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HOME CONFERENCES.

Mineral Wells.

H. L. Harris, Oct. 27: Gracious revival at this place; over 200 conversions on the work; 135 accessions. There will be no deficit in finance.

Livingston Circuit.

J. M. Porter, Oct. 20: Have just closed a meeting of ten days at Corrigan, in which the Lord graciously manifested himself to his people. A better little meeting was never my good fortune to attend. Penitents came to the altar and sought the Lord in the old-time way. Christians got happy and shouted aloud; family altars erected and re-erected, and a general quickening of the entire membership; worshipped our new house and will have it ready for dedication the fourth Sunday in November. Corrigan is up financially every way. Hope to have a full report at conference. Seven members received during the meeting. Bro. Angel, my local preacher, did splendid work during the time.

Clifton.

G. W. Harris, Oct. 28: I am closing up my last report for this year. We have had 102 conversions and 103 added to the church. The collections are coming up very well. The Mount Pleasant people made me a nice present of suit of clothes, costing \$17. Mr. John Weeks and Bro. W. J. Barton took the lead in this offering. May God bless them and all the people of their community. The ladies of Coon Creek gave me the finest friendship quilt I ever saw. This quilt bears the names of many of the noblest Christian ladies of the land. Oh, God, let thy richest blessings rest on them. There are as kind a people on this mission as any preacher ever served.

Austin.

E. B. Chappell, Oct. 28: A two weeks' meeting held at the Tenth Street Church closed last Sunday night. Rev. G. W. Briggs, of Florence, Alabama, did all the preaching, and more earnest, powerful and effective revival sermons I never heard. Almost from the beginning the church was crowded with people, and hundreds were deeply impressed by the preacher's presentation of the truths of the gospel. Many church members were lifted to a higher plane of Christian life. How many conversions? Well, we didn't try to count much. A large class joined the church last Sunday morning, among them a number of prominent and influential citizens. Others will come. Our church is alive and consequently is growing.

Wills Point.

G. F. Boyd, Oct. 30: Our new church was dedicated Sunday by Bishop Key. The day was beautiful and the congregation large. The services were full of truth and delivered with power and demonstration of the Spirit. The Rev. L. P. Lively, father of this church, preached a strong sermon, full of union, in the evening. It was the eighty-eighth birthday of Bro. H. C. Duglas, the oldest member of our church. His presence seated in an easy chair added much to the pleasures of the day. Our fourth quarterly conference was held Tuesday night. We have added to the church during the year fifty-four members and dismissed forty; the church and parsonage is out of debt; the miscellaneous collections are all in sight; the stewards say the pastor's salary will be paid. They are discussing the possibility of raising it from \$600 to \$800 another year. We are hopeful and happy. The preacher that the bishop sends here another year will serve a clever people. God bless the people of Wills Point.

Brennon and Reagan.

O. T. Hotchkiss, Oct. 31: We are closing a very successful year on this charge. Have taken into the M. E. Church, South, 118 by ritual and 37 by letter. Our collections are all over-paid from 25 to 100 per cent. Salary of pastor about \$50 over assessment. Have collected an average of \$1 per capita above assessment for annual collections for the addition to the church. In addition, we have paid off the debt against the church at Reagan, a debt of about ten years' standing. Our year needs no other word for its success, and I have only been here one year and am not very fond of moving, only when it is best to do so. We are praying for the blessings of God on the conference and the town of Caldwell.

May Circuit.

J. W. Bowden, Oct. 17: Our fourth quarterly conference was held 4th and 5th of this month. Bro. Melugin, our presiding elder, was on hand, as usual, preaching and presiding as a man of authority, and yet making us feel that he is our servant. Our hope has been, at the close of each conference year for three years past, that he would be returned to us, and our expectations and desires have been met; but now we no longer entertain such hope for the next year, and are resigned to the hand of the Lord. We love him and are loth to give him up. We had a very pleasant conference. Finances a little behind, but think we will come out about all right at the stewards' meeting, the first Saturday in November. There have been about seventy-five persons professed and more than that number joined the church in the bonds of this circuit this conference year. We are hopeful and praying that in the providence of God we may be blessed with a more gracious outpouring of the Holy Spirit under the administration of those who may be sent to labor with us at our next conference year than we have ever been before. To God be all the glory.

Breckinridge.

A. P. Payne, Oct. 29: As I am about to close my third year on this work, I give you the aggregate. For five years this county has had but one good crop, being in the heart of the great drought in 1886 and 1887. Then came the best crop of the five years. Then the grasshoppers, as bad as the drought. This year another severe drought; but can we not say through all the Lord has brought us safe, and we are happy and prosperous, for the church has this year met all the claims upon her financially; preacher in charge and presiding elder paid in full; 50 per cent excess on all conference collections; four good Sunday-schools; \$25 for im-

provements on parsonage; \$35 for district parsonage; \$65 for the poor; \$25 for Sunday-school literature; \$95 worth of books, sixty-seven additions to the church; thirty-one infants baptized, twenty adults; a net gain in membership of forty-eight; during the three years a net gain of 125; last, but not least, we have had during this year presents to the amount of \$81.75. While I have not had the assistance of any ministerial help, except my local preachers, I will say for them under lasting obligations to them, for they have stood by me as the extent of their ability or circumstances would permit.

Allen.

L. F. Palmer, Nov. 1: Rev. W. P. Petty was with us on fourth Sunday in October. Delivered three lectures on the "Prophecies," which were clear, forcible and instructive. Any community would do well to get him to deliver the lectures in their midst. He also preached on church unity in a true light on salvation by faith only. His health is feeble, but his faith is strong. May the Lord sustain him for years to come.

Brookston.

J. C. Weaver, Nov. 1: I want to ask those who have given their notes or subscriptions to the North Texas Female College to be sure to hand the amount to the preacher, as I can't get to every place between now and conference. Brethren don't fail to comply with this request, for we will need every dollar, and I fear more, to meet our responsibilities.

Pilot Grove.

T. B. Lane, Oct. 30: The third year of my pastoral labors on Pilot Grove circuit will soon close, and with it I close one of the best years of my life. The Lord has demonstrated his power in our midst this year in the conversion of eighty-five souls; seventy-six have been added to the church. Our collections are well up and the church generally moving out on a higher plane, spiritually and financially. We have a beautiful church, worth \$1000, almost completed; will be dedicated before conference—all out of debt and on land deeded strictly to the M. E. Church, South. The ladies of an Alysine and Cottage Hill community have finished the church with beautiful lights, a nice pulpit and settee. May the Lord reward them for their labors of love. Our success is attributed largely to the fact that Bishop Key made no mistake when he appointed W. D. Mountcastle presiding elder of Sherman district.

Dexter Circuit.

H. P. Shrader, Oct. 29: We have had a very good year on the Dexter circuit, in some respects. Have had some good meetings. There have been about seventy conversions and nearly that many accessions, but there have been so many removals that the net increase will not be large. The work has eight appointments. Four have paid out and four are behind. In all, the preacher's and presiding elder's salaries are about \$80 behind, so far as I hope will yet be paid. Let those points that have paid out take notice and try to stimulate the others to come up in full. Brethren, it is very important that the preacher be able to make a full report at conference; important that this deficit be brought up for two weeks. The first, I leave to inferiors; the second, is for the "work's sake." To the stewards: Brethren, you have been faithful! Let us continue to work faithfully till all claims are met. Then you will feel better, the preacher will be happy and, above all, God will be honored and his blessings will be upon us. Conference collections are yet considerably behind, but hope to come up in full—have some more already promised. If our people would take the ADVOCATE we would have no difficulty in raising these collections. What can we do to induce them to take a church paper?

San Marcial, N. M.

S. W. Thomas, Oct. 28: Our first quarterly conference has come and gone, and a pleasant and harmonious session it was. The indefatigable Bush, our heroic presiding elder, was in hand in good time, looking carefully after all the interests of the church and preaching with great power and acceptability; indeed, his preaching is the kind that reaches the "bosoms and business of men." The financial report was very gratifying, showing that there had been an average of \$7 per member paid for all purposes during the quarter, two months' worth. Is your charge in the Lone Star that will compare with San Marcial station per capita? Let every one who reads these lines remember that while we are the beneficiaries of the Mission Board, we propose doing all we can for ourselves and others. Perhaps one of the secrets of the Christian liberality of our people is the fact they, all of them, read religious papers. Christian literature energizes spiritual life; spiritual life displaces selfishness, which is the base of all sin, and intensifies the Christian's desire for the salvation of precious souls to such an extent that he is willing to make sacrifices to give of his substance until he feels it in a two-fold sense, viz: 1. He misses it out of his business. 2. He is drawn nearer to the Savior. We have received two members by certificate during the quarter past, and with the revival interest manifested in our congregation we expect to have a great ingathering ere long. The ADVOCATE is in great favor with our people. God bless its corps.

Milton.

