

Texas Christian Advocate.

SAN ANTONIO DISTRICT CONFERENCE.

It convened this year at Pleasanton, thirty-five miles south of San Antonio. The journey was accomplished in primitive style, the conveyance being a well-built hack drawn by Texas ponies. The conference was to convene Thursday evening, June 25th, so I set out for the place early in the morning, in company with Rev. Rash McDonald.

Arrived in the evening, we found quite a number of the preachers and lay delegates who had presented us; and we were soon domiciled at the hospitable home of Mr. Chapman, who entertained us right royally throughout the session. Our presiding elder, Bro. Thrall, preached the opening sermon at night, taking for his text Paul's charge to Timothy. The theme was appropriate, as most of the preachers in the district are young men. The sermon, too, was full of sound doctrine and fatherly counsel. After divine service, the conference was formally organized by the election of a secretary and the appointment of chairmen of the various committees. The secretary elected was Rev. James Hammond, of Tenth Street Church and City Mission, San Antonio. He was an efficient officer.

Friday morning, after divine service, the conference took up the regular routine of business, Bro. Thrall presiding.

Reports on the spiritual state of the church show that there is a fair attendance upon the preaching of the Word, and that a large majority of the churches have regularly prayer-meetings and class-meetings. Only a small number have been converted in the district this year. It seems that our people wait for the revival season for any real religious activity.

Most of the charges are very much behind in the payment of pastors' salaries. The preachers seemed inclined to offer apologies in behalf of their congregations for these delinquencies, pleading bad crops as an excuse. I noticed, however, that when they came to report on the collections which the pastors themselves are required to take up, there was a much better showing. There seems to be something in the collector. Perhaps part of the fault may lie with the stewards.

In Sunday-school work I have never known a rural district that could make a better showing. Every charge has one or more well organized schools, supplied with our own literature. A lively discussion sprang up while we were having these reports, as to whether or not unconverted teachers should be employed in the Sunday-school. The reasons pro and con were given in such a way as to show that the brethren had been prayerfully considering how to make their schools more efficient in bringing the pupils to Christ. The decision seemed to be, "Get converted teachers if possible; if not, then do the best you can."

In connection with these reports one of the preachers took occasion to speak to the conference concerning the duty we owe to our institutions of learning, mentioning with special emphasis our interest in Southwestern University and Cornell Institute, and commending them as in every way worthy of our support. His speech was seconded by the presiding elder, who exhorted the brethren at the same time to take an interest in the public schools, and not give them up to the rule of idleness. I mention as a hopeful indication the fact that I find a number of our leading lay delegates to be teachers in the free schools.

The business of the conference was dispatched quietly and rapidly, so that before eleven o'clock Saturday morning we were ready for the election of our delegates to the next annual conference. Brothers W. F. Mitchell, D. Coulson, G. T. Nunn and J. C. Warren were chosen as delegates; and J. C. Breeding, Sr., and P. D. Sawyer as alternates.

The next session of the conference will be held at San Antonio.

During the session of Saturday morning the president gave the pastor of Travis Park Church an opportunity of calling the attention of the conference to the memorial window which we propose to put in our new building in honor of Bro. DeVilbiss. Some subscriptions were taken and pledges for more were given by pastors. The conference passed a resolution commending the enterprise.

Two of Bro. DeVilbiss' old companions in labor, Revs. H. S. Thrall and D. Coulson, subscribed twenty-five dollars each, and pledged themselves to double this sum if it should become necessary.

The conference, also, by a rising vote, joined the pastor and people of San Antonio in a request to Rev. Sam Jones to make our city a center for one of his evangelistic missions. We think there is no other place within the bounds of our work where the stirring notes of this brave preacher are so much needed as here on the frontier.

There were two sermons a day during the entire session. On Sunday morning Bro. Thrall dedicated the beautiful new church which the faithful of Pleasanton, much to their credit, have erected during the year.

After the sermon Sunday night a number of penitents came forward and gave the preacher their hands in token of their earnest purpose to seek salvation. Some knelt about the altar, and others, as the Spirit touched their hearts, bowed at their seats. Several of the preachers remained to aid the pastor, Bro. Seale, in carrying on the meeting during the week.

I was compelled to leave Monday, much to my regret.

Thanks to the good people of Pleasanton for their generous hospitality. I shall always remember them kindly; especially mine own host and hostess, Mr. and Mrs. Chapman. The latter united with the church Sunday night, and told me before I left Monday that she would have her three bright children baptized that day. Peace be upon that household. E. B. CHAPPELL.

PARIS DISTRICT CONFERENCE.

The sixteenth session of the Paris district conference, M. E. Church, South, convened at Blossom Prairie, Lamar county, Texas, on Thursday morning, at nine o'clock, June 25, with Rev. T. H. Pierce, presiding elder, in the chair. All the pastors except two, Revs. W. W. Homer, and I. M. Carter, were present, together with a large representation of lay delegates and a few local preachers. Bro. Pierce presided through the entire session in a very acceptable manner. The opening sermon was preached by Rev. J. A. Safford, and was the key-note to what followed—the best preaching we ever heard at a district conference. All the business of the district was carefully attended to, the committees were painstaking and exhaustive in their reports, and, taken as a whole, the district is in a prosperous condition.

The spiritual state of the church in most of the charges is good, the Sunday-school interest very good, and financial matters as relates to preachers' salaries well up.

The preachers have done but little toward the raising of the conference collections, but all seem sanguine of success in the end. The special committee on Church Property ascertained, among other things, that the church owns in the district \$61,000 worth of property, and also that we have a district parsonage in Paris and a preacher's house on every work in the district except Maxey mission, which was only organized last year. Some of these parsonages are real nice ones, and all of them are comfortable. Is this not the banner district in this regard?

Revs. J. M. Atkinson and Isaac W. Clark, principals of Central College and Honey Grove High School, respectively, were among the visitors present.

The following delegates were elected to the annual conference: Young Burgher, J. W. Fulton, Geo. C. Baker and D. M. Clower. The next session convenes at Ladonia.

J. W. FULTON, Sec. PARIS, TEXAS, JUNE 30.

TYLER DISTRICT CONFERENCE.

The Tyler district conference, East Texas Annual Conference, convened at Mineola, Texas, May 28-31. There was a fair representation from all the charges save two. There were present several visitors from other districts. The educational interest of the East Texas Annual Conference was well and ably represented in the persons of Pres. Alexander, of Alexander Institute, located at Kilgore, Texas, and Rev. W. A. Sampey, his financial agent. This institution is in a flourishing condition, and when the new buildings are completed (which are to be before the fall session begins) she will be as she has ever been—a pride to East Texas and truly a great feeder to Southwestern. Dr. Finley, the distinguished representative of this district, needs no praise or encomiums from me. He is working up his new district in every particular. There have been no revival meetings as yet, but the common expression from the ministers was: "We are expecting a sweeping time all over our charges."

