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### REVIVAL NEWS.

**3 Accessions.**  
R. M. LEATON, KYLL, May 27: We had a good time at DuPre last Sunday; 2 accessions by certificate and 1 by ritual. One penitent at night.

**129 Conversions—141 Accessions in One Round.**  
E. L. ARMSTRONG, CHICKASAW, May 12: I have closed out my second round of revival at Chickasaw. Conversions in this round, 129; accessions, 141. The collections are generally good, and the spiritual atmosphere is very encouraging. Camp-meeting in prospect, and a grand movement will be made to win souls to Christ.

**9 Conversions—14 Accessions.**  
H. M. SARGENT, GALESTON, May 27: We had, during our meeting at St. James, 9 conversions and 14 accessions. The church was quickened, and I think others will join us in the future. It was our privilege to participate in a part of Bro. Sears' protracted meeting, and rejoice with him in the results and the cheering future for his important charge.—[E.]

**80 Conversions—25 Accessions.**  
H. M. DEBOSS, HUNTSVILLE, May 17: The result of our recent meeting in the Huntsville church was some 25 accessions to the church, and perhaps 30 or more conversions, some having joined other churches. Our class-meeting is alive and well attended. Congregations large and devout. After next Sunday we have to report "decks clear," being now almost a consummation.

**19 Accessions.**  
B. F. BARRETT, WHITNEY, May 16: Nineteen persons have joined the church since conference—some by letter and others on profession. The church-house at this place is at present provided. We have a neat fence around the whole lot. We are praying for an outpouring of the Holy Spirit. Will have a camp-meeting in connection with our third quarterly meeting at Peoria. Many of the members have been greatly revived.

**8 Conversions—7 Accessions.**  
A. E. RECTOR, BOLENE, May 17: Our second quarterly conference at Bolene, Ark., was held recently at Locke Hill. The meeting was protracted, and though interrupted by rain, we were blessed with 8 conversions and 7 accessions. Our membership, almost without exception, are bearing the cross and walking orderly. This was our first year in the new place. We had four prayer-meetings, one juvenile society and two Sunday-schools, and there were 400 members. Our decks are cleared, excepting a small collection, which has never been called for.

**21 Accessions.**  
C. C. WILLIAMS, ROSSON, May 6: Our president, Elder, for some good causes, was unable to be with us at our second quarterly meeting. We had a glorious time. Received 21 into the church, and 11 into the class. The outlook on Rossion circuit is flattering. Have received 21 members. We thank God and take courage. Bro. Roberts and Nelson did us good service at the quarterly conference. We shall work for the future. Hope to place in every Methodist family this centennial year. A Methodist cannot afford to do without it.

**15 Conversions—11 Accessions.**  
J. P. CHILDERS, BEHNS, May 17: We closed a meeting at this place Sunday night of eight days' duration. It was of unusual interest and success. The church was wonderfully revived. We had 15 conversions; 11 additional to the church. The other four will probably join other denominations, one notable and very encouraging incident of the meeting was the revival commenced in the Sunday-school. Sister Young's class was exceptionally blessed in the conversion of its members. Several promising young men were among the number. Sister Young is exerting a great influence for good in the community.

**3 Accessions.**  
P. B. ENGLISH, T. TEXAS, May 15: The second quarterly conference for this work was held on April 26-27. We had a good meeting. All the members were not all in attendance, owing to bad weather and other causes. We are not so prosperous here as in other works, although as a mission work, we can't complain. I have two appointments for each Sunday, and seldom miss one. The protracted meeting season is coming, and we are in a revival at every appointment, and to this end we are laboring and praying. We read the Advocate and the Standard, and other papers, and we desire the same blessings. The great truth presents itself to us still more forcibly. It is simple, it is plain, but the laborers are few as we look around us. Have received three members. May God bless the work.

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Reminiscences of a Superannuated Preacher.

BY JOHN WESLEY OF VILLERS, SR.

To the Advocate. At the earnest solicitation of many of my brethren of the West Texas Conference...

These reminiscences have been delayed beyond my own expectations... First, my very bad health during the winter has prevented me from doing much...

The Ohio Conference was held this year at Hamilton, Butler county, Ohio, closing October 4. I will fix others in my mind to transfer to Texas as missionaries...

But one incident of the trip, except an occasional stick on a sand bar, will I remember. This incident was a shooting match...

At New Orleans the captain and his chief clerk tried to sell out the green Ohio boy by an effort to get him to a masquerade ball...

It was reported at New Orleans that Galveston was blockaded by a Mexican squadron. This report (which afterwards proved to be false) influenced us to take steamer for Red River...

Bro. Fowler remarked to me, "Bro. De Villiers, this is a fair specimen of Texas hospitality. I found it so in hundreds of instances since that time."