W. H. Brown, October 22: This is my first work. I was licensed to preach two years ago this month by Rev. I. C. Weaver, at the fourth quarterly conference, held at Woodlawn, on Woodlawn circuit. In November, at Denton, I was admitted on trial and sent to this station. I have been here nearly two years now, and have had a happy time. The Lord has abundantly blessed us, and our little work has advanced considerably. When I came here we had to rent a house to live in, now we have a very comfortable parsonage. We had no churches, but they were in debt considerably; now they are free, and we have the lumber on hand to build two more. We had to have \$100 mission money to live on last year; we have lived without any this year. We had no Sunday-schools; now we have seven. We had no prayer-meetings; now we have seven. We did not have but one man that held family prayer; now we have, I believe, fifty or more. We did not have a class-leader that would hold a class-meeting; now we have several. Last year we had about fifty conversions and thirty accessions; this year we have had 124 conversions and 124 accessions, with others yet to join.

These are the visible results of my two years' work, but the invisible results eternally will tell. Oh, that men would praise the Lord for his goodness and for his wonderful works to the children of men. Glory to his name; he hath done it all. God bless the ADVOCATE and all its readers. Allow me to acknowledge the receipt of a nice suit of clothes presented to me by Bro. W. C. Cassell, of Byrdtown, and also money to buy another suit, presented by Sister M. E. Hix, of Liberty Church. Sister Hix made this money up among the women of the church. God bless the good women. Sister Hix is indeed a preacher's friend and a true Christian. Yours in Christ.

A Dedication.

Geo. S. Wyatt: According to agreement I boarded the regular passenger on the Corsicana and Hillsboro railroad Tuesday morning, October 21, at 10:15 a. m., to make my way to Geneva to dedicate a new church built under the direction of Rev. J. R. Steele, pastor of West circuit. On my way down I stopped over at Abbott, my old home for two years, where Bro. S. B. Ellis now holds the fort and has had a most successful year—very popular and much loved by his people, and who met many of my old friends with whom I had fought many a hard battle against the world, the flesh and the devil, I came back to Abbott and preached on Sunday night to a large house. Some had come miles to be with us, and a blessed meeting it was. God was with us in great power, and they said some were moved who had not been moved before. I dearly love the people of Abbott circuit. Two of the last years' work of my ministry were put in there, and I thank God that there are still to be found living remnants. 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The Alameda, which compose the groves and walks, are matters of rare beauty. It comes from the word alamo (cottonwood).

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The people, and in some places the aristocracy of the church, will call for festivals, suppers, balls, or prize cake, as the only means of raising the preacher's salary.

May God endow the ministry with more power and influence over the hearts and minds of the people, and help them to a more efficient work in their high calling.

Many persons who only see the pastor in the pulpit on Sunday fail to appreciate the labor he performs and the exhausting character of his duties.

Another burden on the true pastor's soul is an intense longing for the conversion of men. One who does not feel this solicitude is destitute of one of the essential qualities of a pastor.

The care of the sick imposes a heavy tax on every diligent pastor. It is not work that wears a preacher out, but rather the constant appeal to his sympathy which affliction makes.

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About the Lesson.

LESSON VI, SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 9.

JESUS BEFORE PILATE AND HEROD. Luke xliii:1-12.

GOLDEN TEXT.

"Then said Pilate to the chief priests and to the people, I find no fault in this man." (Verse 4.)

MEMORY-VERSES, II, 12.

QUESTIONS ON THE LESSON.

- 1. What is the subject of this lesson? Jesus before Pilate and Herod. 2. What is the Golden Text? "Then said Pilate to the chief priests and to the people, I find no fault in this man." 3. What did the whole multitude now do? They arose and led Jesus unto Pilate. 4. Of what did they accuse him? "We found this fellow perverting the nation, and forbidding to give tribute to the Caesar, saying that he himself is Christ a king." 5. Was that true? No, it was entirely false. 6. What did Pilate ask Jesus? "Art thou the King of the Jews?" 7. What did Jesus say? "Thou sayest it." 8. What did Pilate say to the people? "I find no fault in this man." 9. Did that saying please them? No; they were more fierce, and said Jesus stirred up the people by his teaching. 10. What people did they say were stirred up? The people of all Jewry. 11. Who was governor of Galilee? Herod. 12. Where was Herod at this time? In Jerusalem. 13. What did Pilate do when he

heard Jesus was a Galilean. He sent him to Herod. 14. What did Herod do? He asked Jesus many questions, and requested him to perform a miracle. 15. Did Jesus do as he wished? No, he answered him not a word. 16. What did Herod do? He gave him to his soldiers, who arrayed him in a gorgeous robe, and mocked him as a king. 17. Did he find fault with him? No. 18. What did he finally do with Jesus? Sent him back to Pilate. 19. Were Pilate and Herod friends? No, they were enemies before this. 20. Were they friends after this? They were made friends this same day. —Illustrated Lesson Paper.

LESSON SURROUNDINGS.

Intervening Events.—There are no events recorded as intervening. Matthew, at this point, tells of the renorse and suicide of Judas, but it is very unlikely that these occurred so early in the day. John (John xviii:28-33) mentions some details not given by Luke.

Place.—Our Lord was led from the meeting-place of the sanhedrin to the judgment hall of Pilate, then to the residence of Herod. Where the sanhedrin met is altogether uncertain. Pilate's "praetorium" (Mark xv:16) was either in the Castle Antonia, at the northwest corner of the temple, or in the summer palace of Herod (the Great), on the north side of Mount Zion. Those who accept the former view think Herod occupied the palace. The latter view, which is otherwise preferable, leaves the residence of Herod altogether undetermined.

Time.—Early on Friday (before 9 o'clock in the morning). According to the view that our Lord ate the passover at the regular time, this was the 15th of Nisan, 783, A. U. C.; that is, April 7, A. D. 30.

Persons.—Jesus, the sanhedrin, Pilate (the Roman procurator of Judea), the multitude; Herod, the "tetrarch" of Galilee, with his soldiers.

Incidents.—Jesus is led to Pilate, and accused by the Jewish rulers of political crime. Pilate questions him, and then declares that he finds no fault in him. The accusation is renewed, mention being made of Galilee. Pilate, hearing that Jesus is a Galilean, sends him to Herod. Herod is glad, hoping to see a miracle; but Jesus is silent, despite the vehement accusations of the rulers. Herod and his soldiers mock Jesus, array him "in gorgeous apparel," and send him back to Pilate. The two rulers become friends that very day.

Parallel Passages.—Matthew xxvii:2, 11-14; Mark xv:2-5; John xviii:28-38. Verses 8-12 are peculiar to Luke.

LESSON SUMMARY.

How blind men are to the worth and power of Jesus! Here, in this lesson, we find Jew and Roman and Galilean treating him with hatred, with scorn, or with indifference; not one of them seeing him as he was or as he is, or giving him reverence or love. Yet it was not because the men of that day were unlike, but because they were like, the men of to-day, that they were thus blind and misguided.

Not the worst men, but those of the better classes, were thus blind to the admirableness of the Son of God. The Jewish rulers were religious men, but they were wedded to their ideas of religion, and were not open to the truth when it came in a form so different from their expectations. Some of them at least thought they were doing God service when they sought the death of Jesus. And this shows the danger that well-disposed men are in, of clinging to traditional forms of belief in opposition to God's truth as newly brought before them.

Pilate could see a good side to Jesus, and had no fault to find with him; but Pilate was not ready to do right at all risks, and to die, if need be, rather than do wrong. Here is illustrated the peril of us all when it costs something to do right as we see it, and we shrink from the cost.

Herod had a curious interest in Jesus; but when Herod could get no help from Jesus in the line of his mere curiosity, he was ready to turn away from him, leaving him in the hands of those who would do him injustice. How liable we are to lose interest in a search for truth, when the first disclosures in that direction are unsatisfactory!

The soldiers of Herod, taking the cue from their master, jeered and scoffed at Jesus; simply because of the evil in their natures, not because of their thought of any evil in him. How much of this spirit there is in mankind generally, from boyhood upward; and how wrong it is!

At the very time that the Jews, and Pilate, and Herod and his soldiers were better agreed in their hostility to Jesus than in anything else, Jesus was a better friend to them each and all than any one of them had in all the world besides. If only they had seen the truth as it was, how startled they would have been; yet they were to blame for doing as they did even in their lack of full knowledge. And their example ought to be a warning to all of us.

The story is told of a little boy who, with his playmates on the street, made sport of a stranger passing them, whose face was scarred and marred, and whose form was distorted, as if some terrible accident had happened to him. It was simply an exhibit of culpably thoughtless cruelty on the boy's part; but imagine the boy's shame when, on reaching his home, he found the stranger there, and was told by his mother that that man had risked his life to save that boy from a burning house, and that the marks he bore, over which the street boys had jeered, were a result of his periling his life for the one who had now made himself merry over those proofs of the good man's love! How will it be when those who have scoffed at Jesus here meet him face to

face, as the One who died for them? Will it be a sufficient excuse that they didn't realize it all at the time? Is it so to treat any child of God contemptuously? "Inasmuch as ye did it unto one of these my brethren, even the least, ye did it unto me."

ADDED POINTS.

It is easier to go with the crowd than to go against it. Whether it is to applaud or to denounce another, the popular voice influences many an individual apart from his convictions. The crowd may be right; or it may be wrong; but it being a crowd doesn't settle that question.

The fact that a charge is made against a man publicly, is no proof that that charge is true; but the mere making of a false charge publicly may in itself bring out as important results as if the charge were true. It is often our duty, as it was Pilate's, to refrain from accepting a publicly made charge against another as having any basis in truth.

