the Church at the close of the service, and the other in the afternoon. Both were baptized. Last Saturday night two more were converted. One of them was baptized and joined the Church the next morning. We have dropped by Church Conference thirty-five, and there are more to follow. I think the irregularity of keeping the Church Register is one cause of the decrease in membership. The second Quarterly Conference is past. Brother Bailey, presiding elder, preached two excellent sermons. Finances much behind.

WOLFE CITY.

N. B. Read, April 1: Thank God for the Fort Worth Conference. I came back to my charge from that wonderful meeting with a burning desire to win souls for Christ. My people caught the spirit; the baptism of the Holy Ghost fell upon us. The town is stirred. Regan meeting on March 22. Since Sunday seventy conversions and reclamations have been counted. The old-time power rests upon the Christians. Bros. Spurlock and Ballard came last Tuesday. They have rendered valuable service, preaching, exhorting and praying with power from God. Bro. S. C. Riddle preached once in the spirit and with power. Dr. O. S. Woods, pastor of the Presbyterian Church, is rendering valuable service. The altars are filled daily with penitents. Each service marks a decided advance; the work is hardly begun. Bro. I. A. Carroll, a true, tried man of God, from Mount Vernon, Ill., is leading the singing and with his love for souls prompting him to sing the gospel, is leading many into the light. The business men will close their stores next week for the morning service. Prayers are being offered in the stores. Let all the Christians reading this pray that Wolfe City may be captured for the Lord. I will report the meeting in full when the final benediction is pronounced. Thank God for the Fort Worth Conference.

MARVIN.

W. R. McCarter, March 28: Our second Quarterly Conference is just over. Bro. Mountcastle, our presiding elder, was on hand, preaching and presiding with both tact and ability. He takes up the business of a Quarterly Conference averaged to plan and conducts it in a masterly way, often giving time for general and specific discussions by the brethren, and then perhaps closing by giving an able and timely talk. His sermon Sunday, being far above high-water mark, was delivered with power and demonstration of the Spirit.

Marvin Circuit in general is taking on new life. Signs of a revival can be seen at every service. The saved and unsaved are alike interested about salvation and needs of the Church. We serve a noble people and are delighted both in and with our work. Have we been pounded? Are our people still pounding us? If so, with what? Why they don't only give us something to eat, but they seem to understand the fact that they can't anticipate everything a preacher or his family needs, and for this reason they don't fail to drop in a few dollars with their poundings. The pounding the Rocky Ford people gave us was after this fashion. Thanks. The Lord's richest blessing on his people. We are making some improvements on our churches and cemetery—ought to do a great deal more. We are praying, trusting and expecting a great year.

WOLF CITY.

E. L. Spurlock, April 4: Brother Read is in the midst of a most gracious revival; began March 29th, and up to date there have been over one hundred professions of religion. The meeting still grows in interest and the community is stirred as has not been seen before in recent years. There have been professions at every service.

EAST TEXAS CONFERENCE.

CANTON CIRCUIT.

F. A. Downs, March 27: Things are moving on at an ordinary pace on this circuit. There are some encouraging signs. The people are very kind. We have been pounded since moving to the parsonage.

WELLS.

J. M. Brewer: Since the Fort Worth P. E. Conference I have prayed for the Lord to help me to be more consecrated in the ministry than I have ever been. It don't take a Solomon to see that there is something needed. The present move, I believe, is already stirring the "pure minds of men by way of remembrance." Let us be sure that we preach Christ by our words and daily walks. Let us not begin talking twelve months beforehand where we will be the next year; but wherever the Bishop sends us, there do our best to win souls for Christ. At Chronster's Mill last Sunday we started a meeting. I preached three sermons at the beginning. Bro. Sam Allen, of Tyler, preached the balance of the time. Thursday night we closed with nine conversions and eight additions to the Church. We had old-time shouting in the camps of Israel.

HENDERSON CIRCUIT.

T. P. Turner, April 3: We arrived here December 13, and finding no parsonage, we went to work for one. We ran up against discouragement the first effort, but realizing that discouragements had to be met, we persevered and when our canvass was made we had money enough to buy the lumber. In one month and four days from our arrival, we moved into a nice little parsonage, ready furnished. Look out for Henderson Circuit; she is coming to the front. Our first Quarterly Conference is past; it brought to us both spiritual and temporal blessings. Brother L. M. Fowler, our presiding elder, was with us in power and demonstration of the Holy Spirit. He was a spiritual uplift to me. Our stewards and good people did not forget us. We are very thankful for what they have done for us and pray God's blessings upon them. My heart's desire and prayer is that the Church be built up in a most holy faith, and sinners be converted to God.

MALAKOFF.

A. A. Kidd: We came here from conference to enter our second year's work at Malakoff. Without an available house to live in or with little hope, we set out to raise funds to build a parsonage. Some few of our people refused to help, but it did no good; enough of them went to work to give us help. Money was raised to pay for lumber and material for building. Now this preacher lives in a nice five-room house. It will soon be papered and set in order for the preacher. There is a small amount behind on it, but by July 1st it will all be paid. We moved into it March 28, and on the night of March 30 it began to shower provisions by 4 o'clock, and the grub cloud got heavier, and it showered heavier till about 10 o'clock, when the cloud got over the parsonage and burst. Such a storm! Every good thing to eat from tooth picks up to three sacks of flour and as many lams. We sang and prayed, and the good people left us to rejoice and cry and thank God.

MINDEN.

J. D. Burke, March 28: I was returned to Minden charge at the last session of the East Texas Conference, this being my third year. The unprecedented cold weather and la grippe have hindered our work very much. Our first Quarterly Conference has come and gone. Brother Smith, our presiding elder, was sick and could not be with us, and we were sadly disappointed, for his preaching and his godly counsel were needed. Our finances were very well up. Since conference we have put a new stove in the parsonage, bought by the Church and placed in the cook room by the preacher in charge; also a new barn has gone up. I have continued to pound and saw and then pound again until it is nearly completed, and it adds so much to the con-

venience as well as the looks and value of the preacher's home. I hope to bring every claim in full this year and add many to its membership. I am doing my best for the Advocate.

COFFEEVILLE CIRCUIT.

R. L. Bridges, March 27: We have just arrived home from our first Quarterly Conference, feeling greatly strengthened for further work. Bro. Fowler preached two strong, heart-stirring sermons. Oh, for moral courage and spiritual zeal to fortify us for the battle on Coffeeville work! All our appointments were represented, but not by official representation. Sixty dollars and eighty cents was raised for the support of the ministry, \$3.30 for home missions and 50 cents for the Orphanage. We hope that our charge will come to the front this year.

CALL.

J. M. Holt, March 30: We have been here two months and have been kindly received. The work is very large—fifty miles long, with twelve appointments. We have had a protracted meeting at Call. Abe Mulkey and wife were with us two days, which added much to the interest of the meeting. We also attended the Mulkey meeting at Kirbyville, four miles from Call. We have received twenty into the Church—eleven by certificate, four by baptism and five by vows. The work is mostly sawmill and tram towns. Call is in the center of the work, with more than one thousand people. Our first Quarterly Conference was held March 25-26. Rev. T. J. Milam, our presiding elder, was on hand and looked well after the interests of the Church. Bro. Milam is in every way a presiding elder. May God bless him.

TEXAS CONFERENCE.

WEIMAR.

W. F. Brinson, March 30: As we have made some progress in Weimar the past month, whereof we are glad, we want to tell it: The Ladies' Aid Society had a much needed room built to the parsonage at the cost of nearly one hundred dollars. It is well finished, comfortable and convenient, and shows up nicely. Church services good. Sunday-school, prayer-meeting and League all doing well. Two members joined the League last meeting; others interested. Half the missionary money sent to the Treasurer. Not quite all the collections covered with good subscriptions. Yet we hope to have a good revival next month.

TABERNACLE, HOUSTON.

D. H. Hotchkiss: Brother Abe Mulkey and his wife were with us in a ten days' meeting, beginning March 17 and closing on the night of the 27th inst. We had a very happy and successful meeting. At least 100 earnestly pledged to lead better lives. Many backsliders reclaimed, seventy or seventy-five professions, and more than fifty gave names for Church membership. Some have united with Shearn Church; twenty-nine have come into the Tabernacle, and others are to follow. Raised for Orphanage \$120 in special offering and by sale of song books, etc. Also \$160 subscribed on last night of meeting for building us a parsonage. This is my second year at the Tabernacle; have had a good sized pound- ing. The Church is revived and strengthened and the outlook promising. Praise God for his blessings.

It is better to preserve health than to cure disease. Therefore, keep your blood pure with Hood's Sarsaparilla and be always well.

WEST TEXAS CONFERENCE.

FONOTOC.

M. J. Allen, March 28: Our second Quarterly Conference was held last Saturday and Sunday week; and a good conference. Brother Lee was on hand in fine shape. Preached to the delight of all. He said we had the next best report in the district up to date. We have our church nicely seated and fixed up in "apple pie" order. Three additions this quarter by ritual, two by letter. Lots of penitence, fine Sunday-school and prayer-meeting, \$86 paid on salary, \$15 on missions, \$26 on church and parsonage this quarter. This is a good work when worked up. Thanks to Sister Perry for a Advocate. Thanks to Sister Perry for a nice turkey for the Quarterly Conference. O, for more turkey members. Let the good work go on. We are happy on the way.

SUNDAY-SCHOOL BOARD.

To the Pastors and Sunday-school Superintendents of the North Texas Conference:

Dear Brethren—The funds in the treasury of the Sunday-school Board of the Conference are nearly exhausted, and calls for help continue to come, hence I beg you to be sure to observe Children's Day and forward the collection promptly to Rev. A. R. England, Treasurer, Wolfe City, Texas. You will aid the Sunday-school cause greatly in heeding this call. Your brother,

J. A. WYATT,
President Sunday-school Board,
Roxton, Texas.

There is more Catarrh in this section of the country than all other diseases put together, and until the last few years was supposed to be incurable. For a great many years doctors pronounced it a local disease, and prescribed local remedies, and by constantly failing to cure with local treatment pronounced it incurable. Science has proven Catarrh to be a constitutional disease, and therefore requires constitutional treatment. Hall's Catarrh Cure, manufactured by F. J. Cheney & Co., Toledo, Ohio, is the only constitutional cure on the market. It is taken internally in doses from 10 drops to a teaspoonful. It acts directly on the blood and mucous surfaces of the system. They offer one hundred dollars for any case it fails to cure. Send for circulars and testimonials. Address

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OLD AND YOUNG

DARING ARREST OF A TRAMP.

My grandfather, who was a very generous and kind-hearted man, kept a large boarding-house in Cape May County, New Jersey. The house was very popular, and right on the high road, where tramps often stopped to ask for food. I do not believe that any one was ever turned away hungry. One summer night six great burly fellows stopped and asked for something to eat. Grandmother had retired, but the need of six hungry men quickly awakened her sympathies. Very soon the fire was rekindled, coffee was smoking, and an abundance of bread and meat was spread on the table, and the wayfarers invited to "pitch in," which they did at once. On the old-fashioned mantelpiece hung grandfather's silver watch, a large massive affair, and a family heirloom. This relic caught the eye of one of the hungry strangers, and in one of grandmother's temporary absences from the room the watch was pocketed.

After the men had left, and the old couple were about retiring for the night, the watch was missed. "One of those men took it," said grandma. "I'll go after them," replied the old gentleman; and although the tramps had more than half an hour's start, he mounted one of his horses, without taking time even to adjust a saddle, and started in hot pursuit.

They had kept to the main road for some distance, and then turned off into a strip of woods. In the woods stood a vacant house, a story and a half only in height. Entering this building, the six tramps had made their way to the upper floor, and stretched themselves out to rest. Grandpa rode up, hitched his horse, and rapped upon the door. All was as still as death. Without light or weapon of any description, grandpa entered the house and made his way to the upper floor. They demanded who he was and what he wanted.

"He said: 'Gentlemen, you came to my house hungry. My wife got out of bed to prepare for you the best meal the house could provide. You were not expected and not asked to pay for it. I took you for gentlemen, but it seems one of you is a rascal and a thief. He has rewarded my hospitality by rascality, and has stolen my watch. I still regard five of you as gentlemen, and have no controversy to wage with the five. But against the thief I have a grievance which he must settle. I shall search for the watch, and arrest the guilty party.'"

All the tramps by this time were aroused, and up on foot, except one, who had rolled away back under the low rafters, and was quite out of sight. Those on foot solemnly declared they did not take the watch. They agreed to be searched, and offered no resistance. The five were thoroughly examined, but no trace of the watch was found.

The sixth man manifested a strong spirit of resistance, declaring his innocence, and asserting that no man should ever search him. But grandfather pulled the man out into the center of the room, and searched him also. Nowhere on his person could the watch be found. But the man was shoeless. "Where are your shoes?" asked grandfather. "I have none," was the reply. "But you had when you were at my house."

The shoes were found back of the chimney, and the watch, pressed hard up into the toe of one of them. "Come with me," said grandfather. After putting on the tell-tale shoes, he obeyed, and grandfather moved out of the house with his prisoner. Taking the bridle-reins of his horse by one hand, and his prisoner by the arm, he marched him five miles to the county seat, and gave him into the care of the jailer.—The Voice.

NEGLECTED HOMES.

