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WEATHERFORD DISTRICT CONFERENCE.

The twenty-third session of the Weatherford District Conference convened in Springtown, Texas, July 6, 1892, at 9 o'clock, a. m., with the Presiding Elder, Rev. J. T. L. Annis, in the chair. E. F. Boone was elected Secretary and C. V. Bailey, Assistant. This session was perhaps more largely attended than any previous meeting of the conference ever held in the district. All the pastors—eighteen in number—and something more than sixty-five local preachers and lay members were present, all of whom came up full of earnest enthusiasm for a good meeting. In addition to this large number of members, we had a great many visitors, who also caught the inspiration and assisted us in pushing the work of the conference, in both its business and religious-service departments, to success. Prominent among these visitors were J. H. McLean, D. D., Regent, Southwestern University; W. H. Vaughan, Business Manager, North-western Texas Conference; O. H. Homey, W. P. Wilson, Financial Agent, Polytchnic College, and J. W. Hampton, pastor, Mulkey Memorial, Fort Worth; besides good women not a few. These all, with one accord, came together in the midst of a very gracious revival in our Church, which had been going on ten days, and opened up perhaps the most interesting and thorough-going district conference session ever held in Weatherford District.

Committees were appointed to consider the various topics called up by the conference, from whose reports the following summary has been collected: On the Spiritual State of the Church—A very hopeful future is revealed in a majority of the pastors' reports, viz: They themselves are not satisfied with the spiritual condition of their charges. Where this exists we look for better things. It is noted with deep regret that many of our families have no regular family worship; also that our social meetings, especially class-meetings, are not regarded with as much interest as they should be. The committee recommends that the pastors give more earnest heed to these things in future by stressing them in both the pulpit and their daily visitations. They also recommend that the classes carrying parties who never contribute (though able to do so) to support the gospel and don't attend the services of the Church be dealt with and our rolls be rid of such dead weight. The outlook is reported encouraging and the district on rising ground.

On Missions—It is noted by this committee that all unoccupied territory has disappeared from our district through the timely assistance of our Conference Board. They recommend that the appropriation made by the Board to the district at the last Annual Conference be continued another year; also, that the appropriation to Spring Street Mission be raised from \$200 to \$400 for the ensuing year.

On Sunday-Schools—The committee reports thirty-seven schools, 276 officers and teachers and 2313 scholars. Every charge in the district save one has one or more schools, which are all supplied with our literature. Four of these schools are supplied by our Sunday-school Board. They are mainly officered by devout members of the Church. Several new schools have been organized this year. The leading features of Sunday-school work were ably discussed and considered by the conference, indicating in some of our brethren an enthusiasm for this department of our work that is seldom found. The committee called special attention of the pastors to the Discipline, section 5, paragraph 238.

On Education—The committee notes with pleasure that they find our Southwestern University in a strong, prosperous and healthy condition, possessing all the elements necessary to cultivate the highest type of intellectual and religious training. Dr. McLean, who is at the head of this institution, being present, very ably represented its interests and the cause of Christian education in general in a sermon to the conference on Saturday morning. The report of the committee indicates that Weatherford College is in a most flourishing condition, well patronized, and presided over by a corps of intellectual teachers, thoroughly and practically religious, and eminently fitted for their various positions. It was discovered that nearly every student in this college is a professor of religion, and a very large per cent of the young ladies and misses lead in prayer at the college prayer-meetings.

On Finance—This committee shows that eight of the pastoral charges have the assessment plan for raising the pastor's salary, five have this plan in part, one the subscription plan, and only four no plan at all. The general average of the pastors' salaries collected is only about 31 per cent. The charges which are using the assessment plan are greatly in advance of those who do not use it. The collections ordered by the Annual Conference are about as far behind as the pastors' salaries. The committee recommended the assessment plan as the best, and most urgently requests that pastors and people adopt it throughout the district.

On Quarterly Conference Journals—Some improvement is reported over last year.

On Epworth Leagues—This committee reported but two Leagues in successful operation in the district.

On Church Property—This committee reports in the district twenty-four Churches and eleven parsonages, valued at \$18,845; one district parsonage valued at \$1000.

The Committees on Books and Periodicals and on Temperance, each considered their respective topics with great care, and submitted very interesting reports, which were adopted.

Great prominence was given to religious service throughout the entire session, and the revival that was in progress was carried on to the end of the session, resulting in ten or twelve conversions and twelve accessions to the Church. Every service was attended by the Holy Spirit, making the entire occasion one long to be remembered.

