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LA GRANGE, Dec. 4.—The fiftieth annual (or semi-centennial) session of the Texas Annual Conference of the M. E. Church, South, convened in LaGrange, Texas, Dec. 4, 1889, Bishop Jos. S. Key presiding. Bishop J. C. Granbery conducted religious services at the opening session.

H. V. Philpott was elected secretary; W. Wootton, assistant; Chas. A. Hooper, statistical secretary.

On a call from the Bishop the following standing committees were appointed:

On Public Worship—J. F. Follin, D. H. Hotchkiss and A. T. Bradshaw. On Memorials—J. F. Follin, E. B. Chappell and M. S. Hotchkiss.

On Bible Cause—J. M. Wesson, S. P. Brown, G. H. Collins, G. J. Leath, J. A. Savage, and I. H. Collins.

On District Conference Records—F. E. Hammond, J. C. Crunk, J. T. Browning, J. N. Brown, J. E. McAshan, S. H. Morgan.

On Books and Periodicals—G. S. Sandel, D. N. Harris, Tom Murray, M. S. Hotchkiss, B. J. Baskins, A. L. P. Green, A. J. Jones.

On Conference Relations—H. M. Sears, C. M. Keith, J. W. Davis, T. B. Graves, E. W. Solomon, J. C. Mickel, A. E. Goodwyn.

On Temperance—J. L. Lemons, C. R. Shapard, H. T. Compton, A. J. Anderson, J. W. Jones, H. M. Haynie, J. P. Childers.

On Publication of Minutes—J. W. Horn, A. T. Bradshaw, B. J. Guess, J. N. Brown, J. M. Armstrong.

A communication from the Publishing House was read and referred to Committee on Books and Periodicals.

A communication from W. C. Donlop, Commissioner of Education, was read and referred to a special committee of E. S. Smith, Wm. Shapard and M. S. Hotchkiss.

Reports from the Boards of Trustees of Southwestern University and Chappell Hill Female College were read and referred to the Conference Board of Education.

Bishop J. C. Granbery took the chair. Under question 1 the following were admitted on trial: D. H. Hotchkiss, John L. Russell, S. H. Morgan, James M. Sitton, H. G. Williams.

Question 2: Who remain on trial? John W. McMahan, W. H. Brooks, J. W. Harman, Giles J. Leath, L. P. Davis.

Under question 3 the following were elected to deacons' orders: James M. Guber, Chas. A. Hooper.

Rev. J. P. Childers was elected to fill a vacancy in the Board of Church Extension.

J. B. Cochran, J. Crunk, S. H. Morgan, J. W. Horn and Thomas Murray were elected to fill vacancies on the Board of Education.

D. N. Harris and C. A. Hooper were elected to fill vacancies on Sunday-school Board.

DECEMBER 5: Conference met at 9 o'clock a. m., Bishop Key in the chair. Rev. F. T. Mitchell led the devotion.

Question 3: What traveling preachers are elected deacons? J. L. Kennedy, J. M. Adams.

Question 4: Who are received by transfer? Edwin D. Moutson, from South Carolina Conference.

E. W. Solomon, A. J. Anderson and J. T. Browning were introduced to the conference.

I. Z. T. Morris was elected editor of the minutes, with B. J. Guess and J. L. Lemons assistants.

A communication from the Secretary and Treasurer of the Parent Board of Missions was read and referred to Conference Board of Missions.

Ques. 7: The deacons of one year are H. T. Hart and J. B. Cochran.

H. M. Vinson was granted a location at his own request.

S. P. Brown, H. M. Haynie, W. F. Brinson were elected to elders' orders. J. W. McMahan, L. P. Davis, W. W. Hopkins and Horace G. Williams were elected local deacons.

Timothy L. Lummas, W. W. Hopkins and Henry Jones were elected local elders.

The orders of W. T. McDonald from the Free Methodist Church were recognized.

Rev. H. V. Philpott was selected to preach the semi-centennial sermon on Friday night.

2 o'clock. Devotional service led by G. S. Sandel.

W. T. Keith received by transfer from Arkansas Conference.

Revs. T. S. Armstrong, Charles W. Snow, West Texas Conference; F. T. Mitchell, Northwest Texas; and Rev. W. B. Rankin, of the American Bible Society, were introduced to the conference.

Bishop Key announced that he ordained W. W. Hopkins to the office of elder by special request.

A communication from Bishop J. A. Beebe, of the colored Methodist Episcopal Church, was read and referred to a special committee.

Saturday morning, 10 o'clock, was fixed as the time for the election of delegates to the General Conference.

Charles A. Palm was discontinued by the conference.

Rev. J. A. Montgomery, of the Presbyterian Church, was introduced to the conference.

Board of Church Extension submitted a partial report of their work, whereupon Bishops Key and Granbery addressed the conference, followed by Dr. F. T. Mitchell, who raised a collection of \$122.

DECEMBER 7.—Conference met at 9 o'clock a. m. Bishop J. S. Key in the chair. Devotional services led by I. G. John.

The hour of the special order of the day having arrived, the conference proceeded to the election of delegates to the General Conference, which resulted in the election of I. G. John, E. S. Smith and H. V. Philpott, and J. B. Sears and F. L. Allen reserves. Lay delegates: F. B. Stone, J. N. Brown, B. D. Orgain, T. W. Archer, M. D. Cole, alternates.

A resolution appointed the duty to the presiding elders to take the Bishops' collection at the first quarterly conference.

Under the question, "Where shall the next session of the conference be held?" the names of Caldwell, Austin, Houston, Marlin, Bryan, and Elgin were placed in nomination. Caldwell was chosen.

The Board of Education made their report. Pending the discussion, a subscription was called for in the interest of a Methodist cottage at Georgetown.

B. D. Orgain was designated and appointed to raise the balance necessary to build the cottage.

Conference adjourned to meet at 3 p. m., Sunday, to hear the report of committee on memoirs.

The proceedings of the last session consisted mainly in routine business and the usual vote of thanks, reports of Boards, etc. In the confusion incident to adjournment the scribe did not secure them in detail.

The answer to question 35 is given in the following:

Chappell Hill District. C. H. Brooks, P. E. Chappell Hill Station—J. M. Armstrong. Brenham Station—E. H. Harmon. Independence—J. M. Guber. Belvill—J. R. Dunn. Searcy and Bay—E. J. Anderson. Huntstead—W. F. Keith. Patterson—N. F. Law. Eagle Lake—To be supplied. Burton and Giddings—J. R. Morris. Hockley—To be supplied. McElaine—To be supplied by J. W. Thompson.

Elgin and Manor—J. E. Cochran. Chappell Hill Female College—E. W. Tarrant. Missionary to Japan—O. A. Dukes.

Cameron District. F. L. Allen, P. E. Cameron Station—S. C. Littlepage. Cameron Circuit—To be supplied by W. W. Hopkins.

Davis Circuit—W. F. Brinson. Mayfield Circuit—A. L. P. Green. Alamo Circuit—E. G. Housh. Durango Circuit—G. J. Leath. Marlin Station—L. Z. T. Morris. Rockdale Station—F. E. Hammond. Pleasant Hill—H. T. Hart. Caldwell Circuit—C. A. Evans. Deanville Circuit—J. W. Davis. Wilderville Circuit—To be supplied.

TRANSFERS. W. Wimberly, to Louisiana Conference. D. H. Crumpler, to South Georgia Conference. G. W. Briggs, to North Alabama Conference, and stationed at Florence.

James Peeler, to Northwest Texas Conference. C. E. Wright, to Northwest Texas Conference, and stationed at Belton.