"The platform woman has never been a credit, but ever a blot, upon American womanhood. I make this emphatic statement from a personal knowledge of the homes which these women leave behind when they go to their meetings," writes Edward Bok, in the January Ladies' Home Journal. "I have seen the rooms of their homes left in wild disorder; I have seen their servants sitting in idleness with work on every hand to do; I have seen the children neglected and left to their own devices; I have heard husbands speak in derision of the motives of their wives. No woman in a happy American home can ever afford to listen to these parasites of her sex.

"Fortunately, the platform woman's influence is steadily on the wane. She was never a power. She was never even picturesque. Her worst injury was wrought upon certain weak women

who for the time she deluded. But even with them she was soon regarded with wonder rather than with interest; with suspicion rather than with confidence. Less and less has she been able to get listeners, and it is significant that in places where she has spoken during the present season, she has not been seen again. The disappearance of the platform woman is a case of a blot being blotted out."

Mr. Bok also says: "It is an indisputable fact that there are scores of American women to-day connected with charitable, club or organization work for which they have no actual taste and only a forced interest. But the insufficiency of the home as a place for women to develop their fullest talents has been so incessantly talked about that these women have felt that, to be in touch with progressive ideas, they must take on some outside work even at the cost of leaving something undone in the home machinery.

"Some women do not stop to discern an incontestable fact—that those of their sex who are forever crying about the narrowness of the home for women are those who have either never had homes of their own, or are unhappy in the homes which they have. No happy wife or true mother ever has a word to say in complaint of the narrowness of her home, or its insufficiency for her highest development. She knows all well that a home is never narrow; that it can be made as broad as a woman wills it.

"Where a home is narrow, depend upon it, there is always something wrong; something is amiss. The most barren homes in this country generally belong to one class of women: those who, on the platform and with pen, are always hysterically and frantically demanding an expansion of woman's opportunities. It is a very fortunate thing for some of these exclaimers that those whom they address can not look into their homes and see the true reason for their restlessness and dissatisfaction. If they could, their platform careers would soon come to an end."

A TRUE STORY.

When a college student, I was taken very ill in my sophomore year, and, gaining strength but slowly, the doctor ordered me into the country.

I boarded at a farmhouse, and gave myself entirely up to the woods and fields.

Through a whole summer I studied lovingly the ways of the birds, and determined to raise some young thrushes and take them with me to my city home in the fall.

My selection was a nest of brown thrushes. It was in a thick mass of bushes in a swamp—an entanglement of wild growth, and almost impenetrable.

Every day I watched, from the eggs to the callow young. I resolved to allow the old birds two weeks; then I would assume the raising of the young ones.

At last the day came, and all my preparations were made. Taking with me a cage, I worked my way through the dense undergrowth. Very carefully I removed the nest, and was trying to get it into the cage when the female bird arrived. She uttered a cry, almost a shriek, and disappeared, but returned immediately with her mate.

The two birds made a wild effort to drive me away, even flying at me with every demonstration of rage and distress. Then, to my surprise, they both left.

I now felt so mean that I at once set about putting the nest back in the bush; but it gave me a good deal of trouble, as I could not make it stay in its place.


What now? The two old birds were back, accompanied by a whole bevy of wild birds. The entire covey was alive with them. They seemed bent on picking my eyes out. I had to screen my face by holding the cage before it.

As to these birds—their number and variety and conduct—altogether it was an extraordinary scene. It seemed to me there were at least fifty of these indignant little bodies, and perhaps a dozen species, some flying at me, and all making angry demonstrations.

There were brown thrushes, song thrushes, cat-birds, and several of the warblers. Such an uproar—mewing, shrieking, twittering, and other cries, a babel of bird sounds! It all meant distress and rage. But such a mix-up! All talked at once. The one keynote of the discord was distress and indignation.

I got out of that swamp a wiser and a better youth. My conscience smote me, and my only solace lay in the thought that I had done my best to undo the mischief I had wrought.

The next morning, I again went to the swamp, to see how matters stood. How softly I worked my way through the bushes! How deathly still every-



Women in Business

Business men often express the opinion that there is one thing which will prevent women from completely filling man's place in the business world—they can't be depended upon because they are sick too often. It is true that many women are compelled to look forward to times when they are unable to attend to social or business duties. Their appearance plainly indicates their condition and they are reluctant to be seen, even by their friends. Read what a business woman says to such sufferers:

Mrs. C. W. Mansfield, 58 Farrar Street, Detroit, Mich., says: "A complication of female ailments kept me awake nights and wore me out. I could get no relief from medicine and hope was slipping away from me. A young lady in my employ gave me a box of Dr. Williams' Pink Pills for Pale People. I took them and was able to rest at night for the first time in months. I bought more and they cured me as they also cured several other people to my knowledge. I think that if you should ask any of the druggists of Detroit, who are the best buyers of Dr. Williams' Pink Pills they would say the young women. These pills certainly build up the nervous system and many a young woman owes her life to them."

"As a business woman I am pleased to recommend them as they did more for me than any physician and I can give Dr. Williams' Pink Pills for Pale People credit for my general good health to-day."

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ing was! The young birds had gone. I did so want to know how the old birds had managed matters, and how it fared with the little ones.

That indignation meeting of the birds occurred a great many years ago, but the scene is still vivid.

One winter, just after a snowstorm, a bevy of snowbirds appeared near my house. I fed them crumbs, and they stayed with us several days. They got a little bold, even coming to the kitchen steps to get their rations. There was, however, one exception.

A fence separated the old apple orchard from the house lot, and I observed that one bird kept on the fence rail, never venturing nearer to the feeding place. To my surprise and delight, the reason of it was soon made plain.

The poor little fellow was lame in one wing, so he must not be too bold, as in the event of danger he must have some vantage for escape. So an old bird took him crumbs at every feeding time.

But the most remarkable act in my knowledge of a bird in sympathy with another in distress, was performed by a robin not two hundred yards from my house. It was a deed of daring, and in the highest degree heroic.

A sparrow hawk had pounced upon a sparrow in the street, and was bearing it away. A robin from his maple tree witnessed the act, and instantly started in pursuit.

High in the air the noble little fellow caught up with the buccaneer, and one could hear the short, jerky cries of the hawk as the robin was "pegging in" and making the feathers fly.

The hawk dropped his prey, and the robin returned to the maple tree.—Our Animal Friends.

The mother of Fitzhugh Lee, who died recently at the advanced age of ninety years, was before the war days a belle in Washington. Her father, John Mason, was the son of that illustrious patriot and statesman George Mason, one of the framers of the American Constitution. From his father, Mr. Mason, who was at one time United States Senator and an Actor in the Mason-Sliddell affair, inherited Anacostia Island. His daughter, subsequently Mrs. Lee, was known in her young womanhood as "beautiful Nannie Mason, of the island," and reigned supreme in the hearts of the aristocratic young nabobs of the locality. Mrs. Lee's girlhood was passed mainly at Arlington and Mount Vernon. It was the former historic place that she was wooed and won by Lieutenant Sydney Smith Lee, elder brother of General Robert E. Lee, who resigned his commission in the United States Navy to accept one in the Confederacy. Mrs. Lee was an acception-

al woman. Beautiful in person, forceful in intellect, spiritual in character, she retained all those traditions to which Southern women owe their charm. The friend and companion of the clever men and beautiful women of her day, Mrs. Lee, whose mind remained clear and unclouded to the end, was wont to chat interestingly of the happenings of a half-century ago to those who were admitted to her intimacy. One of her most cherished experiences was the meeting of M. Egalite and his brother, who were for several days guests under her father's roof, charming all during their visit by their sprightly conversation and polished manners. M. Egalite was, as will be recalled, Louis Philippe, and years afterward, in appreciation of the hospitality shown him, Mr. and Mrs. Mason received from that royal personage the gift of a solid silver service, exquisite in design and workmanship. Mrs. Lee had the privilege also of meeting the Prince of Wales when he visited this country, having been a guest at the dinner given in his honor by President Buchanan when her friend and intimate, Harriet Lane Johnston, presided. Her escort on that occasion was the Duke of Newcastle, and she had the good fortune of being seated next to Albert Edward, of whose vivacity of manner and gayety of spirits she preserved a most pleasant recollection. With the other members of her family Mrs. Lee sympathized with the South, and during the four years of the Civil War remained in Richmond, cheering those about her during that period of despondency and despair, carrying comfort and help wherever she went, and winning by her cheerfulness, courage and devotion the sobriquet "Star of Hope" from her brother-in-law, General Robert E. Lee. With Mrs. Lee passed a fine soul, the best type of a woman of the last generation.—New York Tribune.

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"ON AGAIN," APRIL 30.

DEVOTIONAL

INGRATITUDE.

Ingratitude implies gross insensibility, by which much enjoyment is lost out of one's life. Gratitude touches one of the finest springs of our nature. It puts a new song on our lips, and inspires the redeemed around the throne. The royal Psalmist resolved: "I will sing of thy mercy," and in God's temple the people "abundantly utter the memory of his great goodness." But insensibility disqualifies us for ecstatic praise and for God's service. Make it your habit to carry consolation and help to the suffering and desolate, and your presence, the sound of your approaching footsteps, the tones of your voice, the very mention of your name, will fill their hearts with a fullness that speaks by the tokens of swimming eyes and clasped hands and fervent ejaculations to heaven for blessings on your head. No less copious acknowledgement to God, the author of all good, should be felt and made when his word and providence disclose the excesses of his love.—Christian Intelligencer.

HEAVENLY-MINDEDNESS.

There is a vital difference between believers and unbelievers. The difference is to be so apparent that the Church and the world stand in contrast as light and darkness, sin and grace, life and death. Paul exhorting the Church at Ephesus against the various types of moral and social evil with which they were surrounded, said: "Ye were sometime darkness, but now are ye light in the Lord; walk as children of light; and have no fellowship with the unfruitful works of darkness, but rather prove them."

Nothing so effectually rebukes sin as the steady glow of a holy life. The disobedient and rebellious can meet argument with argument, and in more advanced stages of acquired depravity may scoff at religion and treat with scorn every direct appeal and personal effort to move them to accept Christ. But these same persons in their hearts acknowledge the beauty, superiority and worth of a blameless life of the Christian type. They do not attempt to gainsay the ripened fruits of faith and godliness.

The followers of Christ are his witnesses. Their thoughts and affections are fixed on heavenly objects. They love neither the world, nor the things that are in the world. They are a peculiar people, zealous of good works. This heavenly-mindedness is the highest inherent attractiveness of the Church. The more worldly the Church becomes, the less drawing power she has over the unsaved. It is a bold mistake to compromise with the world as a means of winning men for Christ and the Church. The Spirit-filled Church is the drawing Church. Heavenly-mindedness succeeds where the most perfect arrangements without it fail.

It is important that the Christian live in the upper realms of thought and action; that he fix his supreme affection above all that is of the earth earthy. To do this he need not withdraw from society and lead the life of a recluse. He must not thus hide himself. He is to be as a city set upon a hill. He is to be a burning, shining light for Christ. A man can be diligent in business, and at the same time "fervent in spirit, serving the Lord." A Christian must be industrious. A spirit-filled man is never a lazy man. Heavenly-mindedness has no fellowship with slothfulness—does not fold its hands, neglect its own, and piously say, "The Lord will provide."

A man need not be worldly to succeed in business. Fidelity to Christ is not a barrier to success in any lawful undertaking. The Christian in business can make no greater mistake than to transfer his affections from the higher to the lower good, and subordinate his Church relations to his business interests.

Let the mind which was in Christ have free scope in all our works and ways. Let it take the place of worldliness in the Church and in the home and in the hearts of individuals, and a new era will dawn for the kingdom of Christ among men.—Evangelical Messenger.

LIFE LOST AND FOUND.

Leaning over a ship's side a man by us dropped a valuable ring. The jewel twinkled in the light as it touched the waters, as if tossing back a smiling farewell, and went down into the irrecoverable deep. Such a loss is a sudden, stinging blow, with no redress. On another day, in midocean, a woman by a playful gesture flung over the rail from her arm a bracelet priceless for a miniature that formed its central link. We learned her loss from her face.

One never forgets such disclosures of grief. You run to the rescue, but it is very useless to look for a treasure that falls into the sea and sinks a hundred fathoms as you speed on before you fully comprehend what has happened to one of your company.

There was a fire at Irvington-on-the-Hudson one winter night that consumed a collection of paintings in less time than we need to write of it, one Murillo being burned by a flash of flame that bit through the canvas as it was being cut from the frame. So a treasure is devoured right before our yearning eyes. And in such irrecoverable losses we begin to find the meaning of these words, "That which was lost." Who is he who comes into our human life to reclaim irrecoverable losses?

There is wonderful significance in the cry of the ancient litany to be delivered from sudden death. It is the cringing of the soul under the agony of the culminating loss. We are not afraid to die—perhaps we prefer that manner of departure—but the shock to the living is so sharp, the bitterness of such bereavement so enhanced, that the long protest of ages goes up to heaven against it. Yet to bury our dead out of our sight is a loss which makes treasure sunk in the sea a very trifle. And here we touch the hidings of our Redeemer's power to recover the irrecoverable. We shall find our buried jewels. The voice that spoke light into the empty dark of chaos commands us, at such a crisis in our lives, "Fear not, only believe." His all-embracing love has this power. He is the first and also the last. Even the unsounded depth is in his hand. It was such as he that came to seek and to save the lost.

