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ROADSIDE REFLECTIONS.

Why is it that preachers' sons turn out so badly? The question was asked by a brother at whose house we were stopping for the night. We were not prepared to admit that as a rule the sons of preachers turn out badly. The assertion is so often made that many accept it as true; but from an extended observation we are satisfied that no homes produce as large a proportion of useful men, both in the church and society, as those of Methodist preachers. Should the son of a doctor, or lawyer, or merchant become dissipated, the sin will not be marked down against the father's profession; but if a preacher's son becomes a wreck, the preacher, rather than the father, is held responsible for his ruin. While the homes of doctors, lawyers, merchants, or farmers may be sadly mismanaged, the fact will not cause a ripple in public sentiment, while disorder and misrule in a preacher's home will often be the talk of a whole country. There is the son of a Methodist preacher now a convict within the walls of the State prison, and the fact has been talked of throughout the entire State; yet how few care to mention the fact if another convict is the son of a lawyer or a farmer? This readiness to point out the indiscretions or crimes of preachers' sons leads many to the conclusion that, as a rule, they do "turn out badly," when it simply demonstrates the fact that more is expected of preachers' sons than of any other class. In this expectation we may find an undesigned tribute to the ministry. More is expected of the preacher and his sons than of other people. The world holds a man who is set apart as the representative of Christianity to a very high standard in all the relations of life. It expects him to fill well his part in the home circle as well as in the pulpit and pastoral field. If he fails, or if his family does not measure up to the required standard, the judgment of the world, while it may forget its own failures, will be stern in the sentence it pronounces on the preacher. And yet there may be difficulties peculiar to the preacher's position which would appeal for gentle judgment if his boys fill his old age with sorrow. The father is often away from home, and if the mother is not a woman of rare endowments, family discipline in the preacher's home may be inefficiently administered. There is another cause of failure which possibly but few appreciate. The father, during a large portion of his time, is out upon his circuit, and while thus employed his thoughts and labors are devoted to the religious welfare of his flock. His duties call for the religious side of his nature and life. His thoughts, his words, his labors, all tend to the development and advance of his own spiritual life. He is at work in the pulpit, the pasture-field, the altar, and often is for days in the very blaze of revival power. The church sees only the religious side of the man's life. They are elevated by his instructions and animated with new spiritual life by his fervent exhortations. His prayers bear them almost to the gates of heaven, and they are made to realize, under his appeals, how empty and fleeting are all the pleasures and pursuits of life. The meeting is over; the church has been revived; sinners by troops have been enlisted in the army of the Lord, and the preacher turns toward home. Very soon his cares and obligations are crowding upon him. It is well that he has these earthly burdens to bear, for without them he could not sympathize with the flock he must reach and feed; and yet how easily, unless he is on his guard, will these cares call out the worldly side of his nature. He loves his wife and children, and feels, as do other men, his obligation to provide for them. He has been leading the church into loftier plains of spiritual life and pointing sinners to the cross, but now his thoughts go on before him to the humble roof where his wife has been toiling for weeks with her burden of care. He wonders whether the wood is all out, or if the meal-barrel is empty, or if there is corn in the crib. He remembers that one of the children needs shoes when he left home, and that each of the daughters deserve a new dress. He finds himself estimating how many comforts the scanty pay he has received will provide for his family. He has long been hoping to surprise his wife with a sewing machine that her toil in clothing her large and growing family might be lessened. Then the children ought to be at school. He and his wife have held many an anxious council as to the ways and means by which the older boys can be carried through college; and they would be happy indeed if their older daughters could spend a few years at the seminary under the patronage of the church for the success of which he has labored so faithfully. His garden and little field will no doubt need attention, and he will have only a few days to remain at home, for he must be in the pulpit at an appointment at the other end of his circuit by the following Sunday. As he moves along, he is planning how to make these few days as useful as possible to his family. He would not be a true husband and father if he did not plan and labor for the support of wife and children. Let us remember that with his mind full of these earthly thoughts, almost with his eager greeting of wife and children, inquiries about some of their earthly affairs. Have the fences plowed out the potatoes? Has the fence been mended as he directed before he left home? Have the pigs, the cows, the sheep, been properly cared for? He is on the line of duty to his family; but, after all, it is the worldly side of his nature and thoughts that he now turns to wife and children. Perhaps he speaks of the meeting and its grand results; but that night is twenty or thirty miles away, while