C. C. Armstrong, to Northwest Texas Conference, and stationed at Albany.

J. H. Chambliss, to Northwest Texas Conference, and stationed on Sweetwater circuit.

Sam'l C. Vaughan, to Northwest Texas Conference. F. H. C. Elliott, to Denver Conference, and stationed at Denver.

C. H. Buchanan, to Baltimore Conference, and stationed at Salem, Va.

J. P. Caldwell, to Arkansas Conference. S. H. Brown, to West Texas Conference, and stationed on San Marcos circuit.

STATISTICS. MEMBERSHIP. Local Preachers. Members.

Districts	Preachers	Members
Galveston	6	1841
Austin	12	3524
Chappell Hill	7	1253
Huntsville	19	1091
Calvert	17	3125
Cameron	29	3940
Totals	80	13,005
Totals last year	85	13,694

RAPISTMS. Adults. Infants.

Districts	Adults	Infants
Galveston	65	110
Austin	80	130
Chappell Hill	57	87
Huntsville	74	90
Calvert	187	81
Cameron	132	77
Totals	694	565
Totals last year	430	303

CHURCHES. No. Value.

Districts	No.	Value
Galveston	174	\$108,850
Austin	17	\$3,320
Chappell Hill	17	\$8,600
Huntsville	23	\$2,493
Calvert	31	\$1,180
Cameron	38	\$4,211
Totals	184	\$181,136
Totals last year	132	\$72,275

BISHOP'S FUNDS. Assessed. Paid.

Districts	Assessed	Paid
Galveston	\$81 50	\$79 00
Austin	82 00	82 00
Chappell Hill	74 30	74 30
Huntsville	74 00	64 75
Calvert	73 70	60 00
Cameron	81 40	71 90
Totals	\$469 90	\$438 35
Totals last year	\$86 85	\$98 80

CONFERENCE CLAIMANTS. Assessed. Paid.

Districts	Assessed	Paid
Galveston	\$263 10	\$263 10
Austin	614 69	614 69
Chappell Hill	486 75	448 35
Huntsville	411 90	334 75
Calvert	536 32	444 05
Cameron	460 70	368 80
Totals	\$1,862 36	\$1,463 44
Totals last year	\$,014 85	\$,011 00

PARSONAGES. No. Value.

Districts	No.	Value
Galveston	5	\$ 7,700
Austin	11	11,315
Chappell Hill	8	8,450
Huntsville	7	5,250
Calvert	8	8,775
Cameron	10	8,225
Totals	51	\$56,040
Totals last year	52	\$48,423

PAID PREACHERS. Assessed. Paid.

Districts	Assessed	Paid
Galveston	\$1,105 00	\$1,009 30
Austin	1,300 00	1,324 34
Chappell Hill	942 15	879 97
Huntsville	688 75	649 25
Calvert	1,089 75	920 17
Cameron	879 75	805 10
Totals	\$6,390 05	\$5,549 74
Totals last year	\$5,975 15	\$5,341 37

—Preachers. Assessed. Paid.

Districts	Assessed	Paid
Galveston	\$ 5,885 00	\$ 7,280 00
Austin	7,600 00	6,985 80
Chappell Hill	5,440 25	5,440 25
Huntsville	5,135 00	4,428 39
Calvert	7,135 50	5,863 69
Cameron	4,400 00	4,800 40
Totals	\$40,630 25	\$34,845 45
Totals last year	\$38,482 00	\$32,995 05

MISSIONS. Foreign. Domestic.

Districts	Assessed	Paid
Galveston	\$ 805 00	\$ 767 00
Austin	614 69	614 69
Chappell Hill	654 05	645 25
Huntsville	750 00	475 35
Calvert	600 00	459 05
Cameron	700 00	408 80
Totals	\$4,090 75	\$3,766 91
Totals last year	4,679 65	4,114 23

Assessed. Paid.

Districts	Assessed	Paid
Galveston	\$ 407 00	\$ 402 00
Austin	450 00	441 00
Chappell Hill	373 35	396 10
Huntsville	324 00	182 30
Calvert	305 50	261 75
Cameron	360 80	324 65
Totals	\$2,326 15	\$1,780 60
Totals last year	3,178 70	1,797 05

GENERAL CONFERENCE DELEGATES AND OTHER OBJECTS. Conf. Delegates. Other Objects.

Districts	Conf. Delegates	Other Objects
Galveston	\$ 35 50	\$103 50
Austin	35 50	85 76
Chappell Hill	35 50	185 50
Huntsville	35 00	174 55
Calvert	36 00	237 70
Cameron	30 25	96 00
Totals	\$173 70	\$985 15
Totals last year		3082 50

SUNDAY-SCHOOLS. Districts. No. Scholars. Officers & Teachers.

Districts	No.	Scholars	Officers & Teachers
Galveston	21	181	
Austin	23	214	
Chappell Hill	21	162	
Huntsville	22	140	
Calvert	30	216	
Cameron	30	205	
Totals	149	1,118	
Totals last year	149	1,110	

Contributed by Sunday-schools for missions: Galveston District, \$105 25; Austin, \$180 75; Chappell Hill, \$111 90; Huntsville, \$88 15; Calvert, \$93 40; Cameron, \$95 80.

Amounts raised on children's day: Galveston, \$114 30; Austin, \$18 25; Chappell Hill, \$11 40; Huntsville, \$3 70; Calvert, \$7 90; Cameron, \$12.

CHURCH EXTENSION—EDUCATION—BIBLE CAUSE. Districts. Church Extension—Assessed. Paid. Education—Assessed. Paid. Bible Cause—Assessed. Paid.

Districts	Church Extension—Assessed	Church Extension—Paid	Education—Assessed	Education—Paid	Bible Cause—Assessed	Bible Cause—Paid
Galveston	\$ 236 50	\$ 225 00	230 00	341 80	341 25	298 25
Austin	230 00	223 00	230 00	235 00	235 00	235 00
Chappell Hill	241 25	238 25	241 25	241 25	241 25	241 25
Huntsville	230 00	225 00	230 00	230 00	230 00	230 00
Calvert	173 25	173 25	173 25	173 25	173 25	173 25
Cameron	179 00	182 50	179 00	182 50	179 00	182 50
Totals	\$1,300 00	\$1,241 80	\$1,300 00	\$1,300 00	\$1,300 00	\$1,241 80
Totals last year	\$1,322 25	\$ 940 70				

CHURCH EXTENSION, 1890. Assessed \$1400, and apportioned as follows:

Districts	Assessed	Apportioned
Galveston District	\$375 00	\$375 00
Austin District	275 00	275 00
Chappell Hill District	275 00	275 00
Calvert District	275 00	275 00
Cameron District	275 00	275 00
Huntsville District	145 00	145 00
Totals	\$1,500 00	\$1,500 00

The Board of Church Extension submitted the report of Mrs. J. B. Sears, Conference Secretary of the Woman's Department of Church Extension, and appoints the following ladies district secretaries: Galveston district, Mrs. John E. Green; Austin, Mrs. M. S. Hotchkiss; Chappell Hill, Mrs. E. W. Tarrant; Cameron, Mrs. F. L. Allen; Calvert, Mrs. J. W. Horn; Huntsville, Mrs. George C. Stovall.