W. H. Vaughan, Business Manager for the Orphan Home, represented that interest very ably, and took a collection amounting to \$370, making nearly \$800 from Weatherford District for this enterprise.

During the session a very handsome Oxford Bible was presented to Bro. Annis, the Presiding Elder, by the pastors and delegates, as a token of their appreciation and love.

The following brethren were elected as lay delegates to the next session of the Annual Conference: J. P. Lowry, J. W. Lyle, M. D., R. W. Kinzel and N. L. Bille.

Graham was chosen as the seat of the next session of the conference. The good people of Springtown entertained the conference as handsomely as any one could wish, and in turn the meeting was a blessing to them.

CHAS. IRVIN.

CHINA LETTER.

I am glad that I have better news now to write than I wrote in my last to you. The Lord is blessing his servants and his holy Word. He has given us favor with the officials, so that they have issued a good proclamation, in which is clearly stated our intention in coming here to open work.

Bro. Ng, native pastor, has rented another house, to which he has quietly moved. We have also rented a house for ourselves, and will be able to move down here early in next September. We have been here for some three weeks, occupying a part of Bro. Marshall's house. Mrs. Hendry has enjoyed being here very much, and she is pleased with the prospect here of doing a good work for the Lord among the women. Mrs. Marshall is also doing what she can to make known the Word of Life to the women. She is a woman of deep piety and is qualified to do effectual work. Bro. Marshall is full of energy and hope, and is tireless in his labors, both in healing the sick and preaching the gospel.

But this is not all, for during the past week we have baptized and received three members into the Church, the first fruits of our labors here in Nanzing. Praise the Lord, I might give you an interesting history of each one of these three. I could tell you what they have borne for the sake of the Lord Jesus, how one of them, who is a carpenter, has been persecuted by his relations, how his employer has threatened to dismiss him because he observed the holy Sabbath, and that how through it all he stands firm, saying he will follow Jesus, cost what it may. Others are inquiring the way of life, and we are asking great things of God, for we are working and praying with the expectation that multitudes of these people who are now dead in trespasses and in sin will hear the voice of the Son of God and will live. It is pitiful to see these people clinging to their vanities and superstitions, loth to give them up, while they admit the folly of them. A Chinaman will enjoy a joke at the expense of his religion, but he does not readily reject it. One thing is certain, the heaven of the gospel has been cast into this huge lump of idolatry and it is working, not visibly, it may be, in most cases, yet it is spreading itself throughout the lump. To-day there are numbers of persons who are convinced of the truth of the gospel and who would profess Christianity were they not afraid of persecution; were they not ashamed to make a profession that would alienate them from their kindred and homes, and would disgrace them in the eyes of their countrymen. But let us thank God that his light and truth are rapidly spreading, so that at no distant day many things that are now great obstacles, that seem to hedge the way of the would-be Christian, will disappear; then even many of the feeble, fearful ones will turn to the Lord.

We enjoy your valuable paper, Mr. Editor, and it is to be hoped that its readers duly appreciate the outlay of expense and labor that have brought it to the present state of excellency. The reports from the preachers do my soul much good, and when I read them my heart longs to be in the midst of those soul-stirring revivals. I praise God for all of the glorious manifestations of his Spirit in the Church. How different is the work here from that in the home land. Our custom is to invite any one who has heard the sermon or exhortation to come forward, after the congregation has been dismissed, if they desire to know more of the doctrine, or to become probationers. Sometimes, after our most earnest efforts, none accept the invitation to come forward as inquirers; at other times there are several. I was surprised when I first came to China to see the Chinese manifest such slight signs, as it ap-

peared to me, of conviction of their sins. I did not then understand why souls here were not seized with conviction as we often see them in America; but I think the difference is to be accounted for from the fact that many souls in America, despite all the light of the truth, and despite their own knowledge of the truth, live in rebellion against God; and when finally deep conviction seizes them they give up—they earnestly confess their sins and plead for mercy. Not so here yet, for conviction is but a feeble ray of God's light beginning to shine into their benighted hearts. Speak of their many and grievous sins against God, and they have but a faint idea of what you mean. Tell of God's mercy and love and they do but slightly understand you, because they do not know God. They often wonder if you are not referring to some one of the thousands of their Buddhas. Many of them declare that they are perfectly good, and have no sins. The truth is they do not know and feel their sins as we do, and it is no wonder. Sinners they are, but they do not realize it as we do.