the claims of corn and bacon, shoes and new dresses, the garden and other things, must be looked after, and thus, during his brief stay, with his family, worldly cares and interests appear to be the sole burden of his thoughts and the chief theme of his conversation. Possibly the fence has been neglected, and the garden has not been plowed, for boys often have short memories, and there is possibly a stinging rebuke from father to son before their first meal is over and their first prayer ascends from the home altar. He makes time for the home altar. He knows that at home, for he can give only a short time to these worldly claims. Thus the boys see only the worldly side of their father's life and lose that holy influence which made his message in pulpit and altar so powerful. The excitement of the meeting or the camp-ground, it would be a great help if the preacher could more frequently have his family with him at these meetings, when he is doing so much good, but his horses and carriages prevent always plentiful in preachers' homes, and besides this the boys and girls are needed to help their mother in her domestic duties, or to cultivate their little farm. When they do attend church the contrast between the preacher's zeal at meeting and the father's apparent worldliness at home often makes an impression unfavorable to the highest type of piety. It is strange that those boys who dwell chiefly under the influence of that worldly side of the father's life should not have worldly and earthly estimates of religion? We do not say that every preacher makes this mistake, but we are certain that many do, and its influence is unfavorable to the development of the Christian characters and lives of the children. Their father, though a preacher, appears to be as full of worldly care as other men, and as his carefulness in this regard has not yielded very large returns, they often recoil with disgust from the life their father has lived, and require a larger degree of grace to enable a preacher to be pious and devout in his family, with its earthly demands pressing upon him, than in the pastoral field or in a protracted meeting. Yet nowhere else is his piety in the same manner. In no other home is the presence of the pastor and preacher more important than in his own family circle. Could he carry his revival spirit into the midst of his sons and daughters, while the other home duties are not forgotten, more of them would follow in his footsteps when old age has placed his name on the superannuated list.

Our church at Weimar has a neat and commodious house of worship. They formerly worshiped in a school-house, and the congregation would have been there until now had not the good ladies of the charge taken the matter in hand. They met scant encouragement at first, but they persevered, and when women persevere in a good cause they are always successful. It was a hard work at times as traveling is now through the lanes which traverse the rich land surrounding their thriving town, but the church is completed and is out of debt. We are sure the mothers as well as the fathers, wives and sisters, are glad of it. From the congregations we met on week night, as well as on Sunday, we infer that Weimar is a church-going community.

The Sunday-school is one of the largest we have met for some time. It is well supplied with teachers, which, in part, accounts for its success. It was a pleasure to address the children at the close of their morning lessons. Bro. Wesley Smith has a delightful charge.

The New Orleans Democrat recently gave its readers an article on foreign missions. The writer informs us that he has had hitherto only a vague and indistinct idea of what foreign missions exist, that they are in a state of profound misery; and very candidly expresses a doubt whether he or many of his readers have ever devoted a half-hour's serious thought to this question; and yet he pronounces judgment on the whole movement, and insists that the benevolence of Christian people should be expended on the poor and the debased near our own doors. This objection to foreign missions, though seldom used, and only by persons who like to write in the Democrat, has never given the subject serious thought, is sufficiently plausible to quiet the consciences of many who listen to appeals in behalf of the great world still enshrouded in Pagan night. We are pointed by them to the sinners of our large cities, and reminded that these people are reeking in vice and need the gospel as much as the heathen of Fiji or Japan. Let these worse than Pagans at our own doors, we are told, be converted; let the children growing up amid scenes of the darkest depravity be rescued from their doom, and then we may go abroad and win the heathen to the cross.

All this sounds very plausible, but we have never known these objectors to foreign missions to display any extraordinary liberality when efforts for the relief of the poor and degraded at home were awakening the sympathies of Christian people. As a rule it is those people whose sympathies are so profoundly stirred in behalf of the pagan world who invariably respond to the call for missions to the poor at home. If these objectors are so anxious about the "abandoned, the wicked, the forlorn, the starving, who pass by our doors," why do they not take the matter in hand? A small proportion of the Christian people in this Christian land are carrying the burden of both the foreign and domestic mission work; and if those who object to the former field would come to their aid in the cultivation of the latter it would add largely to the sum of human happiness. When we see those people who are always reminding us that "charity begins at home" pouring forth their contributions for the relief of the suffering in our own land we shall place a higher value on their objections to foreign missions.