BISHOPS' FUNDS, 1890. Assessed \$550, and apportioned as follows:

Districts	Assessed	Apportioned
Galveston District	\$100 00	\$100 00
Chappell Hill District	100 00	100 00
Austin District	100 00	100 00
Cameron District	50 00	50 00
Calvert District	50 00	50 00
Huntsville District	50 00	50 00
Totals	\$550 00	\$550 00

Assessed for foreign missions, \$4800; domestic missions, \$2500; and apportioned as follows:

Districts	Foreign	Domestic
Galveston	\$500 00	\$500 00
Austin	9 00	500 00
Cameron	250 00	350 00
Calvert	250 00	400 00
Chappell Hill	800 00	400 00
Huntsville	700 00	300 00

The following are the appropriations to domestic missions for 1890:

Austin—First Street Mission	\$300
Austin—Twenty-fourth Street Mission	300
Houston City Mission	300
Robinson's Mission	150
Prairie Plains Mission	150
Roger's Prairie Mission	100
Robinson's Prairie Mission	100
Bryan Mission	100
Totals	\$1,650

THE SEMI-CENTENNIAL SERVICE. The service at the church Friday night was very interesting.

This is the fiftieth session of the conference, and by resolution Friday night was set apart for special semi-centennial service. Rev. H. V. Philpott, D. D., preached the sermon by request of conference.

Opening hymn 679, new hymn book, read by Jas. M. Wesson.

Prayer by Josiah W. Whipple.

Sermon by H. V. Philpott, D. D., text John xii:24, 25.

In his introductory remarks he referred to the organization of the conference at Rutersville, near by the site of the present conference. The old town was named in honor of Martin Ruter, the first man honored with the degree of D. D. in America.

He lamented the loss of so much that would be interesting in history—incidents, facts and matters that would show our greatness that will never come to light. There has been success. Brooding every obstacle in the face of the strongest opposition, these men have planted this Methodism that we love all over this land.

They were men of strong convictions—men who were heroic—who preached the truth, "the power of God and the wisdom of God."

Dr. I. G. John followed in an address, saying in substance: "As I came into the church just now by way of that back door, I found an old colored woman crouched near the entrance. As I passed she said, 'Ise just waiting to hear the sound of the gospel.' I held class-meeting with her, and she told me she had been trying to serve Jesus most

fifty years. She had belonged to Jno. Robb; he was the first man who gave his hand to join the Methodist Church west of the Trinity River. O he was a man of God, who loved to pray; he would hold family prayer three times a day. At noon he would call his servants from the field and make them join in the prayer. He helped in the organization of the first quarterly conference in Texas. It was a little irregular, but it is history. All those who had been stewards or trustees in the old States were recognized as members of that conference, and old father Roberson, a layman, presided over it. The organization and a layman presiding were irregularities; but one thing they did that was entirely proper and regular—they took up a collection. My first sermon was preached Saturday night after I was licensed to preach that afternoon.

"I have never tried to preach from the text since; my sermon was about five or ten minutes long, and I was so mortified when I had finished that I would have left the place, but my horse had been put where I could not get him. I want to give you an incident in my ministry on the Richmond circuit: I went to old Bro. Johnnie Miller's house. I am told that he still lives and is making a bee-line for heaven. He was a class-leader. I rode up to the gate and called out. He answered, but gave no invitation to get down. I asked if Mr. John Miller lived there. He replied: 'John Miller lives here.' I said: 'I am hunting Mr. John Miller, a class-leader in the Methodist Church.' He said: 'I am John Miller, a class-leader in the Methodist Church, but he never asked me to get down. So I got down and went to the door and told him who I was. 'Well,' he said, 'I hope the conference will send us enough boys. Last year it was Alec Kerr, and now it's some a great deal worse.'"

Dr. John's allusion to the veterans Whipple,

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HOME CONFERENCES.

Boxville Mission. E. G. Duval, Dec. 2: I have made one round on Boxville mission. I have been met kindly by all the people, and I hope to do them good. My address is Lechiston postoffice, Lavaca county, Texas.

Callicothe. Jas. D. Odum, Nov. 27: Well, brethren, I have found the place. Have been very kindly received. Held a meeting to-day for the purpose of taking steps to build a parsonage. A building committee was appointed and about half the amount of money necessary to build was secured. We will have no trouble, I think, in securing the amount needed.

McDade Circuit. S. H. Morgan, Dec. 2: Our last round is completed. We received on the last round by certificate two, by ritual three, and baptized two children. Some small deficits on collections and salary. We came near being founded on the wind-up. My wife received a dress from one sister, and a quilt from another, also several smaller articles from others. We appreciate all these tokens. May God's blessings be with all our people.

Jasper Circuit. J. M. Porter: I have closed my year's work on the Jasper circuit, with the following result, viz.: Forty-five conversions and 140 accessions to the church; preacher's claim up, with the assessments ordered by the conference in full. There will be no deficit at all to report at Rusk during conference. Praise the Lord. Have had a prosperous year, for which I am truly thankful, and ascribe all the praise to him who has said: "My grace is sufficient for thee." Have served a kind people. May God abundantly bless them.

Temple. J. H. Linebaugh, Dec. 2: Bro. C. W. Daniel, our new pastor, has been with us for about two weeks, and has already endeared himself to those who have had the pleasure of meeting him. He has gone to work with a vim that means success, and we pray God that his most sanguine expectations may be fully realized. We have all the elements of a successful church. Our members are principally young people, who are full of zeal and willing to work and co-operate with the pastor, whom they always make it a point to love and stand by. Bro. A. F. Bentley, one of our most pious and zealous members, proposes to give a nice lot, and I expect soon to erect a nice and comfortable parsonage on it, so that our preacher, like other men, can live in his own home—his, while he stays with us. We are praying for and expecting a glorious revival of religion in Temple this conference year. There are a great many people here that need and must have religion, and the church wants more thorough consecration. O that God will abundantly bless us!

Laurel. J. T. Stanley, Dec. 3: A double pounding. Just before we left the Kingston circuit to come to this our new field of labor, the ladies of Celeste interested themselves in our behalf and made up a nice lot of clothing for wife and all the little ones (the preacher not included). We feel constrained to mention the names of Sisters Kennedy and Harrell, who seemed to be the moving spirits in this labor of love. We will always remember the good people of Kingston circuit. But we must, in a sense at least, "forget the things that are behind," etc. Upon our arrival at this place we were met at the depot by a number of official men of the church. They had a carriage for us, and soon we were at the gate of the parsonage, where we were met by an army of elect ladies. To say that everything within was in first-class order expresses the whole without particularizing. Our har-er is full, and we are perfectly conscious of the fact that we are in the midst of a generous and appreciative people. By the grace of God we will do them all the good possible.

Quero. J. T. Williamson, Nov. 29: The German Mission Conference is over and the preachers are doubtless by this time in their new fields of labor. There was some shaking up, but these German brethren are not the sort to complain, so all went cheerfully to the work assigned them. This is a small conference, but it is doing a grand work and they are doing it well. The reports were good. Bishop Galloway and his excellent wife won all hearts. The Bishop's sermon on Sunday morning at the first Methodist Church fully met the expectations of the large congregation. It was spiritual, logical, convincing. He believes in sanctification and preaches it, and he gives forth no uncertain sound. Some things the Bishop said on this line will be long remembered by some of his hearers. Dr. Ahrens, of New Orleans, delivered a fine discourse at the same church at night. There was a union service at the Methodist Church on thanksgiving day, although none of the business houses closed, the congregation was good, and the services interesting. The singing especially was fine. This preacher has not received any poundings since his return from conference, but his Board of Stewards is careful to see that the barrel of meal does not waste, nor the cruse of oil fail, and with this the preacher is content, so far as pertains to worldly things. Our first quarterly meeting is over, and Bro. Deets our beloved presiding elder, was present (just as he should have been), looking after the interests of the church, and preaching as he alone can preach.