Bro. D. L. Anderson and family, of our "China Mission Conference," after some ten years of service, have returned to America to take a much needed rest. Bro. Anderson has been Presiding Elder of this district (Soochow) for some years, and has wisely directed its interests. The present disposition of men and means could not be improved. Our borders have been extended to the utmost with the hope of additional forces from home. Many of us are not disappointed. May many of the preachers at home offer themselves for this needy field. If they only knew how happy they would be in the work, how they would rejoice in giving God's truth to their souls, they would not hesitate to offer themselves.

J. L. HENDRY.

FROM LOUISVILLE, KENTUCKY.

It has been quite awhile since I have said a word to you. It has not been that I have forgotten you, for every week of the world I sit down for an hour or so and listen as one of your old lovers to hear what you have to say. And if I have had but little to say it is because I was so charmed with what you were saying. And not only that; you say things in such a charming way, I must be frank to tell you that I am in love with a number of that precious "Advocate family." (It's a nice set of folks but that not one of the best pleases me better than my fresh, charming face which on tip-toe and from high altitudes peeps at me from the plains of the Lone Star State. You certainly breathe good air out there; for I see you are always in good health, saying good things and looking as if you had an interest in every good cause. And you are so lively. Why nothing seems to escape your eye; you know everything (you ought to know) and no one seems to know it before you. That's right, I'm really proud of you; and when you are in my home alongside the others of this good family I am not ashamed of either your attire, your words or your spirit.

Well, I wanted to tell you some things. We are having a host of camp-meetings over this way. It seems evident that they are not doing as much good as when you and I were younger, but some are being saved thereby. Most of them are being run by what some folks call "The Second Blessing People." By-the-way, have you got many of this sort of folks in your land? I think at least one-half of my conference are of that persuasion, and they are increasing at a right rapid pace. One portion of our territory is covered, the whole face of the land being in their possession. And only last week this city, at Wesley Chapel, the Kentucky State Holiness Association held its annual session. Wesley Chapel is a Northern Methodist Church. This association is not an organization of the Church, but its members profess to be warm adherents thereto. These brethren are publishing in our city one of their very best papers, the "Methodist," the very best of its kind—a second blessing. At our Louisville preachers' meeting last Monday morning this question was sprung, and a lively discussion of it did we have. About a dozen preachers were present, and all I believe took part in the discussion, more or less. This batch of Methodist divines were not discussing "pro and con" the "holiness question" per se, but the theory of it, and more particularly certain methods of our dear second blessing brethren which are wild and dangerous, and have wrought for our cause great harm in some parts of our conference. Some of us have suffered because, forsooth, we have not fallen into rank and file with that particular estimate of the problem. How it is elsewhere I can not say; but I am sure that amongst us this idea is followed oftener than otherwise by the ignorant, and that class which may be denominated "cranks." It has done us here no little harm already. But I am not less sure that they have wrought untold good for our cause, and for the preservation of a spotless religion in the world. When we look out the window in almost any direction and see the sky (political and ecclesiastical) flaming with portents, red and furious; see the dissatisfaction on every hand working disintegration and ruin; see the sure restlessness in the movements in the theological sky about us, in our own Zion; see the drift toward "counting of noses" and the stress there is put on mere figures and "keeping up" the machinery of the Church, and see the signs of our growing to that detestable state in which the Wesleys found the fondered Church of England, it is high time for all hands

to cry to God for salvation of the cause by "cranks" or what-nots. And I verily believe in the sight of God these people have done a work which God purposed somebody should do. We may not lawfully be gloomy in our estimate of the situation, but if a man but keeps one eye on the lurid prospects for a week or longer time, he can discern through the opening chasm between riches and poverty, as from a crater's mouth, the arrow-flames shooting and the smoke and mire ascending while his ears are grating with harsh grumbings from below, and hissings and spittings and spurlings which but premonish him of an awful upheaval, for in this country there is no salvation in either the Democratic or the Republican party (and the Prohibitionists are yet too weak) and our only hope is in the Church of God. A tide of "worldliness," and it is not an old worn-out cry of some disgruntled elite, it is the awful truth we must face, is overwhelming the Church and augers its overthrow. If the sanctification cranks can hurrah and hurrah and save the sinking ship, why let 'em save it. That they have leveled the entire Church can not be denied. They have raised the standard of preaching of purity and holiness, all the way from Bishops down (or up) to the least known circuit rider in the connection. Oh, that their clean lives and modest demeanor may impress itself on the entire body and permeate with holy contagion the lagging energies of our fighting lines. May the wise, good Lord save some of us from extremes and excesses, and some of the rest of us from laggardness and deficiencies. But we'll talk no longer tonight. Yours sincerely, WALKER K. PIERCE.

