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"Come unto Me."

Some years ago a farmer in the West cleared a piece of ground not far from a great river. There he built his house and carried his family to live. Being afraid that his little children might fall over the high bluff and be lost in the great rushing river, he built a tall fence around the yard and gave strict orders that the little folks were not to go outside. One day, however, a servant left the gate open, and the youngest child, who was not old enough to know better, went through the gate and down to the great bluff that overlooked the swift water below. His mother missed him and went in search of him. When she found him he was standing on the edge of the rock in terrible danger. Being afraid to rush forward, or even to speak, lest she should frighten him and thus cause him to fall, she fell on her knees, and, stretching out her hands to him, waited for him to look. By-and-by the little fellow looked that way, and, seeing his mother waiting with open arms, he ran into them, and was saved. But you are in greater danger every day than was this little boy. When you are tempted to speak evil words or to do wrong things; when you are tempted to be disobedient, unloving, and selfish, you are in danger of falling into the great, dark river of Sin, in which so many have fallen and perished. And when you are tempted in this way, you should think of Jesus on the cross, with hands outstretched and nailed. They are outstretched to you, and he is beseeching you to turn away from everything that is wrong, and come into the home of his loving heart. "Come unto me," he says. May God help you all to turn from every thing that is evil and run into his arms and be saved.

THE BUSY BEES.

We had looked for having something of interest to report to the children by waiting till after our meeting of yesterday, for it was with pleasure we noticed the remark in a letter from one of the little girls to the ADVOCATE, "that she always read with interest anything about the Busy Bees," and we want to keep up that interest in our society to that extent that all the little girls and boys who are not already members of some missionary society will become so much interested in the work of the Busy Bees that they will be willing to assist us in our efforts to educate and Christianize these Mexican children.

We had looked forward to a bright and lovely Easter Sabbath. Our church was decorated, in memory of our risen Savior, with lovely flowers, and we felt glad that the regular meeting of the Busy Bees came on Easter Sabbath. Had selected a beautiful Easter recitation for one of the girls, and when our ADVOCATE came with its welcome visit Friday evening, and we returned, as we always do, to the children's column to read the "little sermons," and saw that the "little text" was that great text, "I am the resurrection."

I thought how kind and consistent in Bro. Briggs to think of giving the children an Easter sermon, that the youngest child will be able to understand and appreciate, and at once decided I would read it before the Busy Bees Sabbath p. m., feeling quite sure that the children would enjoy a sermon prepared especially for them far more than those they may have listened to in the morning, which had necessarily been prepared and adapted to older and wiser heads. But we were disappointed in our plans, as we were in the day. The early morn was damp and cloudy, but we hoped as the day advanced the sun would come out and we might yet have a pleasant day for Easter services and our society, but instead, the clouds began to gather, the heavens grew dark, and by noon distant thunder was heard, and soon large drops of rain began to fall, and every appearance of a storm, and we knew then that the Busy Bees would have no meeting that evening. Before our hour for meeting it was raining in torrents. To miss this particular meeting we regretted for many reasons. First, it is always a pleasure to meet our society, and I believe a great disappointment to most of the children when anything prevents our meeting. Then the fact of its being Easter had added interest to this meeting, and it was the meeting for re-election of officers, and we all know that the election of new officers is a matter of great interest in a society of children as well as older ones. Then I did not know that we would be with them at their next meeting in May, and I knew, too, how anxiously many of them were expecting to have heard something at this meeting of the new work in which we are about to engage, but we will not keep them in suspense a whole month, but try to have a meeting next Sabbath and carry out our programme for next Friday.

Have the children some curiosity to know what new work the Busy Bees have taken? You will remember last winter we told you our school in Metapec had been broken up, the Catholics having driven out our teacher of the town, and it seems Dr. Patterson has been unable to secure a teacher for that place, and it may be some time before it is safe to attempt to reopen a school there, Bishop Keener has given us work out at Guadalupe, under Mr. Watkins, where he writes help is very much needed. The Busy Bees bated very much to give up their school in Metapec, and some no doubt will say our three years' work there has been thrown away, but God has said, "My word shall not return to me void," and we shall hope that some of the good seed those faithful teachers have sown there have fallen upon good soil and will bring forth fruit, though it may be many years hence. When we learn more of our new school, we will write you again, for we would love to enlist the interest of the children—especially those in West Texas—in the Central Mexican mission work.

S. S. BELDING, GONZALES, TEXAS, April 6, 1885.

LETTER BOX.

ROBINSON, McLennan County.—I love to read the ADVOCATE, and especially the children's letters. I am fourteen years old. We have an interesting Sunday-school, with eighty scholars enrolled. My father is our superintendent. Bro. Sam P. Wright and Bro. Pittman are our preachers this year. As this is my

first, I will close by asking a question: Has the power of the apostles ceased to work miracles? If so, at what time and place? IDA MAYNARD.

BIG SPRINGS, TEXAS, March 14th.—I am a little girl ten years old, living in the town of Big Springs, near the plains. We take the ADVOCATE and enjoy the little sermons, and hope to be made a better girl by reading them. We have a nice Sunday-school. Bro. John A. Wallace is our preacher. We are always glad to see him every second Sabbath in the month. JOHNNIE MAY PEEVEY.

WHITE HOUSE, TEXAS, March 22.—I am one of your readers, and enjoy the sermons, especially Lizzie E. Barber's question: Methuselah was the oldest man. I will ask a question: How long was Solomon in building his temple? How long was it built after the creation? and how long before the birth of Christ? MAGGIE YARBROUGH.

FOREST, March 28.—I read the little sermons and like them. I am not going to Sunday-school, on account of the bad weather. Bro. Mount is our superintendent, and we all like him. Bro. Hardy is our pastor. He is a good preacher. If some of your little readers will tell me how many times "girl" is found in the Bible, I will tell them how many times "Jehovah" is found there. Wishing our dear editor success, I remain your little friend. VIOLET HALL.

ROSE COTTAGE, Victoria County, March 30.—I am ten years old to-day, and have never been away from home to school. Mama teaches me at home. I stand head in my class. We live six miles from Victoria, but go to Sunday-school when the weather is good. Bro. Airheart is our superintendent, and Bro. Guynn is my teacher. I like them both. Bro. Stovall is stationed at Victoria; he sings well and preaches well too. Every-one likes him. Papa takes the ADVOCATE, and has taken it for ten years. He says he can not do without it. I like the sermons you write for us. Papa, mamma, in fact all of us, are Methodists. I was named for a Methodist preacher who lives at San Saba. Sister went to Goliad and brought me back a stuffed doll. It is fat and plump, but awful ugly. May I ask a question? Who was Melchisedec's father? VERNER GREEN.

GRAPELAND, March 31.—The answer to the question published in the ADVOCATE about "Remember now thy Creator in the days of thy youth," will be found in the xliii of Ecclesiastes. May I ask a question also? Why is the kingdom of heaven likened to a mustard seed? BETTIE WHITLEY.

WAXAHACHE, March 31.—I have been reading the questions in the ADVOCATE and I would like to ask one: How many times does the word "and" occur in the Bible? F. P. L. RAY.

GRAPELAND, March 31.—I write to answer the question asked by one of the little writers: The oldest man that ever lived was Methuselah. Who prepared the galleys that Haman was hung on? ORRIS HEROD.

KEMP, Kaufman County, April 1.—This is my first attempt to try to write to the ADVOCATE. I am not quite fourteen years of age. I am going to school, and my studies are, spelling, grammar, analysis, philosophy, arithmetic, and of an evening we all write. My teacher is Professor McDougal. I will try and answer Miss Katie Fields' question: Who was David's father? It was Jesse. Let me ask my little friends a question or two: 1. Who succeeded David as king? 2. Who was the strongest man, and what became of him? I agree with Beulah Nash in asking you to write us a sermon about Paul. I am anxious to know what became of Paul. KEMPE WATKINS.

TYLER, April 5.—Papa takes the ADVOCATE. Mamma reads the children's department to me, which I enjoy very much. I go to Sabbath-school; grandma is my teacher. I do not go to school, but learn at home. I am seven years old, and have two sisters. BEULAH M. STARR.

ALEXANDER, April 5.—I find in your sermon the question: Did Christ raise any little children from the dead? The answer will be found in Mark v:41, 42. I like to read the sermons. Papa takes the ADVOCATE. Papa and mamma belong to the Methodist Church. Brother Riley is our pastor. I like to hear him preach. We have no Sunday-school now, but hope to have before long. I love to go to Sunday-school. I have been going to school, but it closed last Friday. We had such a nice time. Miss P. H. Corney was my teacher. I love her dearly. MAMIE HENDERSON.