All interests were reported progressive save finances; the short crops last fall are the cause here. There seems to be a general interest in the resuscitation of class-meetings, and an earnest inquiry as to the best time to hold them. The Sunday-school convention was held in connection with the conference, and Friday evening was set apart for the occasion. After reading each topic in the programme, every one who was disposed and was particularly interested, made short talks. The following laymen were elected to the annual conference: P. G. Hawkins, S. W. Murphy, Dr. J. W. Shuford, R. T. Dorrough. Alternates: J. W. Ogburn, D. H. Connally. The next conference is at Tyler. Perhaps I had better say the preaching was what would be expected from such men—profoundly Scriptural and pungent. I cannot particularize.

Dr. Finley is an able presiding officer—dispatches business with a clear head and promptness. Enclosed I send you a copy of report of Committee on Temperance, of which Rev. Joel T. Daves, of Tyler station, was chairman. Its publication was requested by the district conference. As the whisky question is now absorbing the attention of the thinking classes, it was thought to be expedient to have this report circulated in our popular paper. The conference was splendidly entertained by Bro. Bolton and the good citizens of Mineola.

D. H. CONNALLY, Sec.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON TEMPERANCE.

To the President and Members of the District Conference:

Brethren—Your committee to whom was committed the important subject of temperance—by which we understand the liquor question, in all its bearings—would submit the following report:

We appreciate the gravity of the matter placed in our hands, and understand the care with which it ought to be considered. Your body possesses no legis-

lative capacity; but it would come short of duty to its members, as individuals, and to the church which it represents, if it failed to place on record its solemn protest to the manufacture, importation, sale or use of intoxicating drinks in any and all forms. We regard it as the giant evil of the day, to the church and the world. It is an evil, only evil, and that continually. There is no good in it, at any time or under any class of circumstances. It is intensely evil without the shadow of good. There is no approach to an excuse for its use by any one, and it becomes a sin of no small magnitude in a professed Christian.

We have no disposition to waste our time and strength in mere words. There is no need to attempt anything like an expression of the greatness of the evil in the "liquor traffic." The strength of human speech falls short—utterly fails—to express it. It is a recognized evil, so great, so dire, that it is beyond the reach of ministry or formulation. We can feel, but can't express it; nor is our mission to attempt it. We are called upon to place on record our testimony against its rule and ruin. This we do as in the sight of God. It appears that from some of the reports of pastoral charges to this body that we have persons in our church who, habitually or occasionally, indulge in intoxicating drinks as a beverage. Such knowledge brings the blush of shame to our faces, and a strange thrill of pain to our hearts. The Holy Spirit cannot dwell in the same body with the spirit of death. No man can live godly who drinks whisky. No man can be a man of prayer who indulges in the use of ardent spirits. The very thought of a Christian entering into the place of prayer, with the horrid stench of whisky on his breath, or faintly disguised by the use of strong aromatics, is a contradiction and an insult to God. The law of the church in this matter is plain and emphatic in its utterance. It ought to be obeyed, or in its administration its force should be felt. The time now is when the church is pronounced in this evil thing.

The outlook for the final overthrow of this demon was never more hopeful. In all the history of strong drink there never has been such a wonderfully energized, organized effort for its destruction. At the same time the "liquor traffic" was never so strongly entrenched—never so strongly organized, and so liberal in the use of its resources to maintain its footing.

The general government, and all States and city corporations under its lead are perverting the ends and spirit of government in giving the "liquor business" vital organization by granting it license. This dignifies it and makes it, under law, legitimate and respectable (?). The government becomes an active partner in all the evils growing out of it. In the ruined household—in walls and woes of helpless women and children—in the bloodshed—the rapine and all the horrid crimes committed under its unholy ministry, the government licensing it is an active participant. It authorizes men to make and sell it, and proposes to share in its profits. It is made and sold and men drink it, and under its demonizing power ninety per cent. of crime committed is the result. Under its influence and the money it has, law making bodies refuse to the people the right to say by their votes that it shall no longer fill the land with woe and crime and hunger and death. If left to the people, without the protection of the law, it could not live a day.

In view of the foregoing, and a thousand-fold more that might be said on the same line of thought, your committee would present the following resolutions:

- 1. That we look upon the use of intoxicating drinks, as a beverage, by persons belonging to the church, as an unmitigated evil, in direct violation of their vows, and the positive declarations of the law of the church.
2. That as pastors we will exercise diligent care in seeking out such members, and by all the means within our reach seek to recover them from this sin.
3. That we will preach on the subject of the liquor traffic, both privately and publicly, and bring to bear our faith, prayer and examples, in helping to its overthrow.
4. That we can not, as Christian men, look with any degree of allowance upon our law makers, who, under any excuse or pretense whatever, refuse the people the right and privilege of voting the "whisky devil" from our borders. Respectfully submitted.

C. H. SMITH, T. T. BOOTH, DR. J. W. SHUFORD, J. W. OGBURN, S. W. MURPHY, JOEL T. DAVES.

GAINESVILLE DISTRICT CONFERENCE.

The tenth session of the Gainesville district conference convened at Gainesville, Texas, June 4th. The presiding elder, W. F. Easterling, presided. Considering the time of the year, there was a good representation. The reports showed a growth of grace among the membership. The Sunday-school interest is growing; the lack of denominational church-houses is the great barrier in the path of more abundant success. From the report we learn that there is improvement in the social meetings. Most of the preachers express a difficulty in securing suitable class-leaders. The financial embarrassment has retarded greatly the church-building interest within this district. The financial reports of the preachers very much resemble Pharaoh's lean kine. The brethren have certainly been leaning upon that strong

promise of Scripture: "The just shall live by faith."

The following resolutions were adopted: WHEREAS, The practice of promiscuous dancing, with its insidious influences, is leading many of our church members astray, and the purity and sanctity of our holy religion is becoming stained with sin by such practice; and, WHEREAS, It is believed that some of our pastors fail to discipline their members for dancing; therefore,

Resolved, 1. That it is the sense of this district conference that the modern promiscuous dance is immoral in its tendency, and that the tendency of the same is to break down virtue.

2. That no member of the church can participate in or attend the dance and maintain a spotless Christian character.

3. That it is the sense of this conference that all places of worldly amusements are incompatible with Christian character, such as theaters, horse-races, card-tables, gun-clubs, skating-rinks, etc.

Signed: T. J. B. NEELY, S. NELSON, J. J. CHITWOOD.

The following were elected delegates to the annual conference: A. H. Shoemaker, J. W. Campbell, J. W. Murphy and J. O. A. Whaley. The session was a pleasant and profitable one. The Advocate was not forgotten in our deliberations. E. C. DELBERT, Sec.

SAN MARCOS DISTRICT CONFERENCE.