FROM NASHVILLE TO VANCOUVER.

Just before going aboard our steamship, "The Empress of Japan," I write to report progress. We left Nashville the evening of the 17th. The "Empress" here used includes, besides the writer, Rev. H. G. Hawkins, who goes out to teach in a Government school in Japan and also to do mission work, and Rev. Y. Yoshiko, our first native Japanese preacher, who has just closed two years' study at Vanderbilt University, and now returns to work in the Japan Conference. On the 18th, at noon, we rolled into Chicago in the midst of bands, processions and endless turmoil incident to the assembling of the Democratic Convention. From a car, we observed the great throng of people, and I was not favorably impressed. Remaining over Sabbath we saw the streets filled with tens of thousands, marching with banners, screaming, drinking, swearing and behaving in no sense as the representatives of a Christian people. The Sabbath was a high revel. I can not believe God took any part or pleasure in all this.

On the 20th we ran up to St. Paul, and spent quite a while waiting for our through connections. In Wisconsin, Minnesota, and North Dakota, through all which States our journey ran, we had fine views of what is fast becoming the granary of the world. Wheat everywhere. Spring wheat just starting to grow and "foot cold" fall sowing. Old wheat in stacks left in the fields from last year, and just now being threshed for market. The severe winter caught them last fall before the crop could be marketed, and the spring planting occupied them until now. So we saw them now threshing and hauling to market. At every depot immense elevators receive the grain, and wagons are piled high with improved machinery for planting, gathering, cleaning, handling and transporting grain will increase the production indefinitely. The multiplied millions of acres yet to be opened in this boundless Northwest are to be set in grain, for it can produce nothing else. What, then, will the harvest be? One thing we may be assured, abundance of bread at low prices.

In wandering over St. Paul I saw from the signboards over stores and shops that the business of the city is in the hands of men with foreign names. This signifies that the settlers of these States were comers from abroad whose children now possess the land. Upon inquiry I found numerous and fine Churches, and evangelizing going forward encouragingly. I make a note of this for the encouragement of my brethren in Texas especially, who are grappling a similar problem. The foreigner can be reached by the American Church. He may be slow to yield, and labor at first be not promising, but his children are coming, and they speak our language, and from them we are to reap the greatest harvests. Our brethren of the Church North have gathered from these new-made citizens. And so will we have in the time to come.

On the 21st we crossed the boundary into Canada and intercepted the Canadian Pacific Railway at Winnipeg, and at 1 o'clock p. m., with eleven heavily loaded coaches, we pulled out for a straight run of 1500 miles, requiring three days and nights of steady traveling. For 800 miles our train runs through an unbroken plain of what appears to be poor land with few settlers and small villages at wide spaces, and no herds seen grazing. Tuesday and Wednesday, occupied in this monotonous run, were without incident, save that the latter turned out to be the longest day of my life. June 22 is put down in the calendar as the longest day in the year, but added to this on last Wednesday, the 22d, our train ran due west all day. We crossed the parallel of central time by which we lost one hour, and were rapidly approaching the boundary of Pacific time in which we lose another. Not having changed my watch at all it marked Wednesday afternoon 9:40 at sunset, and at 10:30, when I retired, it was bright daylight. We have had

good light from 4:30 to 10:30—equal to eighteen hours.

At five o'clock on the morning of June 23 I looked through my window to see if we had reached the Rockies. Sure enough, and there they were; the hoary old sentinels, snow-crowned and grand, in the early morning and had long been planned, to run through in fantastic shapes about the mountain tops, and dropped like drapery down their sides. By eleven o'clock the sun came out brightly, and the old hills stood out grim, majestic, awful. All day we ran in the shadows of these mighty monsters. Like a moving panorama they passed. There was no speech nor language, and their majesty was not heard, but, like the heavens, they declare the glory of God, and, like the firmament, they show his handiwork. An undevout, unbelieving traveler in these sublime solitudes is surely mad, which is a simple variation of David's statement in Psalm 53:1.