But the real tragedy of loss is yet to be considered: for a man can lose his life and yet live. Men are living lost lives at our sides. Some losses end, some endure. Some losses show at once; some are long in the disclosure. A man can die without and we know it; he may perish within and we be ignorant of it. A man's life is as large as the universe; his soul is a star in the infinite spaces. If you cut off the light of a star at this end, it goes instantly out; but you may quench the star at the other end, and it will shine on for years. Sirius might die tonight, and still we should see his lamp alight for many winters, and a man may die at the center and seem to us unchanged; for the dead star shines awhile, the lamp of Lae burns bright till the wasting oil fails. Yet if the heavens were as full of dying stars as the world is of expiring lives, science would tell us the difference between the dead and living stars long before men discovered the difference in their own moral estates. The lost life that a man lives among us is a secret thing, whose disclosure marks a crisis as great as the "end of the world," or as the final judgment. It is this tremendous mystery of character which gives all meaning to our life, and makes contemptible the teaching of the shallow school of triflers whose whole burden is not to worry, whose boast is that they have no care for things that are now unseen, whose motto is, "Get the most out of life by thinking mostly of yourself." So the reckless in all ages shout on the edge of the abysses into which they plunge, "Let us eat and drink, for to-morrow we die"—Evangelist.

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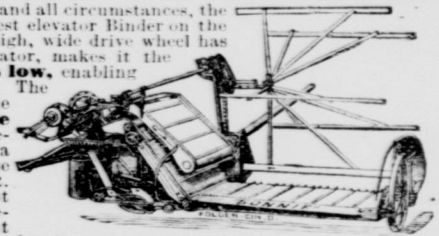
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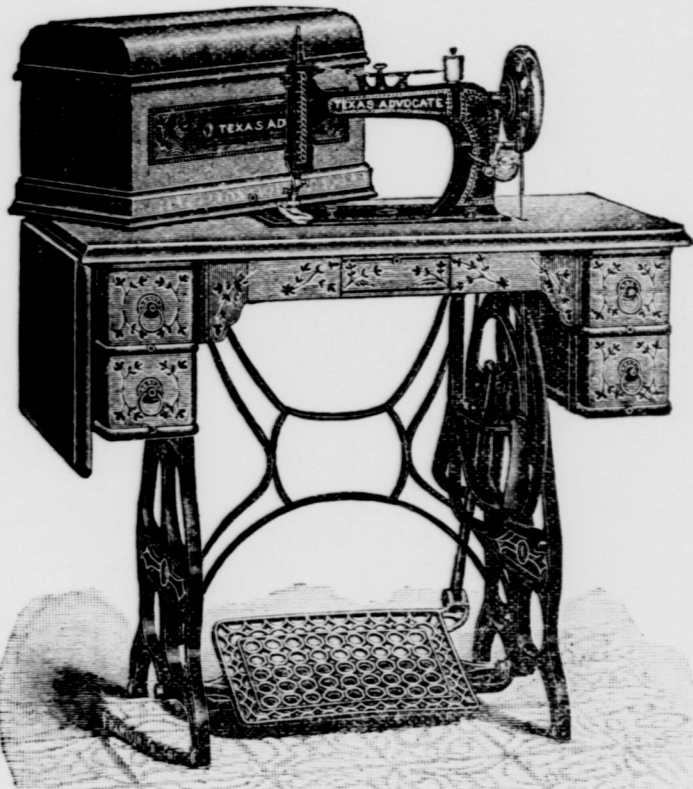
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NOTES.

If you have sent anything to this office for publication, and it has not been returned to you, do not write to us about it. It is on file, biding its time. We will not keep you in suspense as to its fate.

When you send us an article for these columns, put your name to it in full, and then be patient. The Advocate has about discarded nom de plumes. They do not mean anything. If you are too modest to see your name in print, you had better not write for this paper.

Our obituary files are full to overflowing. We will publish them as fast as possible, but many of them will be delayed. Do not go beyond the limit prescribed for these important memorials.

We do not make it a habit to print the Advocate in small type, but once in a while we have to do it in order to reach matter that has long been on hands. But whether small or large, the type is new and clear.

Many of the brethren are making the paper boom. Subscriptions are coming in with every mail, and the list is growing. This is as it should be, for we want the Advocate in every Methodist home in Texas. Let the good work go on from day to day, until our Methodism is sowed down with copies of this paper. A reading Methodism means an intelligent and a liberal Methodism.

We are trying to make the Advocate a veritable Gulf stream. Wherever it goes, we want to breathe a spirit of good will and brotherly love. If it can not inspire and lift up some struggling heart, it will not lend itself to strife and unkindness. If it can not say something good and pleasant of those who make up its constituency, it will say nothing at all. The fact is, the Advocate is in love and fellowship with all the circle of its readers. Whenever you look into its clean face, you behold a friend.

EDITORIAL BIRD-SHOT.

A Christian man stands ready to forgive an injury, but he is slow to resent a small meanness.

There is no harm in a little horn-blowing, provided you do not wake up a sleepy neighbor.

Advice is the cheapest thing a man can give you, and it is often as worthless as it is cheap.

It is said that barking dogs never bite, but it is not conducive to sleep to listen to them after nightfall.

Evil thoughts will occasionally pass through a good man's mind, but he does not suffer them to abide.

High-toned conversation is edifying and elevating, but idle chit-chat is productive of spiritual emptiness.

If you make your business a success, many people will tell you how to run it; but if you fail, they will not bother you.

Every life is destined to its share of sunshine and shadow, but too much of either is oftentimes oppressive to the spirit.

Sunday sickness is a great convenience to a man who is looking for an excuse to remain away from Church service.

Nothing pleases the devil more than to see a professed Christian enter a bar-room or sit down to a social game of cards.

You are dependent upon circumstances for happiness, but the state of the heart imparts joy or sadness to human experience.

It is frequently a comfort to remember that your father was a rich man, but that comfort does not feed you when you are hungry.

Some men have great confidence in the judgment of a physician who will advise them to take a little whisky for a slight indisposition.

THE BRANCH HOUSE.

Our Branch House is now open and ready for business. Its advertisement will be found in another column of this issue. We went down and looked through the building the other day, and we are prepared to say that Barber & Smith mean business in this venture. The location is one of the best in the city, the house is commodious, the furniture is elegant and the stock is ample and first-class. Everything carried by the House in Nashville can be obtained now in Dallas, with the advantage of greatly reduced freight rates into the bargain. Mr. W. C. Everett and a good force of helpers are now ready to welcome visitors and to receive orders. We rejoice at this opening in Texas. It means much for our work this side of the Mississippi. Now let our people rally to its support and its success will be an assured fact from the word go.

Royalty sports rare embroidery the making of which costs life and happiness. Some of these laces are made of thread so fine as not to be seen in the glaring light. The expert consents to a life of social ostracism. She knows that light and a dry atmosphere are antagonistic to success. Accordingly, she enters a dungeon damp and dark, save a tiny ray of light which steals in upon her work. Unseen, unheard, unknown, she labors on only to ravish the fancies of crownheads with the product of her toil. Ah, God's forces that revolutionize are generated in hearts desert-born and bred. In the mountain fastnesses, not on plains of triumph, is where we hear the voice of the Father. God bursts upon the world; but not till the armies of the skies are mobilized. The secret places of the Most High are magazines of power. So few count all things but dross. Self, not our work, is the polar star. How the world needs men whose self-appreciation fades before the ascending supremacy of some great, definite purpose!

A VISIT TO ALVARADO.

Alvarado is only forty miles from Dallas, on the Missouri, Kansas and Texas and the Santa Fe Railroads. It has now a population of about twenty-five hundred. A few years ago the Katy Railroad established its roundhouse there, and this gave the town quite an impetus. The population grew rapidly, and business improved considerably; but a while back, the road moved the roundhouse to Hillsboro, and this injured the place very materially. Since then matters have diminished, both in the number of people and in the volume of the business. Still it is a pleasant community, in the midst of a fine country. Many of the residents own extensive farms in the vicinity, and a great many cattle are fed near there for the markets. Some of the best grades of cattle on exhibition at the Fort Worth Stockmen's Convention were from Alvarado; and these same cattle were shipped to Chicago and brought flattering prices. There are a great many well to do people in the town, and some of them are wealthy. As a rule, I am told, the community is not made up of a Church-going people, though the Churches are all well represented. We have a very creditable church building, with a membership of about two hundred. I preached on Sunday morning to about that number, and at night to half as many. The services were helpful, and we had a good time. Rev. C. S. Field is the pastor, though he was necessarily absent last Sunday, and I had things my own way. He is an energetic pastor and a helpful preacher. I heard a good report of him and his work. He has a fine opportunity to do much good in his relation to the community. I met his good wife, and she is quite a worker in the Church circle.

It was a great pleasure to me to meet with Rev. John Powell, perhaps the oldest member of the Northwest Texas Conference. These old preachers have a fascination for me, and from them I learn much of a very interesting character. They embody the history of Methodism in Texas. Bro. Powell is now in his eighty-sixth year, but all of his faculties are intact, and his hearing and eyesight are good. He looked like an old patriarch as he sat before me at the morning hour, and his very presence was an inspiration. I spent the entire afternoon with him, and his memory of the men and things of long-vanished years is as clear as a bell. He is by birth a Welshman, though his father brought his family to this country when Bro. Powell was three years old, and located in Ohio. The father and mother were ardent Episcopalians, and brought their children up in that faith. The Methodist preachers passed that way about the time young John was growing up, and he made a profession of religion and joined that Church. This rather angered his father, especially when he found out that his boy was going to become a Methodist preacher. He told him that he could either give up the Methodist Church or give up his birthright and his home. He chose the latter and took his departure. They both had Welsh blood enough in them to mean what they said. So he turned up in Arkansas with his Church certificate. In the course of a very few years, the Missouri Conference met in Arkansas, and he was admitted on trial. Arkansas was then a Territory. The conference took in nearly everything this side of the Mississippi, and also Louisiana. Bishop Morris presided at this session of the conference. That was sixty-odd years ago. When Louisiana was set off to herself as a conference, Bro. Powell fell into that territory. He became an influential member of the conference, and was intimately associated with H. N. McTyeire, J. C. Keener, William Wynans and others. In 1850 he came to Texas,

and he has been here to this good day. He has been a man of great vitality, fine judgment, great fidelity to duty, and of unswerving devotion to the Church. He is the soul of honor, and his word in Alvarado is as good as a gilt-edged bond. He is held in high esteem in the entire town, both by saint and sinner. Some years ago he baptized and received Seth Ward into the Church, and helped him in his studies.

While in the town, I was pleasantly entertained by Bro. and Sister Flournoy Sansom. They have an interesting family, and it is good to know such people and to number them among your friends. Bro. Sansom's father is now quite an old man, but he is still greatly attached to the Church. He has been in Texas a great many years, and he is a very fine Christian gentleman. In fact, among those people are to be found very devout men and women. They love God and his cause. Alvarado is a dry town, as is the whole county; but there will be a local option election there next Saturday, and such is the apathy of the people that it is feared by the friends of temperance that the antis will carry it. The whisky men are quietly at work, and they will leave no stone unturned to win the day. G. C. R.

TEXAS PERSONALS.

We appreciate a good letter from Rev. N. B. Read, of Wolfe City. He is in the midst of a glorious revival.

Rev. N. C. Little, of Crandall, was in to see us recently. He is pushing his work and doing all that he can for the paper.

We notice in the News of the 30th inst. that in the revival at Georgetown there had been to that date 111 conversions.

In a note from Rev. D. H. Hotchkiss, of the Tabernacle Church, Houston, published in this issue, is an account of a fine meeting in his Church.

Bro. J. A. Cottingham, of Kopperl, made the Advocate a pleasant visit last week. He is a devoted layman in the Church and a reader of the Advocate.

Alderman J. F. Nix, of Fort Worth, a leading member of the First Methodist Church in that city, died last Saturday. His funeral was public and largely attended.

Bro. B. L. Branson, of Wheatland, was in the city and gave us a pleasant call. He has been taking the Advocate ever since he began to keep house, and can not get along without it.

Brothers Horn and Adams, of Washington Street Church and McAshan Chapel, Houston, are succeeding well with their congregations, so Brother Hotchkiss tells us in a private note.

We are sorry to learn from W. M. Leathwood, of Archer City, that Rev. T. L. Miller, of the North Texas Conference, is quite ill, and the prayers of the brethren are asked in his behalf.

In a private note from Rev. W. A. Stuckey, of the Broadway Church, Galveston, he says that his congregation paid for all purposes last year \$3229, instead of \$1290 as reported in the published minutes.

Rev. John E. Green, of the McKee Street Church, in Houston, has overflowing congregations at his services. We have but one John Green, and he is a good one. He is going to build a new church soon.

The last we saw of the Georgetown meeting in the secular press, it was still in progress, and the number of converts had gone beyond a hundred. Dr. Campbell and his co-workers are in fine spirits.

Rev. J. B. Wood, of Thurber, writes us that his Sunday-school made an Easter offering of \$5.00 to go toward the support of a missionary in Cuba, provided the Sunday-schools in Texas will support the work.

We are sorry to learn that the health of Rev. A. B. Roberts, of Whitt, has become so impaired that he has had to give up his work. We hope he will soon be restored. Rev. S. E. Allison will fill out the unexpired term.

The Glendale Star gives quite a lengthy notice of the effort now being made to build a church and parsonage at that place. The site has been selected, trustees have been appointed and the work will soon be un-

der way. Revs. V. A. Godbey, G. V. Ridley and J. T. Kirkpatrick are leading in the work.