LULING, TEXAS, April 5th.—I will answer your question at the close of your sermon in last week's paper. "Did Jesus, while on earth, bring any children to life?" He did raise one child to life. The daughter of Jairus. She was twelve years old. The account of it can be found in Mark, fifth chapter, beginning at the thirty-fifth verse. We are to have memorial services in our church to-night for Bishop Parker. He stayed with us for a few days once and died on our church. My papa is one of the speakers to-night. He will leave home for New Orleans this week, to be gone some weeks. We will miss him at Sunday-school, for he is our superintendent. My teacher's name is Miss Graden. This was missionary Sunday, but it rained so hard we did not have a meeting. I love to read the letters from the little folks, also the sermons on little texts. Where is this verse found? "The fool hath said in his heart, there is no God?" My love to all the little readers. MARY COLLINS.

P. S.—I would like to answer a few of the questions asked this week. Jesse was the father of David. Methuselah died before his father, because Enoch never died, he was translated. I am glad to hear, from Beulah Nash, of Miss Mary Teas. She used to be one of our Sunday-school teachers.

TRINITY, April 5.—I am thirteen years old. I will answer my little friend's question as to who Felix was. He was a Roman governor. I go to school; Mr. Stout is my teacher. I go to Sunday-school; Mrs. Manry is my teacher. I do not go regularly; mamma has been well, and my oldest sister is not stung, so I have to help take care of her. Mamma is a member of the Methodist Church. I love to read the ADVOCATE.

FANNIE GIBSON, BREMOND, April 6.—I am just eight years old. I read all the sermons on little texts. I like them very much. And now I know that you are, no doubt, in receipt of many subjects from which to preach those beautiful sermons; and mine may be so far down in your basket that it will be a long time before you get

to it. But, if you can, please preach me a sermon on "The crucifixion," and oblige your little brother. CLAUDE TURNER.

Where Are Your Sins?

A young girl came to see her minister, being anxious about her soul. "Are not your sins," he asked, "or are you only trying to be saved?" "I am trying," she sadly replied. "How are you trying?" "I am praying and reading the Bible, and going to church, and striving to keep the commandments."

"How are you succeeding?" "Not very well," she sorrowfully answered. "Do you not see that in all this trying you are leaving Christ out as truly as if there were no Savior who has come down from heaven to deliver us from sin and its dreadful consequences?"

"O, I believe in Jesus," she quickly responded. "You do? Let us see, do you believe that Christ died upon the cross?" "Yes, I know it."

"How do you know it? You were not there to see him die."

"I know it because God says so in his word."

"Do you believe, then, whatever God says in his word?" "Well, why did Christ die upon the cross?" "You are correct, for God says over and over again that he died for our sins. Your sins were upon him, therefore, when he was nailed to the cross, were they not?"

"Yes, sir."

"Where is Christ now?" "He is up in heaven."

"You are right again, for God repeatedly tells us this in his word. Are your sins upon him?"

"No, sir."

"Observe, your sins were upon him once when he was nailed to the cross, and to-day he is in heaven without them. Where are your sins?"

She looked down for a few moments in deep thought, and then, raising her eye, a sweet light played over her face as she said: "They must be in my grave."

I lay my sins on Jesus. The spotless Lamb of God; He bears them all away from us From the accursed load; I bring my guilt to Jesus. To wash my sins from stain; White in his blood most precious, Till not a spot remains.

All Can Do Something. There is work in the world for even the smallest child. A lady was going to visit a poor woman when her nephew, five years of age, brought a biscuit to her, and begged her to take it to the sufferer.

"I can do without lunch," said the child; "I have had a good breakfast." And accordingly, he did without lunch that the poor woman might have a biscuit.

A young girl, fifteen years of age, being obliged to go into a shoemaker's shop to inquire for a poor boy who was in her class in the common school, said kindly to the cobbler who had given her the information she sought.

"Are you a temperance man?" "No; but I ought to be," was the answer. "When I was we better off than we are to-day."

After further conversation the young girl said: "Will you come next Sunday evening to our temperance meeting?"

"I will," he promised. He came, was converted, signed the pledge, and subsequently joined a Methodist church, and is to-day happy and prosperous. He said to a comrade not long ago: "Are you contented with your lot?" "That girl is my guardian angel."

You can all do something. Are you trying? Are you thoughtful of the poor? Are you self-denying? Can you help some one less favored than you? Have you signed the pledge? Have you asked any one else to sign it? Do you speak pleasant, encouraging words to some one every day? Are you courteous and polite to all? Are you constantly watching for opportunities to say a cheering word or do a kind act? Have you given your heart to God, and are you praying by name for those of your friends who are not Christians? O how much there is for even the smallest child to do for Jesus!

HOW TO DO IT. The fields are all white, And the reapers are few; We children are willing, But what can we do? To work for our Lord in his harvest?

Our hands are so small And our words are so weak, We cannot reap others; How then shall we work? To work for our Lord in his harvest?

We'll work by our prayers, By the pennies we bring, By small self-denials— For each little thing May work for our Lord in his harvest.

Until, by and by, As the years pass at length, We may be reapers, And our feet in the tread, To work for our Lord in his harvest.

Things Worth Remembering. Willows are weak, yet they bind other wood. Wise men care not for what they cannot have. A foolish friend does more harm than a wise enemy. He has the greatest blind side who thinks he has none. Before you try, you may repent before you die. He has riches enough who needs neither borrow nor flatter. A straight line is the shortest—in morals, as in mathematics. Disputations have truth in the middle and party at both ends.—Selected.

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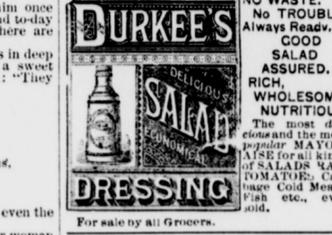
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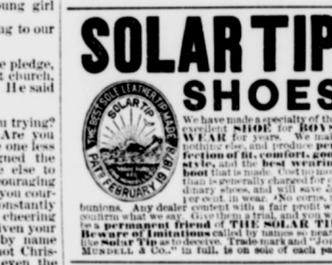
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Some church members may attend the spring taces, but no Christian will.

SERVICES are being protracted this week at St. John's Church, Galveston. The meetings are well-attended and a growing interest manifested.

BROADWAY M. E. Church, Galveston, worshiped on last Sunday morning with St. John's M. E. Church, South. By invitation of Rev. E. S. Smith, pastor of St. John's, Bishop Malladieu, of the M. E. Church, filled the pulpit on that occasion. The service was well attended, the sermon excellent, and the occasion one of profit to both churches.

More than seventy persons remained to take part in the class-meeting which followed the morning service in Fourth Street Methodist Church, Fort Worth, last Sunday. It is the pastor's rule to hold a class-meeting at the close of every Sunday morning service. The success which attends the plan in that city recommends it to the consideration of the pastors in other cities who have not yet solved the question: "When is the best hour for the class-meeting?"

BISHOP McTYRE sending from San Antonio an official notice which will be found in another column, adds: "Having visited the picket stations of the Mexican districts, I returned here to-day on my way to the San Saba and Abilene districts. It is enough to say that a great door, and effectual, seems to be open in Nuevo Leon and Coahuila and other States of the neighboring Republic; and the Lord is raising up native laborers well adapted to this peculiar work. I have good news of other openings in Durango also. The Lord be with our brethren who are entering and working there."

FOURTH STREET CHURCH, Fort Worth, Rev. A. A. Allison, pastor, has a large membership, and abounds in good works. The parsonage, lately enlarged and refitted, the liberal allowance made for the pastor, the collections already subscribed and paid, may be set down to its credit. The attendance on public worship, the flourishing Sunday-school, the class-meeting after the morning service, are signs of spiritual life and power. The one great need is a new house of worship. We trust the church will be moved before the year is gone to replace the present structure by a building worthy of Methodism in Fort Worth.

BISHOP KEENE, writing from the city of Mexico to the Advocate of Missions, March 4th, says:

The churches which are at work in Mexico are full of enterprise and hope. I imagine that I can see the effect already of the diffusion of the Holy Scriptures among this people. Enterprise, strangely enough, of every kind keeps pace with the preaching and the reading of the Word of God. The Protestant church here was in the advance of the railroads, and is the soul of progress. The want of all the missions and the expectation is a sweeping Methodist revival. The Lord hasten it!