How small one feels in the presence of these giants; crawling along a path-way hewn out of the mountain side, with 8000 feet of stone and earth above, and a foaming river 1200 feet below; creeping over a yawning chasm as if on a spider's web 2500 feet high; pausing, as did our train, on the edge of a cliff, where the river is seen 300 feet below the railway, compressed into a boiling flame not more than twenty feet wide; plunging into dark gorges into whose dismal depths no sunlight ever falls; gazing into the upper depths at peaks upon peaks on whose summits glaciers sit, and down whose scathed sides avalanches have left the marks of their merrillous wrath. How one does shrink and dwindle here. But then there comes inspiration at the sight of this great problem of engineering wrought out and made real by the genius of man. It seemed like impotent impudence in him who first proposed this great transmontane highway. Its successful execution is a miracle of genius. Five hundred miles of mountain and gorge, of rivers and bowlders, of snow and avalanche have been mastered and subdued, and today multitudes from East and West cross these fastnesses in Pullman cars in safety and comfort.

We dined at the Glacier House, in full view of a giant glacier just one mile from us. Its great green sides shined in the sunlight, but its immense mass has for ages defied the sun's power to reduce it. At 12 o'clock we first reach the Columbia River, though it is navigable for 100 miles above. All the afternoon we wind along its banks, crossing it twice, amid the grandest mountain scenery, and finally turning it loose to follow the shore line of successive lakes as beautiful as paradise until nightfall ends a day crowded with wonders, and surfeited with sights, we retire to rest.

We supposed that on June 24 we would be done with mountains and snow and enter a more level country. But here we are still under the shadow of their tall heads. At 5 o'clock we reach the head waters of the Frazier River, and for 150 miles cling to its western bank down to the Pacific Sea. The Frazier drains these everlasting hills of their melting snows. He who lifted the mountains has also cut a channel for the rivers. This one is mainly a marvel of nature's work, dashed through stony walls which seem to be cut by hands, the icy waters rushing furiously on have been known to rise 115 feet in perpendicular height. But what of this when the rock walls on either side rise for thousands of feet above, and their dripping snow banks pour a ceaseless rain down. It is here, we are told, that the climate of engineering, or, at least, the only chance for the road-builder is to follow the line of the great river. But what is he to do when there is scarce room enough for one between the abrupt sides of these great barriers? Dynamite and giant powder have found the solution. The mountain sides were seamed, projecting cliffs rammed, and massive bridges, until now our train is winding like a huge serpent around these rocky mountain sides on road-beds chiseled out hundreds of feet above the roaring river beneath us. The engineer who constructed this Western division covering the mountainous and difficult part was on our train, who told me that in that space there were thirty-three tunnels and over four hundred bridges, and that parts of the road cost over \$300,000 per mile.

But enough of all this. On Friday afternoon, the 24th, on schedule time, our whistle blew for Vancouver, and thus ends our land journey of 3000 miles. With devout hearts we return thanks to Him whose hand has guided and kept us thus far.—Bishop Key, in Nashville Advocate.

MANY AFFLICTIONS—PROSPECTS BRIGHT.

With a heavy heart I left Georgetown on the morning of the first day of this month. For seven weary months my wife had been an invalid and there was no symptom of recovery. The best of medical attention availed nothing, and by the advice of our family physician, Dr. Petrus, I determined to test the efficacy of the thermal baths in Waco. It does seem to me that there is more suffering in a case of rheumatism than in any other disease. It goes without saying that it was hard to leave my work. When I was compelled to start Bro. Wright's daughter, Josie, was quite sick, but we thought she was mending. She has since been in the valley of the shadow of death. Now, thank God, she seems to be recovering—so he writes me. Bro. Henderson at that time was in San Antonio himself grievously troubled with rheumatism and his wife suf-

fering with the sequel to a grippé contracted in Corsicana. At the same time Bro. Simpson, at Marble Falls, was at death's door with hemorrhage of the lungs, and it was thought he must abandon his work. The care of all the Churches crowded heavily—for a campaign was already begun, which had long been planned, to run through the summer and early fall. But I must take my little household, except the youngest child, and away to Waco. One of the girls must go to Corsicana to help nurse her aged grandmother, who was grappling with typhus. The other must help me wait on her mother.