Rev. Seth Ward has recently had a number of valuable accessions to the Shearn Church membership in Houston. This we learn from a friend. Old Shearn is one of the staunchest congregations in the connection.

In a card from Temple, Texas, we learn that the wife of Rev. E. G. Kilgore is lying very low of consumption, and she is expected to live but a short time. The readers of this note will remember Brother Kilgore in his affliction.

Rev. W. R. Thornton, of Midland, is in the city undergoing treatment for an indisposition. He is now about well and feels that he will be able to do efficient work during the rest of the year. He made us a pleasant visit last week.

Our Church trustees at Bonham have the plans all ready for the beginning of a \$10,000 church to take the place of the one destroyed by fire last December. With their wide-awake pastor and a good congregation, the church building will be put through without delay.

SOUTHERN METHODIST NEWS.

Zion's Outlook, at Nashville, is now a small paper in size and in matter, and its appearance does not indicate flush times.

Rev. Dr. Byrd, of Asheville, N. C., will preach the baccalaureate sermon at Wofford College, S. C., next June.

The North Carolina Advocate has donned a brand-new dress. This, too, just as the North Carolina Methodists have started another paper.

We notice in one of our exchanges that the church debt on our fine property at Tyler has been liquidated and that the property is free.

Rev. Andrew Hunter, the old man eloquent of Arkansas, will officiate at the marriage of the daughter of United States Senator Jones on the 12th of this month.

Rev. Dr. J. A. Orman, of the Tennessee Conference, has so far recovered from his serious illness as to be able to go out in the open air. We hope for his recovery.

The Methodists of Jonesboro, Ark., are building a new church. A dead Church does not carry on enterprises of this sort, and work of this character is steadily going on.

The contract has been let for a \$20,000 church building in Vicksburg, Miss. Church building now in progress throughout the Church does not indicate a dying Methodism.

Father Needham, of North Carolina, will celebrate his one hundredth anniversary on May 26 by preaching a sermon on that day. He is a grand old man and worthy of honor.

Mr. Samuel Cupples, of St. Louis, is the layman who gave the \$25,000 last week to Central College. He is a man of means, and he is using it for the good of Christian education.

The St. Louis Advocate spread herself in the way of an Easter edition last week. A plant that can bring out that sort of an issue ought not to be put to the necessity of resorting to the trick of poaching.

Rev. W. W. Pinson, of Mulberry Street, Macon, Ga., is in the midst of a good meeting. He properly belongs to Texas and ought never to have been taken away from us; but we rejoice in his success in Georgia.

NEWS FROM OTHER CHURCHES.

Rev. A. S. Gumbart, pastor of the Dudley Street Baptist Church, Boston, and one of the best known clergymen of his denomination in New England, died March 19, in his forty-sixth year.

According to the English Baptist "Handbook" for 1899 the Baptists have in Great Britain 2697 churches, 1951 pastors in charge, 5111 local preachers, 355,218 members and 525,531 Sunday-school scholars.

Rev. James A. Spurgeon was found dead in a railroad carriage on the arrival of the Brighton Express in London last Wednesday. He was a brother of the late Rev. Charles Haddon Spurgeon, the famous Baptist preacher.

The nineteenth anniversary of the pastorate of Rev. Dr. Henry Hopkins at First Congregational Church, Kansas City, Mo., was celebrated on Tuesday night of last week. Dr. Hopkins is a worthy son of the late President Mark Hopkins, and his work in behalf of good citizenship, educational

progress and other features of civic prosperity, as well as his labors as a pastor and preacher have made for him a commanding place in Kansas City.

Owing to physical infirmity Rt. Rev. George Worthington, Bishop of the Protestant Episcopal diocese of Nebraska, has decided to ask the Church Council, which meets in Omaha next May, to appoint a coadjutor Bishop.

The committee of the whole of Fifth Avenue Church, New York, has recommended that a call be extended by the congregation to Rev. Dr. Alexander Connell, at present pastor of Regent Square Church, London, to succeed the late Rev. Dr. John Hall.

Rev. Dr. Henry M. Booth, President of Auburn Theological Seminary at Auburn, N. Y., who previous to his connection with that institution served for twenty-five years as pastor of the Presbyterian Church in Englewood, N. Y., died in Auburn, March 18.

RESOLUTIONS OF RESPECT.

Whereas, the Allwise Ruler has seen fit in his providence to remove from our midst, November 29 and 30, 1898, Misses Jennie and Ruby Pegues, ages eighteen and seventeen years, just as they were nearing womanhood's estate, in their innocence and purity, death claimed them for his own; and

Whereas, from early childhood they have been diligent members of our Sunday-school, ever earnest and faithful in the discharge of all duties assigned them, with true Christian spirits, ever ready to dispense a kind word or deed, makes it fitting that we record our appreciation of them; therefore

Resolved, that in their death we have lost two of our most useful members, and that their sudden removal from among us has left an abiding sorrow in our hearts and cast a shadow over our Sunday-school and community that will be deeply realized, and that they will be ever held in fond remembrance.

Resolved, that with deep sympathy for the afflicted relatives and friends of the deceased, we express an earnest hope that even so great a sorrow may be overruled for their greatest good.

Resolved, that these resolutions be spread upon the minutes of our Sunday-school and a copy be sent to the relatives of the deceased, and that a copy be also sent to the Texas Christian Advocate for publication.

MRS. A. M. NEELEY, ADAH NEELEY, MARY NEELEY, Committee.

San Marcos, Texas, March 20, 1899. L. Blaylock, Dallas, Texas: The Sewing Machine was received in o. k. order several days ago. We had seen one before. We are glad we ordered this kind. (REV.) M. S. GARDNER.

SECTARIANISM VS. CHRISTIAN UNITY.

The above is the title of a printed sermon, preached by Rev. E. A. Smith, D. D., of the Texas Conference, which sermon was preached by him some years ago, while he was pastor of our Church in Huntsville. The occasion of the sermon was some confusion brought about among the Christian people of that community on account of some sectarian preaching being done by a Baptist minister from Georgia. The sermon is a wise and wholesome discussion of an important question, and it is handled in a masterly manner by Dr. Smith. The spirit of it is of a high order, and the argument logical and Scriptural. A thorough reading of this discourse will be helpful to our Methodist people, and we commend it to them as worthy of their thought and study. Dr. Smith is at present in San Marcos.

EPWORTH LEAGUE NOTICES.

A REQUEST.

The preachers of the Texas Conferences and the readers of the Texas Christian Advocate are requested to furnish any information they may have of one Wesley M. Brown, aged about thirty-seven; complexion light. Such a favor will be greatly appreciated by the aged parents. Address: G. H. BROWN, Edwards, Ky.

LEAGUE CONFERENCE.

To the Pastors of the Brenham District, Texas Conference: Dear Brethren—Please send me the names and number of your delegates to the Brenham District Conference that convenes at Chappell Hill, May 18, 1899. H. M. HAYNIE, P. C. Chappell Hill, Texas.

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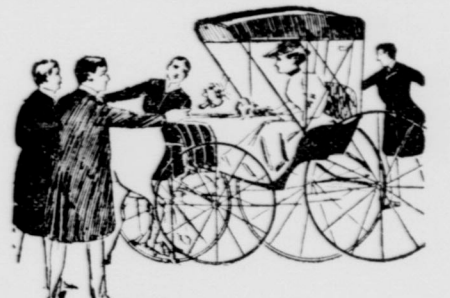
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SECOND QUARTER, LESSON 3, APRIL 16.

Topic: Jesus Teaching Humility.—John 13:1-17.

Golden Text: "I have given you an example."—John 13:15.

Time: Thursday evening, April 6, A. D. 30.

Place: Jerusalem, in the upper room of the Last Supper.

Persons: Jesus and his disciples.

Occasion: Christ washing his disciples' feet.

This lesson brings us into an upper room, where Christ and his disciples are alone. Though John does not find it necessary to say much about the fact, yet it is true that they were up there to institute the ordinance of the Last Supper, which was to become one of the permanent sacraments of the Church. At the close of this solemn feast, then Christ proceeded to teach the disciples a lesson in humility. So he girded himself with a towel, took a basin of water, and proceeded to wash their feet. This was not to be an institution of the Church, to be observed as such in the after ages; but merely to show to these first ministers of the Gospel that there was no service necessary to the welfare of humanity that he was not willing to render, and that they also must never feel themselves too good to do anything for the good of men. It was customary in that age when travelers went into a home, to be met by the host at the door with a towel and a basin of water, with which to wash and dry the feet of the tired sojourners. Christ adopted this custom with which to illustrate the beauty of humility. If you are willing to wash the feet of some tired one, and to dry them, you are willing to do anything else necessary to soothe and comfort. We are in this world for service, and we best serve God when we serve tired and exhausted humanity.

SOME LESSON POINTS.

1. By this humility, Christ prepared his disciples for the greater one yonder upon the cross. "He humbled himself, and became obedient unto death, even the death of the cross."
2. The real call to Christian service is not to wait for an opportunity to do something great in life, but to attend to the first need that comes to hand. These greater things only come to those who do the little services for others.
3. Living close to Christ, and sharing his Spirit, is the best preparation we can make for true service. "He went about doing good."
4. The washing of feet signifies the necessity for having the soul cleansed. If the heart is clean before God, the life will send out a pure stream of helpful service to others.
5. This was a disinterested act upon the part of Christ. He expected nothing in return for it. Unselfishness is a basic element in humility. To do a thing from pure love is Christ-like.

THE EPWORTH LEAGUE.

April 9: Topic—Holy Garments.—Eph. 4:20-24; Rom. 6:4.

When living a life of sin, we are said to have on the "old man, which is corrupt according to the deceitful lusts." Sometimes it is called "the old Adam." But whatever we may call it, it is a sinful nature, and must be gotten rid of. Hence the lesson exhorts us "To put off the old man and be renewed in the spirit of your mind." A new heart is the need of every unregenerated life. For this lesson further exhorts us, "Put on the new man, which after God is created in righteousness and true holiness." This, then, is the "Holy Garment" found in our topic. A clean heart followed by a clean life, is what all of us Leaguers must have in order to perfect ourselves in righteousness.

JUNIOR LEAGUE DEPARTMENT.

April 9: Topic—The Multitude Fed.—Mark 6:30-44.

Christ has all power in heaven and in earth. He makes the corn and the wheat to grow and furnish bread for mankind. Now, if he has this power to do such a thing through the seasons, why, he can do it in a moment. So he multiplied the few little fishes and the few loaves of bread and fed the great hungry multitudes. And a boy furnished the material with which he did this work. We do not know what the boy was there for, but he was there, and turned over to the Savior his little stock of provisions. The

boys and the girls can help Christ feed the hungry thousands upon the bread of life. Your pennies put into his cause will multiply and do wonders for others. Then, too, you will notice that after the multitudes had eaten until they were filled, the boy had about twelve baskets full left for other uses. Is not that wonderful? Well, when we give Christ all that we have, he gives us strength with which to make even larger things for ourselves and others. In other words, we never lose anything by dividing with the Master. He gives back to us more than we give to him.

EPWORTH LEAGUE WORK IN MEXICO.

Rev. J. R. Mood.

In the three Mission Conferences of Mexico, we have thirty-five Leagues, well organized, and in these 1711 members.

Our Annual League Conference is held in connection with the Convention of Young People's Societies of Mexico. This year it meets in San Luis Potosi, July 13-16, and a large and representative gathering is expected. The principal sessions will be held in the new Southern Methodist church. A special train will leave Laredo, Texas, in the afternoon of July 12, arriving in San Luis Potosi the following afternoon, with cars at the disposition of all Christian people who may take advantage of the very low rates then offered to visit points in Mexico.

Although the members of Leagues actually organized may seem rather small, it is to be noted that in many cases the young people thus banded together have proven themselves the strong right arm of the Church. Some of the ways in which they infuse life and enthusiasm and power into the membership are as follows:

They sometimes take charge of the public services, and direct them with their own peculiar push and contagious spirituality. In Monclova, Mexico, for example, the Haygood League conducted a rather unique watch-night service on the night of December 31, 1898. At 9 o'clock the people gathered, great and small, to take part in a service of offerings, this being the way the Church raises its conference assessments. Each person that came forward to present his or her gift to the Lord accompanied the act with an appropriate verse of Scripture. It was now 10:30 p. m., and the Leaguers held their ordinary business service, electing new officers, etc., and then directed the service of prayer that was to bid farewell to '98 and welcome the good year '99. Says one who was present: "In our prayers we have gratitude to God for his great mercy in allowing us to see the end of another year, and the opening hours of another just beginning. Some of the children recited poems appropriate to the occasion. To me it was a source of great pleasure and inward rejoicing to observe the thorough Christian spirit that inspired all—large and small—that took part in the service of welcome and farewell."

The Leaguers take advantage of District and Annual Conferences to call attention to their work, and to make their cause felt. Last year at Tobey the thirty-six members of the League were given the Sunday afternoon hour. They marched into the church holding aloft their beautiful banner, wearing their badges and singing one of their most stirring songs. After their own well prepared vocal and instrumental pieces were sung and played, they put up the oldest preacher they could find, Rev. J. Policarpo Rodriguez, to deliver the address of the afternoon. His step may be feeble, but his brain and heart are not. As bright and cheerful as a spring morn, his address, so short and to the point, was just what they wanted. It left an indelible impression upon the young Leaguers, and the other people, too.