The San Marcos district conference met at Pleasant Ridge on Thursday, June 25th, with the president, H. G. Horton, in the chair. There was a good attendance, all the charges being represented. The president appointed some committees and under his efficient direction the body soon got to work, and disposed of the business in hand quietly but thoroughly. The affairs of each charge were sifted, and the result was a vast deal of information on every subject germane to the work.

The spiritual state of the church was reported hopeful, though, so far, there has been no great increase in the membership over last year. The attendance on preaching is good; Sunday-schools are increasing, and on all works but one they are more or less efficiently organized into missionary societies, and supplied with our own literature. The salaries of the preachers are behind, though they will probably come up all right at the end of the year; and even while the conference was in session the Lord of the harvest was sending the rain, which insures many a bountiful crop within our bounds. Very little in the way of conference collections has yet been done, the preachers preferring to wait for greater certainty in the crops before making the attempt.

A series of camp and protracted meetings is to be inaugurated, which, it is hoped, will bless the church greatly. The only mission within the district was reported as ready for organization as a circuit. The assessment plan is in general use, and there is some church-building. On the whole, the outlook is cheering.

The reports from Southwestern University and Cornell Institute were read and discussed at length. Both seem to be doing well; the gain in enrollment in the institute being exceptionally large, bringing it up almost to that of the university. A resolution looking to its financial help was passed. A memorial of the life and services of Rev. T. S. Garrett, who had so long been a member of the body, was presented. Also, the Mexican Border Conference, which has lately been separated from ours, was remembered, and invited to hold its sessions within our bounds, and assured of our continued sympathy and support.

The good people of Pleasant Ridge and vicinity revived their old reputation for large-handed hospitality, and vied with each other in furnishing all manner of good things. The following were elected delegates to the annual conference: J. H. Combs, T. D. James, C. B. Collins and J. E. Pritchett, with G. W. L. Fly and H. C. Wallace as alternates. Blanco City was selected as the next place of meeting. The Texas Christian Advocate, the organ of our own Texas Methodism, under the able editorial management of Rev. G. W. Briggs, is meeting the high expectations of the church, and accomplishing for God a good work in the land. Without claiming for it perfection, without affirming that it is absolutely faultless, we rejoice in its present prosperity, and in the thought that the paper is growing in interest and in power; and we hereby pledge ourselves to continued effort for its wider circulation, believing that when but one Advocate is taken the preference should always be given to our home paper—yet we recognize in the Nashville Christian Advocate a very able connective organ, in every way worthy of an extensive patronage, and we hereby commend it to all our people.

JOHN E. PRITCHETT, Sec.

CALVERT-MODEL DISTRICT.

The third conference since organization convened at Calvert, June 25, and is over.

Previously, a revival of the church and saving souls was deemed the prime object of the local membership; to accomplish which, prayer-meetings were begun, and led by Sister Allen every evening at six o'clock. Coupled with this move was preaching from house to house, and private exhortation to saint and sinner, by Bro. Ward, the appreciated pastor of this people, whose zeal for the work, yearning for the salvation of

souls, untiring energy and patience, is fully manifested in his life's effort.

There was preaching also interspersed along with this preparatory move, by Bros. Ward, Allen and Dimmitt.

The foregoing preparation gave religious services prominence from the beginning, and preachers and delegates came in hearty sympathy with the sentiment and aim of the good people of Calvert, so that at the close of the opening sermon, preached by Bro. G. S. Sandel, in which he gave such a beautiful panorama of the life of Enoch, earnest faces, tear-bedimmed eyes, and hearty amen to the presence of seekers, and congenial spirits that are walking with God.

Friday, at eleven o'clock, Bro. Samuel Weaver preached from the parable of distributed talents, and after noticing the trials, and difficulties, and faithfulness of a Christian to endure and continue dutiful by faith, he soared, as following, until we came to our Father's house, heard the welcome plaudit, "Well done," received our rewards—"the kingdom of heaven"—and were happy. In comparing the two states, and noticing the diversity of gifts—some desiring gifts they did not have, especially the gifts to sing—he said he thanked God the soul's desire in heaven would be satisfied; that he would be like Bishop Doeggett, when he said in reference to singing, that when they struck up the song of Moses and the Lamb upon the harps of heaven, he was going to sing, tune or no tune. Through sobs and tears gurgled forth amen and glory to God! as the hidden manna fell in our hearts. Yes, the manna fell—a Sabbath day's supply, enough for two days, and it was with us, as with the Israelites, not only a second blessing, but an additional to the untold hundreds already received, upon which we have fed since our spiritual birth, whereby we have grown in grace and the knowledge of the truth as it is in Christ.

On Saturday night Bro. W. K. Turner preached from Jeremiah's exhortation to "Walk in the old paths and rest for your souls," and dwelt pathetically on the rest of the soul, and the waiting and watching of the part of heaven for the balance of the family on earth, until again the manna fell, and we ate, and seekers came forward to be fed. On Sunday, at 11 o'clock, Bro. Allen preached to a packed house, with the power and demonstration of the Spirit, and to large communion, and many with moistened eyes, administered the sacrament. At night Bro. Sandel preached to a crowded house, and had as the sequel much good feeling and a goodly number of mourners at the altar.

Monday, at 11 o'clock, Bro. Stevens preached to an unusual congregation for the day, with increasing interest and an increase of seekers at the altar. I left for home on the 11 o'clock train. Other preaching was done, not lacking in importance and good effect, perhaps, but may be denominated "seed sowing," while the foregoing were eminently the "harvest sickle" thrust in for the reaped grain. O my-God, hear thy people's cry for Calvert's sons and daughters!

The foregoing synoptical review I have given to show the spiritual influence that prevailed during our conference, and would to God it was so in all our conferences. Of the business of the conference I must say: Bro. Allen is thorough and scrupulous in his examination of the various minutia of church work and interest, bringing out perspicuously the true data from which to ascertain the progress or regress of the district. His manner is rather novel. He inquires particularly after the manner of presenting the gospel of salvation, asking: "Do they (the pastors) expect present results, call mourners, exhort the people to turn to God, and are they enjoying the grace of God in their own hearts?"

Of the local preachers he inquires after the number of appointments, their manner of preaching, its fruit, and into their own religious lives; thus reminding them of their obligation to the church, the church's appreciation of their services, their membership in the district conference, and their duty to be on hand to report, etc.

Of the lay delegates he inquires after the finance, plans of assessment, collection, people's willingness to pay, etc. As to order, he presides in fact. No unnecessary specifying, unless we have a surplus of time, and then he allows us a little latitude in which to ventilate and show our importance, and we generally do it—I mean we specify. Doctor Dunlap, of Georgia Conference, and Commissioner of Paine Institute, called on us during conference, gave the origin, history and purpose of the Institute, sang a song, took up a collection that resulted in the nice sum of \$24.50, over an average of what the Georgia district conferences pay, which take the pay up in this matter; so we have paid up. Lay up, brethren; it is our institute and destined to do a good work.