The last twelve years give a noble record for the church of God in this country. It has shown the spirit of the first three centuries in its courage and endurance. I listened to the recital of Brother D. F. Watkins of a night spent, two years ago, in the church at Atengo, with women and children and a few men—one of them Crisanto Zapeda—when surrounded by a mob of 500 raging Romanists, who shot volley after volley into the windows and doors of the house, shouting, "Death to the Protestants!" The roof was fired repeatedly, and put out on the inside; but at last one-half of it was consumed. The walls fortunately were adobe. The children and women laid down close to the floor to escape the bullets. In the morning relief arrived; but the preacher and several others were carried to the prison of Tenmasatlan and confined for three weeks. One of our men is now lying ill from a stab received during an attack made on the congregation at Ayotla. To their faith they have added "virtue." The fortunes of mission work in this period have not been always smooth. It is a saying among old missionaries that "we must never be surprised at anything in missions." But in all the providences of earth the general law is, Progress with improvement. The waves may go and come, but the tide rises. This is certainly true in regard to the Central Mexican work. The labors of Hernandez and Daves have not been lost, but are largely expressed in the triumphs of to-day.

SOME THOUGHTS ABOUT GIVING.

The contribution-box in the house of God is not a thing of yesterday; it is not an innovation. The consecration of our property, like the consecration of our time, has been held a duty from the beginning. The Sabbath and the thank-offering run back to the origin of the race. Moses enforced, but he did not originate them. Before Abraham or Moses was, they were. Says a certain forcible writer and a wise man: "Giving is a part of natural religion; it has been held a duty from the beginning, and as such has been observed by men of all colors, and habits, and times, and in all quarters of the globe. It is not peculiar to the Christian system, nor is it enjoined alone in Revelation. Classical writers tell us that it was the custom among their people to consecrate thank-offerings to the gods. One says, 'As soon as the harvest was got in, they offered their libations. They held their fields and cities as gifts from the gods, and they consecrated a part for temples and shrines, where they might worship them.' Unclassical heathen, as the aborigines of this country, were not unschooled in the doctrine of offerings." All this should be called to mind by those who are nowadays beginning to be troubled about the money question. They should remember that wherever true worshippers have been found they have worshiped by giving gifts. And is not giving a part of worship? Have we not the best authority for saying, not only, let us sing, let us pray, let us read the Word, but, also, let us give? The true worshiper is not to appear "empty before the Lord." There really ought not to be a single service without giving. It can not be omitted any more than prayer, and song, and the reading of God's Word. When we come to look upon giving in this light, the contribution-box will no longer be an intrusion. It will be like a shrine, an altar, a holy place; suggesting devout thoughts and leading to devout feelings, instead of levity and discordant objection. The trouble with most of us is that we fail to make our giving a means of grace. If we gave with the right spirit, we would get more out of the contribution-box than we put into it. God could feed the world with manna, preach by angels, build churches and colleges, and carry on missionary work in the four quarters of the globe, by his omniscient and unaided word, but he could not thus develop in us the grace of beneficence. Giving has been made a duty for the sake of the giver as well as the receiver. We who fail to see this, are living below our privilege. And it is to be feared that if we have been living in this way, all that we have given has been practically thrown away. It certainly has been a waste as far as our own spiritual growth is concerned. And after all what is our giving but a sort of fiction? The silver and the gold are God's, and we are compelled to say, "Of thine own have we given thee." In relation to our Maker and Father, what we give is no gift at all; it is more like a small sign of indebtedness for an unreckoned and unreckonable bounty. Yet as some mother accepts lovingly and with many words of thanks the gift which her little child brings, even though it be taken from her own work-basket, so God in his goodness receives what we bring, smiling upon the make-believe giving, and blessing abundantly the make-believe giver. When we come to see this we will cease making a merit of our insignificant enterprises and self-interested bestowments. Self-interested bestowments! Think of that a little. For whom do we build churches, and colleges, and parsonages? For God? The heaven of heavens cannot contain him! These enterprises are entered upon and completed for our own benefit. It is but a meager interest that God requires on what he has loaned us for a time, and he permits us to spend this interest in making that very property more valuable. Even that which we spend in redeeming heathen lands is spent for our own benefit. The work of civilizing the world is in our own interest. The more we dwell upon this question the more do we see that the Bible is only just when it calls our polite apology of "nothing to spare" by this plain and awful name—"robbery of God."

THINGS SAID AND DONE.

The Christian convention, under the auspices of the evangelists, Moody and Sankey, was opened in the Fifth Avenue Music Hall, Pittsburg, Penn., April 9th. Fully 6000 people were present, and thousands of others failed to gain admission. The meetings will be continued until Sunday evening. All the Protestant denominations in the city united.

It is hard, says an exchange, to tire out the devil. Iowa can, however, weary his late lieutenant, the saloons. That wise plutocrat tactician knows that he must not continue to reinforce Iowa whisky-sellers, since that is a battle in which he and they would be sure to lose. Being deserted by his majesty, the saloon will go down before Hawkeye valor and determination.

Civil service reform is making rapid progress in many of the States and cities of the country, as well as becoming rooted and settled in national affairs. The Civil Service Record says: "Reform laws have been passed and are in active operation in New York and Massachusetts, and bills have been carefully prepared and presented to the legislatures of Maryland, Illinois, California, Wisconsin, and Pennsylvania."

There seem to be three "oldest churches in America"—one at Tadousac, on the St. Lawrence, one at St. Augustine, Florida, one at Espanola, New Mexico. Each has its champions, and the writer of a paper in the forth coming May Harper's, on "Espanola and its Environs," naturally favors the latter. The paper itself, written and illustrated by Birge Harrison, is an interesting study of that old Mexican town and of the pueblos in its vicinity.

One hundred Chinese young men, partly educated in the United States, but recently recalled, are now at work in China. As they are in Government employ, they have to be most careful about offending native religious prejudices, but it is hoped they will be able to gather many children into Sunday-schools in the future. They are most anxious for all kinds of Christian and religious aid, and one of them, Quong King Yung, makes a special request, through the Foreign Sunday-school Association, for sermons and Bible commentaries.

THE CHURCH AND ITS HIGHER EDUCATIONAL ENTERPRISES.

In maintaining Christian institutions of learning of high grade, the church is establishing so many safeguards against the evil tendencies which threaten society and government through the present system of public schools. The Christian men and women, who by their personal influence as teachers are to neutralize the evil effects of this divorce of education and sound moral training, must be trained and made ready for their work in the institutions established, endowed, and supported by the church. The fear that these institutions can not be sustained in the face of the competition brought about by the policy of the State in offering free tuition in its colleges and universities as well as its common schools, seems to us to be groundless. They not only can thus maintain themselves, but have done so; their failures, when such have occurred, being in most cases traceable to other and very different causes. These institutions, when properly managed, conducted and supported, are as a rule more popular with the great body of the people than the free institutions of similar grade established and supported by the State. A prominent citizen of this State, when remonstrated with some years since for ignoring

an institution at his own door and sending his boy at a greater cost to an institution further removed, replied, "I have sent him where I know he will be among gentlemen." Say what we will about cheap education, it has not a fascination for sober-minded parents, who have the true welfare of their children at heart, great enough to overbalance the advantages presented by an education which, though more costly, yet confers benefits more valuable in time and in eternity.

If it is a consolation to a father to know that his son is among gentlemen, how much more gratifying to be able to say, "I have sent him where I know he will be among Christian men." The facts, too, sustain this theory. The church institutions that have been properly managed, that have been Christian in fact as well as in name, and that have escaped the blight which comes from discord among their pledged supporters, have not wanted for pupils. To-day these institutions are furnishing the best teachers now employed in the public schools. Their graduates are in demand everywhere, and will continue so to be. What we need to do is to lay aside all fear and faint-heartedness and go to work earnestly to make our colleges and universities more and more worthy of patronage. Not only does the growth and vigor of the church depend upon the soundness of their work, but the future of society and of government. Every sacrifice necessary to their full equipment should be made without a murmur. And this should be looked upon as a duty binding upon every man and woman who has taken the vows of allegiance to Christ. In this war there is no discharge and no exemption. We can work for and contribute to our means to no cause which is more deserving and more sacred than the cause of Christian education.

THE CHINA MISSION OF THE METHODIST CHURCH.

The China mission of the Methodist Church, South, at its recent annual meeting, at Shanghai, reported the following statistics for the past year: Male missionaries, 12, 2 being absent; female missionaries, 10; stations where missionaries reside, 3; out-stations, 6; members, 163, male, 75, female, 88; self-supporting churches, 1; probationers, 56; Anglo-Chinese schools, 2, pupils, 209; foreign teachers, 5; native teachers, 7; boys' boarding-school, 1, pupils, 55; girls' day-schools, 8, pupils, 128; girls' boarding-schools, 3, pupils, 107; Sunday-schools, 14, pupils, 478; ordained native preachers, 3; unordained, 6; colporteurs, 5; Bible women, 3; church buildings, 7; sittings, 1,270; value, \$11,300; rented chapels, 14; sittings, 870; male hospital, 1; value, \$10,000; in-patients, 272, out-patients, 11,587; medical students, 8; periodicals published, 1,100; books and periodicals distributed, 16,229; contributions of native church, \$189. Total value of mission property—parent board, \$107,300; woman's board, \$28,200.

