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TEXAS ANNUAL CONFERENCES. New Mexico, El Paso, Texas, Bishop Fitzgerald, Aug. 27. West Texas, San Antonio, Texas, Bishop Galloway, Oct. 29.

For \$4.50 we will send the ADVOCATE one year to any address and give one copy of Webster's Unabridged Dictionary, postage prepaid.

HUMAN LIFE AND UNBELIEF. We once heard a professed skeptic declare that the present life was enough of life for him.

flex influence when such things are done in the consciousness of immortality, of acting under God's everlasting government. The outcome, then, is measured not by time, but by eternity. Under the Christian system, the smallest act of goodness is great and inspires the soul with high thoughts and noble feelings; because all of life is considered as related to God and to everlasting results.

Really, we are not at all surprised that a bishop of the P. E. Church should try to proselyte a Methodist preacher. It is nothing new. Many an effort has succeeded better, and no

doubt the bishop will not be altogether discouraged at his failure on one Methodist preacher. We confess that we do not cry when those who cannot live religiously with us take their departure, but we do insist that the bishop be sure that he has a real case of "mad" before he makes an attempt. It would be real funny if a Methodist should join the P. E. Church without being "real mad" with somebody.

THE COLLECTION.

REVIVALS are now the order of the day. Let every Methodist pray for a revival throughout the church. A revival is within the reach of every congregation. No church need despair because it cannot secure the services of Sam Jones or other evangelist; you can get the Holy Ghost by asking.

TEN men were looking at a shaft of the finest marble. Nine of them were filled with admiration. They admired the grandeur of the shaft. They admired the beauty of the marble and the artistic finish which had been put upon it.

ONLY two or three weeks since a lady published a notice in this paper that she wished to give some girl or young lady a good home. She has a notice in this issue that she has received so many applicants that she cannot answer them all individually.

THE late General Conference cost the church \$27,000. It is a good thing that it means only once in four years.—Raleigh Advocate. That was a fearful financial strain on the church, surely. Just think of it, it cost the church about two cents per member to entertain for a month her highest legislative body!

THE Nashville Advocate declares for itself in the following the only consistent policy any church paper can adopt: "While we are on this subject, we may as well say that the Christian Advocate cannot be used either to oppose or to endorse any political party. It belongs to the whole church, not to any mere clique or section. While we are responsible for its utterances, we shall not suffer it to be diverted from its high office of representing the church in all matters that come within the scope and sphere of ecclesiastical action, nor to be turned aside to meddling with affairs that are outside of these well defined limits."

AMONG the wise acts of the Board of Trust of Vanderbilt University is the encouragement given to high ministerial education by establishing a number of free scholarships in the Biblical Department of the University. These scholarships yield \$100 each, which, in addition to free tuition and room rent, will pay the cost of board and entrance fees for the scholastic year.

THE church who may desire to enjoy and profit by the superior advantages offered here to all who are preparing for the ministry of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South. The College of Bishops, as members of the Board of Trust, are in a special and important sense the supervisors of this department of the university.

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TEXAS PERSONALS.

—Dr. James Young, the old temperance lecturer, passed through Dallas this week en route from Florida to Sherman, Texas, to visit his daughter.

—The Rev. S. R. Hay, the popular pastor of Floyd Street, has been on the sick list, but we are glad to report him convalescent.

—The Rev. Julian Woodson, of the North Texas Conference, got married on date unknown, to Mrs. Bettie Aiken, of Mooringsport, La. We hope for them much happiness.

—The Rev. W. H. Ardis, of the East Texas Conference, has improved in health some since conference, but he has not been able to preach. It is hard work for a preacher to desist from his beloved work. May grace be sufficient.

—We are indebted this week to the following brethren for pleasant calls. Rev. J. Wilson, M. D.; Rev. B. Lewis, J. T. Riley, Rev. D. J. Martin, Rev. J. W. Hearn, Rev. H. C. Parrott, Rev. G. S. Inge, C. G. Shutt and Rev. Joseph Jemison.

—Bro. W. R. D. Stockton's congregation at Gatesville has granted him leave of absence for a few weeks. He will have left with his wife on July 1 for Eureka Springs, Arkansas. We hope the water and the rest will do for him all that he desires.

—We greatly sympathize with Bro. C. I. McWhirter, whose hearing has grown so defective that it is with difficulty he distinguishes between sounds which are similar. He was secretary at the late Dallas District Conference, and while calling the roll he called the name of Bro. Hawks, of Floyd Street Church, who was not present to answer to his name, but just at that instant a calf in the churchyard bawled as if in great distress, and the secretary marked the brother present. It may be that this affliction in hearing is the result of too much loud preaching. The preacher should always speak loud enough to be heard, but extravagant in voice is an injury to the speaker if not to the hearer. As we have never heard the brother preach, this is only a surmise.

SOUTHERN METHODISM.