C. M. KEITH. BEAUFORT, TEXAS, JUNE 30, 1885.

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DR. KELLEY'S APPEAL.

We hope every reader of the ADVOCATE has pondered well the appeal of our worthy Missionary Treasurer, Dr. D. C. Kelley, in our last issue. The statement is made, in effect, that the Board trusted the Methodist fervor that was kindling a year ago on the occurrence of the centenary of Methodism in America, and at its annual meeting in 1884 enlarged its appropriations to sustain the reinforcements sent into the foreign field. The expectations of the Board were disappointed—how or why it is needless here to discuss—and when it last met the painful necessity was upon it of retreating from the advanced position taken the year previous. It is a sad announcement. With the heathen world ripe for the gospel, and our own fields of missionary enterprise opening faster than we could occupy were our resources quadrupled, suddenly our expansion is not only arrested, but the Board is compelled either to contract its lines or leave the brave men and women, who have gone to the front in good faith, to toil on in isolation and want. It is not because we are not able to rise to the emergency of the hour, but it is because the conscience of the church has never been aroused to a Scriptural appreciation of its duty in the premise. While there are thousands of Southern Methodists whose consciences, if properly touched with gospel motives, would impel them to give to this cause by the scores and hundreds, there are few who would not find themselves able to give at least one dollar annually to evangelize the world. In all candor, is a church, whose membership represents hundreds of millions of money valuation, entitled to be called a missionary church in any proper sense when her contributions to foreign missions reach only twenty cents per member? In this earnest age it is time for us to cease playing at missions and do something more nearly equal to our ability.

The treasurer needs the present year's assessments at the earliest day possible. He says: "There is more in this appeal than the casual reader may see." Even the "casual reader" may see between these lines a pressure that is agonizing Dr. Kelley's heart. By prompt action the preachers in Texas may do much to relieve it. Money will soon begin to circulate. The financial outlook is encouraging. Let every preacher seize the earliest and most propitious opportunity to press this collection, and not rest until his full assessment, at least, is raised. But do not keep the money in hand. Send it forward through the proper channels to Dr. Kelley, and let it go to work.

"THE MAJORITY FETISH."

In the good old days of Willard Richardson, the motto of the Galveston News, emblazoned upon its title page, was: "The will of the people should rule." In the News of June 20 the leading editorial—a most remarkable article, intended to demolish prohibition—is headed, "The Majority Fetish and Sumptuary Legislation." In this article the modern editor pronounces a judgment diametrically opposite to Mr. Richardson: "The will of the majority is the great American fetish." To pronounce prohibitory laws "sumptuary" is a gross misnomer—an attempt to cast odium upon a good cause by crying "mad dog." The writer of this most astounding editorial imagines that he has completely overthrown the prohibition movement by the following: "Perhaps they would object if the majority should finally order everybody to take a dose of blue mass at such intervals as the majority determined." It is unnecessary to show the absurdity of such a supposition.

A man or a number of men determine to carry and flourish their six-shooters in any and all companies, and the constitution of the United States declares, "The right of the people to keep and bear arms shall not be infringed." And yet, our legislature, for the protection of society, disarms these reckless flourishes of their deadly weapons. A man owns an eligible lot on a main thoroughfare in a populous city. He determines to establish a tannery or a slaughter-pen; but "society" prohibits it and protects itself against such nuisances.

An individual, glorying in his liberty, goes into a small-pox hospital, but when he attempts to return to society, he is arrested and quarantined. But without an elaborate argument, all laws for abating nuisances, preventing the prevalence of epidemic diseases by quarantine, regulating and prohibiting the carrying of arms, the circulation of obscene literature and pictures, the selling of lottery tickets, and other species of gambling, laws against theft, licentiousness, and

other social crimes, infringe, in some of their provisions, against individual liberty, because the majority enjoy the invaluable right of self-protection.

The News is begging the question. The constitutionality and legality of prohibitory laws has been recognized and affirmed by our highest courts. The question is: Is the sale of intoxicants a nuisance to be abated or a curse to be removed? If so, there can be no question but the sovereign people can, at the ballot-box, dispose of this question, notwithstanding the cry of the News about the "majority fetish." The fact that the people are awaking to the horrible evils resulting from the sale and use of intoxicants has alarmed our venerable cotemporary. It shrinks from this "majority fetish" with the same dread which the Africans have of the terrible "voodoo bag." Let the News possess itself in peace. Prohibition is coming.

EDITORIAL NOTES.

THE TEXAS LOCAL PREACHERS' CONFERENCE will convene at Lampasas, July 15th.

MRS. BISHOP SIMPSON has been induced to resume her benevolent work in Philadelphia. She is the President of the Old People's Methodist Home, and the Children's Orphanage, recently established.

ATLANTA, Ga., is enjoying a gracious outpouring of the Holy Spirit in a series of meetings under the auspices of the Y. M. C. A., conducted by Dr. L. W. Munhall, the Secretary of the Association for Indiana.

THE Nashville Advocate does not think the name of our church will be changed. It expresses the conviction that the great body of our people do not wish it, and that a vast majority would regard it as a calamity to the church.

AT Pulaski, Tenn., there is a great revival in progress under the direction of Mr. Dixon Williams, the lay evangelist. The result at last accounts was remarkable, there having been about 75 conversions, and the interest increasing.

THERE is only one licensed saloon in the bounds of the Corinth district, North Mississippi Conference, and all Israel has risen up against that, says the N. O. Advocate. Never has that great State felt so profoundly the spirit of reform.

AT the Terrell district conference, held at Mesquite, Texas, Dr. H. A. Bourland, Financial Agent of Southwestern University, raised \$530 for that institution. He also reports a fine meeting, with many anxious souls at the altar.

AN exchange thinks there are many honorary members of the church. They do no work for the advancement of the cause of Christ, and they pay nothing for the support of the gospel. But few men are too poor to pay nothing—those who are do not belong to the honorary class.

THE Southern Presbyterian says, regarding the New Orleans Exposition: "We give the management this fact to ponder: There were nearly as many people in one single Presbyterian Church in the city, each Sabbath during the Exposition as were upon the Exposition grounds."

AT the funeral of the late Archbishop Bourget, of Montreal, Canada, multitudes of Catholics flocked to the spot in expectation of miracles being performed. Thousands of articles of different kinds were brought in contact with the remains of the reputed saint to be hereafter used as talismans.

FIVE hundred Roman Catholics recently waited upon Rev. J. Emlin, Protestant minister of Parychale, France, requesting him to receive them under his pastoral care. They are the inhabitants of four villages lying near each other. The priests are enraged and are trying to institute legal proceeding against them.

THE Fort Worth Gazette says: "If people want an opportunity to vote on the prohibition question, they should have it. The legislature made a grave mistake in not submitting an amendment to the people when such a respectable number demanded it, and a mistake which is likely to retire to private life many who are now not aware that they are treading on a volcano."