THE FOLLOWING IS TOLD AS ONE OF THE INCIDENTS OF THE WHITE HOUSE:

A western Democratic senator called to press the appointment of one of his constituents to an assistant commissioner.

"When I was practicing law," said the president, "I found that an instrument in writing usually outweighed an oral statement. You senators seem to have a habit of signing petitions for candidates, and then you ask verbally for the appointment of others to the very positions. I cannot afford to waste time considering such requests. Half the Democratic senators have signed a petition asking for the retention of the incumbent of this place, and your name is on the list. I don't know the man, but he is certainly well indorsed."

"Oh, no," said the senator, "I have not signed such a paper."

"Thereupon the president is said to have produced a petition bearing the senator's signature as stated."

"I never was so flattered out in my life," remarked the senator when narrating this.

Gilderoy fears that in many places the work of the Woman's Missionary Society has not the sympathy and hearty support of the pastors. He says:

"If the preachers would stand by these women firmly, and encourage them strongly, and tell them what to do and how to do, and praise them when they did well, they would nearly kill themselves at work. It always has been so, always will be so." * * * "Paul, that mighty man of God, complimented and commended, by every polite form of speech, those women who labored with him in the Lord." Every wise pastor does the same. In most places—particularly in those places where societies have just been formed—the women need some man who has the nerve of a Corliss engine, the backbone of an elephant, and the force of a cyclone, to go before and pioneer the way for them." * * * "He can help the women, and he ought to do it. He ought to fight their battles for them; and he ought to attend the meetings of the societies, and put his shoulders to the wheel and push like a good fellow. There is nothing on earth so perfectly contagious as the enthusiasm of a prudent, pious pastor. God has sent us forth to the flames of fire in every good word and work."

The Central Mexican Mission now has five foreign missionaries, two traveling native elders, six native deacons, and thirty-five native licentiates, making in all forty-eight. Others will be ordained at the next annual meeting. The work is established in fourteen of the Mexican States, and is already divided into seven districts, in charge of five foreign and two native presiding elders—men of experience in the field. With the quarterly and district conferences already established, the experience in two sessions of the annual meeting, and with the spirit that pervades the preachers and people, the mission desires to be organized into an annual conference at the next annual

meeting, and the subject has been respectfully presented for the consideration of the board of bishops at their approaching May meeting in Nashville. The principal stations number at present fifty-three, and in twenty-nine of these places the mission has property to the value of \$57,000, in addition to the mission house in the City of Mexico, bought this year, worth \$23,000, making the total value of the mission property \$80,000. The mission house is the first property that has been bought as a parsonage in this field. It is a new, well-built, two-story house, ample grounds, on one of the broadest streets and healthiest portions of the city, has twenty rooms, and ought to rent for \$200 per month. It accommodates two families, the mission printing press, and has several offices for other church work.

A meeting has been held in City-road Chapel, London, in behalf of more earnest work among the neglected masses of that city. One result of the gathering was a gift of about \$40,000 for the work. The London scheme is sketched thus: "1. To detach from circuits, as separate mission districts, certain sections of the most destitute neighborhoods within their boundaries, which, owing to the heavy demand on their resources, they are unable to evangelize. 2. To hire or erect in these districts mission-halls and other premises as centers of such evangelistic activities as the condition of the population urgently needs. 3. To maintain, in whole or in part, suitable agents, ministerial and lay, for mission work in these districts. 4. To arrange with prosperous suburban circuits to take such districts within their care, in order that the mission agents may be assisted by the large numbers of voluntary workers who, it was felt, would gladly enter upon this quest for souls. 5. To induce those churches having small or diminished congregations situated among dense and poor populations to substitute for the ordinary services special mission services which may be more suitable to the circumstances of the people, and to compensate such trustees for any loss resulting therefrom. 6. And, generally, to mature a plan by which the latent forces of metropolitan Methodism shall be organized to bring the gospel to the poor and degraded, as well as to promote their moral and social elevation, and so contribute to the solution of the most pressing problem of the day."

APPOINTMENTS. The Rev. Elias Robertson, presiding elder of Monterey district, West Texas Conference, having become disabled in health, the Rev. J. D. Scoggins has been appointed in his stead. It is hoped that Bro. Robertson may be restored, while doing such work as he is able as preacher in charge of Monterey Mexican mission, to which he is appointed from this date. A vacancy having been created in the body of curators of Southwestern University by the death of the Rev. Jno. W. DeVilliss, the Rev. Edwin B. Chapel is hereby appointed to fill the same.

H. N. McTYRE, Bishop Presiding.

April 9, 1885.

CONNECTIONAL.

A revival is in progress at the first Methodist Church, Athens, Ga.

Rev. P. A. Peterson, pastor of Court-street Church, Lynchburg, Va., is getting the better of his late physical disability.

Dr. F. R. Hill will preach the commencement sermon at Howard Female College, Fayette, Mo.

The Rev. R. M. Standafer, of the North Mississippi Conference, will preach the commencement sermon for McTyre Institute May 31.

The Rev. J. Powell Garland, of the Virginia Conference, will preach the Baccalaureate sermon for Emory and Henry College at its approaching commencement.

The revival in Tulip-street Church, Nashville, in two weeks has resulted in 84 conversions, and 20 accessions to the church, and the church greatly quickened and at work.

The Rev. J. E. Stone, editor of the Athens (Ga.) Chronicle, has accepted the pastorate of Oceanee St., and East Athens Church, made vacant by the death of Rev. J. W. Quillan.

The Rev. Sam Jones is in Knoxville, Tenn., preaching to immense audiences, with the usual results—that is to say, a great popular stir, church members revived, and sinners converted.

Rev. A. Hunter, D. D., is now the only man in efficient service who was received into the Arkansas Conference at its first session, held at Batesville in 1836. He is still well preserved and doing active work.

Dr. A. A. Lipscomb, though almost a constant sufferer from pain and debility, continues to enrich our current periodical and newspaper literature by his contributions. His "Studies in the Forty Days" is being widely circulated.

The seventh annual meeting of the Woman's Board of Mission will be held in Church Street Church, Knoxville, Tenn., on the 4th of June, 1885. Members of the Board and all visitors who expect to attend, are requested to notify at once, Mrs. B. Pumphrey, Knoxville, Tenn., Corresponding Secretary Holston Conference Society.

The Rev. J. J. Groves died at Selma, Ala., March 14, in his eighty-fifth year. He had long been a resident of Covington, Georgia, and was a local preacher and a school-teacher. His fidelity, zeal, and rare excellencies of character generally made him a man of mark in the sphere in which his beautiful life was spent.

Bishop McTyre visited New Orleans on his way to Texas, and had a hearty greeting from old friends. As he sat in the sanctum of the excellent New Orleans Advocate, we doubt not the old times came up vividly before his mind, and the senior Bishop was for the time lost in the young editor who sat there and penciled and scissored away back yonder in the fifties.—Nashville Advocate.

TEXAS PERSONALS.

Rev. E. S. Gorsline, of Kildare, Texas, is just recovering from an attack of malarial fever.

One of the pleasant features of our Sunday in Fort Worth was an hour spent in the charming home-circle of Prof. Alex. Hogg, superintendent of the city schools. The Professor is

not only a teacher of long experience and a man of various gifts, but also a good Methodist.

Rev. J. A. Pace, of Emis, called at the Advocate office last week. He brought good reports of the work of Bro. J. Fred Cox, at that place.

Bishop McTyre is in San Saba, holding the district conference, which convened at that place Tuesday, April 14. He is accompanied by Rev. A. H. Sutherland.

The Arlington circuit, in charge of W. H. LeFevre, a man of extraordinary industry, bids fair to come to the front this year in the way of material and spiritual advancement.—Texas Methodist.

We are glad to note that the health of Rev. H. P. Everett is improving, and that he is able to occupy the pulpit occasionally. His friends will address him at Daingerfield, Morris county, Texas.

We had the pleasure of meeting in Fort Worth, last Sunday, Rev. W. P. Wilson, the scholarly editor of the Texas Methodist. His old-fashioned Methodist welcome will be returned if he will give the opportunity.