Though their plea seems somewhat plausible, it is as old as the days of the apostles. It was a long time before Peter and some of the original apostles could understand that the Gentile nations were embraced in the provisions of the gospel, and were willing to endorse the foreign missionary movement. Paul was the first to comprehend the truth that the gospel of Christ was the heritage of all nations, and he promptly responded to the call of the "man of Macedonia." All Europe was then a foreign mission field. Its people stood beneath the pall of Pagan darkness. Yet how slowly did the leaders of the church at Jerusalem extend the commission of Christ that sent them out to all the regions of the earth. Like those modern objectors to foreign missions, they

could see only the claims of the people at home. The members of the Grand Sanhedrin still rejected Christ; the Pharisees were still blinded by their self-righteousness. Their stubborn rejection of the gospel was placing them in a pitiable plight. They were being forsaken of God, and the clouds of their coming down were darkening over their devoted city; surely they needed the gospel. There was a strong element in the Christian church who wished to linger around the courts of the temple and win these sons and daughters of Abraham to the gospel before they went forth among the gentile nations. Paul said, these people have had the offer of the gospel and have rejected it, and he was ready to obey the call to the foreign field. There were men who were willing to remain in the home field; but in all the vast continent of Europe there was not a solitary preacher of the gospel of Christ. His rule was to go not only to those who needed the gospel, but to those who needed it most. He obeyed the call, and the fruit of the foreign mission work inaugurated by the great apostle to the Gentiles is visible not only in Europe but in America, in Asia, in Africa, and the lies of the ocean. The foreign mission field of the apostles' day is now the centre of Christendom; while the home field in which Peter and his associates desired to linger, has become a moral and spiritual waste. It may be possible a similar history will mark the movement of the future church. Nations now possessing the gospel, and lifted by its influence to the highest civilization of our age, may limit their zeal within the boundaries of their own language and territory, and, falling in this first duty of Christianity, their own piety will inevitably decay, and their commission and crown will be given to another people. The centers of Christianity may swing around to other continents, as the gospel spreads its triumph among the nations, and Australia, Japan or Madagascar may become the great Christian powers, from whence those forces will radiate which will accomplish the world's redemption. The command of Christ, "Go preach the gospel to every creature," comprehends to us a mission to our mission work at home. Neglecting our duty in this field, we also may lose our crown.

At Weimar we closed the round of missionary anniversaries announced by the presiding elder of Austin District, Italy and had our interrupted work and on several occasions prevented the attendance of the congregations; yet we trust an additional impulse was given to the missionary spirit in many churches. It is the purpose of Brother Smith to hold a meeting in the interest of missions at all the leading appointments of his district, and expects every work will report at least one dollar per member. Why may not this be the measure of the liberality of every district in the Texas Diocese? If the presiding elders will take this matter in hand they can add largely to the missionary zeal of our people and double their contributions to this work. We note the fact that Brother Rogers, of the Galveston District, has announced missionary work for his second round. When the preachers are fully awake to their obligation the people will respond.

The most successful teachers of children are not always remarkable for their wisdom in the ways of this world. Shrewd, far-seeing men of the world often laugh over the simplicity of character displayed by men who have the peculiar power of attracting children. So also with many of those men who are most successful in winning souls to Christ. They so often take counsel of their faith and run aftward the maxims of the worldly-wise that in the judgment of worldly men they are fools. Self interest is not their rule of life, and their sacrifices for the good of others are often mistaken for feebleness of judgment or weakness of will. They make the material and temporal subordinate to the spiritual and eternal, and this unworlshipfulness of spirit often seems foolishness to men who measure wisdom by merely earthly standards. They appear as children in wisdom to those who live only for earthly things, but they are in sympathy with those who would become the children of God. It is because they have a grand purpose in life, and the world cannot comprehend that it impels them to surrender cheerfully to what the world prizes so highly to devote themselves to a work which yields but little earthly reward. To them the soul of a little child is of more value than a prince's coronet, and they would rather lead the soul of the humblest beggar to Christ than to win thousands of dollars in a speculation. As the teacher is successful in imparting instruction who is in sympathy with the children and can bend himself to their capacity, so the preacher finds in love for souls a mighty power in winning the hearts of men to the cross.