ACCORDING to Bishop Littlejohn, says the Brooklyn Union, the "City of Churches" is an absurd misnomer. Brooklyn has but one place of worship to every 2,621 inhabitants, "a less proportion than any city in the United States." The proportion of church communicants to the population of Brooklyn is only 16-100 per cent., or less by one-half per cent. than it was in 1835.

THE Rev. J. T. Pate has an interesting article on "Methodism in Carolina" in the Charleston (S. C.) News. He says there are in South Carolina 170,179 members of the Methodist Church, including both white and colored of the different branches. Of this number the M. E. Church, South, has 52,176 members and 444 local and traveling preachers; and the M. E. Church has 39,859 members and 143 preachers.

AND still they come! On July 1st there arrived in New York, by steamship from Liverpool, 541 Swedish and Danish converts to Mormonism. These people were in the care of Elder J. Hansen, president of the Emigration Company. All ages were represented, from gray-haired grandfathers and grandmothers to little grandchildren. Fifteen missionaries were with the flock. This is the largest company of Mormon emigrants that has arrived in the United States

since last summer. It is stated it will be soon followed by another party equally as large. Nearly all of these people will settle in the rural districts of Utah, some will stop at Salt Lake, and a few will go to Mexico.

BISHOP MALLALIEU, of the M. E. Church, says there is need of a million dollars in the treasury of the missionary society of that church in order that new and grander victories may be won in the conflicts with sin. Our Missionary Treasurer asks the pertinent question, "Shall our missionary work be hindered," by the insufficiency of funds to prosecute the work already in hand, to say nothing of the "million" needed to enter new fields?

THE M. E. Church, South, in Wesson, Mississippi, was burned on June 14th. It had cost much sacrifice and toil to complete it, and had been finished only about one year. Loss above insurance, about \$2,000. Many of our church houses, that taxed in the building the membership to the extent of their ability, are without insurance. Were they to burn the loss could not be repaired. Is it good economy to hazard so much to save the small amount of insurance?

THE organ gradually wins its way. The Irish Presbyterians, who in former times so vigorously opposed its introduction in their churches, are now going to extraordinary lengths in its favor. A meeting at Dublin last week not only passed a resolution in favor of introducing instrumental music in public worship, but roundly declared that if any attempt were made to "exercise discipline" against those who adopted the innovation they would "dance on the Assembly."

THE New York Independent says a noticeable feature in the great temperance movement which is now in progress in Georgia, and which is working with so much success in that State, we have in the fact that the question is not there made one of party politics. Republicans and Democrats, whites and blacks, are alike engaged in the movement. In a word, the people, as such, without reference to political parties, are seeking to stop the liquor traffic. It is possible that political prohibitionists may learn something by the diligent study of this movement.

A NOVEL way of maintaining order among children at family worship was developed in Canada by a suit brought by a wife against a husband for separation. Among other charges it was stated that at family prayer "he would often crawl across the floor on his knees, keeping up his prayer all the while, and administering blows to his children for supposed inattention." This method can hardly be commended, says the N. Y. Advocate. Better have no prayers than scenes like that. In well-managed families there is little trouble about anything; in ill-managed families there is trouble about everything. Make family devotions pleasant, and children will love them.

"IT is to the credit of the South that it was in a Southern State that the first legal enactment was procured against the sale of indecent papers; and it is in the same section that a determined effort is being made to suppress the nuisance of bill-board advertising. This has already been done in Savannah, Ga., and the leading daily paper of South Carolina, the Charleston News and Courier, commends the action and encourages its trial there. It may surprise people at the North that the South should take the lead in these moral reforms; but we hope they will continue to set us a good example and inspire us to follow it." The foregoing is the utterance of the Michigan Christian Advocate.

REV. B. HARRIS refers elsewhere in this issue to the San Marcos Sunday-school Assembly and Summer Institute, to be held at that place from August 11th to 31st. The enterprising citizens of San Marcos have subscribed nearly six thousand dollars, and are leaving, Bro. Harris says, nothing undone to make the enterprise a success. In the absence of any further direct information touching the matter, we take the following programme from the Galveston News of 5th inst:

- Tuesday, August 11.—Opening day. Address, Christian Sociology.
Wednesday, August 12.—Sunday-school teachers' day.
Thursday, August 13.—Address: Woman and the Bible, Rev. E. B. Chappell, A. M., San Antonio.
Saturday, August 15.—Address: English Literature, Our School, by Rev. J. Morgan Calloway, A. M., Southwestern University.
Sunday, August 16.—Preaching.
Monday, August 17.—Address: Man an Entity, Professor Alexander Hogg, A. M., Fort Worth.
Tuesday, August 18.—Woman's Christian Temperance Union day.
Wednesday, August 19.—Address: Dr. J. Baldwin, President Sam Houston Normal Institute.
Thursday, August 20.—Address: The Logos in Human Thought and Human Consciousness, by Rev. L. M. Lewis, D. D., Dallas.
Friday, August 21.—Y. M. C. A. day.
Saturday, August 22.—Address.
Sunday, August 23.—Preaching.
Monday, August 24.—Address: Professor E. W. Taylor, Chapel Hill.
Tuesday, August 25.—A. B. S. day: The Bible.
Wednesday, August 26.—Address: Rev. S. A. Hayden, D. D., editor Texas Baptist, Dallas.
Thursday, August 27.—Address.
Friday, August 28.—Charity Monday.
Saturday, August 29.—Address: Fore casting.
Sunday, August 30.—Preaching.
Monday, August 31.—Closing day: Concert. All members of the C. L. S. C. are, by suggestion of Dr. Vincent, requested to meet with the Assembly. Let there be a grand rally on the 28th.
Mrs. J. B. Beauchamp, of Denton, has charge of the W. C. T. U. programme.
Address Rev. H. M. Dubose, Houston.

GEN. L. M. LEWIS, writing to the St. Louis Advocate, says: "The elegant structure, to be known as First Methodist Episcopal Church, South, of this city, begins to rise; the massive base-

ment, comprehending also the lower part of the tower wall, nears completion. The importance such a movement possesses, aside from the mere locality, is made more impressive when it is known that for six years the most influential congregation of Methodists in Dallas has floated about the city, occupying sometimes opera-houses, then old dilapidated theatres, then halls over livery stables, then the chapel of the Dallas Female College, and now, at this writing, worshipping in a hall on Main street over the Crowders Drugs Co.'s store. These are the first bricks laid since the old Lamar street church was put in place near thirty years ago. My predecessors, especially those holding the helm immediately before and ever since the burning of the old house, deserve any amount of credit; indeed I may safely say that without them the present status could not have been attained. These faithful men had many vexatious troubles, but they, through a variety of discouragements sowed the seeds for the present reaping, and in the allotment of rewards will have their crown. It is hoped that by the time the leaves begin to fall the fair proportions of the upper walls may indicate an early completion. We have no great subscription list; but, week by week, I raise from four to six hundred dollars for the men who labor on these walls. I am supported by some men and women of unflinching courage and indefatigable labor. The loss of nearly seven thousand dollars by a bank failure, before I reached the appointment, seemed at one time to well nigh crush the last hope of seeing, at an early day, a house of worship in this city for our people. Nevertheless these determined brethren and friends did not lose heart, but arose in troublous times, and said, 'Let us build,' and so we did."