Quero is on a boom. Fine brick business houses are taking the place of old wooden ones, and new residences are going up in every part of the city. Unimproved real estate is rapidly changing hands. The streets are alive with strangers seeking homes; many of them are attracted by the thrift and enterprise of our people, and will locate here. There is here a grand work for Methodism. May the church realize this and cheerfully meet the responsibilities of the hour.

Kerrville and Center Point. F. J. Perrin, Nov. 28: Kerrville, the terminus of the Aransas Pass Railroad, is at the present time the most rapidly growing town within my knowledge. The sound of the hammer is heard in every direction. In the midst of all the building they have built us a new parsonage, a good house, four rooms, T shape, a closed hall, and when completed will have two galleries. We only have a membership of forty-five at Kerrville, but the Ladies' Aid Society took it in hand; and when the ladies get hold of a thing it usually succeeds. When wife and I arrived to take possession we found these good ladies, and some of the men also, there before us with a load of new furniture, load of wood, corn, some groceries, etc.—a genuine Methodist welcome. At our first quarterly conference at Center Point, though at the very first of the year, it was demonstrated that we have there a live Board of Stewards and a liberal people. We have good congregations, good singing and religious interest, and are encouraged. That faithful servant of the Lord, Rev. H. T. Hill, was here before us and left his work in good shape. May the Lord be with us this year and the good work go on.

Ballinger. J. T. Bloodworth: We are comfortably domiciled here at Ballinger in our newly purchased parsonage. Ballinger is a nice little town of about 2000 inhabitants. I suppose I have never had the pleasure of meeting a better people than we have here at Ballinger. Religion is at a high tide in our town. We have a promising young church of 130 member. We have as good a grade of intelligence here as you will find anywhere. Some of the strongest men of our town are Methodists. On our arrival they received us kindly, gave us a regular Methodist reception, and you know what that means, Mr. Editor, without giving a detailed account of "cans," "hams," etc. We want to prove ourselves "worthy" this conference year. We are young in the cause, but hope to meet the expectation of the people and glorify our Master. The Board of Stewards met and satisfied us that they would keep the wolfed this year. I am going to take Bro. Shaw up on his ADVOCATE proposition and put it in every Methodist home in my charge. We believe that the ADVOCATE is a great help to the pastor in many respects. God bless us all this conference year as preachers and people. Mr. Editor, come to see us and we will treat you well.

Mason. M. A. Black, Dec. 2: I think it is due the Board of Missions of the West Texas Conference for me to say something about Mason. The work there is peculiar, and delicate for good reasons. The Bishop decided to send a man to the Mason station who was in demand anywhere—so he was taken up from a good station that wanted him back, and sent to Mason. The board was asked to help largely, and they did it. Mason received the preacher with open arms and warm hearts. The parsonage of the Methodist Episcopal Church was cleaned up, and the ladies furnished it substantially. Bro. Dimmitt and wife came in, and then such a pounding—it was laid on thick and heavy. The hearts of the inmates of the parsonage was made glad. At the quarterly conference Mason agreed to pay four hundred dollars on the preacher's salary. Our good brethren of the M. E. Church are helping liberally. I think, without a doubt, the question of the support of our preacher is settled. Bro. Dimmitt is in favor with the people; the congregations are good and the Sunday-school is large. The communion on Sunday was precious. The brethren dwell together in unity. There is wind in the sails, and the indication is the vessel will have a smooth sea over which to sail. My heart went out to Bro. Joe Bridges—one of Mason's capital lawyers—for the interest he took in the preacher's salary and the arrangement of the work. The suggestions were appreciated by all present. The outlook is hopeful. Bro. Dimmitt and wife went to the appointment cheerfully and are happy. God bless them. We have good, intelligent people in Mason, and they have a good, intelligent preacher for a pastor. "All's well that ends well." The school in Mason is doing well, the country is healthy and the town is growing. I will be glad when the time comes to return again. Judge Todd and wife were very kind to a sick presiding elder, but they have his grateful thanks.

FROM DAW TO BERSHEBA. We closed our first year's work on the Weatherford district, Northwest Texas, with good results. We had 1200 conversions. The preachers had good health; left their different fields in good repute with their parishioners. All the interests of the church looked after. Methodism is keeping up with the tide of emigration as it rolls westward. The machinery is so finely adapted to city, town, country, or the rolling waves of western emigrants, ready when and wherever the tent is pitched to sing, pray and preach. We closed our last round on the district for 1889, Nov. 4, and the 5th we were at Belton, the seat of the Northwest Texas Conference. Bishop Key was at his post, and what a time we had. It was a grand

jubilee, like an old-fashioned camp-meeting. The Bishop sung and shouted. Yes, the Bishop, our Bishop Key, sung and shouted to the battle. He knows what field service means. He knows when the bugle sounds for the charge. He is there with sword in hand ready for fight.

The Bishop will long be remembered by this conference and the Belton people.

I must say just here that the Belton people are a great people; they know how to treat an annual conference. If all the preachers had such a home as I had at Bro. and Sister Hall's, who had about twelve preachers all the time, and kept them with the ease and luxury of a prince, they will vote for Belton for all time to come. The appointments were read out Tuesday night. I left Wednesday morning for home—Weatherford—stayed one night, took the cars next day for Clarendon, the main town in Panhandle, on the Fort Worth and Denver Railroad, 277 miles from Fort Worth. The Panhandle is the prettiest country in Texas. Clarendon is the county seat of Donley county, only two years old, with a population from 800 to 1000. Clarendon is the end of the passenger and freight division of the Fort Worth and Denver Railroad, with round house and repair shops. Here are fine farming and grazing lands. The school lands \$2 per acre, forty years to pay it in, five per cent annually, so any one can get a home.

This growing town has a bank and fine buildings for business purposes. The two Methodists and Baptists have organizations. Clarendon will soon be a city. They are now getting up subscription to build a Southern Methodist Church; also they are moving in the direction of a Southern Methodist college. It is the center and gateway to the Panhandle and all that western country beyond, taking in the Staked Plains and New Mexico. It is said to be the best watered county in the Panhandle, and I suppose no healthier place is to be found upon the globe. Will some man or woman, or both together, build to their memory an imperishable monument, by establishing a first-class college or university and call it after the name of the person who makes the donation? Let some one live in the memory of the coming generations. With an institution of good endowment, located in such a healthy locality, under the patronage of so large a denomination as the Methodist, both North and South, East and West, would draw patronage from the mississ, the yellow fever and cholera regions, which are so detrimental to schools and other enterprises. May the Spirit of God touch some hearts that will respond to these claims, and brighten all the future of this Western empire. Last, but not least, our Weatherford College is moving on finely, increasing all the time in favor with the people at home and abroad. Weatherford College is blessed with a refined people—no better town for religion and morality. The health of this locality is as good as any people could wish. Give to this college an endowment, placing it on an independent line, and the church and people will be proud of it for all time to come. There is a bright future for Weatherford College.

WEATHERFORD, TEXAS. SABBATH DISCRETION.

A great big "Amen," and God bless Bro. Pickett for writing just the article I have been hoping to see. I couldn't have written the article myself, but I can say, "Amen," as big as anybody in all this land. So say I, Amen.

T. H. Y. EXPERIENCE.

We cannot place too high a value on a sound religious experience. Orthodoxy is important; scriptural forms of worship are good; a life of obedience to the precepts of the word is imperatively demanded; but these are not of the essence of religion; however salutary their reflex influence on the moral character, they do not save. The soul in the hidden depths of its being must experience the power and grace of the gospel, subduing and cleansing it, renewing it in righteousness and true holiness, and working in it all right affections toward God and man. The faith of the head must become the trust of the heart, and the obedience of the life the expression of the filial love, confidence, and joy that reigns within. Our religion is of little worth as a source of strength, comfort, or satisfaction, and affords but a doubtful guarantee of future safety without such an experience.