A slow horse is a vexation, so is a skittish horse, but a balky horse is a nuisance. A slow horse will take you to your journey's end, though he tries your patience sadly, and if the skittish horse has to be watched, he carries you over the ground; but a balky horse falls at the very time his services are in most demand. In the church we find slow and skittish members, but the balky member is a greater trial than either. He not only refuses to pull when the church gets into the bog, but he often stops the whole team.



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CONDENSED CORRESPONDENCE.

W. W. BRIDWELL, Jasper, Feb. 21:—Local option is before the people of Jasper county again. Thirty white and thirty-nine black men, by hard drumming, were found in the county to sign a petition for an election, which the county court has ordered for the 18th of March. Prohibition has been carried four times here, and we expect to carry it again. Jasper county has received too much benefit from prohibition to give it up.

A. DAVIS, Iredell, Feb. 22: I am now far advanced on the first round of quarterly meetings for Stephens district. Preachers all at their posts, and doing earnest work. Wheat promising; money scarce, yet assessments are generally good. The prospect good for a grand year. Some revivals.

D. M. PROCTOR, Bells, Grayson county, Feb. 20: The streams of Grayson county have been very high. Farmers are not enjoying the extremely wet season very much. Stock looks well. Money awfully scarce. Provisions are getting well, they are high—\$1 10 per bushel for meal, forty-eight cents for flour. People seem to be in a better part, however, cheerful and hopeful of the future. Health tolerably good.

L. F. PALMER, Dexter, Feb. 20: Heavy rains will make planting some what later than farmers desired. The wheat crop is promising, so far. Some of our people are in very bad circumstances, but we hope for better times to come.

THOMAS WILSON, Sabine Pass, Feb. 22: Brother Thompson visited us at Grigsby's bluff on Monday, February 20. Three united with the church at the bluff, and at Sabine Pass the prospect is encouraging.

J. T. BROWNING, Ironwood, February 20: The boy that the bishop appointed to Grand Cane Mission has made his way through much rain and mud, and by swimming creeks and sloughs, to his work. A Methodist preacher has not been in for three years. This is only one Methodist here. The work has been traveled over and six appointments made; four have been filled. This mission embraces the western part of Hardin and the eastern part of Liberty counties. There is undoubtedly more water here than John found in Enon. People kind.

C. W. DANIEL, Coleman, Feb. 20: First quarterly meeting for Coleman mission over; presiding elder present. Preaching in power and looking after the interest of the church. Seven official members have been added, and provisions for the pastor's support. Received one member into the church. Domestic missions and money for delegates to General Conference paid up in full.

E. G. DUVAL, Cuero, Feb. 21: The farmers are busily planting. Mr. D. Anderson, who lives near Thomas town, has some twelve acres of cotton, and some living near Thomas town, has some twelve acres of cotton and growing. Mr. Aron Neil, of Burns station, has some corn up. So you see our people are at work.

GEO. H. PHAID, Cedar Bayou, Feb. 22: Darning.—Your time is precious, scarce limited. Darning is the persistent attendance and participation in the social dance sufficient cause for expulsion from the M. E. Church, South. Ought the dancing members to be cut off? Will the editor or the bishops give a decision? If it is, then let the editor give the top and bottom down, from the large stations to the small missions, and end the controversy. (Ans.—Yes. Who'll begin.—Adv.)

GEO. S. WYATT, Caddo Grove, Feb. 15: The debt of \$250 that has been hanging over the church at Arlington, Tex., has been paid. The church is now a happy and contented family, but all are now well. The work is going on. I wish the address of Professor B. D. Dashiell, A. M. The schools here are prospering.