To say that we find no fault in an accused man, is well as far as it goes; but that is not always enough for us to say. It may be our duty to protect him against those who say there is fault in him.

How pleasant it is to push off onto another an unpleasant responsibility! And what a temptation in this line there is when one comes to us for help or counsel!

There are times when answering a question is a duty, and there are times when it is not. We need the spirit of Jesus to enable us to decide and to act wisely at this point.

What a spirit it is that prompts us to make sport of one who is a helpless sufferer!

It is easier to decline to act concerning the claims of Jesus, than it is to decide what to do in view of them. The Pilates and Herods of this world are continually putting off the Christ on to each other, in their effort to avoid the responsibility of action in the premises.

A common pursuit, whether of good or evil, helps men to see eye to eye for the time being. Differences are easiest healed when they are lost sight of through both parties looking at something in which they are agreed.

*See extracts from "The Vision of Sir Launfal," Devotional Department.

Old and Young.

LOSING AND KEEPING.

The children kept coming, one by one, till the boys were five and the girls were three.

The big brown house was alive with fun. From the basement floor to the roof-tree like garden flowers the little ones grew. Nurture and trained with the tenderest care; warmed by love's sunshine, bathed in its dew, they bloomed into beauty, like roses rare.

One of the boys grew weary one day, and leaning his head on his mother's breast he said: "I am tired and cannot play—let me sit awhile on your knee and rest."

She cradled him close in her fond embrace, she hushed him to sleep with her sweetest song.

And rapturous love still lighted his face, when his spirit had joined the heavenly throng.

Then the eldest girl with her thoughtful eyes, who stood "where the brook and the river meet," stole softly away into paradise.

Here "the river" had reached her slender feet, while the father's eyes on the graves are bent, the mother looked upward beyond the skies:

"Our treasures," she whispered, "are only left, our darlings were angels in earth's disguise."

The years flew by, and the children began, with longing to think of the world outside;

and as each in his turn became a man the boys proudly went from their father's side.

The girls were women, so gentle and fair, that lovers were speedy to woo and win; and with some blossom was in braided hair.

The old home was left—new homes to be-gin.

So, one by one the children have gone— the boys were five and the girls were three— and the big brown house is gloomy and lone, with two old folks for its company.

They talk to each other about the past, as they sit together at event-tide, and say, "All the children we keep at last, are the boy and girl who in childhood died." —Exchange.

LETTER TO THE CHILDREN.

DEAR CHILDREN: I thought I had written my final report for the Coral Builders—but some little girls and boys have sent in their contributions since my last report and I cannot let them pass by unnoticed. I do hope you all will keep Sister Weatherby and Bro. Elliott busy writing to the Advocate about your money constantly coming in. Good-bye. God bless you. A. M. IRELAND.

BENJAMIN CORAL BUILDERS.

Grove, Knox county, Texas.—Lem Colthorp, 15 cents; Malcolm Colthorp, 15 cents.

Seymour, Texas.—Miss Ola Thaggard, \$1.50; Gertrude Thaggard, 50 cents; Selma Thaggard, 50 cents; Wagley Thaggard, \$1.00.

Benjamin, Texas, Maud M. Lazen, 25 cents; Leslie McLaren, 25 cents.

A BOY WHO COULD DO SOMETHING.

"Well, Aunt Margaret, it's come at last."

"What, my boy?"

"I must be off to the Pacific coast. The doctor says I will do well enough there, but that I had better not brave an Eastern winter."

"And how can I do without you, Walter?"

"Very easily, I fancy. I have been a burden on you all these years, and it is time I was looking out for myself."

"I wish you could have studied for a while longer," said his aunt with a sigh. "If you could have remained here with me, you could have done so."

"Yes, I should have liked it, but what must be should be."

"But you are better educated now at

seventeen than most boys at twenty," she said, looking with pride at the handsome, manly boy.

"You think so," he said. "Well, I must go and try what my training has done for me."

It was a great trial to his aunt, to whom Walter had been as a son, that he should be obliged to go so far away from her in quest of the rugged health which had lately been deserting him.

"I'd go with you myself, my dear," she said, in wishing him good-bye, "if it were not for all these at home. Here is enough money to help you over a little time after you get there; and if you need more, let me know, and we'll see about it somehow."

"If I amount to anything I ought to be profitable at work before it is gone, and making ready to return to you."

Full of hope and courage, he had no doubt of being able to do so. A few weeks of the delightful air greatly benefited his health, and he began to seek for work in the land which seemed to smile upon him with every promise of health and well doing.

But he soon found that legions of men, old, middle-aged and young, were keenly, cravingly engaged in the same quest. So many had come to the golden land wholly or in part dependent upon their own efforts for a livelihood that there seemed twenty applicants for every place.

He tried the things he would like, then the things he would not have chosen. Dismay, growing deeper and deeper, took the place of hope and courage. His means were rapidly melting away, and still he walked and inquired all to no purpose.

At last he went to the landlord of the large boarding-house at which he had been staying.

"I have been looking for work," he said, "and cannot find any."

"I am sorry for you," said the good-natured proprietor, "but there are plenty more just in your fix."

"That doesn't make it any better for me," said Walter. "Now, if I went back among my friends I could get something to do, but my health probably depends on my staying here. My money is all gone. Give me something to do about your house until I find other work; something which will pay my board."

"My dear young fellow, I can't," said Mr. Graves. "It is a dull season. I am running things as low as I can. I have been reducing my help."

Walter said no more, but again strove to find employment, still without success. A week later he went again to Mr. Graves.

"I can find nothing. I want to stay here—indeed, I have no means of getting away if I wanted to. You must give me something to do. I will do anything. There must be some way in which I could be worth to you what I eat."

Mr. Graves looked very doubtfully at the boy.

"Why," he said laughing, "if you were not such a polite, scholarly young fellow, I suppose I might contrive—"

"Never mind the polite and scholarly," said Walter, eagerly. "What is there about the place to be done?"

Mr. Graves hesitated.

"It's all nonsense to tell you," he said, "but the Mexican that's been hauling the vegetables in from my ranch has been taken sick, and—of course—"

"I'll do it," said Walter. "When shall I begin?"

"You don't mean it?"

"Well, then, you must be round in the alley way to-morrow morning."

Walter went to his room and thought it over. It was a solving of the vexed question of being able to breathe this life-giving air.

But who can blame him that the longer he thought of it the harder it seemed to do?

"What'll all those fellows think of me," he said to himself as he glanced out of the window. Below lay a lawn decorated with palms, magnolias and many other growths strange and beautiful to his eyes. He had taken them all in with delight, yet now he viewed the loveliness about him almost with distaste, feeling half inclined to give up the struggle, and try to get back to where friendly faces would beam upon his efforts and kindly hands be stretched out in aid. But this could not be.

In the pleasure-ground were a number of young fellows of his own age, with whom he had been on terms of agreeable intimacy, sharing their rambles and frolics. Ladies there were, too, and young girls who had smiled pleasantly upon him.

"No," said Walter, "I'm doing it to pay my board."

Hugh gave a long whistle and turned away.

Walter went on, wondering within himself if he did not more than half wish he had not been so brave.

"No, I don't!" he said firmly. And as his cart moved slowly along he settled with himself the question whether he would allow himself to be ruled by a feeling of false shame.

"I have fully decided that it is the right thing for me to do, and shall I be ashamed of doing what is right?"

The young people seemed variously affected by Walter's doings. Some of them, to their honor be it said, made no difference in their treatment of him. Others, with Hugh, showed that he had fallen from their good graces in becoming one of the workers instead of remaining an idler in the great world.

"Who is that young fellow?" asked an elderly gentleman, sitting on the hotel piazza, one morning.

"Oh, I don't know much about him," was the answer, "except that he seems to be at work which is scarcely good enough for him. He appears to be well-mannered and well educated."

"Why does he drive a vegetable cart, I wonder?" continued the old gentleman.

Mr. Graves chanced to be near, and answered the question:

"Well, sir, it's because he prefers doing it to running in debt for his board. I offered to trust him, but he wouldn't hear to it. He would have something to do and that was the only thing I could give him."

"He's a fellow that will do something," said Walter Blake's son, who was in the boarding-house not long afterwards.

"How did he get it?" asked Hugh Peters, in great surprise, and with rather a blank face. "I didn't know he had any friends that could get him such a place as that."

"I don't know that he has. That old gentleman over there is the bank president, and he gave it to him without any asking, so I'm told."

"Queer enough," said Hugh. "Why, my uncle's been pulling strings for ever so long to try to get me in there."

"Yes, he deserved it, and no mistake," said Mr. Graves in speaking of Walter. "He's one of the plucky fellows that's bound to win sooner or later. I wish, though," he added, half laughing, "that young Peters here could get a place, too, for he's owing me six months' board."

This is a true story of a real boy.— Sydney Doyle, in Christian Standard.

A WISE CAUTION TO WOMEN.