THE PRESS.

Among our Exchanges. A few weeks since, in discussing the comparative merits of Southern and Northern religious papers, we suggested that the price of the central organ at Nashville should be raised to three dollars per annum. The Richmond-Advocate copies the article, and, under the caption of "Suicidal Policy," says: "Sham and shoddy are always dear at any price. When a church begins to 'jew' brain work, it bids for humbug. A miserly and parsimonious publisher, as forsooth, publishers to raise a printer's trick on the public by making journals with dwarf pages, short columns, and large type. The average reader does not know that one long column in middle size type has as much reading as a whole page of the thumb paper kind. No church ought to seek for Christian publishers furnish a paper that is not honest all over. Good size, good price. The 'misfit' tactics ought to be scouted out of the church. Let us not encourage, no, not for a moment, any short cuts or shams in our literature. The Northern Methodists and the Northern churches will not have inferior journals for the sake of saving a few cents. Our leading men are getting ashamed of our system of begrudging subscription prices, leaving no money for the improvement of the paper. And then the same paper has something to say to subscribers. It is true the following paragraph does not appear in the same article with the above, but it 'fits' here so nicely that we give it: 'It is a pretty good test of a man's religion when he begins to economize by stinting his soul. He discontinues his church paper to save five cents a week! After penning the above exceedingly "live" paragraphs, it is a little singular that the Richmond editor should be mistaken for a corpse. He says: 'The hacks of undertakers ought not to have a place in the church. We got in one the other day and were charged an exorbitant fee, the driver forgetting the editor was not a corpse and could protest against the price. It will be remembered that the General Conference, at its last session, passed by the required majority a resolution to change the name of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South, to that of Methodist Episcopal Church in America, and directed the Bishops to lay the question before the annual conferences for concurrence. It will require a three-fourths affirmative vote of all the members of the annual conferences, who may be present and voting, to effect the change. As the question has not heretofore been submitted to the annual conferences, it is presumable that it will be at their approaching sessions. Some of our exchanges are discussing the question with a good degree of warmth. The Nashville Advocate of July 4th comes out in opposition to the change, and among other reasons, assigns the following: 'The change of name would involve endless and fruitless explanations on the border and elsewhere. We would have to defend or repudiate the history with which the name is identified. If we propose to stand by our record we made, we will be more respected by antagonists, and be more heartily sustained by our friends. If we do so still less, the name with which we were baptized at the start. If we propose to repudiate our record, the change of name is but the first step toward a consummation which to the vision of some looms up already in the background. The brethren on the border who have found it difficult to correct misconceptions of the meaning of the word "south"—and we know all about that—we believe, find it harder to explain satisfactorily to the same constituency why we cast it from us. On the same subject the Christian Neighbor says: 'We now prefer, and from our organization, would have preferred, no "South" in our name. But our name, with its "South" in it, has gone so far into our own history and into the histories of other organizations, and, under God's blessing, so manifest has been the prosperity of our church in the face of all the real, invented and imaginary disadvantages of the word "South," as attached to our name, that unless some other name, which shall be undoubtedly more proper, be suggested, we had better let the name stand as it is, and direct our attention to some things that need more than a change in name. We are not opposed to a change of name, but we are opposed to a change without truly valid reasons. The Alabama Advocate believes in the whipping-post. Referring to the flogging recently administered to a Baltimore wife-beater, it says: 'For wife-beating, cruelty to animals, stealing chickens and fruit, pigs and roasting ears, the whipping post would be a good substitute for the penalties with which these offenses are punished in this State. Take up a fellow of this sort and give him an old-fashioned "good whipping"—wear him out—and turn him loose. We have seen white boys in the penitentiary for petty crimes and thought it too severe. And as for sending a negro to the penitentiary for robbing a watermelon patch or a

hen roost, why we would never think of such a thing. Flog him and let him go. It would be more religious and have a better effect.

The same paper touches up our Northern brethren as follows:

Northern papers seem much surprised to learn that the South is ahead of the North on the temperance question; and not willing to believe it is the result of superior moral character, attempt to account for it in various other ways. Well, after awhile, they will find out here that the South is behind on all the bad issues, and ahead or abreast on all the good ones, and then they will love us better—we hope.

The Colorado Methodist has no use for bangs; but believes in infant baptism. Let the editor tell the story:

A very grave presiding elder in this conference was once baptizing a child about two and a half years old. The little thing was very patient until he put the water on her head, when she said to her mother: "He spoiled my bangs. Moral: Baptize them before they begin to tan and then teach them better than to wear bangs."

The editor of the Arkansas Methodist has visited Nashville, and, from the following, it would seem he has been "sizing up": "Our people might as well know that we have no bishop timber in and around Nashville; the fact is that the theological needle points to a radical change, which will elect our superintendents every four years, and bring the "Old Guards" to the front in our rapidly growing Methodism.

To which the Nashville Advocate responds:

We did not suppose that this view of Methodist Episcopacy found much favor in the South. We doubt whether in this utterance our brother truly represents Arkansas Methodism. The four-year arrangement would be one advantage; it would give more of the "Old Guards" and others a chance. The exclusion of Nashville from the prospective honors of quadrennial episcopal term will not cause us to tan and then teach them better than to wear bangs.

The New Orleans Advocate endorses the re-opening of the Exposition, conditionally. It says:

The Exposition managers are pushing forward their plans for re-opening with commendable zeal. About \$370,000 have already been subscribed and the canvasses are still actively at work. We wish the enterprise all possible success. If wisely conducted, it may perpetuate the good results of the Exposition last winter. The Board of Directors have shown fine judgment in electing to its presidency Mr. S. McCoombs. He was a college classmate of this editor, has been a business man of marked success, and is altogether worthy of his honor. If, under any management, success can be attained, his executive will achieve it. We advertise the Board of Directors now, however, that the people of the States will not tolerate the Sabbath desecration of last winter. It was a poor investment for the old management, as the attendance on Sunday did not meet the expenses of the day. If repeated by the new Board, it will be even less remunerative. If the gates are to be opened on the Sabbath, the entire influence of the States will be wielded against the enterprise. We will leave no stone unturned to withdraw from it the Christian sentiment of the country.

The Christian Neighbor says local preachers have contributed much, under God, to make the Methodist Church what it is now, by entering unoccupied territory and preaching the gospel, and adds:

There are still many men engaged in this work, giving full proof of their ministry; but the number should be augmented. There are fields, in city and country, for the local ministry.