We spent last Saturday and Sunday in the home of Rev. A. A. Allison, pastor of our church at Fort Worth. The inmates of that pleasant parsonage know how to "welcome the coming, and speed the parting guest."

The Rev. Mr. Ward, of Calvert, has been conducting a series of revival meetings in Hearne for the past week, and much good has thus far been accomplished. Mr. Ward is a very eloquent and forcible expounder of religious doctrines. He will be assisted to-night by the Rev. Dr. Bourland, of Georgetown, the great revivalist.—Galveston News.

Rev. W. R. D. Stockton, presiding elder, Fort Worth district, returning from the quarterly conference for Arlington circuit, held at Grand Prairie, 11 o'clock, reports a slim attendance except on Sunday at 11 o'clock. He thinks it a pity that a community so highly favored with natural resources should be so indifferent to their moral obligations in respect to church interests.—Texas Methodist.

TEXAS CORRESPONDENCE.

Rev. R. S. Gorsline, Kildare, are we moving along smoothly on Linden circuit. We have one W. M. Society with thirty-two members. We are in good spirits, and prospects look bright.

Rev. A. J. Worley, Denison, April 11: Lots of good things in the way of edibles found their way to the parsonage last night in the hands of our good membership and friends. I think we shall not starve this hard year.

Rev. J. S. Gillett, San Marcos: Fine rains, with fine crop prospects. These will bring an increase of prosperity, but at present the money market is "tight." Bro. Lancaster's article on "Money" will hurt rather than help, I fear.

Rev. H. A. Bourland, Hearne, April 11: Meeting moving on grandly. Ten conversions last night; eighteen seekers. This is something new for Hearne. Bro. Ward is an earnest young preacher and greatly beloved. We have two services daily and to-morrow three are to be held, one for men exclusively.

Rev. Weems Wootton, Dallas, April 13: Our meeting begun yesterday. Congregation very large and attentive morning and evening. Quite a number bowed for the prayers of God's people. Three accessions to the church, one by certificate and two by ritual. The prospects are very flattering for a glorious revival. Pray for us.

Rev. W. M. Adams, Rancho: Preached twice at our last appointments, on 23d ult. Received one person into the church. Last Sunday Bro. B. H. Passmore, preacher in charge of Harwood circuit, preached as a sermon which stirred our souls. It was a treat to meet him and his most excellent family at their old home.

Rev. J. C. Calhoun, Homer: I was glad to meet Bro. T. S. Armstrong at Lufkin last week, and find him getting on well with his work at that place. He has received six members into the church, and all is moving on in a prosperous condition. May he have a gracious revival, and may the church with all of its institutions grow and flourish more and more during the year.

Rev. J. M. Bond, Italy, April 8: The revival is still going on in this place. There were sixteen conversions last Saturday night. There have been thirty-one conversions, twenty additions to our church, twelve to the Cumberland Presbyterian. This is said to be the best meeting ever held here. There were seventy-five or one hundred shouting at one time. We are praying for fifty conversions here.

Rev. D. W. Towns, Sexton: Our first and second quarterly meeting is over. Had both in one, as the first was a freeze-out. This time we had rain and cold again. Bro. Johnson came full of zeal and looked after the interests of both church and pastor. He preached three good sermons, and we have much good was done. We love our elder and will always be glad to see him come. May God's love go with him as he goes over the district.

Rev. J. L. Findley, Harmony Hill: The second quarterly conference for Church Hill circuit passed off very pleasantly. The presiding elder, Bro. Thompson, was able to be with us, and preached two soul-stirring sermons. His visit was a blessing to our town and community. Bro. Smith, of the Carthage circuit, was with us on Sunday, preached at three o'clock; Bro. Browning at night. We thank God and take courage.

Rev. C. W. Daniel, Comanche: Our second quarterly conference over. The presiding elder was with us. He has the interest of the church at heart. While we were gone to quarterly conference a number of ladies came to the parsonage, followed by a full delivery wagon, and in spite of the entreaties of Mrs. Preacher-in-Charge, proceeded to unload, and deposited in the parsonage its entire contents, except the driver. God bless the dear women.

Rev. J. W. Sanborn, Cleburne: Our second quarterly conference on Nolan River circuit over. Owing to the cold weather the official members were not all present. Owing to something else, finances were behind—one society only paying up quarterly. But bad weather and absent officials, and light finances, did not prevent our presiding elder from delivering us three very instructive sermons. I have organized two small societies since conference.

J. W. Jones, Bellas: In the last issue I find a postal from Bellas, headed Rev. J. W. Jones. I take this opportunity to inform the editor that I am not a minister, but a poor steward, in the M. E. Church, South. Weather still cold. Fruit trees in full bloom. Health good. The earth seems to be too cold for corn and garden seed to come up; corn that had been planted three weeks ago is just coming up, and overcasts feel comfortable. I hope I will not miss a number of the Advocate.

Rev. C. F. Osley, Valley Springs: The second quarterly conference for this circuit is just over. Attendance of official members moderately good. The religious services in connection with it were very largely attended and much interest was manifested. At prayer and experience meetings the Lord blessed us

wonderfully. The spiritual outlook is very hopeful, and we are anticipating good results. We have commenced the erection of a church at Pontotoc which we hope to complete in a few weeks. Since conference twenty-six have received into the church on this work; sixteen by ritual and ten by letter. We have two class-meetings, I am glad to report.

Rev. C. H. Maloy, Mason: I have just closed a protracted meeting at Loyal Valley, resulting in twelve conversions and nine accessions to the church. The first communion service ever held there by our people was held by Bro. Jos. King and J. M. Shuford on the fifth Sunday in March. Sinners were converted, mourners converted and the church members of all denominations greatly encouraged. I organized two prayer-meetings, a woman's and a general prayer-meeting.

Rev. Henry Jones, Durango: First quarterly meeting for West Falls circuit over. Presiding elder present, and as usual did good preaching. The weather was bad, but the congregation was good. We raised nearly ten dollars for missions on Sunday. I have sixteen appointments each month, and the prospects are good for building three churches on the work this year. Am talking for the Advocate, and hope to send a good list of subscribers soon.

Rev. W. L. Pate, San Augustine: Our second quarterly conference was held here last Saturday, 25th inst. Bro. J. W. Johnson, our presiding elder, was with us, looking after the Master's cause. He delivered three sermons with his usual pulpit ability. Bro. J. B. Hall was with us, and occupied the pulpit Sunday night. During the meeting there were two accessions—one by letter and one by ritual. We are praying that God may make bare his arm and save many souls from sin.

Rev. Samuel Weaver, Kosse: My first quarterly meeting is passed. The presiding elder on hand; weather cold; congregation small in consequence. But the steward did not forget their preachers. They made a liberal assessment, and seemed to be determined to raise all the assessments. The outlook for the church in this charge is hopeful. The farmers are well up with their work and are quite cheerful. We are hoping and praying for a good time this year, spiritually and financially.

Rev. M. L. Moody, Waco: Once more we are visited by the season of flowers. And while we enjoy the beauties of spring, and listen to the merry song of the farmer as he steadily labors that he may gather fruit at the close of the year, we think of the field that opens before us, and pray for grace that we may be able to manifest to the world the desire of our heart for the accomplishment of the work given to us. May God send his quickening Spirit into all our hearts, that this may be done. We ask all to pray for us.

Rev. E. V. Seale, Floresville: Our second quarterly meeting was held at the second Sunbeam Church, on Oak Island. Attendance of the official members good. Rev. H. S. Thrall, presiding elder, at his post of duty, wise in counsel and filled with the spirit of his mission. The sermon on Sunday morning was grand. Subject: "A risen Christ." Many hearts rejoiced as they listened to the precious truths that fell from the lips of the faithful man of God. We have received thirteen by letter this quarter. Outlook brightening.

Rev. W. H. Crawford, Orange, April 12: We began a revival meeting here Sunday, March 29. For the first week I was assisted by Bro. Vaughan and Harry, who helped pull through the "rub." Bro. LeClerc, our presiding elder, came to our relief the second week, preaching with power and realizing glorious results. Brother Sears, of Flatonia, Texas, is with me this week, doing excellent work. The revival has just fairly started. Fifteen have joined by ritual and six by letter; three more have made application. The Lord is with us. May continue two or three weeks yet.

Rev. B. T. Hayes, Coffeeville: I preached five miles north of Gilmer Saturday night before the fifth Sunday, and went to the Sunday-school convention at Gilmer, Sunday morning. I was called on to preach that night, which I did, to a large audience. An appointment was made for Monday night. Bro. S. L. Ball, preacher in charge, concluded to protract, and this scribe had to preach till Friday morning, day and night, excepting one time. There were no conversions, but more interest was taken than for some time past. I was pleased with the people. They were kind, and some are enjoying religion. Many cold and lake-warm.