But while we magnify the importance of this grace, we mistake if we make it the test of our spiritual life. There were some in the olden times who "turned the grace of God into lasciviousness." The best gifts of the Spirit, through the infirmity of our nature, may become a snare to us. Paul was in danger of being "exalted above measure by the abundance of the revelations." To make experience the interpreter of itself, and the test of our true condition, will inevitably involve us in difficulty, if not in dangerous delusion.

We may safely trust consciousness to report truly any thought, feeling, decision, or exercises of the soul at any given moment. But with the moral quality or spiritual significance of the soul's exercises consciousness has nothing to do. It cannot pronounce them either good or bad; it simply records the fact of such exercises, leaving the questions of their quality and meaning untouched. Such questions do not come within its domain. They can be decided only by appeal to another tribunal—the tribunal of God's word. We, therefore, palm upon ourselves a dangerous fallacy when we conclude with respect to the meaning of any experi-

ence simply on the ground that we are conscious of the fact of such experience. We are treading on ground still more deceptive and dangerous, if possible, when we claim any thing of authority for our experience per se, as against the non-experience of others. As the former is not necessarily right, so the latter is not necessarily wrong. On the contrary, one man's non-experience of any given exercise of the soul, when subjected to a crucial test, may be found of more value than the experience of ten thousand men. God's word is such a test, and the only infallible test that we have. The experience of the ten thousand cast into its alembic may prove to be "reprobate silver." There may be nothing in the word whereby such an exercise can be identified as a work of the Spirit; and on the other hand much to indicate that the Spirit produces no such fruit. In such a case the non-experience shows a far more hopeful spiritual state. It is, therefore, by no means safe to accept experience as in itself authoritative and its dictum as final in matters of personal religion. And no man is justified in saying, "I know I am right, because I and myriads of others are conscious of precisely the same feeling in regard to this question." Such an assumption will very likely soon furnish the proof of its erroneous-ness in its fruits. It will bring forth bigotry, intolerance and schism.

As already intimated, experience is to be tried and verified only at the bar of God's word. But in so far as we thus test it, it becomes inferential. We compare our state of soul, as certified by consciousness, with what we understand to be the state described in a given passage of Scripture, and infer agreement or the contrary. The inference is an act of judgment. But the judgment is fallible; it may not catch the exact meaning of the Scripture; it may fail in accuracy of discrimination and comparison; and may, therefore, pronounce agreement when none really exists. The danger of such erroneous decision is the more apparent when we consider our exceeding proneness to approve ourselves. Human nature, at its best estate, is compassed with infirmities. It has its prepossessions and prejudices ingrained in the very texture of its being. By these its judgments are always liable to be colored and warped. We may think ourselves perfectly candid and honest in our appeal to the Word as ultimate authority, when in fact, under the subtle influence of an antecedent feeling or a preconceived opinion, instead of making that Word the interpreter of the experience, we invert the method and make the experience the interpreter of the Word. We conclude, therefore, that inasmuch as our inferences deduced from the comparison of our exercises with the Word of God are the work of a fallible judgment we cannot safely rest in them as tests of our exact spiritual state. There may be error in the inference; and it may prove a fatal error.

What then? Would we involve the whole matter of personal religious experience in doubt and difficulty? By no means. We would not cause the faintest shadow of distrust to fit athwart the spiritual sky of God's feeblest servants. Hence, we caution them against judging themselves, or endeavoring to determine their state by their "frames and feelings," or by the processes of their own reason. Resting in these they may expect frequent darkness, perplexing uncertainty, and discouragement. Let them rather come into the light and walk in the light of an assured faith and hope. There is such a pathway of light, such a state of blissful assurance. We enter it, not as a result of observation, not by the indirect and doubtful steps of our own reason, but under the unerring guidance and by the direct operation of the Holy Ghost. It is written: "God hath sent forth the Spirit of His Son into your hearts, crying, Abba, Father!" and "The Spirit itself beareth witness with our spirit, that we are the children of God." This is enough. Here is a divine person attesting a specific spiritual relation. In that relation is involved and guaranteed all that the soul needs. He who is assured of it by the "direct, all-conclusive, and infallible" testimony of the Spirit cannot but "rejoice in hope of the glory of God."

But let it be borne in mind that this is a testimony to a fact of relationship, and not to any particular state or phase of the spiritual life. It is, however, the grandest and most important of all the facts of personal religion that "we are the children of God." And as we believe, it is the only fact of personal religion that is thus divinely attested. That we are the children of God, therefore, is the very highest profession that we can make on the authority of a divine witness.

And this is the experience that we advocate—not an experience of states and degrees depending largely on inference, and in no small measure on the state of the weather and the food we eat—but an experience which is of the operation of the Holy Ghost. The former may be deceptive; this is divine.—New York Advocate.

MISSIONARY.

As the Dark Continent is now attracting considerable attention, our readers will be interested in the following items from the Missionary Herald:

AFRICA. BRITISH ZAMBESIA.—This is a new name which has not appeared on any maps, but is yet to be widely known. The British government has just given a charter to a company to be called the British South African Company, similar to the British Imperial East African Company. The prominent men connected with the organization are: The Duke of Abconr, the Duke of Fife, Lord Gifford, and Mr. C. J. Rhodes, the latter being the leading spirit of the enterprise, who has been a resident in

South Africa for a long time. The sphere of operations of this company is vaguely defined, but covers the region north of Bechuana-land to the Zambesi; it also includes the territory of Lobengula, Matebele-land. The area is stated approximately as about four hundred thousand square miles, three times the size of Great Britain. The company, according to the London Times, is authorized to acquire whatever rights it can by concessions, as it has already acquired them in Lobengula's country, and to make laws for the preservation of public order. It is authorized also to abolish slavery and to regulate the traffic in intoxicating drinks. Mr. Rhodes, the leader of the company, has shown that he will use this authority, inasmuch as he has made treaties with many South African miners. This company is required to begin its operations within a year. The sum of £700,000 has already been subscribed for the building of a railway to Shoshong. The plan is to carry it north to the Zambesi, with branches to the right and left. The British government will see to it that the Zambesi is maintained as an international highway. The territory covered by this charter is exceedingly rich in many ways. There are great deposits of gold. Mr. Selous, who knows the region better than any one else, speaks in the strongest terms of the country north and northwest of Matebele-land. There is a vast table land 5000 feet high, well watered, having the richest soil and the finest climate, and he predicts that it will in the future be the great center of white colonization in South Africa.

ON THE CONGO.—The party of missionaries on the way from England to establish the Balolo Mission on the Congo are reported in the Regions Beyond for October as making good progress. We are especially interested in their account of Banza Manteke, the station of the American Baptist Missionary Union. They report that the missionary premises are in fine condition, the iron church capable of holding five hundred people standing in the middle of the site. Flocks of sheep and goats and of fowls abound. Whole towns in that region, formerly given up to idolatry and heathenism, are rejoicing in the light. The travelers saw a goodly number of Christians and the old king with a large company in the church singing with their utmost might. The travelers expressed more surprise that the people seemed more refreshed than tired by their strenuous efforts in singing. Many of the congregation came a long distance, and were not satisfied with less than two or three hours of preaching. Hitherto the work of the American Baptist Missionary Union on the Congo has been carried on by missionaries who were transferred from the English Livingstone Inland Mission. Now, however, two ordained Americans have gone out to this Congo Mission. The same journal, Regions Beyond (which, we may say parenthetically, is one of the most welcome of our exchanges), states that the station of Luluaberg, on the Kasai River, the great southern affluent of the Congo, is rapidly developing under the admirable government of Captain Bracconier. Buildings of solid burnt brick are being constructed; plantations of bananas, rice, and other articles are extending rapidly, and more than two hundred acres are already planted with manioc.