The Holston Methodist has changed its mind and wants a reform in the construction of church buildings. It says:

We are beginning to change our mind as to the construction of churches. In our large cities, the architecture is such as to place the audience too far away from the preacher. The architects that will furnish the greatest number of sittings at the least distance from the preacher, is the desideratum. We sometimes preach in a large church and feel like a man standing on the fence of a five-acre field and attempting to preach to an audience on the other side of the field. To interest such an audience requires more magnetism than most of us have to spare.

The Baltimore Episcopal Methodist has reduced its price from \$2.20 to \$2 per year. It is a good paper, and was cheap enough at the former price.

TEXAS PERSONALS.

—Rev. R. M. Powers, presiding elder of Terrell district, makes some changes in his appointments. See notice elsewhere.

—Rev. W. R. D. Stockton, presiding elder of Fort Worth district, announces in this issue a change in the place of holding his district conference. See notice.

—Rev. Horace Bishop left last evening for McGregor, where he will remain until Saturday. Mr. B. will preach on Sunday morning and open the doors of the church for any who wish to join.—Waco Examiner.

—A correspondent writes as follows of Rev. J. C. Calhoun, of East Texas Conference: "We might say many good things about our preacher, but for fear of jealousy we will hold our peace. Although he is the baby of the family, he looks to be six or seven feet long in a revival."

REV. W. R. MCDOW.

It becomes my painful duty to communicate to the ADVOCATE the sad intelligence of the death of Rev. W. R. McDow, which occurred Thursday, June 25th, at the residence of Dr. T. M. Stone, in Jasper.

Bro. McDow had been in charge of the Jasper circuit, East Texas Conference, but was relieved from work at his last quarterly conference. Hoping to reach the home of a relative in the West, he came to Jasper, but the disease from which he suffered growing rapidly worse, he was unable to go further.

It will, doubtless, be a source of gratification to those who knew and loved him to learn that during his illness everything that medical skill, with the tenderest and most watchful attention could do, was done for him. His trust in God, through Christ, was implicit, strong and unwavering. Undoubtedly, it is well with him.

I will reply, with pleasure, to all letters of inquiry in reference to him. W. B. PATTERSON, JASPER, JUNE 27.

Rev. W. R. McDow died last Thursday, the 25th instant, at about 5:30 a. m., at the residence of Dr. T. M. Stone. He had been remarkably patient and uncomplaining during his protracted sickness, but gradually and calmly "fell on sleep" and quietly passed "over the river." He was conscious to the last, but was unable to speak a little while before he died. He was buried in the town cemetery, ac-

ording to the ritual of our church, by Rev. W. B. Patterson—many citizens of the town attending the funeral. The coffin was beautiful, and beautifully ornamented with a wreath and cross of evergreens and cape jessamines, and the grave strewn with similar ones by loving Christian hands. In his sickness and death his example was for good to those about him. H. H. F. JASPER, JUNE 29.

SOUTHWESTERN UNIVERSITY—THE NEW REGENT.

Rev. J. W. Heldt, D. D., the newly elected Regent of the Southwestern University, has just returned to Georgia to arrange for his removal to Georgetown at an early day, to assume the duties of his high office. He is in the prime of a vigorous manhood, a ripe scholar, with tried administrative abilities, which leaves no doubt as to his fitness for the Regency. His speech on "Education" before the district conference was an able vindication of the church policy to give the highest culture to our young people, and he emphasizes the religious element in education in a most refreshing way. His sermon on Sunday, Isaiah III:10, was pronounced the best plea for Christian missions ever heard in this region. In a word the church may rest assured "the right man is in the right place." And now for a forward movement all along the lines. Never since my connection with the agency has such inquiry been made by parents and young people. We could have a thousand students here in a short time if we had accommodations. Our present pressing need is room and cheaper board. The boarding is as cheap here as anywhere in private families; but if ten persons would give us one thousand dollars each, in the next month, we could have room for twenty-five young men, who could employ their own cook, and live on from one-half to two-thirds what it now costs. I have one of the ten, perhaps two. "Where are the nine?" H. A. BOURLAND, Financial Agent S. W. University.

A PROPOSED LIFE OF DR. MOOD.

The Alumni Association of Southwestern University, at its late meeting in Georgetown, unanimously united in their request to Prof. C. C. Cody, A. M., Ph. D., to prepare for publication a life of Dr. Mood, the late Regent of that institution.

This piece of news will doubtless be hailed with delight by Texas Methodism, and the hosts of friends of the deceased who live in other States and countries. The life of Dr. Mood, as he gave sketches of it to his students, is full of thrilling incidents which will read like that truth which is stranger than fiction.

He played a prominent part in the history of Southern Methodism during those dark days which we all deplore and which have left a shadow on many hearts and homes; and he performed it with heroic fidelity to truth and duty, with unwavering devotion to the church he loved, and with an eye single to the glory of God. Hence, the story of his life cannot fail to be an inspiration to the youth of this generation.

He is the central figure in Texas Methodism. The institution he founded and gave his life to sustain is now the grand pivotal point around which the seven conferences of Texas and Mexico revolve. His work for Christian education in Texas has won for him a warm place in the hearts of grateful thousands, and generations yet unborn will feel the ripples of those waves of influence which he has set in motion. In Texas history there has existed and gone out no life more worthy of permanent record, or more capable of doing good, than this noble man of God, who gave his life for the mental and moral elevation of the sons and daughters of Texas.

We congratulate the family and the association in having secured for this work one so competent as Dr. Cody. He has access to abundant information concerning his earlier life, and was an intimate eye-witness to his most important history in Texas; hence, we are sure the story will be accurately told. The graceful, vigorous style in which he writes insures it will be well told.

The appearance of this book will be awaited with eager anticipation. Texas can never be too grateful to her pioneers of Christian education. They are her truest heroes and greatest benefactors. This debt of gratitude we can never repay, but let us ever hold him in fond remembrance.

TAYLOR, TEXAS. JOHN M. BARCUS.

MOOD MEMORIAL ASSOCIATION.

During the last commencement of Southwestern University the students and former students organized themselves into the "Mood Memorial Association, with the following officers: President, H. G. King; 1st Vice-President, W. A. Bowen; 2d Vice-President, W. C. McCamry; Secretary, Prof. R. F. Young; Treasurer, Lee M. Taylor; Executive Committee, Prof. R. F. Young, chairman, Rev. J. M. Barcus, Lee M. Taylor, S. J. Henry and M. L. Graves. The object of this association is to erect a monument to the memory of the late Regent, Francis Asbury Mood, D. D. All students and friends who may contribute to this object are members of this association.