Speaking of shopping, I never go into one of the great city stores but I see women laying themselves open to positive danger from contaminating disease. Wishing to match some "sample" of ribbon or fabric, they search for the piece taken from home in their portemonnaie, meanwhile holding bank-notes and oftentimes coin between their lips or teeth. The act is a thoughtless one, but none the less of the most dangerous kind. Money is handled by all classes, goes into and out of houses and families where sickness prevails, and the disease often lurking in a bank-bill or on the face of a coin is as probable as it is possible. And yet I constantly see women, in moments of thoughtlessness, bringing this danger upon themselves. The practice is one which cannot be too carefully guarded against. In our changing climate it is difficult enough to retain good health—we do not need thoughtless actions, like the one indicated, to unnecessarily make the chances of sickness greater.—Edward W. Bok, in Ladies' Home Journal.

THE PREACHER AND THE POST-BOY.

At a country inn, on one of his journeys, Mr. Capers had stopped for the night, after a very cold day's ride. After supper he found a small lad sitting by the fire, thinly clad and with a look of anxiety on his face. The proprietor of the house presently said:

"If I were you, I would not go to-night."

At these words the little fellow's tears began to flow, and he replied: "Why did you say so? You know I must go."

Mr. Capers asked what John's business was. He learned that the boy was a mail-carrier and had to take the mail-box twenty-one miles that night. He had no other clothing than what he then wore, all of cotton goods and thin enough. The night was bitter and rain and sleet were then falling. Mr. Capers told him that he must freeze to death if he persisted in going, and that, if he would abandon the cart, his employer should be informed that he remained by the advice and

of the preacher.

But I won't try to do that," he said, flushing with manly pride. "Aunt Margaret used to say there was no shame in doing anything that was honest. I'm just the same fellow that I was when I was idling around here. I ought to feel prouder of earning my bread than of being good for nothing—and I will be!"

Still it was with a very shivering feeling that Walter the next morning drove the vegetable cart around from the alley and out upon the main road in front of the big house. His check burned at the thought of the eyes which rested upon him either in curiosity or scorn.

"He must be doing it for a wager," said one of the company upon the broad piazza.

"Hello!" cried Hugh Peters, a boy who had been very friendly with Walter. "Have you turned huckster?"

"Exactly that," replied Walter.

"But, honest now," said Hugh, coming nearer, "are you doing this for a bet?"

persuasion of friends. To this the little fellow, in tears, said:

"I must go. If I don't, I shall lose my place; and then my mother and sister will starve."

Shortly afterward the mail-carrier who brought the mail, which John was to take forward, arrived. He came to the fire, throwing off a large bear-skin overcoat loaded with sleet, and with a profane expression declared that he was frozen through. Mr. Capers said to him:

"Friend, if with your overcoat on you are nearly frozen, what will be the fate of this poor boy, thinly clad as he is, who has to ride twenty-one miles and carry the mail you have brought?"

"He will not live to get over the swamp that is just ahead and four miles away," said he.

Mr. Capers then went to the landlady to purchase a quilt or blanket to cover John, who persisted that he must try to go. She said she could spare nothing of the kind.

"Madam," said he, "let me have this half-worn blanket for the child. I will give you \$1 for it."

"No, sir," she said; "you will all find before morning that I have no blanket to sell."

Returning to the fire, he said to the owner of the overcoat: "Sir, will you sell me your overcoat for this boy?"

"Yes," said he, "if I can get cost for it—eight dollars."

The money was immediately paid, and Mr. Capers handed the coat to the boy, whose eyes instantly brightened. He put it on, and soon set out on his dreary ride. This purchase had exhausted Mr. Capers' money, and the next morning he took formal leave of the family without asking for his bill, determining to send back, as soon as he arrived home, the amount usually charged for a night's lodging. On the part of the host nothing was said about pay when he departed. The next night he lodged with a Presbyterian family, with whom he had no acquaintance. When the time came for family worship, his host, impressed by his appearance and conversation that he was a religious man, invited him to join them and lead the devotional exercises. After prayers he inquired if the stranger were not a minister. Mr. Capers told him who he was, and that he was returning home after a year's work on the circuit; he had just traveled. Before breakfast the next morning he said to Mr. Capers:

"Friend, we do not belong to the same denomination of Christians. You are a Methodist and I am a Presbyterian. It is, I dare say, with ministers of your denomination, as with ours, you at times stand in need of a little money. Will you please accept of this?" handing him twenty dollars.

On reaching home Mr. Capers inclosed a proper amount in a letter to the tavern-keeper where he had met with the post-boy, explaining the circumstances. The money, however, was soon returned on the ground that they never charged preachers; and he was requested to call again whenever he passed that way.— *Wrightson's Life of Bishop Capers.*

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West Texas Conference.

The thirty-second session of the West Texas Conference convened in the basement of Travis Park Church at San Antonio on 9 a. m., October 29, Bishop Charles B. Galloway in the chair.

Dr. Thrall was elected secretary and James Hammond, C. J. Oxley and Sterling Fisher were elected assistants.

The presiding elders, acting as a committee on nominations, offered the following report, which was adopted:

On Bible Cause—C. W. Godwin, J. M. Shuford, W. E. Rector, S. H. Brown, J. P. Ward.

Reads and Periodicals—W. T. Thornberry, J. T. H. Miller, D. L. Kokernot, A. T. Bass, J. A. Bass, J. A. Thomas.

Public Worship—B. Harris, W. W. Pinson, J. F. Spring.

Conference Minutes—H. S. Thrall, J. Hammond, A. E. Rector.

Congregational Relations—A. C. Biggs, A. E. Rector, J. L. Williams, I. K. Waller, J. I. Denton, J. W. Vest, J. B. Russell.

Question 1. Admitted on trial: A. C. Bynum, Wm. R. Crockett, Thos. S. Ballard, Job F. Webb, Samuel J. Drake, J. Albert Phillips.

Question 2. Who remain on trial? William J. Sims, J. W. Sims, Joseph W. Gibbons, John H. Baller, J. B. Russell.

Question 3. Discontinued: None.

Question 4. Admitted into full connection: H. T. Cunningham.

Question 5. Readmitted: None.

Question 6. Received by transfer: F. H. C. Elliott, from Denver Conference, a deacon of one year; F. H. C. Elliott, elder from Tennessee Conference; James A. King, from New Mexico Conference; Wm. Monk, from New Mexico Conference; Robert Hodgson, from Memphis Conference (trial in first year); C. W. Snow, from South Georgia Conference; J. A. Gruning, from Northwest Missouri Conference; Theo. Lee, from Tennessee Conference.

Question 7. The deacons of one year are Chas. E. Statham, L. G. Watkins, F. H. C. Elliott.

passed. No complaint was made against any one. 21. Local preachers and members: San Antonio district... 21,237; San Marcos district... 2,116; San Saba district... 2,401; Cuero district... 17,264; Corpus Christi district... 11,093.

22. Infants baptized: San Antonio district... 135; San Marcos district... 136; San Saba district... 107; Cuero district... 168; Corpus Christi district... 108.

23. Adults baptized: San Antonio district... 223; San Marcos district... 108; San Saba district... 109; Cuero district... 119; Corpus Christi district... 85.

24. Number of Sunday-schools: San Antonio district... 33; San Marcos district... 24; San Saba district... 24; Cuero district... 24; Corpus Christi district... 24.

25. Number of teachers: San Antonio district... 226; San Marcos district... 170; San Saba district... 170; Cuero district... 158; Corpus Christi district... 180.

26. Number of scholars: San Antonio district... 1,785; San Marcos district... 1,255; San Saba district... 1,164; Cuero district... 1,164; Corpus Christi district... 6,922.

27. Total assessed and collected for conference claimants: Assessed... \$1,785.00; Paid... \$1,785.00.

Applied as follows: J. H. Tucker... \$238.50; E. H. Holbrook... \$141.25; E. G. Duval... \$100.00; A. J. Potter... \$250.00; S. A. Arceve... \$250.00; Thos. Myers... \$27.50; J. W. Brown... \$250.00; W. M. Shuckler... \$250.00; Sister Davidson... \$50.00; Sister Barton... \$150.00; Sister Lett... \$150.00; Sister Walker... \$100.00; Sister Gilllett... \$100.00; Sister Galloway... \$100.00; Sister Davidson... \$150.00; Sister Parker... \$100.00; Sister Lett... \$100.00; Sister Fisher... \$225.00; Sister Gillett... \$25.00; Sister Galloway... \$50.00.

28. Assessed and paid for foreign missions: San Antonio district... \$250.00; San Marcos district... \$250.00; San Saba district... \$250.00; Cuero district... \$250.00; Corpus Christi district... \$250.00.

29. Assessed and paid for domestic missions: San Antonio district... \$250.00; San Marcos district... \$250.00; San Saba district... \$250.00; Cuero district... \$250.00; Corpus Christi district... \$250.00.

30. Assessed and paid for church extension: San Antonio district... \$250.00; San Marcos district... \$250.00; San Saba district... \$250.00; Cuero district... \$250.00; Corpus Christi district... \$250.00.

31. Number and value of churches: San Antonio district... 19 churches valued at \$2,250.00; San Marcos district... 24 churches valued at \$2,800.00; San Saba district... 24 churches valued at \$2,800.00; Cuero district... 24 churches valued at \$2,800.00; Corpus Christi district... 24 churches valued at \$2,800.00.

32. Number and value of parsonages: San Antonio district... 19 parsonages valued at \$1,225.00; San Marcos district... 24 parsonages valued at \$1,500.00; San Saba district... 24 parsonages valued at \$1,500.00; Cuero district... 24 parsonages valued at \$1,500.00; Corpus Christi district... 24 parsonages valued at \$1,500.00.