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This place is eleven or twelve years old. It numbers 2000 inhabitants. The wholesale and retail business done here is immense...

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inactive. For a long time the average attendance of church members was only three. With this claim on the ground we were increasing little by little...

Outcome: Twenty-three souls happily converted to God. Some reclaimed. Some of our brightest conversions were made here. There were thirty-two additions to our church...

Dr. Ditzler's Troubles.

I see that Dr. Ditzler, like other men, has his trials and tribulations. He has peculiar troubles indeed. Many troubles grow out of the inconsiderateness of one's friends...

Does From My Circuit.

While my circuit has its share of faithful members, it has also its share of those who are negligent and indifferent, who have shown their want of zeal by resisting the faithful labors of my predecessors...

Church Dedication.

On Sunday, April 27, according to previous arrangement, at 11 o'clock a. m., together with Bro. John S. McCarver and Bro. Wash Walker...

Woman's Work for Woman.

The Woman's Missionary Society at Ennis held their centenary meeting on the evening of the fourth Sunday in April. It was a success. Though the weather was unfavorable...

multitude of faults, especially when the charity is for one's self. Some of the resolutions were very thrilling. Let Charles E. Brown, under whose pastorate the society was organized, be present, by invitation...

Soule College.

To the Advocate. The Centenary Committee of the Texas Conference, at its late session at Flatonia, Tex., resolved that at the Texas Conference attempt to raise the sum of \$50,000 as a centennial thank-offering...

Children's Centenary Day.

To the Advocate. BRESHAM, May 5.—Yesterday was children's centenary day. The extremely wet weather the past few days prevented us from perfecting our programme for the exercises...

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look of interest told of smothered aspirations of soul, and an almost involuntary prayer went up from the most secret recesses of my heart...

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A FREE SUNDAY.

The movement in favor of a free Sunday—free alike to the man of religious principles and to the citizen who makes no religious profession—is gaining on the public eye.

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were games and music, dancing and flowing hair. At night the flash of their fire-works illuminated the city, and the report of the rockets proclaimed the Sunday revelry in which thousands joined.

Two weeks ago, after the military drill at Houston, several companies were invited to Galveston, and Sunday was selected as the day of their parade.

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EARLY METHODISM IN TEXAS.

In Thrall's history of Methodism, page 10, the first mention is found: "In May, 1825, James P. Stevenson, son of John W. Stevenson, of William, Texas, visited Henry Stevenson, who held a two-days' meeting at Milan, and by special request, a camp-meeting in the neighborhood of Colonel Samuel B. McMahon. This was on the 4th of July. There were a number of converts at this meeting, and another was held at the same place in September following, at which a church of 48 members was organized, and Col. McMahon appointed class-leader. Rev. Stevenson was then on the Sabine circuit, in Louisiana. He subsequently located and settled in Texas, and it is learned from the article in the ADVOCATE that he now lives in Cisco.

The history of Methodism in Texas was published twelve years ago. Since its publication I have been led to believe that the class organized in 1825 was not kept up, and that the first class permanently established was in the year 1826, by the Rev. J. W. Stevenson, son of the first. Methodism, we copy from the history, page 21:

In 1824 Henry Stevenson was on the Sabine circuit, in Louisiana. He subsequently located and settled in Texas, and it is learned from the article in the ADVOCATE that he now lives in Cisco.

Brother Woolan suggests that there are no names of those who joined the first class on the Sabine. In this he is certainly mistaken. Miss Ann Thomas, whose name he gives, now lives in San Marcos; a venerable and faithful member of the church, who died in 1870. Her husband, Thomas, was present at the organization, but did not unite with the church until a later period. Her husband, Thomas, was present at the organization, but did not unite with the church until a later period.

FROM SAN ANTONIO.

After a very pleasant session the San Antonio Mexican District Conference adjourned on Saturday, May 17th.

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Northern General Conference.

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Noting that the work of our sister church, which has this department of church work well in hand, they reported peace and prosperity in the church. Referring to the Ecumenical Conference, held in London in 1862, and the resolutions adopted, they suggested the propriety of approving the proposed resolutions, and proposing for its session.

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beauty of holiness shone out in her department. She was unassuming in her manners, kind in her ways, and devoted in her life.

COX. Died in Hillsboro, Texas, March 25, 1884. Mrs. Sarah L. Cox, aged 72 years and 15 days. Sister Cox was born in Tennessee; emigrated to Cross county, in Lauderdale county, Alabama, when about fifteen years old, and lived an exemplary member of the Methodist church from that time to her death.

MOORE. William S. Moore was born in White county, Tenn., May 21, 1825; was converted in August, 1844, and the same day cast his lot in Louisiana, Family county, Texas, April 18, 1845.

CLARK. Mrs. Matilda Clark died at her residence, four miles south of Louisville, Colton county, Texas, May 1, 1884.

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