The members of our League in Mexico sometimes take it upon themselves to fill up the vacant pews at church, and in one case that I know of were signally successful. When S. G. Paz was sent to Mexico City, in the fall of 1897, he found what was once a flourishing congregation all rent in pieces, with no leaders, no singers, no list of members, no nothing. He knew his strong point. He was young, and he knew young people—their likes, their longings, and their power in a congregation. With what poor material he had to start on, he organized a

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League. It was a piece of madness in the eyes of some, but there was method in the madness, and he reported at the following conference that his League—the Sons of Juarez—was the very life of his well organized Church and Sabbath-school; that they had their library, their house to house meetings, their banners, and their enthusiastic songs, and had been able to fill the church with attentive hearers at the hour for the preaching of the Word.

In Saltillo the League has been a great educational force in the Church. They read the "Man of Galilee," "Self Help," "Life of Wesley," and "Pilgrim's Progress," and have their literary meetings in the presence of all, so that some who can not read may get the benefit of their studies. One can easily conceive of the animated, agreeable and instructive session that they had some time since, when the following program was carried out:

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2. Bible reading, II Thes. 5.
3. Prayer.
4. Roll call, each member responding with a fact of Methodist history.
5. Address, "The Political Condition of England at That Time," by Gregorio Oserna.
6. Piano solo, by Maria Hernandez.
7. Recitation, Miss Marta Garcia.
8. Hymn No. 168, C. Wesley.
9. "The Spiritual Condition of England at That Time," T. Del Valle.
10. Piano solo, Miss Olivarez.
11. "Life in Epworth Parsonage," Miss Churchill.
12. Hymn No. 47, C. Wesley.
13. The benediction of the League. Monterey, Mexico.

WHERE SHALL THE NEXT WEST TEXAS LEAGUE CONFERENCE BE HELD.

As yet the place of meeting has not been chosen. At the last session, held at Victoria, it was thought best to postpone the selection of a place.

Now the way is open to invitations from all pastors and Epworth League members of the West Texas Conference. Let us hear from you.

The meeting at Victoria, while not very largely attended, was very interesting and helpful to those who were present, and it is believed much good was accomplished. But it is well known there is a growing sentiment that there may be too many League Conferences, and that the Annual Conference League should be discontinued. As this has not yet been done, let us labor to make the next meeting, whether it shall be the last or not, a grand success. To this end the co-operation of all friends of the League is desired.

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PROGRAM.

Llano District Conference will meet at San Saba, June 23. Opening sermon at 8 p. m., by Rev. Charles F. Annis.

Revival Day, June 24: 10:15 a. m., prayer and consecration service, led by C. H. Maloy; 11 a. m., "The Need of a Deeper Spiritual Life in Our Pastors, in Order to a Great Revival," sermon, Rev. W. A. Govett; 2:30 p. m., prayer and praise service, led by Rev. J. M. Shuford; "Revival Methods and Agents," J. T. H. Miller; "The Need of a Deeper Spiritual Life in Our Members Before the Gospel Will Reach the World," Dr. H. M. Mathis, L. P.:

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miscellaneous; 8 p. m., a revival sermon.

Sunday, June 25: 10 a. m., catechetical sermon to the children, by C. S. Mills; 11 a. m., sermon; 4 p. m., sermon and sacrament; 8 p. m., sermon.

Mission Day, June 26: Bible reading, on "Missions," conducted by H. T. Hill; "Our Missionary Literature," H. F. Harris; "What Ought to Be the Position of the Methodist Church Toward Missions at the Opening of the Twentieth Century?" J. A. King; at 11 a. m., "The Need of, and How to Create, a Missionary Conscience in Our Pastors and People, with the Aid of the Holy Ghost," sermon, Dr. M. A. Black; "The Best Way to Raise the Mission and Other Collections," by three laymen, W. M. Allison, W. F. P. Oatman and J. A. Brown, L. P.; "The Work of Our Woman's Foreign Missionary Society; What Has It, What Ought It to Become?" Mrs. T. Y. Elton; "The Importance of Our Woman's Home Mission Society," Mrs. C. S. Mills; "Should All Our Missionary Operations Be Under Our Board?" L. B. Ellis; miscellaneous; 8 p. m., sermon.

Sunday-school Day, June 27: "The Duty of the Pastor Toward the Sunday-school and Young People," by a layman, A. Reese; "The Obligation of All the Members of the Church Toward the Sunday-school," M. K. Fred; "What Constitutes a Good Sunday-school Teacher?" F. F. Cocks; "How May We Do the Best Work in the Infant Class?" Mrs. W. A. Govett; "The Characteristics of a Good Superintendent," J. D. Worrell; at 11 a. m., "The Design of the Twentieth Century Educational Fund," sermon, Dr. J. E. Harrison; "Our Church Schools; Their Design; with Special Reference to Those in West Texas Conference," Prof. A. A. Thomas; "The Sphere of the Public School, and Its Proper Attitude Toward the College," Prof. G. T. Hogan; miscellaneous; 8 p. m., preaching.

League Day, June 28: "Is the Devotional Department Accomplishing Its Design? If Not, Why?" Prof. J. Walker Black; "What Ought the Charity and Help Department to Become?" Prof. Ed Starkey; "How May We Get the Best Results from the Literary Department?" Miss Myrtle Swanson; "The League and Mission Work; Have Our Efforts Been Wise?" T. F. Dimmitt; 11 a. m., preaching; "The Obligations Our Young People Are Brought Under to the League, by Its Advantages," Miss Stella Shelley; "How May a Pastor Best Help the League?" by a layman, T. W. Alexander; "How May the League Best Help the Pastor?" M. E. Riser; 8 p. m., preaching. I. K. WALLER.
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The editor of this department spent last week with relatives in Waco. While there, she had the pleasure of attending the regular weekly meeting of the Auxiliary W. H. M. Society, of Fifth Street Church, and enjoyed the hour thus spent very much. This Auxiliary has a membership of over sixty in number, and seemed to be in active working order, the members being alive to all the interests of the work in hand, their chief interest being just now the completion of the handsome and commodious parsonage, which is being built on the same lot with the church edifice, to the cost of which they are contributing, and are expecting also to furnish comfortably for the pastor's family. This parsonage, when finished, will be one of the handsomest in the State.

TO THE PASTORS, NORTH TEXAS CONFERENCE.

During the conference of Bishops and presiding elders, held in Fort Worth, much thought was given to the following theme: "How to Increase the Spiritual Growth of Our Church." Put aside every hindrance, and the greatest hindrance to the progress of Christianity is intemperance. Remove intemperance from the Church, and the grandest "revival" the world has ever beheld will follow.

As Superintendent of Temperance for the Home Mission Society of North Texas Conference, I ask you to preach a temperance sermon on Sunday, April 9th, 1899, and thereby endeavor to bring your membership to the standard of temperance required by the General Rules of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South. And when neither man nor woman claiming membership neither touch, taste, nor handle intoxicating liquors, then will our spiritual growth increase, and God's smile will rest upon us. If you comply with this request, please reply by postal. Your answer is needed for my April report. Respectfully,

MRS. L. E. R. SCHIMMELPFENIG,
Plano, Texas.

To the Officers and Auxiliaries of the W. F. M. Society, North Texas Conference: At the meeting of the Executive Committee of the Conference Society, which convened in Plano the 21st of this month, it was decided to hold the annual meeting of our Conference Society May 3rd to 7th, opening the first Wednesday in May, and embracing the following Sabbath. We are to accept the kind invitation of the Auxiliary at Pilot Point, and will hold our meeting there, as the members of our Church at Bonham have lost their church by fire, and we are therefore deprived of the pleasure of meeting with them, as had been previously arranged. Now, dear sisters, the time for our meeting is near at hand, and your reports must all be sent in this month, as early as possible, so as to be shown on the books at the annual meeting.

Elect your delegates at your April meeting, or at your first meeting after seeing this announcement. We have decided at the executive meeting that each Auxiliary ought to send at least two delegates, and as far as is practicable, we would like you to send your corresponding secretary of the Auxiliary, and your president, or treasurer. If it is not convenient for the corresponding secretary and president to attend, send some one else; but let every Auxiliary be represented. Another request: We have seen but few note-books in the hands of our delegates, and hope each delegate at this meeting will come with note-book and pencil in hand, that everything of importance to remember, may be jotted down and reported to your Auxiliary on your return. Let us do all we can to make our annual meeting profitable and pleasant. Pray much, dear sisters, that the presence and power of the Holy Spirit may be felt in our annual meeting, and the spirit of self-sacrifice and consecration to the cause of Foreign Missions may take possession of our every word and action.

MRS. J. H. ROWMAN,
President W. F. M. Society, North Texas Conference,
Plano, Texas.

FROM BROOKHAVEN, TEXAS.

As a friend of the Advocate I wish to express my thanks for having the opportunity of reading such a good paper. It is a comfort to my heart, and gladness to my soul. It makes me feel hopeful, and if my burden is heavy, it makes me feel light of heart. It is a help to any Christian. We have started a Sunday-school at this place, and I ask the prayers of all Christian people that this work may go on in peace and love for the Lord. Pray earnestly that this work will go on, for it is the desire of my heart that my little children may grow up to love their Father in heaven. May the Lord pour out his Holy Spirit and love upon all of us this year, that we may glorify him, for the Lord says: "Pray ye, therefore, the Lord of the harvest that he will send forth laborers into his harvest." For that is what we need here—more workers, then we could accomplish any good deed that we desire. Praise the Lord. Give him thanks for what he does do, and then he will be more willing to do, "Rejoice in tribulations," saith the Lord. This is hard to do, but we ought to do more of it than we do, especially all Christians, and preachers, and workers for the Lord. So pray earnestly for me and this community. I have not been trying to live a Christian long, though many years I could have been, and now I want to do all I can in this holy work for the Lord.

AUNT JANE.

Summary of the report of Conference treasurer of the Woman's Home Mission Society, Northwest Texas Conference, for the quarter ending March 20th, 1899:

Dues	\$317.90
Lucinda E. Helm Loan Fund	8.40
Preachers' wives' loan fund	5.50
Baby roll membership	1.75
Baby mite boxes	5.87
Week of prayer	2.60
Special donations	1.00
Mission Home building fund	155.75
Mission Home current expense	64.40
Contingent	16.75

Total	\$579.87
To general treasurer	\$559.87
To superintendent baby roll	1.75
Conference expense	123.52

Total	\$685.14
Balance from last quarter	\$177.65
Receipts for quarter	579.87
Total	\$756.92
Disbursements	\$685.14
Cash in bank	\$71.78
In general treasury	211.49

Total cash	283.27
EXPENDED ON LOCAL WORK.	
Station parsonage	\$357.25
District parsonage	12.00
Circuit parsonage	204.90
Local Church work	2315.00
Local mission work	46.15
Supplies given locally	133.95
Salary city missionaries	22.50
Rescue work	10.00
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Total \$3312.65
MRS. H. W. LOWE,
Conference Treasurer,
Fort Worth, Texas.

LIBERALITY IN EDUCATIONAL MATTERS.

Madame Fannie Bloomfield Ziesler, pianist and artist of the first rank, will play at the Opera House in Sherman Monday night, April 3. No woman, and very few men, have ever played the piano as Madame Ziesler does. Colossal, infallible, fabulous are the words that best describe her technique. The sparkling, clear, marvelous evenness, wonderful glissando quality of her scale is only heard when Leschetizky presents to the world one of his masterpieces—a great pupil. She possesses tenderness, sweetness, roundness of tone, fascinating temperament, intellectual grandeur of conception and power, too, that any man might envy. Mrs. Lucy Kidd Key, of the North Texas Female College, gives us the rare chance to hear Madame Ziesler through the same generosity that characterizes this truly great woman in all educational matters. She never stops to inquire what will it cost me? but only, How much good will it do the more than three hundred girls under my guiding care, and how much good will it do the cause of education in Texas? And when she sees good results ahead, she secures them with a liberality that minds cast in a smaller mold fail to comprehend. It is to this great heart and this broad mind, that thinks never of self, but every hour in the day—yes, and far into the night—is planning good for others, that the State of Texas and the whole South owes thanks for the North Texas Female College—a school not surpassed and rarely equaled in our country. To the same generous, forgetting of self we owe the fact that we have teaching in the North Texas Female College an artist whom Leschetizky says is second to none of the great pupils he has sent out to bless the world. Those musicians of Texas who have failed to hear Harold von Mielkewitz, the classmate and personal friend of Fannie Bloomfield and Pederevski, have failed to give themselves a pleasure to be had rarely in a lifetime. Messrs. Goodwin, Geer and Shriner would do honor to any school in Boston, New York or Chicago, and in Mrs. Holt this great school has no doubt the most thoroughly educated woman in all these branches that make music-fans in that we Southern people can claim as all our own. All honor to the noble woman who brings these great advantages to Texas people at a sacrifice to herself!

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"I was suddenly stricken down on the 23d of June with an acute attack of kidney trouble (uric acid gravel). For two months I lay hovering on the border line of life, and with the constant care of two excellent physicians, I only received temporary relief. My family physician told me plainly the best I could hope for was a temporary respite, I might rally only to collapse suddenly or might linger some time. But the issue was made up, and as I had for years warned others to be ready, so now more than ever I must needs put my house in order and expect the end. Meantime I had heard of Alkavis and wrote to an army comrade (now principal of a college), who had tried it. He wrote me by all means to try it as it had made a new man of him. At the end of two months and then only able to sit up a little, I dismissed my physicians and began the use of Alkavis. In two weeks I could ride out in the carriage for a short time. The improvement has been constant and steady. I am now able to look after my business. I feel I owe what life and strength I have to Alkavis. I am fifty-five years old, have been a minister over thirty years, have thousands of acquaintances, and to every one of them who may be afflicted with any kind of kidney trouble, I would say, try Alkavis."