33. The next conference will be held at San Marcos.

34. The preachers are stationed this year as follows: San Antonio District, ALANSON BROWN, P. E.

San Antonio, Travis Park—W. W. Pinson. Tenth Street—T. Cunningham.

West End—A. E. Rector. Pleasanton Circuit—Supplied by J. L. Kennedy.

Amphion Circuit—F. J. Perrin. Denton Cir. —W. T. Thornberry. Cotulla and Pearsall Mission—J. K. Waller.

Uvalde Station—Supplied by J. A. Baker. Eagle Pass and Brackett Mission—F. H. C. Elliott.

Divine Circuit—W. G. Cooke. Del Rio Station—H. S. Thrall. Beech Creek Circuit—J. W. Gibbons.

Sabinal Circuit—Jas. Hammond; H. T. Hill, superintendent. Mission—A. R. Bynum. Mostell Mission—N. W. Keith.

Conference Colporteur—S. G. Shaw. San Saba District, H. J. DEETS, P. E.

San Marcos District, W. H. BIGGS, P. E. San Marcos Station—B. Harris. Goliad Station—T. W. Williams.

Victoria Station—T. F. Dimmitt. Edna Circuit—Sterling Fisher. Williamsburg Circuit—T. C. DeFev.

Hallesville Circuit—Wm. Monk. Waelder and Coulton—J. T. Graham. Leesville Circuit—C. H. Maloy.

Clear Creek Circuit—J. W. Holt. Harwood Circuit—W. O. Shuford. Weasatche—J. M. Shuford.

Corpus Christi District, I. T. MORRIS, P. E. Corpus Christi Station—W. E. Rutledge.

Laurel Station—T. J. Oxley. Goliad Station—J. W. Pinson. Rockport Circuit—Supplied by J. W. Groves.

Rancho Circuit—Supplied by L. Gregory. Florence Circuit—J. A. King. Oakville and Tilden—Carper Williamson.

San Diego Mission—J. A. Wright. Wesley Circuit—L. G. Watkins. Kenedy Circuit—Robert Hodgson.

Helena Circuit—L. G. Watkins. Conference—C. W. Snow to South Georgia Conference.

ADDITIONAL STATISTICS. Assessed. Paid. San Antonio district... \$1,785.00 \$1,785.00.

San Marcos district... \$1,255.00 \$1,255.00. San Saba district... \$1,164.00 \$1,164.00.

Cuero district... \$1,164.00 \$1,164.00. Corpus Christi district... \$6,922.00 \$6,922.00.

Assessed last year, \$4000; collected, \$3069. Assessed for preachers in charge and paid as follows:

San Antonio district... \$6,750.00 \$6,750.00. San Marcos district... \$6,615.00 \$6,615.00.

San Saba district... \$6,277.00 \$6,277.00. Cuero district... \$6,277.00 \$6,277.00.

Corpus Christi district... \$6,277.00 \$6,277.00. Total... \$43,102.00 \$43,102.00.

Assessed last year, \$29,400; collected, \$25,475. Assessed Bishops.

San Antonio district... \$82.00 \$82.00. San Marcos district... \$82.00 \$82.00.

San Saba district... \$82.00 \$82.00. Cuero district... \$82.00 \$82.00.

Corpus Christi district... \$82.00 \$82.00. Total... \$538.20 \$538.20.

Amount paid over assessment, \$10.20; assessed last year, \$278; paid, \$278.

Assessed for bishops the ensuing year \$370, and apportioned as follows: San Antonio district... \$61.00.

unable to do effective work. He said that it was not age that afflicted him, as he was not too old to be elected bishop, but it was disease that afflicted him. He was referred for the superannuated relation.

The Rev. W. L. Griffith was reported to be in a dying condition, but cheerful and ready to go. He will start in a few days for Georgia, that he may die among his relatives.

The Rev. S. G. Shaw reported unable for work, but was willing to do as the brethren thought best. He was referred to the committee on conference relations.

The Rev. L. D. Shaw did not expect to meet the conference at this session, but expected to answer roll call in heaven, but God had spared him and he was a little stronger than he had been for some time.

The Rev. J. W. Joyce has almost entirely recovered from his recent spell of sickness. He will not be able to do effective work this year and was referred for superannuation. No man has a warmer place in the hearts of his brethren than he.

When the Rev. E. H. Holbrook's name was called, he asked to be granted a location, as he had traveled in the conference only six years, and was no longer able to do efficient work, and he found that the sentiment of the conference was against placing men on the honor roll who had served only a short term in the conference.

But here is another: Bishop Grant met Bro. Pinson on the train and remarked: "Bro. Pinson, you are getting fat." "Yes, bishop, I hope to be as big as you some day" (the bishop is quite fleshy). "Well, I hope so, too, in all respects."

This Board of Education assessed for Paine and Lane Institute, \$200, and recommended the adoption of the following resolution by all the conferences, interpreting the voting powers of the conferences in the Board of Curators of Southwestern University.

Resolved, that the original five Texas conferences shall each be entitled to one vote, and that the Mexican Border Mission Conference and the German Mission Conference shall each be entitled to two fifths of one vote.

That any conference failing to be present by its delegation at any meeting of the Board shall forfeit all voting rights and that voting by proxy shall in no case be allowed.

That in case of the presence of but a part of any conference delegation their vote shall reflect only their own personal views, and be counted fractionally. The report was adopted.

The Preachers' Aid Society which was organized to raise a fund to aid in the support of the conference claimants held its anniversary October 30. Bro. J. W. Joyce explained the object of the society and the treasurer reported the fund now invested to be \$4800. The editor of the Advocate made a few remarks and Bro. Joyce ordered a collection, which amounted in cash and notes to \$120.

The Rev. W. H. H. Biggs reported for the San Marcos district that considerable improvement had been made in church and parsonage buildings. The college building had been burned, but was replaced by a still better one, so that in the place which appeared as a misfortune had proved itself a great blessing.

The Rev. R. J. Deets, of the Cuero district, reported that they had built two new churches during the year, and a considerable sum had been paid on the church and parsonage debts at Cuero. One difficulty of the past year has been very gratifying. Two new churches have been built and several others have been repaired. There are parsonages on nearly all the charges. He had not missed an appointment this year.

The Rev. H. A. Graves was absent and represented to be quite ill. His name was referred for a place on the honor roll.

The Rev. J. W. Brown was absent when his name was called, but put in his appearance afterward. He is in feeble health, but able to preach occasionally. He will continue in the superannuated relation.

The Rev. W. M. Shockey is one of the fathers. He is looking well and shows a cheerful countenance, but is beyond the point of effective work and continues on the honor roll.

The Rev. E. Y. Seal was absent and was reported in very feeble health and his case was referred for the superannuated relation.

The Rev. A. J. Potter, whom everybody expected to die last year, answered to his name, seeming in appearance to be sound and well. He said he had served on the frontier twenty-three years, and then broke down. He is still a sick man and

gather up the fragments. We learned, also, that Sister King was on hand to do justice to the occasion. She is a large-hearted woman and always willing to do her part when eating is in order.

The Rev. J. T. Gillett reported his health not sufficiently good to take active work, and was referred for superannuation.

This editor is under many obligations to Mr. and Mrs. J. J. Stevens for kind and hospitable entertainment during the conference. He could not have been more pleasantly situated with the companionable Bishop Galloway as a co-guest and the kindest attentions of the hostess and host. He was very pleasantly situated, indeed. His prayer is that all the blessings of the gospel may rest upon them.

And their name was legion—that is, the visitors to this session of the West Texas Conference. Following are their names: Dr. J. D. Barbee, Book Agent; Dr. H. C. Morrison, one of the Missionary Secretaries; Dr. J. A. Morris, Assistant Church Extension Secretary; Dr. W. H. Hays, Commissioner of Education to the Colored Methodist Church; Dr. W. B. Palmore, editor of St. Louis Advocate; Dr. W. B. Rankin, Agent A. B. S.; Bishop Grant, of the A. M. E. Church; Rev. I. Z. T. Morris, of the Texas Conference; Rev. J. P. Childress, of the Texas Conference; Rev. E. W. Solomon, of the Texas Conference; Rev. U. B. Phillips, of the East Texas Conference; Rev. B. R. Bolton, of the East Texas Conference; Dr. Isaac Alexander, of the East Texas Conference; Dr. John H. McLean, of the North Texas Conference and Acting Regent of S. W. University; Rev. D. P. Brown, of North Texas Conference; Rev. J. M. Stevenson, of the N. M. Conference, and Rev. R. C. Elliott, of the N. W. Mexican Mission Conference.

We owe something to the people of color. I am growing stronger in that conviction continually. The great race problem can never be solved by force bills or other political measures, but it must be done by the gospel and spelling-book, and a great responsibility in that respect rests upon the Southern Methodist Church. I feel a great interest in the negro and preach to them often. Not long since I preached to a negro congregation, and a colored brother came to me after the sermon and said: "Us niggers are mighty proud to have you come and preach for us. You does preach powerful. (He meant loud.) You preaches jis like a nigger."—Bishop Galloway.

The report of the Church Extension Board shows that applications were made the past year to the General Conference for loans amounting to \$9500. The donations made to help churches the past year by the Conference Board amounted to \$325; the Woman's Parsonage and Home Mission Department the past year, \$35.70.