Rev. W. N. Bonner, Tyler, April 12: I had the pleasure of visiting friends at White House Church, Larissa circuit, T. Booth, preacher in charge. People generally well. I preached Sunday 12th, forenoon; congregation attentive and orderly. Again at 3:30 p. m., to a crowded house. At the close of service Bro. Booth married Mr. M. C. Mink and Miss C. L. Burket. He is much beloved by the people of his charge. He preached at Box House, another appointment, at 11 a. m., at which a number of persons asked for prayers. Every sermon should be preached in view of soul saving, and now. He is much encouraged. The people respond readily to subscribe for the Advocate.

Rev. C. M. Keith, Buffalo: Our second quarterly conference has just past. Bro. Allen was on hand, looking well and wide awake to all the interests of the church, as was manifested by the way he presided. He gave all the disciplinary questions proper notice and consideration, and the Sunday-school question special ventilation, which resulted next day in an organized school of fifty scholars besides teachers. I have just ordered their literature. Notwithstanding the small attendance of members at the quarterly conference, it was an unusually profitable one in its results. The good people turned out on Saturday like they were proud of the occasion; and at the 11 o'clock hour Bro. Allen profitably presented Christ as the "sine qua non" of human salvation. In the evening Bro. G. S. Sandel preached an excellent sermon upon the subject of the relation of "Fatherhood and Child." Sunday, at 11 o'clock, Bro. Allen had as his theme, the "Correlative Love of God and His People," and dwelt on the fact of his abiding with us until many eyes were dimmed with tears, hearts throbbing and lips speaking amens and glory to God. Thank God for such seasons. The communion was unusually large, and taken in much manifested reality—i. e., "by faith, descending Christ." For children were baptized, and this interest is increasing too. Praise God.

Rev. J. C. Russell, Lagarto: Our second quarterly meeting is over. Our presiding elder, Bro. A. C. Biggs, was with us in "demonstration of the Spirit." His sermon on the "Manifestations of Light" will long be remembered by the good people of Oakville, who pray that he may long live to proclaim such glad tidings to the people of the West. Our meeting resulted in two additions by ritual. Considering the financial pressure we are all under, our circuit is well up with the assessment. The church at Oakville lacked only \$7.00 of paying up the presiding elder and preacher in charge. Our church at Oak-

ville is numerically weak, but strong in spirit, and fully up to the various duties resting upon us as members of the church. They are willing and ready to do what they can. The widows all east in their mite. Our outlook is highly encouraging. We are praying for and expecting a good time at our camp-meeting, which will commence Thursday before the first Sunday in July. Ministers are cordially invited to attend. We will see that they are well cared for. We would be glad to have our editor come over and stay a few days with us. Bro. A. H. Sutherland's many friends will expect him. We are trying to put the Advocate in every house, for I think it is in every way worthy of the patronage of all.

Rev. J. S. Perry, Barton's Creek: The second quarterly conference of Barton's Creek mission and Stephenville circuit were held at Barton's Creek last Saturday, March 20. These two conferences are being held this year at same time and place. And our work—Barton's Creek mission—being a new work and not yet strong, (but growing) we are the more happy to have the counsel and prayers of our brethren of the Stephenville circuit in each conference. Our presiding elder, Bro. S. H. Scott, arrived in good time. And we assure you he did more than partake of our temporal treat; he administered the spiritual bread of life Saturday at 11 o'clock and Sunday morning at the usual hour. After the sermon Sunday the presiding elder administered the Sacrament of the Lord's Supper. This was the first opportunity the writer (and many others no doubt) had had for many months to enjoy that means of grace, you may well believe we were strengthened thereby. Brother Galaway preached for us Saturday night. One brother said something about his shaking the sils of the building. We had rather believe he shook the sandy foundation of Satan's fabric. Sunday night three persons presented themselves for prayers. We offered prayers for them and many Christians came forward and commended to continue our prayers in secret. Our finances are behind, but we believe the people will come up promptly as soon as able. We have received nine members since we came on this work, six by letter and three by profession. Our presiding elder received one last Sunday by profession and one. He also baptized two infants.

REVIVAL AT MEXICO, MO. We closed our revival meeting in Mexico, April 1st, with one hundred and thirty-four additions. J. S. SMITH. DEL RIO—CHURCH DEDICATION. Bishop McTyeire dedicated our fine, new church last evening, April 8. Although it is difficult to get a large audience on a week night, yet the church was well filled by a most attentive and intelligent audience. The sermon was fine—like all we have heard the Bishop preach—great and profound in simplicity. All were edified. And all who met the Bishop learned to love him on the shortest acquaintance. We all regret his departure. We would have been delighted to have had him for a week. He goes from us followed by the prayers of God's people and the good wishes of all. J. H. CARTER, April 9, 1885.

THE BANNER DISTRICT "CONFESTED." "Waco the banner district." So says Bro. E. L. Armstrong. Let us see how much banner: Waco was assessed for preachers' salaries \$8,398; paid \$6,838. Georgetown, assessed \$8,500; paid \$7,255. For presiding elder Waco district, assessed \$1,227; paid \$1,110. Georgetown, assessed \$1,430; paid \$1,195. Remember Waco has 422 members, while Georgetown has 355 members. In missionary items Waco is ahead, but take the number of members into account, and how big is that banner? In this place, too, let me note that Fort Worth has 405 members, next to Waco, and yet it is assessed far below Georgetown generally. G. W. GRAVES, EX-P. E. April 11, 1885.

COLUMBUS, TEXAS. God helps them that help themselves. Time, patience and perseverance work wonders. Through the untiring efforts of Dr. E. P. Whitfield, one of the oldest members of this charge, aided most efficiently by the Ladies' Aid Society and the liberality of friends, Columbus is now, after thirty-five years since the organization of the church here, in possession of a parsonage, containing five commodious rooms, including dining-room and kitchen, supplied by the ladies, (God bless them!) with stoves and other heavy pieces of furniture, so that we have set up housekeeping in proper style after repeated "fittings" from place to place for the last sixteen months. And here let me mention particularly the efficient and highly appreciated aid rendered to the feeble wife of the pastor by Mrs. Arnold, a noble Presbyterian lady, ever foremost in every good work, and Mrs. Paul, who, with true sisterly kindness, came to the rescue, and remained with us until they succeeded in bringing order out of chaos. This is a neat, substantial property, built on the church lot, and signifies establishment. Hereafter let no preacher demur in being sent to Columbus. Our first quarterly conference is over; liberal allowances made for the preachers, but owing to the scarcity of money, the finances are not up, and are not what our people would really wish them to be. We have procured thirty subscribers to our CHRISTIAN ADVOCATE up to date, and hope to swell the list to fifty ere long. O that it may be found in every Methodist day-school in the Texas Conference, and that it may be found in every Methodist family for profit withal. As we are progressing in material matters, we are also hoping and praying for an outpouring of God's Spirit upon us, and for a revival, commencing with the church and spreading throughout the whole town. O Lord, revive us!—in the midst of the years, revive us! Pray for us. JAMES A. DUNCAN.

A SUNDAY IN NEW ORLEANS. Being the pastor of a very indulgent people, I was granted leave of absence to attend the "World's Fair" at New Orleans. My visit there embraced Easter Sunday, and was very pleasantly spent. The birth of the day was brightness itself, and soon the busy multitude were hurrying through the streets—some to work, some to worship, and some to sinful indulgence. I determined to spend the morning in worship at Carondelet Street Methodist Church. In going to that place I passed several squares fronting on Canal and St. Charles streets. Judge of my surprise when I saw all of the business houses open. I had hoped that Sabbath desecration had all been left in Texas, but no; the clothing stores, the dry goods' houses, the book stores, the commission merchants' houses, the saloons and fruit stores were all open, and the side walks were crowded with the display of goods, wares, etc. Hurrying on through these busy streets, I soon found myself at the church, joining the Sunday-school in their songs of praise to God from the "New Life." At ten o'clock went into the classroom. This is a very fine preparatory work for listening to a sermon and en-

gaging devoutly in public worship. The spacious auditorium was filled at the 11 o'clock service, and we heard a most excellent sermon. Rev. C. W. Carter, D. D., preached from the words: "The last enemy that shall be destroyed is death."—1 Cor. xv:26. He is not what the world would call an orator, but a pleasant, instructive preacher; his language is chaste, and frequently he grows very eloquent. In the same church at 3:30 p. m. I attended a joint communion service of all the city churches (Methodist) conducted by Bishop Keener. I started to say that the Bishop preached a sermon without a text, but that would have been wrong, for he had before him the emblems of Christ's broken body and shed blood, and using them as a text, he addressed himself to our hearts with such earnestness, we felt it "good to be there." There were about three hundred communicants, about twenty-five of the number being ministers. Class-meeting was held again in the basement of the church at 5:30 o'clock. The Lord was there and our hearts were strangely warmed." At night I attended service at Felicity Street Church, of which Bro. S. H. Werlein is pastor. Here Rev. J. D. Hammond, presiding elder of Athens district, North Georgia Conference, preached. Bro. Werlein's many friends in Texas will be glad to hear that he is doing a great work. Thus I spent my first Sabbath in the Crescent City, a day that will be cherished as a gem in memory's casket. O. T. HORTONKISS, RICHMOND, TEXAS.