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DISTRICT CONFERENCE NOTICES.

BOWIE DISTRICT.

The Bowie District Conference will meet in Bridgeport May 17, at 9 a. m. Committees of Examination: For License to Preach—C. C. Williams, I. N. Crutchfield, H. H. Halsell. For Admission on Trial—J. R. Roy, W. M. Leathers, M. B. Rhodes. For Deacons' Orders—S. Crutchfield, John Moore, D. H. Aston. For Elder's Orders—W. S. May, H. E. Smith, J. A. T. Creed. F. O. MILLER, P. E.

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Of course the technical details cannot enter in a reference to this successful illuminating scheme, except to mark that sunk back of the cornice there is a trench, so to speak, in which the electric lights burn, with a series of reflectors behind them, each on its own individual angle, which so graduate the light that every part of the ceiling is evenly lighted. A beautiful result is obtained.—The Art Collector.

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WOMAN'S WORK.

This topic is not the least that has been assigned this meeting. "Woman's work" is a very fine application. Woman's need is as far reaching as the human race, and lasting as the generations that shall flow without number through the unmeasured years. Wherever man goes and lives and suffers woman goes with him with this added experience that she is the greater sufferer, and in weakness must learn to endure what can not be cured or removed. To one who thinks a little it is not surprising that woman has a "work." Her relation to the race is unique and permanent. Her sympathy is very tender and genuine, and her position is the very best as to opportunities to bless the race. It has not been many generations since many thought woman had as good as nothing to do in making this world better and happier. Men were expected to do everything and the women were to look at their sisters with little hope of doing them any good. But Christ in the heart of the mothers and daughters and sisters and wives has long burned in the longing for some way to help their sisters in helplessness and ruin. The dim traditions of the past tell us history re-echoes the refrain and modern observations confirm this truth, that in all ages, in barbarous countries the power to acquire domain has ever been a sufficient guarantee for the oppression of the weak, and the feeble. Hence it is that in those countries woman has ever been consigned to drudgery and mental degradation. But here in our own fair land, basking under the genial sun of civilization, character has risen higher, and higher, and female training has become of more and more importance. All training is valueless, as it tends to make our relations in life happy or miserable both in relation to time and eternity. And what higher object could our minds and hearts be devoted to than to the cause of missions. We are waking to a sense of our power and a proportionate sense of our responsibility. Though our contribution to the almost inconceivable task of bringing the world to Christ seems small, our meager efforts have strengthened our zeal and our faith and hope for ever entrenched in the unfailling promise that claims for the Lord the heathen for his inheritance and the uttermost part of the earth for a possession. Surely we have no reason to be discouraged as we look at the fields of labor whose toilers have gone by our help, cheered by our faithful promise and followed by our prayers. A few years of toil in this work have been very fruitful. The fields white unto the eager harvest are waving with beckoning hands for our speedy coming with the gospel. The hundreds who now hear the gospel as a direct result of our work should make our faith unflinching as heart and hand unite to thrust in the sickle.

At the General Conference at Atlanta in 1878, the women of our Church were authoritatively set up to work in a separate and specified department. As insignificant as may seem that day of small things, yet behold what a large sheaf we have gleaned. Count the hundreds of hearts that have been quickened into most hearty sympathy with the spread of the gospel, and those lives are sweetened by the daily prayer for the kingdom and whose homes are vocal with the songs of hope and joy. Indeed has woman's work turned a stream of life and quickened power into the very bosom of the Church. But the worth of woman's work is not fully appreciated till we see its fruit on the other side of the waters. We must teach another grand truth that lies as near success as the secret of our own power. That truth that woman's work does not all lie in the circle of what is called her home. Divine fingers point to peculiar and responsible posts, and woman's part in the great conquest of the world for Christ. Many have been the criticisms of woman's work in the missionary field. But as a daughter of the Sunny South, a native of the Lone Star State, we are proud to represent our Southern womanhood, by saying that we have never advocated any claims that would mke us less womanly or that would imperil that charm that is more potent than intellect or beauty—true modesty. But while womanhood is the highest form of modesty, yet women are among the most efficient servants of the race and the Church. Of old the Spartan women brought their sons and consecrated them to the defense of their country. We bring our time, our work, our money, our husbands, brothers, children, fathers, sisters and friends and lay them on the altar as a sacrifice to this great work.

We will bring this imperfect paper to a close, with the prayer that the

good work may go on till every Zanana shall be entered and every imprisoned woman shall learn the liberty that is in Christ; till not a harem shall be left to shut out the light of the truth which we ought to tell to our sisters who are bound in affliction and iron.

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HER TEST OF SIZE.

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GLOVER.—Eva A. Glover, wife of Jesse A. Glover, was born in Vernon County, Missouri, June 2, 1880; died February 21, 1899; was converted and joined the M. E. Church, South, when ten years of age. She was an earnest, faithful worker in Sunday-school and in all Church work. She was married to Jesse A. Glover, her now bereaved husband, about four months before her death. She rests from her labors.
G. W. WHITE.

TAYLOR.—J. W. Taylor was born in Alabama, March 25, 1835; died at his home near Rayner, Texas, January 12, 1899; was married to Miss M. E. Wilson February 22, 1866; was converted in early life, joined the M. E. Church, South; lived a faithful and consistent Christian until his death. He was a sufferer for many years. He bore his affliction with Christian fortitude. A short time before he died, he said, "Happiness was close by." He leaves a wife and four children to mourn his death. Weep not, loved ones, our loss is his eternal gain.

HIS DAUGHTER

GRAY.—J. A. Gray was born December 1, 1846, in Taliaferro County, Georgia; departed this life October 11, 1898; professed faith in Christ in the year 1888. He leaves a wife and seven children to mourn their loss, but they are pleased to know that he has gone to that house not made with hands, eternal and in the heavens, there to meet with loved ones gone before, and be forever present with the Lord. Bro. Gray was a good man; he was a member of our Church. He kissed his wife farewell, and died happy, pointing upward as if to say, "Meet me in the sweet bye and bye." May the blessings of our Father in heaven be with his dear wife and children in their bereavement, and may they be faithful until death, and then they shall be reunited a family in heaven.
G. M. FLETCHER.

GRAY.—Little Ethel Gray, daughter of J. A. and Fannie Gray, was born December 26, 1889, in Collin County, Texas; fell asleep in the arms of Jesus September 12, 1898, age eight years, eight months and seventeen days. We can never more in this world hear her sing the sweet song, "When the roll is called up yonder, I'll be there," nor see her on her little knees by the bedside at night saying her prayers; but glorious thought, she is gone up the shining way to Jesus, who says: "Suffer little children to come unto me, and forbid them not, for of such is the kingdom of heaven." Little Ethel has gone home to rest. Dear loved ones, will you meet her at the beautiful gate when the roll is called? Little Ethel was very religious and died happy. May the Lord bless the bereaved ones. Her pastor,
G. M. FLETCHER.

STEEL.—Mrs. Studie A. Steel (nee Carroll) wife of C. G. Carroll, daughter of David E. and Margaret Steel, living in Hill County, Texas, was born January 26, 1857, married in 1878, and departed this life March 15, 1899. Sister Carroll was converted and joined the M. E. Church, South, in 1880, under Rev. J. T. Smith's ministry. Two years before she died she erected a family altar, which was continued up to the end. She was wholly sanctified in a meeting held near her door by Rev. Walter Zimmerman in August, 1897. She was a great sufferer, being confined to her bed seventeen months without murmuring. As the end came on the way grew brighter. "All is well" were her last words, a testimony for us to know where to find her. She leaves a sorrow-stricken husband, five children and a host of relatives and friends to mourn her loss; but we weep not as those who have no hope. We shall meet her again where parting is no more. Her pastor,
C. E. MOCK.

MEALER.—W. B. Mealer, aged fifty-nine years, died at his home near Oasis, Texas, March 15, 1899. In the decline of the day, while the sun shone through shifting clouds and the March winds swept across the fallow

fields and verdant prairies, like a tired child he fell asleep, to awake in the eternal home in the likeness of his Savior. He suffered for many months, and in his sufferings trusted the great Physician to heal his sin-sick soul. He was a member of the M. E. Church, South, for many years. Though he went astray, yet the kind Shepherd did not forget his wandering sheep, and brought him into the fold. His only concern was for his boys, who are in an unsaved state. God grant that the cord which was broken here and linked to heaven may draw them to Him who is able to save to the uttermost. He leaves a wife, three daughters and five sons. We pray that "some sweet day" they may make an unbroken family in that house not made with hands in the eternal city of God. MARGARET E. DUNKLE.

SMITH.—W. R. Smith, Jr., son of Rev. W. R. and Sophronia Smith, is no more. He was twenty-three years old at the time of his death. Sister Smith has witnessed her loved ones one by one pass over the river, until all are gone; first her husband, Rev. W. R. Smith (who was once a member of the North Texas Conference), then the eldest son J. A.; and next Winn, and soon followed Fattie, the only daughter; then a niece and an adopted daughter, Rilla; and now Robert, the youngest and last child, is gone. To Sister Smith the cloud on this side is indeed dark; but oh, how bright on the other side! Her loved ones are reunited on the other bright shore, and await her coming. Robert had joyous visions of that reunion when in his last moments he thought he saw his father, brothers and sister in his room, and lifting his arms as though he would embrace them, he exclaimed, "I am coming; I am coming!" The parting is sad, but only for a short time; the reunion will be eternal.
W. H. HUGHES.

WILLIAMS.—Death comes as a thief in the night. Just as the day of February 27 was taking its flight and as February 28 was dawning, Sister Ellen A. Williams (nee Finley) took her immortal flight to a land of continued happiness. Sister Williams was born November 9, 1862; was married to Mr. R. B. Williams February 8, 1891. As for Sister Williams' Christianity, I think she was a pure Christian. She joined the Methodist Church about seventeen years ago. She has been a member of the Church of Forest Academy about five years, though ill health prevented regular attendance. Though she was deprived of going to Church and visiting her relatives and friends, she never complained, never murmured; always cheerful; she ever wore a smiling face. In her death earth's losses were heaven's gain. She leaves a devoted husband, two step-children and a baby child. Look up, bereaved ones, she is not dead but sleepeth. Live so that when you are called to leave your earthly associates you will enter that beautiful gate and dwell with Jesus and the angels. Her friend,
ETHEL.

Como, Texas.

WELCH.—Bro. C. I. Welch was born July 12, 1849; was married to Miss Mary E. Ratliff in 1878. She died October 14, 1887. Bro. Welch was again married to Miss Cordelia Russel on July 27, 1890. About eight children were the fruit of both marriages. Bro. Welch was for a number of years a member of the M. E. Church, South, and was a member at his death, which occurred February 25, 1899.
T. J. LASSETTER.

FELDER.—Mr. Myers M. Felder was born in Lawrence District, South Carolina, July 13, 1832. His parents were Daniel and Rachel Felder; they were of the best people of that State—parents of deep piety. Bro. M. M. Felder might be called a self-made man. He was converted and united with the Methodist Church in early life, and was recognized as a man of strong convictions. He came to Texas in 1850, but after staying here a short time he went back to the old home in South Carolina, and returned to Texas in 1858; was married December 31, 1863, to Miss Kate Felder; she died July, 1869, leaving two children—Rufus and Kate Felder. The son and brother preceded the father only a few months, leaving the sister, Miss Kate Felder, without father, mother, brother or sister. She truly is left alone. Bro. Felder was married a second time in 1872 to Mrs. Z. W. Foot. This union was blessed with two daughters, Miss Zuleika and Mattie. They have one half-brother, Mr. W. G. Foot, who is a young man of fine attainments intellectually. Brother M. M. Felder was married a third time on the 26th day

A SMALL SPOT MAY BE CANCER.

MOST VIOLENT CASES HAVE APPEARED AT FIRST AS MERE PIMPLES. The greatest care should be given to any little sore, pimple or scratch which shows no disposition to heal under ordinary treatment. No one can tell how soon these will develop into Cancer of the worst type. So many people die from Cancer simply because they do not know just what the disease is; they naturally turn themselves over to the doctors, and are forced to submit to a cruel and dangerous operation—the only treatment which the doctors know for Cancer. The disease promptly returns, however, and is even more violent and destructive than before. Cancer is a deadly poison in the blood, and an operation, plaster, or other external treatment can have no effect whatever upon it. The cure must come from within—the last vestige of poison must be eradicated.



Mr. Wm. Walpole, of Walshtown, S. D., says: "A little blotch about the size of a pea came under my left eye, gradually growing larger, from which shooting pains at intervals ran in all directions. I became greatly alarmed and consulted a good doctor, who pronounced it Cancer, and advised that it be cut out, but this I could not consent to. I read in my local paper of a cure effected by S. S. S., and decided to try it. It acted like a charm, the Cancer becoming at first irritated, and then discharging very freely. This gradually grew less and then discontinued altogether, leaving a small scab which soon dropped off, and now only a healthy little scar remains where what threatened to destroy my life once held full sway." Positively the only cure for Cancer is Swift's Specific—

S. S. S. FOR THE BLOOD

—because it is the only remedy which can go deep enough to reach the root of the disease and force it out of the system permanently. A surgical operation does not reach the blood—the real seat of the disease—because the blood can not be cut away. Insist upon S. S. S.; nothing can take its place.