The treasurer has in hand \$50,119. The new board was organized by the election of the following officers: President, A. C. Biggs; Vice President, J. T. Gillett; Secretary, H. G. Horton; Treasurer, F. J. Perrin. Officers of Woman's Department: Conference Secretary, Mrs. R. T. Davis, Goliad; Conference Treasurer, Mrs. Maggie Moore, Seguin; District Secretaries: San Marcos District, Mrs. Fannie McMurtry, L'ekhart; Victoria District, Mrs. Lulu Peck, Goliad; San Antonio District, Miss Agnes Cotton, San Antonio; San Saba District, Mrs. Anna Rector, San Saba; San Angelo District, ———.

To fix the closing hours of an annual conference is the sublimest occasion on earth.—Bishop Galloway.

Dr. J. D. BARBEE was on hand, the faithful steward of "Our House." He grows on Texas. Congenial and brainy, he makes friends in the social circle and admirers in his audience. When he opens his mouth to speak he says something.

SOME one has called the Methodist system of itinerancy a great iron wheel. Thank God, we love every spoke in the wheel. I have tried by experience all that there is in it and have had six appointments in four years. Starting out on a mission I have filled all the offices in the pastorate and have been even an editor. If I were a young man, as I once was, I would present myself again at the door of the Mississippi Conference for admission on trial, and then I would lead the same young woman to the altar that I did then and she would be willing to go over it all again with me, as she has ever been.—Bishop Galloway.

DR. H. S. THRALL is now in his seventies and has been in the pastorate fifty years. He still looks young and is effective.

AFTER a strong, entertaining and instructive sermon by Dr. Barbee, Sunday night, the conference held a memorial service in memory of Dr. Jas. J. Walker, Jas. B. Dibrell and Thos. Myers. Revs. A. J. Potter, B. Harris, Dr. H. S. Thrall and others laid flowers on the graves of their beloved, but deceased comrades.

YOU should never allow any one to come to you with evil whisperings against your brethren. When you pass a man's character you pledge yourselves to defend him in all that is behind the passage of his character. You give him your indorsement.—Bishop Galloway.

DR. H. C. MORRISON wins as Missionary Secretary. With his pleasant address, inspiring enthusiasm and telling pleadings he makes both personal friends and friends of the missionary cause.

THE Committee on District Conference Records presented their report, showing some minor errors, inaccuracies and blemishes by blotting and interlining, but in the main correct. Adopted.

THE report of the Sunday-school Board was read, showing a slight decrease in the number of schools, but an increase in the number of scholars. The finances of the Sunday-schools are in good condition and a growing interest is making itself manifest all over the country.

ONE circumstance which contributed to the pleasantness of the Conference was the city in which it was held. The historic and interesting places to visit in San Antonio, together with the kind hospitality of the citizens, inspired the hearts of all visitors with the desire to visit another conference in that city.

THE Rev. Dr. P. Haggard, formerly of Texas, now of Nashville, Tenn., was a visitor at the conference. Of course, he had a supply of his inseparable hand—

the r-g. We were riding on an electric car when it collided with a mule car, inflicting a wound on the driver. No sooner did the blood begin to flow than Haggard was by his side with a bottle of "the medicine," and Dr. Barbee, marking his absence for a moment, said: "Haggard is applying 'the medicine' to the broken car."

This session of the West Texas Conference was acknowledged by all to be one of the most pleasant in its history. Everybody seemed to be in a good humor and happy. The business of the conference was transacted smoothly and spiritually. One cause of this was evidently the manner in which the conference was conducted. Bishop Galloway is every inch a bishop.

As old friend of mine who has studied largely governments and has written a book on ecclesiastical politics, said to me that, for completeness of system to do the work designed, there is no organization equal to the Methodist itinerancy, except the United States postal service.—Bishop Galloway.

I HAVE inquired diligently into the preachers' affairs; have asked about their families and what the possibilities of support on the works where they are sent, whether it would afflict them or their families to move, or whether anything better could be done for them, and God forbid that I should ever be indifferent to these things.—Bishop Galloway.

THE Methodist itinerancy is one of the grandest insurance societies on earth. No other organization provides so surely for its members. In all my experience as a Methodist preacher, I have never gone to bed hungry when I got home—not in San Antonio. It gives us grand opportunities. Some of us never would have been anybody if it had not been for the Methodist Church. We owe all that we have to the church and the itinerancy.—Bishop Galloway.

BISHOP JAMES said that during the term of his episcopal office he had made 10,000 appointments, and out of that number only one man had refused to go to his work. The German army, with the hero of the Sedan for a leader, could not show such a record as that for loyalty. It is this loyalty of Methodist preachers that makes Methodism so successful.—Bishop Galloway.

THE Methodist Church actually pays a man to find a place for his pastors. There are some other people who condemn our system who would be very glad if they had somebody to find a place for them. But that is what I am here for, to find a place for these preachers. I know a pastor who has been waiting six years for a call, but no call has come. I think he would be glad if he had somebody to find a place for him. There are many people tramping around this town who have no employment, who would be glad if they had somebody to find a place for them. I dare not go to the next general conference without giving every effective preacher in this conference whose character passed a place. I am paid for it, and dare not fail.—Bishop Galloway.

At the missionary anniversary \$1000 was pledged to support a missionary and wife in Durango, Mexico.

THE West End Female College was offered to the conference to be accepted as a conference school, and after some debate pro and con, but mostly pro, it was accepted.

THE Board of Education assessed on the conference for education 12 cents per capita of the church membership in the conference.

BISHOP GALLOWAY is a clear-headed, business man, and conducts a conference in a business manner. The conference was delighted with him, both in the chair, in the pulpit and on the platform.

CONFERENCE faculty for the ensuing four years: For Admission—W. W. Pinson, F. J. Perrin and J. B. Denton.

First Year—A. E. Rector, J. F. Denton and W. R. Rutledge.

Second Year—W. J. Joyce, J. W. Stovall and J. S. Russell.

Third Year—R. M. Leaton, J. F. Graham and J. W. Vest.

Fourth Year—J. D. Scott, J. F. Gillett and J. S. Gillett.

FOLLOWING are the Sunday appointments for religious services: Travis Park Methodist Church—Love feast, led by Dr. H. S. Thrall, at 9 o'clock a. m.; preaching by Bishop Galloway at 11 o'clock a. m.

Madison Square Church—Preaching by the Rev. James Campbell at 11 o'clock a. m., and by T. F. Dimmitt at 7:30 o'clock p. m.

First Presbyterian Church—Dr. J. D. Barbee, 11 o'clock a. m., and the Rev. W. B. Palmore at 7:30 p. m.

Westminster Church—The Rev. C. J. Oxley, 11 o'clock a. m., and the Rev. Theophilus Lee at 7:30 p. m.

First Baptist Church—Dr. J. C. Morris, 11 o'clock a. m., and the Rev. J. T. Williamson at 7:30 p. m.

Cumberland Presbyterian Church—The Rev. J. M. Alexander, 11 o'clock a. m., and the Rev. J. A. Baker at 7:30 p. m.



A crown of tartar baking powder. Highest of all in leavening strength.—U. S. Government Report, August 17, 1888.

great demand of the church for pastors. He said another important point for the preacher to give in his relation to his predecessor...

The Conference Boards for the ensuing four years are constituted as follows:

Mission Board.—B. Harris, J. T. Gramann, W. W. Pinson, J. S. Gillett, H. S. Thrall, John E. Pritchett, G. W. L. Fly, W. M. Allison.

Church Extension.—R. J. Deets, H. G. Horton, J. T. Gillett, A. C. Biggs, F. J. Perrin, C. J. Oxley, W. J. Joyce, B. Hinton, E. M. Shibley.

Colporteur Board.—J. T. Miller, E. H. Pasmore, T. C. DeFew, J. M. Bourland, J. S. James.

Education Board.—T. F. Dimmitt, J. E. Pritchett, T. C. DeFew, F. A. Knox, John Williams, John Kelley, John Stovall, J. W. Vest, V. M. West, W. D. Yett.

Sunday-school Board.—I. T. Morris, Z. A. Fink, C. W. Gowlin, C. E. Statham, D. Denton, J. E. McKenson, J. S. Stanley, K. D. Keith, T. S. Armstrong.

The Rev. J. H. McLean, acting regent of the Southern University at Georgetown, was invited to address the conference on the subject of education. He made a short speech, taking for his basis of argument the hypothesis that education is necessary and essential to a full, true and complete life...

During the address of Dr. McLean, the young ladies of Coronado Institute, sixty-three in number, and their friends, accompanied by Prof. A. A. Thomas, filed into the conference hall and were seated in a body.

In closing his address Dr. McLean made an earnest appeal for funds with which to build a West Texas Conference cottage at the Southern University at Georgetown. He stated that the North Texas and East Texas Conferences already have cottages there, the former with four rooms and the latter with three. There is in hand for the West Texas Conference cottage the sum of \$253, and \$300 more was needed. A collection for this purpose was then taken up which amounted to \$240 25.

Prof. A. A. Thomas, president of Coronado Institute, made a short address on the subject of Christian denominational schools, which he likened to ships at sea, well-manned and equipped with compass and charts, whereas the non-Christian schools were like drifting vessels having no charts and no compass to steer by.