THE NIGER MISSION.—The Rev. W. Allan, of West Africa, thus summarizes the vast changes that have taken place since the gospel was first preached at Bonny in Africa: "The worship of the iguana is overthrown, the priest is a regular attendant at the house of God, and the iguana itself converted into an article of food. The Juju temple, which a few years ago was decorated with twenty thousand skulls of murdered victims, I found rotting away in ruin and decay. I passed through the grove which was formerly the receptacle of so many murdered infants, and I found it had become the regular highway from the town to the church, and that the priest was now a baptized Christian. At 11 o'clock I went ashore and addressed 885 worshippers, including the king, the three former heathen priests, chiefs, and a multitude of slaves, and was thankful to ascertain that the work of conversion was still going on; for, in addition to 648 persons already baptized, of whom 265 are communicants, there are over seven hundred at Bonny alone who are now under instruction."

SOUTH AFRICA. Migration of Bantu.—We have often referred to that remarkable Christian chieftain, Khame, of Shoshong. It seems that on account of the want of water in that region, this chieftain determined to migrate with his people, and he has now removed, with all his belongings, to a district called Cwapon, where there is a good supply of water. Khame is a strict prohibitionist, and his people have heeded his wishes, but they now come to within twenty or thirty miles of a British camp, and the question is whether they will not be corrupted by these foreigners. It is a sad comment on the character of foreigners who come to South Africa from Christian lands that they are so generally feared as a source of corruption to the natives.

THE ZAMBESI.—Letters from M. Coillard, dated November, 1888, which have recently reached the outer world, give interesting accounts of the Zambesi mission. M. and Madame Coillard were alone with the natives, M. Goy having gone with the two Basuto evangelists, Lefi and Aaron, to Sesheke. These devoted veterans were left with a

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school of forty-eight pupils, who were showing a better spirit and an ardent desire to learn. Three of the king's children from Lealui had been received among them, on condition that they should come without slaves and should be left entirely under the control of the missionaries. "What!" exclaimed the Princess Katoka, "our children go to Sefula without slaves? Never!" So an exception was made for two little slaves of the same age as the king's children, who play with them and attend school. The King Lewanika as well as the pupils were much disappointed that the children were not to be received as inmates of the temporary school building. "We will submit to any discipline; you may do with us what you will and the king will feed us," said Litica. The king is very active himself, and wished that the young people should learn to work. He could not see that M. Waddell had anything else to do than to teach them; he would furnish saws and planes himself. He is learning to read and write and makes astonishing progress. In turn he teaches his wives and servants. "What is wanting," says M. Coillard, "is an evangelist with a strong head and a good heart to live at the capital. At present the work here is certainly encouraging. Unhappily we can say no more. Oh, how we sigh for conversions! The people generally listen to the preaching with attention, that is all. There is not yet among our Zambesians a real thirst for the things of God. In our open-air services we are exposed to all sorts of interruptions which provoke a smile from the foolish. If the king comes, there is a thunder of hand-clapping. Strangers approaching cannot understand this strange gathering of people who sing without dancing and who listen to this white man who talks standing."

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The district steward is now in demand. The presiding elders are calling for them, and it is to be hoped that no one of them will fail to respond.

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If we do not entirely mistake the spirit of republicanism in the United States it will be a long time before congress adopts such measures as are indicated by the president.

Every citizen has the protection of the terror of the law to the wrong-doer. The spirit of republicanism handed down by our fathers remains sufficiently strong not to tolerate federal officers going about over the country with a body guard for their protection.

THE COLLECTION.

Do not fail to send your postoffice address to the ADVOCATE office immediately after conference, whether a change is made or not.

The ADVOCATE extends thanks to Revs. O. T. Hotchkiss, W. Wootton and Chas. A. Hooper for valuable aid in reporting the proceedings of Texas Conference.

WE were much surprised, and not a little mortified, not long since, on visiting a Methodist Sunday-school in a city church, to find it supplied with Cook's papers. Our church has a Sunday-school department which furnishes an excellent literature, and our people ought to patronize it.

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THE Southern Churchman, speaking of the effort to change the name of the Protestant Episcopal Church, has this very sensible sentence: "When we are the church of the American people let us by all means call ourselves 'The American Church,' but until we are let us be content with the more modest, not to say a more descriptive, name."

THE Montana Methodist says: The preachers of the Montana Conference are manifesting more interest in our paper than they ever did before.

YEARS ago we received occasional letters from an old friend who removed to Texas, and very soon observed his frequent use of adjectives in the superlative degree.

When we read this we pondered another item: The two copiers of that conference sold last year only \$219 worth of books.

Well, you see, Bro. Bennett, Bishop Key is a "superlative" man, and Texas is a "superlative" State, so that the Bishop did not have to undergo much change in order to become Texanized.

A FEW MINUTES WITH THE PRESS.

What the Papers Think and Say.

Zion's Herald asks a question: The time-spirit is surely making Christianity a thing more of this world and less of some other world—making it more a fact and less a theory.

THE Pittsburg Advocate is very much surprised: The case is not as bad as at first reported, but every citizen who loves his country and desires to respect its rulers will profoundly regret that Mr. Morton has any connection whatever with this national iniquity.

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that though his negroes were gone he still had his religion left. He considered it worth just as much to him as ever, and promptly assessed himself the usual one hundred dollars that he had been accustomed to pay.

A preacher spoke of the church fairs they had been giving. Bishop Key said: "I wish our people would quit that folly; they are cutting the sinews of war."

Bro. Tom Murrill, a lay delegate from Austin, in placing this city in nomination for the seat of the next conference, among other things said: "The people of our good city will welcome you; will give you plenty to eat, good beds on which to sleep; will furnish you buggies and carriages in which to enjoy some of the finest drives in the State and view the most beautiful scenery—in fact, I feel authorized to say that we can offer you almost all that heart could wish."

A visit to the "bluffs" just across the river was enjoyed by many members of the conference. From this lofty height a splendid view of the surrounding country can be enjoyed.

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as sweet." He went to a house just about dark and found no one at home, but a good old lady who answered his knock with "who's there?"

A few days ago they had district conference at this place, and the preacher from Austin was assigned a home with the hospitable jailer; he came by way of Ledbetter and then took a hack; that hack had often brought offenders and law breakers to the jail at La-Grange, and when it drove up the clerical passenger from Austin, the little son of the jailer who was playing about a block distant, thinking they were going to put a prisoner in came running, throwing up his hands and hallooing: "Don't put him in, papa, till I see him."

Five young men of promise were received into full connection: J. L. Kennedy, J. M. Gober, C. A. Hooper, J. M. Adams, and G. J. Leeth. As they stood at the door of the conference, Bishop Granbery addressed them, in substance: "My young brethren, I rejoice that you stand here to-day for admission into full connection."

Perhaps the busiest man in La-Grange the past week was Bro. A. T. Bradshaw. He is one of those men who may properly be termed "a whole team in himself" on occasions of this sort. He looked well to the comfort and pleasure of the entire conference, while his good wife kept "open house" during the week.

HOME CONFERENCES.

PERSONALS.