HOLINESS MEETING AT MERIDIAN. The meeting commenced March 23rd, and continued until April 9th. We had four services daily, viz.: at daylight, at 10 o'clock a. m., and 7:30 o'clock p. m. Souls were saved at nearly every service. I have been in revival meetings more or less for many years, yet I never saw such a meeting as this has been. The first work in hand was to remove the prejudice from the minds of the people in regard to the doctrine of entire sanctification, as taught in the Bible and by Mr. Wesley. This being accomplished, they began to seek this glorious experience, and the first to attain it were the most useful and religious of my members. They sought it at the altar of prayer, and through conversation and faith obtained it, testified to it, and were then ready to labor for the salvation of others. As the meeting progressed, deep conviction rested on the unconverted in the congregation, and there were several instances where penitents came weeping to the altar, were soundly converted and gave God the glory, and at the next service came forward, still rejoicing in the pardoning love of Jesus, and sought heart purity and were sanctified wholly. The preaching was clear and Scriptural, and in demonstration of the Spirit and of power. The nature of the work accomplished was altogether satisfactory. The conviction was deep and lasting in its nature. The conversions were decided—every one being able to "tell it"—and the sanctifications were quite as definite—witnessed to by the Holy Spirit, and testified to by every one so blessed as a "second blessing." Many of our most prominent citizens were reached and most profitably saved. We thank God from our heart that the Holiness meeting ever came to Meridian. There is not a discordant note in our church, but, on the other hand, the most perfect harmony prevails. While our church was being blessed so wonderfully, members of other churches were revived, and several of them sought and obtained a "clean heart," and joyfully testified to having enjoyed more of God's love in the few days they had been in this experience than in all their religious life before. The Lord has put the seal of his approval on the work of the Holiness Association, and our church has manfully petitioned for the camp-meeting of the association designs holding during the month of July; and should we get it, Mr. Editor, you are specially and cordially invited to be on hand. The results of the meeting just closed are as follows: Thirty-nine converted and ninety-five sanctified wholly. We "thank God and take courage," and shall press onward, "trusting in the promise of the Savior." W. L. HARRIS, Pastor.

MERIDIAN, April 10. The Holiness meeting recently announced in the Advocate for this place has been a glorious success. Deep and pungent convictions, powerful conversions, and clear-cut and definite sanctifications have characterized the work. Thirty-three happily converted and ninety gloriously sanctified. The leading members of the church, and most prominent citizens of the town, are beneficiaries of the meeting. Great peace, harmony and love prevail, and all glory to God, who is glorified by to God! The meeting still continues. B. F. GASSAWAY, MERIDIAN, April 10.

A glorious work was accomplished by the Northwest Texas Holiness Association meeting. Eighty-two professed "entire sanctification" and twenty-five professed conversion and reclaiming. The following are the names of those who were sanctified: Bro. W. L. HARRIS, of Palestine District Conference. The Palestine district conference will convene at Jacksonville, July 2d, at 9 o'clock a. m. JOHN ADAM, Tyler, Texas, April 12.

Waxahachie District Conference. The district conference will convene in Waxahachie, Thursday, 9 a. m., July 9. We hope to have a large attendance. Brothers pray that we may be blessed with a sweeping revival of religion on that occasion. R. C. ARMSTRONG, P. E. WAXAHACHIE, TEXAS, April 8, 1885.

Sunday-School Convention—Texas Conference. Will meet (D. V.) at Caldwell, Burleson county, Wednesday, May 27. Day-schools in the Texas Conference are entitled to one delegate, to be elected by the school. All delegates must send their names to Rev. Joseph Mickle, Caldwell, Tex., at once. Geo. H. PHAIR, Vice-President Sunday-School Board. VELASCO, April 1, 1885.

Jefferson District Conference. Will convene at Mt. Vernon, the county seat of Franklin county, Texas, at 10 o'clock a. m., July 8. Mount Pleasant, Texas county, sixteen miles distant, on the Texas and St. Louis railroad, is the nearest depot. Parties arriving on Tuesday, the 7th, will be transported to the place of meeting. The conference, or visitors, desiring information may address Rev. E. S. Williams at the latter place. S. J. HAWKINS, P. E.

Wentworth District Conference. Will convene in Graham, July 2d, at 9 a. m. This early notice, it is hoped, will prevent engagements by pastors and delegates to conflict. Let a united prayer be offered for a gracious meeting at this conference, July 4th will be devoted to the Sunday-school interest. Rev. W. M. Briggs, editor TEXAS ADVOCATE, has promised to attend. I hope we shall be favored with the presence and service of Bishop McTyeire. C. H. ELLIS, P. E.

The District Conference for Pleasanton Circuit. Will be held at Pleasanton to embrace the fourth Sunday in June. We cordially invite the editor to be with us on that occasion, and any of our brethren that can or will come. We promise to care for them and give them plenty of work to do, and we expect to produce the meeting. Let us hear from you, brethren, that you are coming. We are looking and praying for a gracious revival. So, my dear friend, E. Y. SEALE, FLORESVILLE, April 6.

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W. M. S. of West Texas Conference. The Woman's Missionary Society of the West Texas Conference will hold its third annual meeting in San Marcos, beginning Thursday, June 18, 1885. Let every society which has ever been organized in the bounds of the West Texas Conference meet immediately and elect delegates to represent them at this meeting. We wish a full attendance, and will gladly make provision for all delegates and visitors, if notified in time. Address a postal to Mrs. A. C. Mosher, San Marcos, Texas, saying under what name you expect to come. The Woman's Missionary Society of San Marcos extends to all the sister societies of West Texas Conference a hearty invitation to be present. Mrs. H. T. STELLER, Cor. Sec. By order of the president, Mrs. M. J. MUGGER.

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DEVOTIONAL.

GREENE.—James Marvin, infant of Wm. J. and Alice Greene, born July 17, 1884, was "carried by angels to Abraham's bosom" March 27, 1885. The bereaved family, who had a stronger drawing heavenward, are not altogether comfortless.

S. C. RIDDLE. VAN ALSTYNE, TEXAS, April 7, 1885.

GAY.—Died, Mrs. Annie E. Gay, wife of Thomas A. Gay, Jr., at Menardville, Texas, of pneumonia, March 10, 1885. Mrs. Gay was born at Menardville, Texas, July 26, 1816, and was 24 years of age. She was united in marriage only two months when death ended her sufferings forever. We trust she is now enjoying the blessed rest of the saints. A devoted husband, mother and a large family of brothers and sisters, one of whom resides in Del Rio, Texas, were left behind. She was brought up in the Presbyterian Church. J. R. CARTER. DEL RIO, APRIL 6, 1885.

BRUSH.—John A. Brush was born Nov. 13, 1810, embracing religion on his fifteenth year, was married to Miss Martha J. Lindsey, Nov. 16, 1835, and died March 23, 1885, leaving a wife and five children, with many other strong friends. He was a devoted husband and father. The writer preached his funeral sermon March 28, to a large and attentive audience, in the same hall where he was buried. He was a member of the church for many years. His death is a great loss to the church and to the community. He was a man of high character and a true Christian. His funeral services were held at the church on the 28th. His remains were buried in the cemetery. His family consists of a wife and five children. He was a member of the church for many years. His death is a great loss to the church and to the community. He was a man of high character and a true Christian. His funeral services were held at the church on the 28th. His remains were buried in the cemetery. His family consists of a wife and five children.

DAVIS.—Mrs. L. J. Davis, the subject of this sketch, was a native of the county of Ala.; professed religion and joined the M. E. Church, South, July, 1836; died very suddenly March 26, 1885, at her residence in this county. She was a devoted wife and mother, and a true Christian. Her death is a great loss to the church and to the community. She was a woman of high character and a true Christian. Her funeral services were held at the church on the 28th. Her remains were buried in the cemetery. Her family consists of a husband and several children.

