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All ministers in active work in the M. E. Church, South, in Texas, are agents and will receive and receipt for subscriptions.

In a conversation with Mr. Rankin, the superintendent in this State, we learned that that city was no exception in that respect, but that it is rather getting to be the exception to find a town with a Bible depository in it.

THE BONE OF CONTENTION.

The discussion on the best use of the produce of the Publishing House still goes on. The main point at issue is whether it should be applied to the support of the conference claimants as allowed by the sixth restrictive rule.

- 1. The Publishing House should not be run to make money. 2. The application of the produce to the conference claimants will hinder the liberality of the people and cause the claimants to get less instead of a better support.

to go beyond. Or if it be said that the demand will continually increase, and therefore the business should be proportionately extended, then still there is a limit to the rate of extension.

The whole matter then is narrowed down to one or two simple questions, viz: Whether the business of the Publishing House shall be so managed as to yield, under fair circumstances, a moderate produce?

These reasons, though somewhat plausible and entertained by some prominent men and journals, are, we think, not sufficient to justify the proposed change. The first reason given above, considered as a proposition within itself, is true, but it does not follow therefore that because the produce is applied to the claimants the object of the Publishing House is to make money.

REV. N. A. CRAVEN. The Texas Conference is bereaved in the death of the Rev. N. A. Craven, who was a superannuated member of that conference.

THE COLLECTION.

We have several more papers for the Symposium, which will be published next week. The publication of the present issue closes the proposition for articles, as we cannot publish as a part of the Symposium any article written after this issue.

We hope all our preachers and people will consider what Bro. E. L. Armstrong has to say on the expenses of the delegates to the General Conference. The deficit is not confined to the Northwest Texas Conference, but to all the conferences.

Is a private note Dr. J. D. Barbee says: "How is Texas? Prosperous, every way, I hope. Grand State and a

great people. A delightful Methodism. I always pack my grip with pleasure to visit Texas." The Doctor's admiration for Texas is reciprocated. To our certain knowledge, much of Texas got "stuck" on him while here.

THE LOS ANGELES ADVOCATE is opposed to giving the "surplus" to the conference claimants, but favors using it to publish more books and two or three papers, especially one on the Pacific coast.

We are obliged for an invitation to visit, with other skeptics, Mecca: FORTSMYTH, March 4, 1890.—Rev. James Campbell, My subscription expires in April. When the time expires please stop sending it till further notice.

T. F. TURK. MRS. SUE F. MOONEY: Among the newspapers the TEXAS ADVOCATE is our Friday feast. In our little circle we have a good time reading it, enjoying it all the more for the week's work.

By Parent Board to provide for our conference claimants, I understand a board created by the General Conference for that purpose, to which all annual conference boards would be subordinate and auxiliary.

We have received the marriage card of Mr. O. F. Sensabaugh and Miss Daisy Lane. We wish them much happiness.

Rev. C. O. JONES: THE ADVOCATE constantly improves, but I do not like the fine print in this week's issue.

SOUTHERN METHODISM.

News, Views and Personals. —Some revivals are being reported to the different Advocates which come in this office.

—Dr. S. A. Steele, in St. Louis Advocate: The simple truth is, our Methodist Episcopal brethren have no work to do here.

—Rev. T. J. Duncan in Alabama Advocate: I am glad you let the brethren of the quill know that you stand not alone in the battle for the Sixth Restrictive Rule. I am not looking for anything to accrue to our worn-out brethren, their widows and orphans, soon; but it is a matter of principle.

DEATHS.

Mr. Ira Batt was born at Cameron, Texas, some time near the year of our Lord 1862, and died at Sonora, Texas, January 23, 1890.

Rev. J. B. Gober, of Rosalie, writes: Mrs. E. A. Fagan died at Deport, Lamar county, Texas, March 3, 1890.

A SYMPOSIUM.

are direct, simple, and without cost, every dollar raised for the claimants finds its way into their hands.

I AM OPPOSED to a connecional fund. I believe it would weaken our collections. I favor each annual conference having its own board, elected by its own members.

I DO NOT think a Parent Board ought to be created. Am opposed to its being made a connecional fund.

1. It would multiply machinery, which is not desirable. 2. Would necessitate salaried officers, thereby requiring an expenditure of a part of this sacred fund.

3. Would destroy largely the present inspiration in giving. If our liberality would not reach its maximum contributing to the loved ones of Alexander, Whipple, Thomas, and the illustrious that have crossed the river, nothing would develop it.

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First, it will be equitable to our small conferences, and especially to those fields that are more or less sanitariums. We have such fields, and they have enabled us to get several years' excellent work out of brethren in every way competent to work anywhere except in health.

Under this plan such bequests as the Colvin could be secured and taken care of. It might be secured by the agent of the house, already overworked, could turn over the surplus of the house to the board for division and management.

THE ESTABLISHING of a Parent Board to take charge of the interests of the conference claimants may not be free from objections (nor is any human plan), yet I favor its adoption.

I believe our present plan to raise funds for our conference claimants, while it is not perfect, is the best of which we have any knowledge. Each conference board bears on its own great burden.

I suppose those who entertain the idea of a Parent Board would be in favor of applying the profits of the book concern to this fund, and thus pay the salaries of these claimants.

Moreover, an organized board would concentrate the influence of the entire church in behalf of the claimants, which would tell more powerfully upon their interests.

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CONFERENCE BOARD can always attain a more perfect knowledge of the need of its own claimants than those who would have control of the general fund could possibly have. Hence there would always be a more satisfactory distribution twenty per cent shortage in collections and we have for these wards of the church the pitiful sum of less than \$100 a piece!

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The more intimately a board is connected with the work before it the better; and the more intelligently can the work be done.

—Rev. J. M. Porter: The grip has had me down for three weeks and am not well yet.

—Rev. E. L. Armstrong, in a private note says: "Bishop Key has been with us and gave universal satisfaction."

—Bro. J. A. Davis, of Weatherford, gave the ADVOCATE a pleasant call this week.

—Wolf City Chronicle: The editor of the Chronicle and Rev. W. F. Clark enjoyed a quail hunt and an excellent dinner last Monday at the farm of Mr. J. L. Greer, two miles east of the city.

—Robt. C. Allen: It is with a sad heart that I have to give notice through the ADVOCATE that my health has failed and I have had to give up my work.

—Bro. T. W. Dealy, a live steward of St. James Church, Dallas, Tex., died in Dallas this week.

—G. W. Graves, of Dallas, has missed two appointments at Salado.

—Mrs. Viola Hunt organized a Parnassus Society at Italy, Northwest Texas Conference, on the 6th of March.

—This unique, irrepressible, magnetic, and best of all, godly genius has been in our State at Tyler, and God has blessed his labors in the conversion of hundreds.

These have all been published, and I will not attempt to give a plate of them. The first was rich in imitability of wit and humor, and just did have enough of gospel and earnestness to lead to redemption.

THE SERMONS. These have all been published, and I will not attempt to give a plate of them.

THE PREACHER. As a preacher, not merely as an attractive talker, which every one knows he is, he is first-class.