W. V. JONES, Bluffdale, Erath county, Feb. 15: The first quarterly conference for Falvey circuit is over. The presiding elder, Mr. L. Cooper, had a very good attendance. There was a good attendance of the official members. The assessment for the preacher went up \$70 above last year. The amount apportioned to this charge for the presiding elder was increased \$100, and he has a very good attendance. We are trying to keep the spiritual interest of the church moving up also.

J. G. PUTNAM, Graham, Feb. 16: We are endeavoring to furnish our church. We have collected over \$100 to cell it, and we hope to be able to finish it this year. We have a growing church, and we are glad to see it working. We have a fine Sunday-school and good class meetings every Sunday.

W. B. FRY, White Oak, Feb. 18: We have a live temperance organization here—forty-five members. Hopkins county will soon vote on local option. Bro. May, of Sulphur bluff circuit, is very popular. Continuous rain retards farm work. Wheat and oats in good condition.

Rev. I. N. REEVES, Mineral Wells: My first quarterly conference just over. Bro. Price was with us. I have organized a church at this place with forty-one members. It is wonderful how cure almost everything with which we are afflicted, especially rheumatism, skin diseases, cancers of the worst kind. Many have been healed. The town is rapidly improving; there are over one thousand people here now, and more coming every day.

J. H. SHERRARD, Pecos, Cal., Feb. 17: I am here in this land of fruits and vines, yet I have seen ice several times this winter, and also snow in the valleys, and a real hail storm to-day. California is a strange country; but I have seen nothing yet to induce me to swap Texas for it. I have received an appointment as a supply on the Pecos circuit. It is in the mountains, where the snow glimmers on their cold tops and high peaks.

H. A. BOURLAND, Sherman, Jan. 27: Our meetings suspended for the present. Twenty-two additions to the church and about half the number converts. The church is growing in grace. Congregations large and all

the interests improving. Local option excitement rising all the time. Election ordered for the 18th of March. I thought it will carry by a good majority.

H. J. HARRIS, Ladonia, Feb. 21: Continuous rains for five or six weeks. A cold "snap" just now, and we hope an end of the rainy season. The roads—the "black mud"—are next to impassible. Mumps an epidemic in this region. Several cases of typhoid fever. The wheat crop still very promising, but the scarcity of corn left over from last year makes the farmers anxious to be planting oats and corn. Attendance at church very good. Prospects encouraging.

J. F. HENDERSON, Van Zandt county, February 21: The sun shines again, after so much rain. I never have seen the waters so high, and the ground so boggy. I have pulled through some way, I hardly know how. I have met all of my appointments. I break my buggy down sometimes in the bogs, and leave the preacher's worth to the care of things until I get fixed up again, and then on we go. We have some very interesting times, some very good meetings at the churches, and some better at the family altar. The Holy Spirit comes down upon us sometimes, and we run over, and give God the glory, and go on our way rejoicing. I am getting the stewards to adopt the assessment plan in finances. Discipline being administered.

J. A. WYATT, Honey Grove, February 23: The week, embracing the present month, was, indeed, and in truth, a feast of fat things for the people in and around Honey Grove, notwithstanding the rain and mud—the latter very affectionate. "It sticks closer than a brother." Through the indefatigable energies of the preacher in charge (Brother Corbin), and the resolute and determined building committee, the new stone church was completed, except the spire, during last year, at a cost of about \$5,000; but, owing to the fact of its indebtedness to the amount of \$1,350, it had not been dedicated. Some fears were entertained as to the possibility of raising the necessary money matter at the present, but determined to make the effort at all hazards, the pastor secured the services of Dr. Winfield (the Arkansas traveler) for the time above stated, and the sequel demonstrated the wisdom of the selection; for, notwithstanding the marked prejudice of some of our classes, professions and callings of our Texas people against anything not altogether Texan in its character, the ready-witted traveler, after a telling sermon, raised every dollar necessary in cash and good notes, and there, to the joy of all concerned, solemnly dedicated the noble edifice to Almighty God. Monday and Tuesday nights following he lectured on London and the Continent and Ten Days in the Holy Land to the exquisite delight of all present. He could get a larger hearing were he to come again and announce the same subjects. Bishop Kavanaugh said to the preachers at Greenville: "Wait six months after you get to your work before you begin to write about it." I believe there is that indefinable something in me saying: Tell him what your charge is doing. So I'll venture and risk it. Honey Grove circuit has finished one new church house (except the last coat of painting and some of its fixtures) since conference at a cost of about twelve hundred dollars, is repairing another, and contemplating building at least one more during the present conference year. Congregations have been very good considering the protracted rains, and a manifest joy to see the work in the Sunday-school is to be seen in different parts of the charge. Farmers are very much behind with their work, but their prospects are brightening now, as the sun has been shining for three days. Wheat looks promising.