S. S. S. cures also any case of Scrofula, Eczema, Rheumatism, Contagious Blood Poison, Ulcers, Sores, or any other form of blood disease. Valuable books on Cancer and Blood Diseases will be mailed free to any address by Swift Specific Company, Atlanta, Georgia.

of December, 1895 to Miss Mattie Hale, of Mississippi, who lives to mourn his loss. Bro. Felder was a useful citizen and a faithful Christian gentleman, a devoted father, a loving and tender husband. Truly, we can say that a good man has fallen, but, thanks to the good Lord, we do not mourn as those who have no hope. He passed peacefully away on the 11th of March, 1899. After religious services at home his remains were followed to their last resting place, and were interred with Masonic honors.

H. M. HAYNIE, P. C.

WEEMS.—Mrs. O. A. Weems was born in Alexandria, Va., in the year 1810; was the daughter of old-time Methodist parents; was reared under the very best influences; united with the Methodist Church in early life, and was happy and useful in her day and generation. She was a woman of strong mind and well cultured; was of liberal and generous spirit. She was happily married to Dr. M. L. Weems, who was a very prominent physician in Washington City for a number of years. This union was blessed with seven children, all of whom have preceded her to the better world, except one, who is Dr. Weems, of Columbia, Texas, who is a highly respected and worthy citizen of Columbia. Sister Weems and her husband came to Texas in 1837, and located in Wharton County, where they remained until a short while before the death of her husband, which occurred at Columbia, Texas. She moved to Chappel Hill in 1870, and lived with her son-in-law, Bro. M. M. Felder, until the day of her death, which occurred March 2, 1899. She gave cheerfully of her means to the support of her Church and minister. She leaves one son and a goodly number of grandchildren to mourn her loss; but they do not mourn as they who have no hope, for she died peacefully and happy in a Savior's love. May the good Lord comfort the orphan children by his grace.

H. M. HAYNIE.

NANCE.—Hay Nance, son of H. H. and P. H. Nance, was born May 27, 1885, and died February 25, 1899. He had been in bad health for some time, suffering with a kidney disease. When the recent epidemic of measles came into Como he did not escape. He was thought to be getting along reasonably well; he had had measles nearly a week and had gone to his meals regularly until Thursday at noon; then it became evident that he was not doing so well, and he continued to grow worse until the end came Sunday afternoon. He was ready to go. Death had no horrors for him. He told his parents his only regret in dying was leaving his loved ones behind. He talked to them about spiritual life and his prospects of heaven seemed clear

and bright. He was the joy of his home. Not being able to do work or go about, he was always at home, and now it's lonely at home without him. Hadie was a good boy, obedient, affectionate, kind, and his father had hoped that his life would be useful, like the life of him for whom he was named, Rev. Wm. Hay, of the North Texas Conference. But it is otherwise, and what our Lord doeth we know not now, but shall know hereafter. Hadie will not meet his father at the gate again in this world, but in the heaven of eternal rest, where there is no disease or death, and where age brightens with immortal youth, that son will meet his father and lead him home, never to say farewell.

JNO. E. ROACH.

IRVING.—The name of Peyton Irving lives in many hearts and is cherished as a loving and tender memory. He was born January 29, 1877, and lived a brief life—a life as noble as it was brief. He was the eldest child of E. H. and Mollie Irving, and a grandson of Rev. Jefferson Shook, who figured so conspicuously in "the making of Methodism" in Texas. He was as gentle as a woman in his spirit, and his refinement was like unto gold tried in the fire. He did not "follow a multitude to do evil." One who knew him as intimately as I, wrote of him: "When we were out at night and any one proposed to do anything that was at all questionable, he would say, 'No, boys, that is wrong,' and if the boys insisted in doing that thing, he would invariably quit the party." He had courage to say "no." His character was precious in his sight, and he guarded it with noble integrity. At the age of twenty years he was happily married to Miss Maud Collins, a noble Christian young lady. To this union was born one child—a girl. He was a true and devoted husband. A few weeks before he died I had a conversation with him in regard to his hope of the future. He said: "I know that it will not be long until I must go into the presence of God, but I am ready to go whenever the time comes." Besides his wife and infant daughter, he has left behind him a host of friends and relatives who fondly cherish his name, in memory of the noble life he lived. May the hand of God sustain his noble widow and her darling child through life. His faithful friend,
J. M. PERRY.

Livingston, Texas.

SHATTUCK.—SHATTUCK.—Horace Shattuck was born in Syracuse, New York, July 11, 1815. He came to New Orleans about 1836. In the early 50's he came to Brazoria County, Texas, and lived at Velasco for many years. In 1852 or 1853 he married Mrs. Burke, who was a godly Christian woman. Four daughters and two sons were

born to them. On June 25, 1875, three of his daughters were drowned at Velasco—Miss Laura, and Eva, and Mrs. Ada Phair. This was a very severe blow to the family, but God's grace sustained them. In September, the storm came and washed away all his earthly possessions, and in October Sister Shattuck went to the Savior. He then removed to Chappell Hill and in July, 1882, he married Sister Lord. Sister Lord (nee Sims) was born Sept. 22 1818, in Clarksville, Tenn.; was converted and joined the M. E. Church, South, in 1843; married Wm. Lord in 1847; came to Texas in 1849. Wm. Lord died in Washington County. Bro. and Sister Shattuck married in 1882, and they lived in Chappell Hill until the time of their death. Our brother died February 26, at 2 o'clock a. m. Our sister died February 27, at 6 o'clock a. m.—only twenty-eight hours between the time of their deaths. A few years ago they met with an accident. Their buggy horse got frightened at the train and injured both of them. Bro. Shattuck never fully recovered. His memory failed him at times, but his religious experience was always bright and clear. These two old pilgrims were loved and petted by all. The tender affection which was shown them demonstrated the Christian character of the town in which they lived. Bro. Shattuck never craved wealth. His highest aim in life was to live quietly and to raise his family religiously. His house was the home of any minister of God. His daily habit was family and private prayer and reading the Bible. His death was peaceful and quiet. They now rest in peace and in the hope of a resurrection unto eternal life. GEO. H. PHAIR.
Hempstead, Texas.

POLLY.—John H. Polly was born March 20, 1810, and departed this life February 23, 1899. Bro. Polly was converted in 1877, under the ministry of Rev. H. C. Jolly, and joined the M. E. Church, South, the same year, and was true and faithful until his death. Death came unexpectedly, but he was ready. A long funeral train followed his remains to their last resting place. He was not loud in profession, nor noisy in practice, but quiet and modest, yet his life was one of devotion. His abundant fruit was more the result of deeds than of words. Bro. Polly was a noble Christian man in every respect. Everybody loved him. His cheerful, happy face was welcome everywhere he went. We are sadly in need of such men. By the death of Bro. Polly this community is poorer, but he has exchanged a world of grief and suffering for a bright and enduring home in heaven. So, wife, children and friends, grieve not for your departed one as one without a hope, for that sweet voice that used to cheer your home by singing the songs of earth has been transposed into that of an angel, and is now enlivening heaven by chanting the sweet anthems of paradise. Yea, those precious hands that used to minister to you are perhaps this moment outstretched to earth, beckoning you to come higher to join him in singing praise to the Savior. While the vacant seat in your home brings sorrow and sadness to your hearts, may God help you to become perfectly reconciled to his will, and receive comfort from the fact that while your home has been made sad and gloomy, heaven has been made richer and sweeter, for precious in the sight of the Lord is the death of his saints. Now, dear bereaved ones, never will his happy smiles and cheering words greet you in the home again, but if you live right you will some day greet him in the blissful realms of peace, where there is no sorrow, no pain, no death. Yes, the thought comes rushing to my mind that notwithstanding we have one more tie less on earth, we have one more in heaven. S. M. OWNBY.

CROZIER.—On January 3, 1899, at 7:15 p. m., in the town of Beaumont, Texas, the spirit of another child of God took its flight and now dwells in mansions on high. Clarinda Crozier was born in Louisiana, and came to Liberty County, Texas, with her widowed mother, Melina Whittington, when she was two years old. She married Joseph White at the age of sixteen years, with whom she lived five years; during that time they had two children born to them, one boy and one girl—George and Ellen. Her husband went to Key West and died with yellow fever, and then she lived a widow till 1855, when she was again married, to John Crozier. During the time they lived together they were at the writer's house on a visit, when little Ellen, who was playing around the old washed woman, caught fire and was burned so badly that she died, in spite of all that could be done. Sister Crozier and her

ST. LOUIS SATISFIED.

Conversations With Leading Residents of This City Who Assert That They Have Received Positive Benefit From Dr. Harter's Iron Tonic.

Its Use Shown to Have Cured Dyspepsia, Rheumatism, Indigestion and Other Stomach and Nerve Troubles Caused by Bad Blood.

THE REPUBLIC'S READERS REJOICE AT RECEIVING RELIEF.

On the 13th day of October, in the year of our Lord 1898, a reporter for the St. Louis Republic made an important discovery. Reporters in going about among the people of a large city often learn many things of more than passing interest to the public, but never before did it happen to the writer in question that in six separate conversations, with as many representative citizens of St. Louis, in one day, all should voluntarily attribute their health and recovery from illness to one and the same thing. "How are you?" and "How do you do?" are such ordinary terms of greeting that one is surprised when it elicits an answer more than the usual returning of the same question, "How do YOU do?" Yet it seemed last Thursday as though all St. Louis was taking this usual salutation seriously when in response to it one heard repeatedly:

"I am better, thank you, than I've been for years."

Curiosity became aroused. "How do you account for that?" asked the reporter of Mr. O. Aberer, President of the O. Aberer Manufacturing Company, when he made the unexpected response to the reporter's "How d'ye?"

"I've been taking a new medicine," replied Mr. Aberer.

"A new medicine?"

"Well, no; not a NEW medicine, it seems, as it has been in use some thirty years; but a new medicine to me—DR. HARTER'S IRON TONIC."

"I didn't know that you'd been ill."

"I haven't been sick abed, nor have I been obliged to neglect my business duties, yet I have been subject to indigestion, and have quietly suffered the torments of the dyspeptic for a long time without being able to obtain permanent relief."

"And did DR. HARTER'S IRON TONIC cure you?"

"It certainly did, and its effects have proved lasting. It is a great aid to digestion, and its tonic properties are just what every one needs, at every season of the year. My appetite and general health have never been so good since I can remember, as now that I have taken this great remedy."

Up in the Wainwright Building, Mr. R. H. Huges, the well known rate clerk of the Southern Freight Association, said to the reporter:

"I haven't felt so like myself for years as now. Sitting at desk all day, with little chance for exercise, had brought on a severe and painful attack of dyspepsia, so

bad at times that I was compelled to abandon my work and go home. A friend who knew the remedy recommended DR. HARTER'S IRON TONIC so strongly that I commenced taking it, and found it a sure cure in my own case. Naturally, I can not say too much in praise of DR. HARTER'S IRON TONIC, it having cured me of as bad a case of dyspepsia as I ever care to have. After every meal I was in misery. Now, eating is a pleasure. A fair trial has convinced me that this wonderful remedy will do everything that is claimed for it in relieving a person troubled with dyspepsia and stomach troubles generally, caused by impoverished blood."

Mr. J. W. Holman, of 2912 Washington Avenue, was another who felt "far better than usual," and in response to the reporter's "Why?" said:

"DR. HARTER'S IRON TONIC, that good medicine with the pleasant taste, has done wonders for me in building up, toning up my appetite and curing indigestion. I secured great benefit from its use, and take pains to tell all my friends about it, if I find them afflicted as I was. Any one suffering with indigestion, rheumatism, nervous or other troubles caused by bad blood, should be told of this marvelous cure."

One would never think that Will McGinnis, of 3629 Page-bl., was troubled with any of the ills to which human flesh is heir. An all-round athlete, well and popularly known in business and social circles, the picture of health.

The reporter was surprised when the usual "How are you?" brought forth the reply:

"I'm feeling like my old self once more."

"You been sick?"

"I suppose not, according to the usual acceptance of the term, for I haven't been laid up nor under the doctor's care—but I've been nearly crazy for months with stomach trouble and indigestion, till last fall I commenced taking DR. HARTER'S IRON TONIC, since which time my troubles have been disappearing, until now I can say truthfully that I am as well as any one."

"You're the fourth man I've met to-day," acknowledged the reporter, "who has made a similar statement regarding DR. HARTER'S IRON TONIC."

"Only the fourth?" asked Will. "I can direct you to forty-four in as many minutes, and probably you can find forty times that number with little trouble. I recommend it always to my friends who have stomach or blood troubles, rheumatism or any ner-

vous disorder arising from blood poverty, and when you consider the number of people it has cured who tell their friends about it, it is little wonder so many people are using it all over the city. It becomes almost an endless chain of health-seekers through the Harter channel."

As if to corroborate Mr. McGinnis' statement, the next "How do you do?" which was addressed to Mr. John Holmes, of 6133 Gambleton Avenue, brought Dr. Harter to the surface again.