It was then announced that the cornerstone of West End Female College would be laid at 3:30 o'clock, and that speeches would be made by Bishop Galloway and Dr. Barbee.

A BROTHER had left his charge, a city mission, while in the summer, to evangelize a little, whereupon Bishop Galloway made some general remarks, as follows: There is now a premium on the pastoral office. We can't run our system of church work without preserving the integrity of the itinerancy. No man has a right to leave his work two or three months. His business is to work in the charge assigned him. We boast of being an aggressive church, pushing to the frontier. The greater the frontier, the more we have to do. This is an age when the frontiers are crowding into the cities, and we look to Methodism to take care of the frontiers. That is a strong statement, but none the less true. We must give more attention to missionary work in our centers of population. Some of the country brethren who are disfavor on large appropriations to city missions, but that is the true policy for us to pursue. Put your missionary money where it will do most good. They have the people the country people, the frontier people in the cities and we must reach them with the gospel. The mistakes made by our church in Texas in our city work are monumental. You report here a membership of 500. You ought to swarm. You should encourage your members who live in that section adjacent to Tenth Street to go there with their membership. Bro. Pingo, lecturer, says you will go out there and look at that church you will see why our members do not go there. There is nothing there." That is the very reason why they should go there and build up another church. Here in this city of 40,000 thousand people we have only one church. It is a shame. Over here at Eagle Pass there is a city of 8,000 people and not a Methodist Church in it, and yet we boast of going where a lightning-rod man will not go. You must secure good and eligible sites in the towns and cities and hold on to them. Up here in the great city of Dallas which is now worth about \$100,000, but a few years ago our people sold it for \$10,000 to pay off a pitiful little debt of \$4,000 and put \$6,000 of it in a bank which failed, and we lost that. We once owned the lot where the merchants' Exchange building stands, and it is a shame. Over here at Eagle Pass we owned the lot where the custom-house now stands, sold that and bought a hole in the ground. Our Cath-

olic brethren act more wisely; they secure property and hold on to it until they grow rich. Brethren, we must occupy the towns and cities or fail to do the work God has assigned us.

One of the interesting events of the conference was the laying of the corner-stone of the West End Female College, the following account of which is from the San Antonio Express: The ceremony of laying the corner-stone of the new Methodist Female College at West End was performed yesterday in a fitting manner by Bishop Galloway, of Mississippi. It had been announced that the West End street car line would convey the visitors of the Methodist conference to the ground, and at 3:30 o'clock three cars, heavily laden with passengers, started for the suburb. The run down was pleasantly made on a quick time and on reaching the depot at West End, Gen. Russ was in attendance with several carriages to convey the visitors to the college ground. The location of the proposed building is on the west side of the lake, and as the carriages containing the visitors rolled up the grounds presented a very animated appearance. Numbers had come from the hacks placed at their disposal by the Rev. W. W. Pinson, and a great throng of people was on the ground. The day was gloriously fine, so much so that it seemed as if the elements had agreed to lend their best aid in making the ceremony a success. A delightful breeze was blowing and the atmosphere was delicious. Considerable work has already been done toward the construction of the building, the walls in many places being two feet high, while most of the foundation work has been completed. A short distance from where the corner-stone was to be laid a dais had been erected with a white covering to shade the speakers. The following gentlemen ascended the platform: Bishop Galloway, of Mississippi; Rev. Dr. Barbee, of Tennessee; Rev. Dr. Hayes, of Georgia; Rev. Dr. McClure, of the Southwestern University; Rev. B. Harris and Rev. W. W. Pinson.

The opening address was delivered by Bishop Galloway, whose words were received with most profound attention. In the course of his remarks he mentioned Gen. Grant and Gen. Garfield as examples of men who had achieved greatness under the influence of Christian women, instancing the dying request of U. S. Grant to be buried beside his beloved Julia, and a prominent case of filial devotion on the part of Garfield, as showing the influence had by God-fearing women over the two Presidents. He said such women would be developed and perpetuated by such institutions of learning as the one they were inaugurating. The cry was often raised that religious schools were not necessary at the present period of the world's history, but he showed the falsity of this statement by the fact that Harvard and Yale universities were originally formed by the Congregationalists, Princeton by the Presbyterians, Williamsburg and Columbia by Episcopalians, and Brown by the Baptists.

He showed by statistics that denominational colleges and students are on the increase, and said that Methodism was born in the University of Oxford, of which university John Wesley was a fellow. He instanced the work of Wesley toward furthering education, the first Greek and Latin grammars printed in the English language being compiled by him. This was the beginning of the work and now at the present time there are 100 buildings owned by the Southern Methodist Church exclusively devoted to educational work. In conclusion he said: "I trust it would be the wish of our country that every child be educated without the influence of religion, and no matter what may come let us preserve the womanhood of the country pure and holy."

The Rev. Dr. Barbee followed in the same strain in a neat and well-delivered address, during which he made a few amusing remarks which were highly appreciated. The reverend gentlemen then descended the platform and surrounded the corner-stone. The Rev. W. W. Pinson handed Bishop Galloway several articles to be placed in the hollow of the stone. These included a history of Methodism in Texas, Methodist hymn book, Discipline of 1890, list of ministers attending the thirty-first conference, copies of the Nashville, St. Louis and Texas Christian Advocate, and a directory of Travis Park Church for 1890. The service for the ceremony was then read by the bishop and concluded by prayer. A large colored picture of the completed building was exhibited by B. F. Trester, the architect, and the ceremony was concluded.

The visitors then left the grounds, some returning home in vehicles while the major part were driven to the electric car depot and took the train for town. General Russ and the officials of the West End Company were indefatigable in their efforts to secure the comfort of the immense crowd that traveled over their route. To the Rev. W. W. Pinson and his fellow-workers special credit is due for the care and ability with which they managed the matters incident to the ceremony.

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THE MUNGER MANUFACTURING COMPANY.

Several years since a young man of Texas began experimenting with machinery for handling cotton. He was without sufficient capital to carry out his ideas, and the presumption generally ascribed to a Texas man who essays to enter the world of invention as an inventor was sufficient to deter others from belief in his genius. But he labored on without being discouraged and as fast as his capital warranted added to his inventions until, like Byron, he almost awoke in a single day to find himself famous. This was the case with R. S. Munger, head of the now great Munger Manufacturing Company. This paper has known him from the first and feels a great pride in his success.

The following from a city paper is not overdrawn:

IT COULD NOT HAVE BEEN OTHERWISE. The space of the Munger Manufacturing Company in power hall, if it were possible, was made doubly attractive yesterday by the addition of blue streamers significant of the fact that the judges had been to see it. Yes, as usual, the Munger Company carried off the honors and swept the field first of all special motors for the most complete system of handling and ginning cotton from the wagon to the bale, a gold medal. Morphy, in the days "gone by," the world's champion chess-player, had so many medals of gold, silver, bronze, etc., that he required a chest of immense proportions to hold them. The Munger Manufacturing Company, since the great exposition at New Orleans, at which they took the first premium, have carried off the medals at every fair until now their stock of medals, blue ribbons, etc., is equal to that of the world. The Munger Improved Cotton Machine Manufacturing Company is a Texas institution and has its domicile here, from which point it ships its goods to all portions of the country. So much confidence has the management in the superiority of their machines over any in Dallas, that they have arranged to go in going to considerable expense in fitting up an exhibit at any fair of note in the South, and the result is always the same. This company manufactures all descriptions of cotton machines, such as patent gins, feeders and condensers, patent saws, etc., as well as everything necessary in fitting up a first class modern ginery. The company also furnishes plans, etc., when an outfit is ordered from them and one of their most competent engineers personally superintends the erection of the ginery and sees that everything is in proper order before turning it over to the purchaser. This fact being generally known, farmers and ginners throughout the country just naturally write to Mr. S. I. Munger, the general manager of the company, when they want a gin.

Mr. Munger, as the saying goes, has by his method of doing business "got pretty close" to the farmer and they accept his statements as gospel truth. Mr. Munger, although not old enough to have been on the "Mayflower," is still an old hand on the business and to his wise judgment, business acumen and genial nature is due to a great extent the popularity of the Munger machines. There remains but three days more in which to see this wonderful exhibit of cotton machines and all those interested should not fail to see it. The machines are in daily operation and thousands flock about the space reviewing with wonder the improvements since the days of Whitney.