J. W. DICKSON, Calvert, Feb. 24: I would be glad if John would steer his pony toward Calvert when he gets in the "saddle." We have no barbed fences here to tear his pants. And then there is such a large field for him in which to operate for the Advocate. I am sorry no more of our people take it than do.

JUVENILE, Whit, Feb. 19: As I passed the streets of Weatherford, about day-break, a short time since, my attention was called to a bawling lying in the mud and a few persons standing around. On approaching nearer I saw that it was a human body; the soul was in eternity. Whisky was the cause. This man I believe was murdered by using whisky that came from the hand of some vendor of that town. Who did it? And may God have mercy on the guilty man. Mr. Editor, could you be so kind to investigate and the guilty wretch tried for murder?

J. C. CROUSE, Feb. 27: First quarterly meeting held Saturday. On Sunday we had a very good meeting. Presiding elder on hand, as he usually is. We had Bro. Brown with us from Lovelady. He preached Sunday night an interesting sermon. Hope he may come back to us.

STUMP ASHBY, Fort Reno, Indian Territory, Feb. 18: There are 10,750 Indians at the two agencies of Wichita and Fort Reno. It requires 250 beavers to make one case of whisky. A few of the Wichitans, Arapahoes, Ojotas, each farm a little. The Cadocios nearly all farm. Many Indian children are being educated at Reno and Wichita. Nearly every two adult male Indian has from two to five wives, and yet the husband is largely in the majority.

Y. M. C. A., 35 North Illinois St., Indianapolis, Ind., Feb. 20: We are regularly receiving the Texas Christian Advocate at our reading-room, for which please accept our sincere thanks. It is a great help to us in our work and we trust will prove a blessing to many who read it. I assure you we will try to make it your advantage. It, at least, makes many friends for your paper.

T. W. MORRIS, Newport, February 20: We are moving on nicely. Harmony prevails throughout the work. Spiritual outlook never better. We are over one thousand people here now, and more coming every day.

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By the way, an idea: How can we enlist the preachers' wives in the effort to circulate the ADVOCATE?

A novel and interesting advertisement appears in this number of Dr. Scott's Electric Corset. We invite our subscribers to read it. The merits of Dr. Scott's Electric Brushes are well known and appreciated.

The Methodist Mutual Aid Association is claimed to be managed by representatives of Methodists, and makes a new effort to another column. See advertisement.

S. M. Pettengill & Co., advertising agents, are again ready for business of their clients. 263 Broadway, New York, after a short suspension, have been re-opened to the late fire in that city, by which they lost all their files, books of rates, etc.

COMMERCIAL.

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A novel and interesting advertisement appears in this number of Dr. Scott's Electric Corset. We invite our subscribers to read it. The merits of Dr. Scott's Electric Brushes are well known and appreciated.

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CHURCH NOTICES.

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TERRILL DISTRICT--FIRST ROUND. Terrill et al. at New Hope, Feb. 28.

AUSTIN DISTRICT--FIRST ROUND. Austin et al. at Pleasant Grove, March 4, 5.

HUNTSVILLE DISTRICT--FIRST ROUND. Huntsville et al. at Navasota, March 4, 5.

BROWNWOOD DISTRICT--FIRST ROUND. Brownwood et al. at Snyder's Ranch, 1st Sunday in March.

LAMPASAS DISTRICT--FIRST ROUND. Lampasas et al. at Owens' chapel, March 4, 5.

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Were any sick in the community nigh unto death, by that bedside, whether saint or sinner, would he have heard the prayers of Bro. Parker as he kneeled upon the altar of his heart?

How reason reels: Oh, what a miracle to man is man! Triumphant amidst death! What joy what alternately transported and alarmed!

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