"I'm feeling fine," vouchsafed Mr. Holmes, "and I owe it largely to my friend, Mr. O. P. Fenner, who, finding me tortured with indigestion, told me of a sure cure, which he induced me to try. It was DR. HARTER'S IRON TONIC. This was three years ago. I had tried everything I heard of, and got no better, so was about to abandon myself to being a chronic dyspeptic, when the Tonic came into the house. It has been constantly in my home since then, and I can vouch for its merit by my personal experience. For stomach, liver and nervous diseases that arise from impure blood, it is the most remarkable remedy—and nearly all our troubles come from blood derangement, after all."

The five conversations on health here reported had been with men. It was nothing very surprising, therefore, when the reporter later said to Mrs. Helen Buckley, of 2363 Lucas Avenue:

"Good evening, Mrs. Buckley; I hope you are well."

"That she should reply: 'Yes, I am quite well now; for which I have to thank DR. HARTER'S IRON TONIC.'"

It was rather startling to have Dr. Harter rise up again in this manner, but the reporter was used to it by this time, and ventured to ask what DR. HARTER'S IRON TONIC had to do with Mrs. Buckley's good health.

"Why up to a month ago," replied the lady, "I was troubled with indigestion and poor appetite, and eating was always followed by the most uncomfortable sensations. But since I have taken DR. HARTER'S IRON TONIC I eat heartily again and digest my food perfectly, and am in perfect health. It's a wonderful tonic and aid to the afflicted."

"That wasn't a bad thirteenth of the month for Dr. Harter, surely."

When "How are you?" is taken literally and folks answer the interrogatory by telling you how they are and why they are so, it will be a better day for those who are not as they would like to be in general health. When that day does come, it seems likely, from the Republic reporter's thirteenth of the month experience, that honors will easily be with DR. HARTER'S IRON TONIC as a remedy that shall benefit the many, when its merits are thoroughly and universally known.

last husband lived happily together until 1879, when he died with cancer. Sister Crozier was reared by a Baptist mother, but gave up the faith of her mother and embraced religion as taught by the Methodists, and has ever been an active, consistent member of the M. E. Church, South. She was a woman of wonderful energy and natural qualifications and fidelity to religious duty. Her attachment for motherless children was exhibited in her last days by the persistency with which she attended to Mr. Berfield's little motherless children, after she was physically an invalid. She was sixty-four years, ten months and ten days old at her death. Her latter days were filled with sorrows and care for the motherless children which were intrusted to her care; but she by faith presented a joyous spirit, and often longed to be absent from the flesh and present with her Lord. On the day following her death her remains were carried to the church at which altar she had for several years been a communicant, where, in the presence of her relatives and friends who felt bereaved at her death, her funeral was preached, and then her lifeless form tenderly laid in the dark tomb in the Beaumont Cemetery, there to await the sounding of the last trump, when we confidently expect to

see it come forth glorified and like unto His own glorious body. Sister Crozier leaves a son, George White, and one brother, and a host of other relatives and friends to mourn their loss; tarrying for a season, then we expect to meet her in the bright world beyond.

HER BROTHER,
Devers, Texas.

HOWARD.—Dr. G. W. Howard was born in Coffee County, Tenn., August 12, 1851, and died of pneumonia at his residence in Devine, Texas, March 17, 1899. He was left motherless at five years of age, and two years later his father died, and he was reared principally by the brothers and sisters. He professed religion at Hiter's Camp-ground at the age of fifteen years. He was married December 13, 1877, to Miss Nannie McCauley. He graduated in the medical department of Vanderbilt University. He practiced medicine for awhile in Arkansas; subsequently he moved to Devine, Texas, and continued the practice to the day of his death. In the death of Dr. Howard his family has lost one of the best husbands, the most faithful and affectionate fathers, and a man without reproach in all the relations of domestic life; but the loss does not end here. The Church has lost its stay and chief support in Devine, the community in which he lived

a physician who stood at the head of his profession, and society one of its brightest ornaments. His death is lamented by all classes, and his funeral, attended by the whole community in which he lived, was most impressive and touching in the extreme were the tears and lamentations of the poor and suffering whom he had so often befriended, as well as of those who were better off and yet knew has great worth. He died a martyr to his profession. He could not resist the call of the suffering. For over twenty years he had served the Church as an officer in her counsels, and he was faithful and efficient to the last. Thus has passed away from us a life of greatest usefulness, a refined, cultured Christian character, a man of uncompromising Christian integrity, a friend of his race, an honor to our poor humanity. All that was manly, and true, and noble, was illustrated in his character. It is hard to give him up, so useful, so genial and companionable, so indispensable to the welfare of his Church and family. We can but bow to the will of our Father. His blessings be upon his family.

B. HARRIS.

Gethsemane's struggles were the prelude to Calvary's victory.

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PREACHER IN CHARGE.

To the Young Preachers of Texas, of whom I am one:

In charge of what? The interest of the M. E. Church, South, throughout the territory in which he labors. He is a regularly constituted agent of the Church and, as such, he is expected to do her work. Her work is the evangelization of the world, "the spreading of scriptural holiness over these lands." This then is his business: to evangelize that part of the world to which he has been assigned, and to spread scriptural holiness over that land where he has been sent to labor. Is he doing his work?

In charge of what? The interest of Christ's kingdom in his appointed field of effort. He is a personal representative of Christ. What is his work? To seek and to save the lost.

A wholesale house in New York employs a salesman in Texas. His business is to sell goods. If he does not sell, the house has no use for him. He may be a good man, he may try; but he must sell goods or lose his job. Suppose he starts out saying: "I will recommend the goods, I will show the merchants what I have, and leave the sales with them—I am not concerned about sales." He would be dismissed instantly.

So Christ through his Church has sent out agents into all parts of this broad State. The man who does not do the work ought to quit or be dismissed. It is getting fashionable now to preach and leave the results with God. In such cases the results are usually invisible. We ought to be concerned about results. Our fathers were, and they had them. We must be, if we succeed, and it is our business to succeed. The preacher who does not see his people ripening in their spiritual lives—getting ready for heaven—who does not raise the moral tone of his community and get sinners converted, ought to quit. Common honesty demands that much.

I do not believe God calls a man to the ministry who lacks the possibilities of success. If he fails, one of two things is true: He was not called, or he has not done his duty. In the first case he should retire at once. In the second, he must improve or discontinue.

If God has called us, we can succeed, and he expects us to; and I think it should be a fixed determination with every one of us young preachers to succeed, or, after an honest, earnest, persevering effort, to quit. We have no right to be supported by the Church, and to enjoy the high privileges she confers, if we do not do her work. Better to spend our lives in the lowly walks of men, and die "unwept, unhonored and unsung," than to be branded as fruitless ministers. God may overlook the failures of laymen; all he requires of them is faithfulness. But the fact that the Holy Spirit separates a man from his fellows, and commits unto him the ministry of the Word of Life, proves that he has in him the elements of success. Hence, if a man can not succeed, he is not called, he ought to quit.

ARTHUR DOWNS.

Canton, Texas.

SPIRITUAL STATE OF THE CHURCH.

I see from a recent issue of the Advocate that the discussion of "The Spiritual State of the Church" has been turned over to the "laity" and that even a railroad man has been moved to speak out in meeting. I am glad to see this because it shows how much notice the discussion has attracted and how far reaching the question is. I have read with much interest all that has appeared, but have been unable to locate the chief trouble. I wish some one who is able would sum up all that has been said and tell us their conclusions. As for me, I am a layman

and a railroader besides. I do not feel that my own spiritual state will warrant my giving any advice; because we have abundant proof that the Church in general is in a state of spiritual decline and I can hardly presume to believe myself an exception among so worthy a class as the members of the Methodist Church in general. I have a suspicion that I am responsible for a part of the decline at least, and now while some brother kindly reviews the evidence I propose to find out whether the trouble is within or without.

J. T. ELLIS.

ABOUT REVIVALS.

Much has been said of late on the spiritual state of the Church. It is certainly opportune that much should be said. Some have looked upon the gloomy side of things until they have almost become pessimistic. Many have attempted to explain the present situation. Some explanations that I have noticed are overcharged with that charity that is "blind." Methodism has been called Christianity in earnest. I think our comparative failure last year may be accounted for on the ground that we were not in earnest like we have been in other years. And why were we not in earnest? One of the chief reasons was the sudden drum beats of the war department calling the nation to arms. The war got the attention of the people directed from religious matters, in a measure, and we never did succeed in getting the people's minds directed any more in revival channels. And there lay the chief trouble; we failed to get the attention of the people off the war. One author says, "Attention is the will directing the intellect in some particular channel and keeping it there." The attention of the people was on the war last year and they kept it there. Now, let us put our attention on revivals. The very fact that so many are writing on the subject is evidence that we are getting our minds directed in right channels. But let us away with such a thing as saddling the blame on each other. To my mind it is very unseemly for a preacher who has had poor success in bringing souls to Christ to charge evangelists with being the cause of the present spiritual dearth. Evangelists are, among us, only local preachers, who go at the call of their brethren to help save souls. The only crime that I can see that local brethren have been guilty of is that they have succeeded in many places in getting a large number of people converted where the pastor has failed. When I have a job on hand that I can not do myself I do not hesitate to call in one that can do it. If I can find a local preacher full of the Holy Spirit I will just as readily call him to my help as a pastor. About nine times out of ten the local preacher is preferable; for but few pastors can afford to be away from their charges long enough to help another pastor through a meeting. Again, but few charges can afford for the pastor to be absent so long. As long as the Methodist Church gives men license and turns them loose to preach, I shall feel at liberty to harness them up and have them help me do any work that has been given me to do.

16:22.

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ASSURANCE OF SALVATION.

A short time since, having my attention called to a short article in the Epworth Era under the above caption (Assurance of Salvation), which so strongly supports my opinion. I am induced to give an opinion based on some years of experience and observation. However, before proceeding, I am inclined to pay a compliment to the Epworth Era and its able editor. He is giving us a gem of a paper that is attracting and interesting the young as well as older Christians. I admire the Doctor in that he believes in a high order of Christian living and Christian literature conducive to same. I also admire his deep penetration that enables him to see the beauty, glory, and grandeur of God in all nature. I am also rejoiced to see that our editor of the Advocate is making an effort to render our paper more spiritual. In this I think he has struck the key-note to success in Christian journalism, and with this object in view, there is no estimating the great good to our Church membership. I have long been a lover of high order of Christian literature, and could heartily say amen when Dr. Pierce, former editor, said, "to eliminate from his Christian experience the reading of pure Christian literature was like stopping up the fountain of life." The time has seemed to come when there is

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need of a critical investigation into the decline of the spiritual state of our Church. It is the province of ministers, I know, to talk of these things and may seem impertinent in a layman to even make a suggestion, but as my motive is good I can but express the belief that we need to recruit our spiritual strength as well as members, but I am digressing. The writer alluded to well says that it is one of the distinctive doctrines of our Methodism, that we may know that we are saved. And one of the most cherished articles of our faith is the witness of the Spirit, referred to in Romans 8. Turn to it, my brother, and read the entire chapter. You may not find your nose glasses lost last spring, but something that will be of far greater worth to you.

No science can be thoroughly known until its first principles are well understood. This observation is never more true than when applied to religion, the science in which every man is most deeply interested. One of the first and most necessary principles of religion is a knowledge of our own condition and character, especially as we stand related to the Author of our being. Now, experience and scripture, those incontestable witnesses, jointly declare the deplorable blindness of man in spiritual things while in a state of nature, but when thoroughly regenerated he is not blind. He who has no assurance of his acceptance with God is like a tempest-tossed mariner in mid-ocean without compass or rudder; for his craft is drifting at the mercy of the wind and waves with no security, susceptible to temptation, continually sinning and as often repenting; only on annual or semi-annual occasions manifesting meritorious conduct to gain the favor of the Father, living entirely at variance with the divine plan in regard to his disciples, contrary to the teachings of the Master who says, "Follow me," and so on, "Whosoever will drink," and so on, not on special occasions, but continually, further shielding himself behind his weakness, trusting alone to the mercy of God with seemingly no spiritual knowledge of God, hoping he is a Christian, trying to persuade himself he is a Christian. All contrary to the teaching of the Apostle Paul, who, as far as we have been able to discover, does not give an exhortation to weakness, but repeatedly urges to be strong in the Lord, and tells us how. Note the contrast between this character and one with full assurance of salvation. Conceding that man is his natural state is blind to spiritual things, conceding also that God's goodness, love and mercy to him are amazing, and rescuing him from the thralldom of sin is wonderful, bringing him from darkness into marvelous light, is it not reasonable to conclude that he expects a return of his love and to some extent his mercy ceases? New hopes, new desires and new aspirations have sprung up. God has implanted in his heart the foundation of the Christian religion—love to God. He not only desires to do good as he did before regeneration, and as the profane sometimes do, but he does do good. Desire and a perseverance in our faith in Christ are inseparably connected. I hold to the belief of carrying heaven in the soul, leaving hades behind. It is our privilege to have the same confidence that led the Apostle to say, "I know in whom I believe and that I can do all things through Jesus Christ which strengtheneth me." I would impress on all young believers the one important fact that the salvation of their souls should be their chief care, and that in leading godly lives we are but paying our allegiance to the wisest and best of Kings and discharging a filial duty to the most affectionate of Fathers, and that the true Christian life is all that insures genuine peace and joy on earth and guarantees a home in heaven. Let us aspire to higher spiritual attainments, be more devoted to duty, strive to live in more perfect harmony with God, drink deeper of the joys of Christian living and reach

heaven by meritorious conduct, according to the divine plan as so understood by PRIVATE LAYMAN SMITH, San Marcos, Texas.

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