HILL'S BUSINESS COLLEGE, Waco, had an exhibit at the late Dallas fair which in every respect was rare to look upon. The books, in full sets as executed by students in due course of study at the college, were there, showing painstaking work, and in order of the quality of the work. The specimens were shown such as has never been on exhibit. To look upon them one is tempted to exclaim, "What cannot be done with the pen?" Land-scapes, scenes, animal drawings, the finest text lettering, charts and most intricate sketches, were all in evidence. Among the most unique specimens, however, was an exact copy of the first page of a newspaper, an exact copy with a pen of printing from the type. The following is a description given by a city paper: "Hill's Mascot, HIS SCHOOL.—Life is aptly termed a journey, and as travelers meet with a close inspection of the leading. The deceptive mirage holds in its misty folds cities, lakes and crystal streams that vanish at our approach. The mirror of nature, too, is sometimes held before us by means of mechanical appliances that at first appear almost magical, but which on a closer inspection disclose the fact that they have been the victims of a mere optical illusion; but visitors to the great State Fair are a unit in the assertion that the splendid exhibit of Prof. R. H. Hill's Waco and Dallas colleges is one of the most real and substantial visions which on a closer inspection disclose their stay in the metropolis of North Texas. At his spacious headquarters there are no illusions, but solid work in black and white with pen and ink which illustrates the deftness of the human hand when practically trained under such a master as President Hill, and all the corps of assistants. In all the specimens of ornamental penwork in this exhibit, the curves and hair strokes and broad downward strokes are not only true to the line, clear, sharp and legible, but graceful and elegant at the same time. The specimens of students' work in practical book-keeping are very large and neatly executed. There are also huge piles of great journals and ledgers lying on tables exactly like those the students will use hereafter. In a word, the exhibit shows thoroughness in detail as well as in the beauty of its artistic arrangement that makes the Hill colleges as models of excellence, not elsewhere to be found. Yesterday (Saturday) was the great day of the occasion, the award being made for the best college display. In their action the committee considered the work of the students, specimens of college currency, writing examinations, papers by the pupils, and the machines, such as typewriters, etc., used in the school. There were three colleges competing for this much-coveted prize. The committee was composed of the following named gentlemen: Mr. W. G. Rudd, of Marshall; Mr. A. H. Davidson, of Baytown; and Mr. W. B. Henderson, of Marshall, all practical business men, who, after a careful consideration of the respective claims of each college, bestowed the premium a-gold medal for the best and most complete college display upon the Hill Business College. This triumph is all the more appreciated by Prof. Hill from the fact that the committee separated his schools and based their award on the Waco college alone. Thus it will be seen that Prof. Hill has again captured this chief prize in the hotly contested field of commercial warfare. In this connection it may be stated that Hill's famous colleges have taken every gold medal and premium ever offered to business colleges at the Dallas State Fairs, making a clear sweep from Alpha to Omega. The Hill banner now floats in triumph

on every Southern breeze, and these red-aded stars of public commendation will but serve to brighten its ample folds as time will but add luster to its renowned chief.

Prof. D. A. Griffith, E. E. Cammack and J. H. Gillespie have all done valiant service in this contest, and nobly sustained their scholarly and gifted president, Prof. R. H. Hill, in making an exhibit at the Dallas State Fair which has captured every prize and thrilled all Texans with the triumphs of these twin temples of learning.

SOUTH OAK CLIFF.

The railroad through this part of Oak Cliff will be completed in the early spring. The alignment was made some time since and the engineers are now adjusting the level; then Mr. Marsalis will place a force on it sufficient to complete it speedily. Judge Thomas now offers property along the line of this road at very low figures, expressly to procure funds to pay for the road. He says to purchasers, that the cash payments on these sales may be placed in the hands of the publishers of the Advocate, and by them paid only to the builder of the road, as it progresses and as instalments mature, so if the road should not be built, no payment shall be made, and the sale of lands shall be rescinded and money returned to purchasers. With this arrangement purchasers can secure grounds at reduced rates with no question as to a road into Dallas. Purchasers of lots have the right to free tickets for themselves and families from their lots into Dallas for two years. With this arrangement, of course, choice locations on this road are in demand.

How I Made Money.

DEAR SIR:—I saw a letter in your valuable paper last week from Mrs. Leach, in which she gives her experience with Mrs. Walker's Face Bleach. I had a very bad face, the freckles were very thick and disfigure me. I sent \$2 and obtained the Face Bleach and Skin Tonic and I cleaned my face off of the freckles and by applying a little of the Skin Tonic every night, I have not had a sign of freckles since, though I have been out on the water and in the sun a great deal this summer. I recommended it to my friends, and made one of \$10.50, in another \$17.50, and have made lots of money all summer. Mrs. Walker's Face Bleach and Skin Tonic is so well known that it is easy to sell. I got a prize of \$100 from Mrs. Walker for selling the most amount of the Face Bleach and Skin Tonic in the last six months. Any reader of your valuable paper can obtain an agency by writing to Mrs. Marion Walker, Louisville, Ky. It is a very easy way to make a nice little income, because every lady likes to see her face nice and clean. I wonder who got the third prize.

MAY C. HOOPER, Williamsport, Conn.

The Fort Worth correspondent of the Dallas News, criticizing the action of the ladies of Fort Worth, to redeem fallen women, says: "Not only the majority of the citizens of this city, but the city press, is inclined to reprove the Bethel Mission for trying to outstrace the devil monde from Fort Worth for the same reason that all large cities are compelled to tolerate them." This may be a just criticism of the city press, which, for aught we know, may subscribe to the pernicious doctrine that certain evils are necessary, but the Advocate undertakes to say the above is a vile slander upon "a majority of the citizens of Fort Worth." If it be not so, God be to that citizenship.

Keep well informed as to the market value of produce.

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GATESVILLE DISTRICT.—Fourth Round. Union mts., at ... Nov 7. Meridian mts., at ... Nov 13.

VERNON DISTRICT.—Fourth Round. Childress and Quanah sts., at ... Nov 9. Jerome H. Adams, P. E.

MARSHALL DISTRICT.—Fourth Round. Elmore mts., at Kilgore, Nov 8. Church Hill, at ... Nov 15.

GALVESTON DISTRICT.—Fourth Round. Richmond and Wharton, at ... Nov 9. H. V. Philpott, P. E.

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TRELL DISTRICT.—Fourth Round. Allen mts., at Buck Creek, Nov 8. Newell mts., at ... Nov 9.

CLERBURN DISTRICT.—Fourth Round. Morgan mts., at Morgan, Nov 7. Walnut and Iredell, at Iredell, Nov 8.

WANAHACHE DISTRICT.—Fourth Round. Watahache sta., at Watahache, Nov 8. Watahache sta., at ... Nov 8.

CAMERON DISTRICT.—Fourth Round. DeWitt mts., at Porter's Chapel, Nov 7. Caldwell mts., at Caldwell, Nov 8.

AUSTIN DISTRICT.—Fourth Round. Eastport mts., at ... Nov 6. To the official members: Brethren, you will observe that this round of fifteen quarterly conferences must be held...

TYLER DISTRICT.—Fourth Round. Canton, at Wesley Chapel, Nov 8. Canton, at Holly Springs, Nov 15.

PALE-TINE DISTRICT.—Fourth Round. Jacksonville mts., at ... Nov 8. Trinity, at Trinity, Nov 15.

JEFFERSON DISTRICT.—Fourth Round. Gilmer mts., at ... Nov 8. Gilmer mts., at ... Nov 15.

GAINESVILLE DISTRICT.—Fourth Round. Aubrey mts., at Aubrey, Nov 8. Aubrey mts., at Valley View, Nov 15.

BONHAM DISTRICT.—Fourth Round. Dodd mts., at Dodd, Nov 8. Bonham mts., at Binkley, Nov 15.

CHAPPELL HILL DISTRICT.—Fourth Round. Hockley, at Pine Grove, Nov 8. Bonham mts., at Binkley, Nov 15.

CALVERT DISTRICT.—Fourth Round. Calvert sta., at ... Nov 8. H. M. Sears, P. E.

ABILENE DISTRICT.—Fourth Round. Sweetwater mts., at Merkel, Nov 8. Abilene mts., at ... Nov 15.

GEORGETOWN DISTRICT.—Fourth Round. Florence mts., at Providence, Nov 8. West Georgetown mts., at Conway's, Nov 15.

SAN AUGUSTINE DISTRICT.—Fourth Round. Rockville mts., at Rockboth, Nov 8. Teahua mts., at Teahua, Nov 15.

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Texas Casualties. Dr. O. M. Calhoun, of McKinney, Nov-ember 3, found dead in his office from effects of cocaine administered by his own hand. He had been for some time a suf-ferer from mental aberration.

John S. Casey was shot by an unknown man near Joshua, Johnson county, Nov-ember 3. The purpose of the assassin was robbery—and he received from Casey eighty cents.

Hart Phillips and W. A. Merrell, stock-men of the West, were bosom friends, but on account of mutual admiration of the same young lady, became enemies. As a consequence Phillips is dead and Merrell a fugitive from justice as his slayer.

John R. Colliers, the conductor who was so badly hurt at Itasca about two weeks ago, was packed up in lint, then sewed in a rubber blanket and sent to the hospital at Sedalia.

Louis DeBorse, in feeble health, died at Wolfe City from an overdose of morphine, which, it is thought, he took through mis-cal-culation as to what his system would stand.

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Texas Incidents. Wills Point is moving for a fair. Eastland has organized a national bank.

Brownwood is to have a first-class com-press. Wolfe City has organized a Board of Trade.

Fort Worth's new pork packery opened for business November 1.

Corpus Christi is taking active mea-sures, through the Board of Trade, to secure a cotton-mill with 15,000 spindles and employing 500 hands.

November 1 the new city of Oak Cliff had its first election, electing a Mayor, five Aldermen and a Constable.

A mass-meeting at Greenville resolved on enlarging the car-shops and to build a normal college, raising considerable money at the time for the purpose.

A new railroad, electric light works, ice factory, water-works and a fair grounds, with race-horse attachments, are Henrietta's boasted near futures.

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