It is desired to erect a monument to cost not less than \$2,500. For this purpose \$525 was raised during commencement. All students are earnestly requested to act as agents in their towns and communities for this worthy object and to forward, as soon as possible, their own

as well as their friends' contributions to the treasurer, Lee M. Taylor, Georgetown, Texas.

Remit by bank draft, postoffice money order or registered letter.

R. F. YOUNG, Sec.

SAN MARCOS NOTES.

The crop prospects in this region were never better. There will be an abundance of corn, and the cotton crop promises an immense yield if the worm does not attack it.

Our district conference has closed, after a pleasant session, at Pleasant Ridge, near this place. The presiding elder had never presided over a similar body, but it was generally conceded that he succeeded admirably.

Rev. H. A. Graves was present, though feeble in health. We hope he may soon recover his strength and that his apprehensions of a brief limit of sojourn with us may prove unfounded.

I had fondly hoped that some mention would have been made in the ADVOCATE of our great Chautauqua enterprise. The citizens of San Marcos have taken hold of the movement with great zeal and spirit, and nearly \$9000 have been subscribed.

Coronal Institute promises to have an opening with a greater number of students than was ever before known in its history. The last term was very successful.

More than a week since I left my quiet little work, San Saba station, and started northwest in search of health.

NOTES FROM DUFFAU WELLS.

More than a week since I left my quiet little work, San Saba station, and started northwest in search of health. Am now at the Duffau Mineral Wells.

One cannot fully realize how much he loves his people until they are separated. My congregation very willingly gave me a rest, which was much needed.

We have over fifty subscribers to the TEXAS ADVOCATE, and can heartily say the paper is much appreciated and serves me a good purpose. It helps me preach, helps me visit; in fact, it helps me in all my various duties.

FISHER MEMORIAL FUND.

Permit me, through our paper, to acknowledge receipt of the following amounts that have been placed to the credit of the Fisher Memorial Fund, viz:

- From Bro. H. S. Donoho, \$25 00
Sister A. M. Ireland, 25 00
Bro. E. H. Holbrook, 5 00
Bro. H. S. Thrall, 10 00
Bro. Sam D. Sanders, 1 00
The Writer, 25 00

Making total receipts, \$91 00. Brethren and sisters, the times are hard and money scarce, but these facts should not deter us from doing at least something, however small it may be, to aid in this matter.

J. A. ANGLIN, Treas. Fisher Memorial Fund, WAREVILLE, June 25.

CORRESPONDING EDUCATIONAL ASSOCIATION.

There is a very large class of young people who are so situated that they can not obtain an education by means of the ordinary facilities furnished and opportunities offered by schools and colleges.

Of this class there are a great many who really want an education, and who are willing to do all they can to get it. Many young preachers, who are in the pastoral service of the church, would gladly pursue a literary and scientific course if opportunity was presented and facilities furnished to aid them.

At Sempronius. Rev. C. R. Shepard, Belleville, July 3: Our third quarterly meeting was held at Sempronius. Was protracted. Presiding elder gave us a good sermon.

At Gililand's Chapel. Rev. J. C. Calhoun: Had a good time at Gililand's chapel. Our protracted meeting closed on Monday night. It was a time of great rejoicing, and exceedingly interesting in many ways.

FROM HOT SPRINGS, ARK.

Hot Springs is in the greatest revival of its existence. The meeting is in the fourth week, and near one hundred conversions. The interest is deepening all the while.

Senator Reagan, of Texas, is here, and Dr. Brown, of Paris, Texas. This is a favorite resort for afflicted Texans. They are a true and noble people—some few exceptions.

A CORRECTION.

I wish to correct a statement made in Bro. J. W. Fields' paper "No. 8—Reminiscences of a Texas Itinerant." He says, in substance, that there was but one station in the East Texas Conference in the years 1852 and 1853.

And now that I am carried back in memory to those long ago days, I trust these lines will be seen by some who witnessed and participated in the gracious revival we had in the fall of 1853 in the church at Henderson.

THE NEED OF THE HOUR.

The "Prayer League" is still on rising ground; many names are coming in to be recorded on book, and many requests for the prayers of the members of the league.

Friends, let us, each one of us, start a salvation fire in our own neighborhood, and each man get a man, and send up names until we get one thousand.

THANKS.

Bro. J. H. Lott has just handed me a handsome purse to purchase a suit of clothes. Same collected by him from the good brethren of Belton circuit.

GULLIVER FOUNDED.

Thursday, June 18th, was the ninth anniversary of my marriage. This fact became known to the church at McKinney and they determined to pound us.

It is not universally known that the McKinney station is one of the best in the State, but it is, for all that; and this is no taffy for anybody, but a mere fact. I ought to mention some things the friends gave us, but I have no space.

REVIVALS.

At Noonday. Rev. E. R. Large, Noonday, July 4: Bro. Booth commences his revival meetings to-day.

At Kaufman. Rev. O. P. Thomas, Kaufman, July 2: We have just closed a meeting with good results in our town.

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TEXAS CORRESPONDENCE.

—Rev. J. W. Kizzlar, Lipan, July 3: Crops good; health good; good interest in church matters.

—Rev. S. J. Franks, Cleburne, June 23: An old man and an old citizen of this county was shot and killed near here yesterday by a young man.

—Rev. E. R. Large, Noonday, July 4: I noticed in my own yesterday that the bloom that fell between the stalk and the blade had made worms, and I fear others say the same.

—Rev. S. A. Ashburn, Elmo, July 1: The rainfall has been unusually great for the last ten days.

—Rev. E. D. Osburn, Starrville, June 19: A good rain fell here on the 18th. Crops are in good condition.

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July 2—Horace Bishop, sub. W. H. Ardis, sub. Neil Brown, sub. F. M. Winburne, sub. R. I. Allen, sub. J. W. Kizzlar, sub. J. W. Holt, sub. E. H. Holbrook, sub. W. Vaughn, sub.

July 3—J. M. Jones, will have attention, J. C. Calhoun, sub. J. H. Wiseman, sub. J. W. Kelley, sub. M. K. Little, sub. S. L. Hall, sub. E. C. DeJernett, sub. Stump Ashby, sub. Jas Campbell, sub. M. D. Long, sub. E. Blocker, sub.

July 4—M. H. Wells, sub. J. L. Lemons, sub. E. S. Williams, sub. G. W. Swafford, sub. A. Z. Goodwin, sub. C. A. Evans, sub. W. E. Rector, sub. J. W. Horn, sub. M. L. Hallenbeck, sub.

July 5—L. H. Trimble, sub. J. W. Kizzlar, sub. Mrs. H. T. Wilson, will renounce. H. Carter, sub. C. S. McCarver, sub. J. H. Trimble, sub. T. C. DePew, sub. W. H. H. Biggs, sub. W. H. H. Kilgough, sub. W. H. Crawford, sub.

July 6—W. M. Shockey, sub. W. E. Carpenter, sub. C. C. Armstrong, sub. Sam'l Weaver, sub.

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