—Sam Jones will begin a tabernacle meeting July 6, at Moberly, Mo.

—Bishop Fitzgerald will dedicate a church at Pine Bluff, Arkansas, July 3.

—Statesville and Asheville both want the first session of the new Western North Carolina Conference.

—The Rev. O. N. Boggess, who has been serving the church at Albuquerque, N. M., is compelled, on account of sickness, to give up his work.

—Judge East, of Nashville, has declined to serve on the Book Committee, on which he was appointed by the General Conference.

—Mrs. Smith and Morrison, the new Missionary Secretaries, have been at Nashville consulting with Dr. John about the work. It is said they will be in the field soon.

—St. Louis Advocate: B. M. Messick, D. D., pastor of St. John's Church, this city, was elected to the chair of Practical Theology in Vanderbilt University, and notified by telegraph, but did not feel free to accept.

—Dr. John W. Boywell, late assistant editor of the Nashville Advocate, left Nashville on the 20th instant for St. Louis, where he will assume the pastoral charge of the First Methodist Episcopal Church, South.

—Nashville Advocate: The assistant editor, Dr. E. M. Bounds, will spend the next two or three weeks with his family at Washington, Ga. He is not in the most vigorous health and needs a little rest to build him up.

—Vanderbilt University sends out four missionaries this year: Revs. O. E. Brown and T. A. Hearne to China, and Revs. John L. Bruce and R. C. Dixon to Brazil. Our best prayers go with these consecrated and cultivated young brethren.

—Nashville Advocate: The Nashville Methodist Aid Society is the name of a commendable organization formed to promote church extension within the city limits. Its officers are: Col. E. W. Cole, President; Wm. M. McCarthy, Vice-President; T. B. Holt, Secretary and Treasurer; Rev. G. W. Wingo, General Agent; T. P. Weakley, J. S. Frazer and R. W. Turner, Executive Committee.

—Nashville Advocate: Bishop Hargrove has appointed Rev. R. A. Willis presiding elder of the New Berne District, to succeed the late Rev. Dr. Mann as pastor at New Berne. Rev. W. S. Rone, of Kinston, is appointed presiding elder, and Rev. M. H. Tuttle, of LaGrange, has been appointed to Kinston. Rev. G. G. Harley, of Fayetteville, a graduate of Wofford College will succeed Bro. Tuttle at LaGrange.

—J. L. Mathison, in Alabama Advocate: I suppose there never was such a demand upon the press for light diet as now. The demand is great, but the supply is insufficient. The mails are scattering it broadcast over the land,

and the boys have tons of it on all the trains. Put on your big kettle and make us so no good, thin soup, for we are hungry for something light and funny. In some communities lightness passes for smartness. This smiling serpent has crept into the church, and, like Eli's sons, has polluted the sacrifices and caused men to abhor the offerings of the Lord. They handled the ordinances in such a light, unscriptural manner, till the whole thing was degraded and loathed by the people. That is just the work that this funny devil (levity) is doing for the church to-day—polluting the house of God. You find it in every department of the church work.

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SOUTHWESTERN UNIVERSITY. Annual Report of the Faculty for the Session of 1889-90.

In presenting this, the seventeenth annual report, of the faculty of the Southwestern University, we have great occasion for devout recognition of the hand of God in the measure of prosperity which has attended the university from its humble beginnings...

NUMBERS. We have the pleasure of reporting the largest attendance known in the history of the university—an advance of twenty-five over last year, and twenty-one in excess of any former year...

RELIGION. We are thankful to report, as usual, a work of grace in connection with our school work. Our pastor reports about one hundred conversions and relocations among the students during the session...

DISCIPLINE. Our discipline is mild, but firm and largely parental. Violations of law receive prompt attention. The general deportment of the school has been very gratifying...

FITTING SCHOOL. This department has had unparalleled success under the administration of Prof. E. R. Williams, assisted by Prof. W. W. Works, and temporarily by Rev. S. B. Arcus...

LADIES' AGENCIES. The completion of the new building, with its commodious and well-furnished apartments, has met a long-felt want...

CORRELATION. As the basis of our success in the past and vital to our interests in the future, we wish to keep constantly before the mind of the church the organic act of the several annual conferences...

HOME CONFERENCES. (Continued from first page.) times aided by others. We prayed God to show forth his mighty arm here. We praise God for his goodness...

Jefferson. O. P. Thomas, June 24: So far, we have had a pleasant year at Jefferson. Here we find faithful men and women, true to all the interests of the church...

Garland. H. C. Parrott, June 28: Out great revival at Garland closed Monday night, in about five days, increasing in intensity every day...

Children's Camp-Meeting. The Children's camp-meeting is to be held July 18-27. Everybody, and especially former pastors, cordially invited.

District Conferences. Galveston District. Brethren, please send me the number and names of your delegates to our district conference...

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