Rev. Geo. W. Owens' postoffice is Dallas (Oak Cliff box).

The postoffice address of Rev. A. B. Trimble is Harold, Texas.

The Rev. L. L. Naugle passed through the city en route to his charge at Belleview, and gave us a call.

The Bosque Citizen says: Rev. W. V. Jones preached an able sermon on "Life," at the M. E. Church, South, last Sunday.

Fort Worth Gazette: Rev. J. Fred Cox, presiding elder of Fort Worth district, Methodist Episcopal Church, South, will remove to Fort Worth soon.

New Orleans Advocate: Bishop Key preached morning and night last Sunday in Carondelet Street Church to a large and appreciative audience.

The following, under date of Dec. 3, is from Rev. Chas. E. Lamb, of Denison, Texas: "The Rev. Jas. C. Dailey, a superannuated member of the Southwest Missouri Conference, died in this city this morning. He was a good and faithful preacher of the gospel, and he died in peace with God and man."

We have received the following sad note from Bro. J. M. Foster, secretary and member Board of Stewards: "Our dear Bro. Jesse Scruggs is no more on this earth; he departed this life Saturday, 7th, at 1:15 p. m., and is now with the redeemed above. I will not attempt to do justice to an obituary of him, but will leave it to his pastor, Bro. Brooks, who is at conference. We, as a church, need the prayer and sympathy of all."

Central Methodist: Last week, in the absence of the editor, brief mention was made of the appointment of Rev. J. W. Hampton to Abilene, Texas, in the Northwest Texas Conference. While brother Hampton is one of the most laborious, zealous, and self-denying preachers we have ever known, hence always successful; yet much of his success is due to his earnest, consecrated, Christian wife, who is as abundant in labors as is her husband. To her, more than any other woman, is due the organization and efficient working of the Conference Missionary Society, and later the Parsonage Society. She not only helps her husband in his pastoral duties, but leads the women in the special work committed to them. No two persons would be more seriously

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missed from our ranks, and they will bear to their Texas home the good wishes and earnest prayers of all our people.

Denton.

W. H. LeFevre, Dec. 5: I reached here Tuesday. Am now ready for another year's hard work. I want one hundred conversions in Denton station this year; want to put an ADVOCATE in every family, which should be the minimum work of a Methodist preacher. The preacher that circulates our papers and books will always have a good report at an annual conference. Denton is a beautiful town and pleasant to live in.

San Augustine and Sexton.

Chas. F. Smith, Dec. 2: Next Sunday's services will close my work with this pleasant charge. This year has in all points been the most pleasant of the four. My successor may count himself fortunate. He will find plenty to do and an appreciative people. The work has moved slowly, but smoothly, hardly a jar. Assessments are paid in full.

Pilot Point.

W. W. Graham, Dec. 7: We also have had a cordial reception in this our new charge. The brethren met us at the depot, and the sisters at the parsonage, making me feel very much at home indeed. We find a magnificent church and a splendid parsonage well furnished, but what is better than all, a prominent brother, as he took my hand at the parsonage gate yesterday, said: "My brother, we hope to have a good spiritual year." Certainly we have a goodly heritage.

Granbury.

Sam'l Weaver, Dec. 4: By the appointing power of our church, I have been assigned to the Granbury station for this conference year; and when I arrived here I was met by a very kind, hospitable people, who gave us a hearty welcome and with whom we have spent two Sundays and we trust to profit. So far all things have gone on very well. We find plenty of work here that needs to be done, as the pastor of this charge last year was sick and had to give up the work before the year was out, and though the work was filled by able local brethren, yet they could not spare the time from other duties to do the full work of a pastor. So it will keep us busy for some time to get all things well in hand. We have a good Sunday-school and prayer-meeting, and also a fine school at the Granbury College, which is at this place, under the superintendency of Judge Onions, with a splendid faculty. And, as I have been able to learn, every one is well pleased with the school, and we shall look for success for the Granbury College this year; and also most devoutly pray that God may bless the church at this place with a gracious revival this year.

Marysville.

S. Nelson, Dec. 6: In your last issue you say: "Send up brief notices of poundings," etc. In obedience to the request I report that the good people of Marysville circuit, irrespective of denominations, did on last night bring many dainties to the Methodist parsonage for the benefit of its occupants. We cannot enumerate, for there were many, many good and valuable things brought to us. I truly thank them for their kind welcome back, and pray God to assist me in doing them much good in spiritual things. The financial and spiritual outlook is good. I make this assertion from the fact that many of my people are paying me part of their assessment at the beginning of the year. O that all God's people would remember the temporal wants of their preacher in the early part of his ministry; then he and his good wife would be saved many a headache. This they will do when their souls are aglow with the divine love. As my people are doing to me and mine as they would wish to be done unto them and their under like circumstances, I conclude that they are all right spiritually.

Dallas.

D. P. Brown, secretary: Dallas preachers met Monday morning in the parsonage of the First Church. Present: Allen, Hay, Hanson, Brown, J. R. Allen was made president and D. P. Brown, secretary. Religious services by Bro. Hay. It was decided to continue the preachers' organization; to invite the pastors of Cochran and Caruth, Oak Cliff and West Dallas works, and all preachers of Dallas, local and traveling, to assemble in a Dallas preachers' meeting. The meeting will be held Monday, at 10 a. m., at the parsonage of the First Church, 329 Live Oak street. Trinity—Good day; large congregations; two accessions by certificates, one by baptism. Floyd Street—Splendid congregations morning and night; four accessions by letter. Oak Lawn—Services morning and night by the pastor; good interest; church going on to completion. First Church—In the morning a memorial service was held in honor of Jefferson Davis; house packed; two accessions by letter, one application for membership. Church conference organized for the year. The night service was for the benefit of the Woman's Missionary Society. Self-denial offering \$14.85. Questions of the city church work were discussed and the meeting adjourned.

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Some farmers are selling their farms by the bushel or ton, and they don't know it.

Thanks Returned. Lou Clark, Dec. 9: Kindly permit me space to return the thanks of my husband, Rev. W. F. Clark, and myself, to the kind young ladies of East Dallas, composing the surprise party who so lavishly pounded us on Tuesday night last at our late residence in their midst.

Alvord.

T. J. Minnis, Dec. 6: I reached my work on the 4th, and found my people building a parsonage, which will be ready for us to move into by the 10th. This is a good country and farmers have made a good crop. Alvord is on a "big boom." The people are kind, generous and delightful entertainers. I hope to have a good year—one of spiritual profit and improvement.

Abbott.

S. B. Ellis, Dec. 9: The quarterly conference for Abbott circuit met at this place Saturday and Sunday last. There was a good attendance of officials, and one of the most harmonious sessions I ever saw—not a particle of friction. Of course we had good preaching, for Bro. Cox never fails to give his hearers something to think of, as well as profit by. The assessment for the preacher in charge was six hundred dollars, which will meet all necessary expenses, especially when there is constantly coming in from kind-hearted friends such donations as has already found their way into the parsonage, namely: potatoes, eggs, butter, beef, wood, a fine turkey, etc. We truly regretted leaving Itasca where we had so many dear friends and had been so kindly treated, but like David we can say: "Our lines have fallen to us in pleasant places." Fifty dollars were raised to add some needed furniture, and make internal improvements on the parsonage. We have already a good house, and with the contemplated improvements in addition, it will be one of the neatest and best parsonages in the conference.

Itasca.