WOODRILL.—Mrs. Margaret Virginia Woodrill (formerly Wilson), was born in Mississippi, March 16, 1812, and died in this county, Texas, Oct. 31, 1884. She was converted when fifteen years old and joined the M. E. Church, South, in 1830. She was a devoted wife and mother, and a true Christian. Her death is a great loss to the church and to the community. She was a woman of high character and a true Christian. Her funeral services were held at the church on the 28th. Her remains were buried in the cemetery. Her family consists of a husband and several children.

WHEATLEY, ARL., Feb. 18, 1885.

MONTGOMERY.—Mrs. Anna Maria Montgomery, wife of W. F. Montgomery and daughter of Dr. N. J. W. Fortson, was born in this county, Texas, Feb. 18, 1812, and died in this county, Texas, April 14, 1885. She was a devoted wife and mother, and a true Christian. Her death is a great loss to the church and to the community. She was a woman of high character and a true Christian. Her funeral services were held at the church on the 28th. Her remains were buried in the cemetery. Her family consists of a husband and several children.

RANDOLPH.—Mrs. J. Ida Randolph was born in Houston county, Texas, June 11, 1829; married to Mr. F. Randolph Sept. 11, 1859, and died in great peace at Madisonville, Texas, March 17, 1885. She was a devoted wife and mother, and a true Christian. Her death is a great loss to the church and to the community. She was a woman of high character and a true Christian. Her funeral services were held at the church on the 28th. Her remains were buried in the cemetery. Her family consists of a husband and several children.

WHITE.—Alston.—At the residence of Mrs. E. White and Miss Lida Alston—all of Falls county, Texas.

GRANTHAM.—Howe.—At the residence of the bride's father, A. Howe, at 10 a. m., Sunday April 5, by Rev. J. W. Sarasony, Mr. Granttham and Miss M. A. Howe—all of Johnson county.

STEELE.—Davis.—At the residence of the bride's father, five miles east of Sherman, by Rev. W. F. Clark, April 3, 1885, by Dr. C. E. Steh and Miss E. M. Davis.

WALDRIP.—Wilson.—At the residence of the bride's father, in Polk county, Texas, March 26, 1885, by Rev. M. K. Kirby, Rev. L. P. Waldrip and Miss F. V. Wilson.

JORDEN.—Daugherty.—At the residence of the bride's father, near Austin, Travis county, Texas, March 23, 1885, by Rev. J. W. Willipole, Mr. Z. P. Jourdan and Miss Belle Daugherty.

RICHARDSON.—Trammell.—At the residence of the bride's father, near Henderson, Rusk county, Texas, March 11, 1885, by Rev. T. P. Smith, Mr. R. M. Richardson and Miss Maud W. Trammell—all of Rusk county.

SPRAWL.—Dingler.—Near New York, Texas, at the residence of Mr. E. B. Dingler, on the evening of April 1, 1885, by Dr. H. H. Hall, Mr. Newton Spawll and Miss Adelia Dingler.

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NIGHT.—Brother B. F. Night was born in Georgia in 1840, and died at his home in Dallas county, Texas, March 19, 1885. Bro. Night professed religion in his sixteenth year, and was a more consistent Christian, warm-hearted friend, kind husband and father, never lived nor died in this country. He leaves a wife and two daughters. May God bless his dear and true God of their father care for them.

H. S. P. ASHBY.

bowed beneath the weight of years, with one hand grasping the memories that bind him to the past, reaches out to catch the canopy of another and better world, we say "tis well; but when those we love, in the maturity of youth and beauty of matured womanhood and usefulness, is taken from us, our hearts are sad, and only Christian grace and fortitude can comfort us. "God's will be done." To the little boy of 14 months she has left a rich legacy—the record of a pure and spotless life, and while he entitles his children to the name of his father, he can look up and catch the gleam of a beacon light to guide his footsteps to heaven. But twenty-seven summers had intervened between her coming and going, and while nature had lavished upon her richest gifts, and face and form and disposition seemed vying with each other for supremacy, Time's sickle severed the silver cord, and her pure spirit went back to the God who gave it. But death had no terrors. With concentrated mind and soul, she gazed upon the messengers came with a crown of glory, and hailed her—Angel.

Sanctus, Sanctus, eried the angels. "Gloria in excelsis deo." As the gates of heaven opened, To admit her unfiled glory. When wife and mother stood and smiled, Dainty as a princess royal, Meek and tender as a dove, Into a flower-like face that dimpled With smiles that even angels envied, As they watched her from above.

PATTISON, TEXAS, APRIL 6, 1885.

REEVES.—Rhoda Susannah, wife of Rev. I. N. Reeves, daughter of Archibald and Rutha Dyer, was born in McMinn county, Tenn., April 9, 1830, and died near Eastland, Texas, April 12, 1885, aged 54 years, 11 months and 3 weeks. She professed religion in her thirteenth year under the ministry of "Father Phillips," and joined the Methodist Episcopal Church. In her youthful days she was noted for her piety and fidelity to the church. She was married by Rev. F. L. Steel to I. N. Reeves, a devoted husband and father. They moved from Mississippi to Texas in 1857. Her husband was chaplain in the Confederate army, and she remained at home and made clothes for the soldiers. Twenty years before her death she was deeply afflicted with cancerous growth in her breast. Owing to her husband's work was impeded by her affliction, he being compelled to give her attention. By consulting her physicians, she learned that a tumor rose under her right arm and ended her precious life. Dr. S. H. Stout and many other eminent physicians did all in their power to cure her, but their skill was unavailing. Time passed while she was suffering, but she was patient and while reviewing his extensive practice, said that he had never seen any one suffer as she did. She had all the attention which could be given by the best medical skill, but she died on the 12th of April, 1885, at the age of 54 years, 11 months and 3 weeks. She was a devoted wife and mother, and a true Christian. Her death is a great loss to the church and to the community. She was a woman of high character and a true Christian. Her funeral services were held at the church on the 28th. Her remains were buried in the cemetery. Her family consists of a husband and several children.

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RANDOLPH.—Mrs. J. Ida Randolph was born in Houston county, Texas, June 11, 1829; married to Mr. F. Randolph Sept. 11, 1859, and died in great peace at Madisonville, Texas, March 17, 1885. She was a devoted wife and mother, and a true Christian. Her death is a great loss to the church and to the community. She was a woman of high character and a true Christian. Her funeral services were held at the church on the 28th. Her remains were buried in the cemetery. Her family consists of a husband and several children.

WHITE.—Alston.—At the residence of Mrs. E. White and Miss Lida Alston—all of Falls county, Texas.

GRANTHAM.—Howe.—At the residence of the bride's father, A. Howe, at 10 a. m., Sunday April 5, by Rev. J. W. Sarasony, Mr. Granttham and Miss M. A. Howe—all of Johnson county.

STEELE.—Davis.—At the residence of the bride's father, five miles east of Sherman, by Rev. W. F. Clark, April 3, 1885, by Dr. C. E. Steh and Miss E. M. Davis.

WALDRIP.—Wilson.—At the residence of the bride's father, in Polk county, Texas, March 26, 1885, by Rev. M. K. Kirby, Rev. L. P. Waldrip and Miss F. V. Wilson.

JORDEN.—Daugherty.—At the residence of the bride's father, near Austin, Travis county, Texas, March 23, 1885, by Rev. J. W. Willipole, Mr. Z. P. Jourdan and Miss Belle Daugherty.

RICHARDSON.—Trammell.—At the residence of the bride's father, near Henderson, Rusk county, Texas, March 11, 1885, by Rev. T. P. Smith, Mr. R. M. Richardson and Miss Maud W. Trammell—all of Rusk county.

SPRAWL.—Dingler.—Near New York, Texas, at the residence of Mr. E. B. Dingler, on the evening of April 1, 1885, by Dr. H. H. Hall, Mr. Newton Spawll and Miss Adelia Dingler.

OBITUARIES.

The space allowed obituaries, twenty to twenty-five lines, or about 170 to 180 words. The privilege is reserved of condensing all obituary notices. Parties desiring such notices to appear in full as written, should remit money to cover excess of space, to-wit: at the rate of one cent per word. Money should accompany all orders. Extra copies of paper containing obituaries can be procured if ordered when manuscript is sent. Price five cents per copy.

NIGHT.—Brother B. F. Night was born in Georgia in 1840, and died at his home in Dallas county, Texas, March 19, 1885. Bro. Night professed religion in his sixteenth year, and was a more consistent Christian, warm-hearted friend, kind husband and father, never lived nor died in this country. He leaves a wife and two daughters. May God bless his dear and true God of their father care for them.

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