J. W. Sanson, P. C., Dec. 6: I suppose it will be in order for me to report that on Wednesday after returning from conference, I landed with my family in Itasca. I found Bro. Ellis packed up ready to give possession; also found the parsonage undergoing some repairs, to add to the comfort of the preacher and his family, under the management of the Ladies' Aid Society. God bless the good women of our church. I left in Abbott circuit a good people, and find the same here. I also find after looking over the plan of this circuit and size of it, that if the preacher keeps up all the interests of his Master on this circuit he will hardly have to resort to making "fence posts" for indignation. We observed Thanksgiving Day here. Stores closed and a very interesting service held at the Baptist Church, the pastors of the Cumberland Presbyterian, Baptist and Methodist Churches of this place participating. The sermon, which was indeed impressive, was delivered by Rev. J. M. Glass, pastor of the Baptist Church.

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American Statesmen. Among the notable features of the Youth's Companion next year will be a series of popular articles on the methods of government. "The Senate" will be treated by Senator Hoar, "The House" by the Hon. John G. Carlisle, and "The Opposition" by the Hon. Thomas B. Reed. Mr. Blaine will also contribute an important article to the series.

The January number of SCRIBNER'S MAGAZINE will appear with additional space and a new department at the end of the number devoted under the title "THE POINT OF VIEW." An opportunity is here given to the best writers for a brief and familiar discussion of subjects of both passing and permanent interest. In the January number the subjects touched in this column are widely and universally successful in business pursuits. These Colleges received, over all others, the five and only premium competed for by business colleges at the late Dallas Fair.

"The Housewife," New York City, opens its Christmas number with the first chapter of "TRIP," a powerful story, by FLIZABETH STUART PHELPS, author of "The Gates Ajar." A more beautiful story this gifted author has never written. The scene is laid in the plague-stricken city of Jacksonville, Fla., and the experiences of "TRIP" are related in so thrilling a way that each reader feels himself a party in the soul-stirring incidents that overtake the hero and his friends, and must be the better for the acquaintanceship with the noble qualities of "TRIP."

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THE REGENT OF THE SOUTHWESTERN. I have received the resignation of the Rev. J. W. Holdt, D. D., as Regent of the Southwestern University, to take effect on the 20th inst. According to the law governing the University, the Rev. J. B. McLean, D. D., will take charge, as Vice-Regent, until the meeting of the Board of Curators, in June, 1890, unless the Board should be called to meet earlier by a constitutional number of Curators.

J. M. BINKLEY, President Board Curators. SHERMAN, Dec. 7, 1889.

UNANSWERED LETTERS. Dec. 4—I M Woodward, two postals, sub. B H Webster, sub. C S Field, sub. J T H Miller, sub. J D Crockett, sub. Sam P Wright, sub. Job work sent long time, J G Walker, sub. J O Jordan, sub. H B Henry, sub. H S Thrall, sub. J T Bloodworth, sub. J B Guber, sub. G W Graves, sub. J H Foster, trials and subs. J H Collier, sub. Dr. Todd, sub. J J Davis, sub. T C

DelFew, sub: anything to cure complaints of it with us—E S Boyd, "trial." J Heipenstiel, sub. E R Barcu, subs. Dec. 5—J H White, sub. Geo S Wyatt, sub. J G Putnam, sub. M B Johnson, sub. J P Mussel, sub. A C Benson, sub. Lebe "did." A F Cox, sub. J R Wages, sub: S—wants to know how you like it; will it be safe case, beehive? W H LeFevre, sub. J W Vest, two cards, subs. J C Williams, sub. W H Brown, subs. B H Passmore sub. Dec. 6—Jno R Steele, sub. C E Lamb, sub. A W Gibson, subs. J R Jones, sub. W B McKown, sub. C E Statham, sub. C W Goodwin, sub. Jas W Story, sub. E M Sweet, sent. O M Addison, sub. Mrs N J Mauldin, will ship one. Dec. 7—W H LeFevre, will send. J W McDonald, sub. E A Smith, sub. R A Hay, subs. R M Chenuit, sub. W Daniel, sub. J R Barden, subs. C W Dan'l, hard to make some folks any account, aren't they? L G Watkins, sub. Wm J Lemmons, subs. U J Morton, sub. D F Brown, o. k. J T Smith, sub. A G Nolen, sub. E B Thompson, sub. L M Fowler, sub. Hammond, sub. M Baker, sub. J Hammond, sub. R M Morris, sub. Kott Hodson, sub. R R Raymond, sub. J T H Miller, sub. L Gregory, sub. T Bloodworth, sub. L M Fowler, sub. H M Glass, subs. E T Bates, sub. T B Lane, sub. H B Henry, 3 cards, subs. V Jones, sub. W H LeFevre, sub. Dec. 11—J T H Miller, changes. K Browning, sub. J T Trice, sub. T F Dimmitt, sub. W J Joyce, sub. Sam Morris, sub. J H Morris, sub. H P S—more, sub. S. H Chambliss, sub. Wm J Lemmons, sub. T B Lane, sub. J R Williams, sub.

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BOOKS RECEIVED. [As this paper has no special literary editor, we have not the time to review all the books sent us, and therefore will only select from them for notice such as we think the interests of our readers demand. We will, however, publish promptly an acknowledgment of all books received.] "Joe: A Boy in the War Time," by R. W. Bigham. Sunday-school Department. J. D. Barber, Agent, Nashville, Tenn. Pages, 226. Price, 40 cents.

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Marriages. MOORE-MANUM - At the residence of the bride's father, D. S. Manum, Oct. 24, 1889, by Rev. J. Joseph Davee, Rev. W. P. Moore and Miss Josie B. Manum; all of Mason county, Texas.

ADAMS-MILLICAN - In the Methodist church, Milligan, on Sunday night, Dec. 1st, 1889, by Rev. J. M. Adams, of the Texas Annual Conference, and Miss Marie Milligan, Rev. J. M. Wes officiating.

HARRISON-SANDERS - At the M. E. Church, South, in Taylor, Nov. 23, at 7:30 P. M. Mr. Edward G. M. Smith, Nov. 23, 1889, of the Rev. J. D. Burke, Mr. J. W. Forester, and Miss Nannie W. Sanders, Rev. E. Hightower officiating.

Obituaries. The space allowed obituaries, twenty to twenty-five lines; or about 175 to 180 words. The privilege of ordering obituaries to appear in full is reserved for those who desire it.

COOPER - Leroy L., son of Dr. J. L. and Rosa Cooper, was born Feb. 7th, 1887, and departed this life Nov. 25th, 1889, his little body having been afflicted with a disease which took him of his life in the arms of a young child.

NEELY - Mrs. J. A. Neely was born Dec. 1, 1853, in the State of Georgia; was converted at camp-meeting in 1851; was married to J. A. Neely Aug. 25, 1852; she bore six children, three of whom are living.

McNILL - Jennie, only daughter of W. B. and L. J. McNill, was one of the brightest and prettiest of the girls I ever knew; the light of her home, a very fount of affection, its streams permeating the whole realm of her acquaintance; perhaps no one of her age had more friends than she; indeed every body loved her.

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HOOKER - Mrs. Nannie Hooker was born October 15, 1850, in Russell county, Alabama, and died at her home in Oakwood, Leon county, Texas, Nov. 15, 1889. She was married to W. G. Hooker February 16, 1881, and was the happy mother of two sweet little girls.

McCULLOUGH - Henry Weaver McCullough, born Oct. 17, 1866, in Wayne county, Missouri; was converted and joined the Methodist Episcopal Church, South, in Commerce, Texas, July, 1887, under the ministry of Rev. A. P. Smith; died, after a lingering illness, at the home of his father, in Commerce, Texas, Nov. 10, 1889.

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