Well we got here safely, and my wife and I stopped with Mrs. Walden, South Fifth street. For several months she had been begging us by letter to come and try the hot baths. A warm greeting, and everything for our comfort, encouraged us. I went to see Dr. Graves, son of our preacher, G. W. Graves, and he called and examined the patient, gave directions as to the use of the different baths, and showed us much kindness. We went to the natatorium in the suburbs and examined the arrangements. Sorry there is no hotel out there, for, while we are comfortable and happy at Sister Walden's, many patients, strangers and almost helpless, need a boarder place right at the natatorium. The physicians concur in the opinion that these waters are for rheumatism, neuralgia and cutaneous troubles, the equal of Hot Springs in Arkansas. The appointments are very similar. The hot rooms, the vapor, the tub and the needle are all in good condition. The management is good. Mr. Chestnut, the Superintendent, is kind and careful. Emma and Eliza, the nurses, are faithful, intelligent and efficient, and the customer has every attention and the patient every needed service. Well, up to date, my wife has taken twelve baths. About the seventh bath she got worse—ought cold I suppose. After two days she rallied, and has been improving ever since. She is now almost free from pain. The swelling has left the joints. She walks about the place without stick or any other support. Had she been as well as she is now she would not have thought herself sick enough to leave home for her health. We hope soon to report a cure. I will leave her tomorrow to do my appointed work, and will go praising the Lord for his goodness to me and mine.

Waco has grown much since I was sent away. I believed it began to grow just after I left, if not before, in anticipation of that event. Many new buildings, both business houses and handsome residences. More hot water from big geysers than this scribe ever saw. The new college building will be ready for the fall term. Prof. and Mrs. Rounsavall will resume the charge of the school. They expect a large patronage, and their past record warrants the prognosis. They will have a full corps of teachers in literature, art and music, and the Northwest Texas Conference will hear a good report from them this fall. Through the courtesy of Dr. Bourland, pastor, I had the opportunity of preaching twice last Sunday in Fifth Street Church. Of course it was a great joy to see old friends once more. Dr. B. seems to be in great favor with the people, and I hear regrets that his pastoral term must soon expire by limitation of law. HORACE BISHOP, WACO, TEXAS.

ANTI-SABBATHIANS.

That the fight is on upon the Sabbath law in this State there can be no doubt, and the sooner the moral sentiment of the conservators of good morals is fully aroused the better for this State and our country at large. I was truly glad to read the editorial in last week's issue of the Advocate calling attention to the organization of the German American (?) Association ostensibly against the Sunday law of our State and to demand that the said law be repealed. This association was organized in Houston on the 30th day of May, with Judge Julius Schultz, of Austin, Chairman. The object of the organization of the association as explained is "for the purpose of the preservation of their much-valued personal liberty and the prevention of such laws infringing on such liberty." The Daily Gazette contained a notice of a meeting to be held some time in June in the city of Dallas to organize a branch of this league. The caption of this notice was printed in large letters: "No Personal Freedom. Not pleased with the Sunday law, etc." Subsequent to this was a notice of a meeting of this league in Fort Worth as follows: "Anti-Sunday Law. A meeting of the German American League. To protest against Sunday laws. The question will be carried into politics to be settled." At this meeting the following resolutions were passed, declaring "that the rights and privileges of American citizens are being violated by undemocratic legislation, denouncing the Sunday laws on our statute books as unwarranted infringement of our most sacred rights and liberties, and pledging the members of the association to do their utmost to have such legislation repealed." "An attempt will be made to have a plank inserted into the next Democratic platform covering the above resolution." "Mr. Wyeshezie, of Austin, addressed this meeting and in his speech he said: "That encroachments were being made on the rights and privileges of American citizens." "He cited as an example the Sunday law that the extra session failed to pass, and said that if some action was not speedily taken our boasted liberty would be but a reminiscence. Prohibition, he said, is not dead, although beaten, and if we are to preserve our

liberties we will have to be constantly on the watch." At this meeting they pledged themselves to vote solidly for any candidate who favors the objects of the association, and to do their utmost to defeat candidates who oppose them regardless of their political affiliations. This presents to us an alarming spectacle when connected with the following: The editor of the Gazette, after giving an account of the organization of this association, which we have seen took place on the 30th of May, says: "This is one of the most important meetings ever held in Texas. It means the consolidation of 80,000 voters, who will make their influence felt, particularly as political leaders say the Democracy is so split there will be a bolt and two conventions held with Hogg and Clark turned loose." This is a significant innuendo taken in consideration with the great political strife now pending, and the corruption, fraud and chicanery every where manifest. We must not forget that during the sitting of the legislature a bill was introduced to destroy the Sabbath by restricting the operation of the law to seven hours. That there was a tie vote upon this bill and that the Lieutenant-Governor, a member of the Methodist Church, gave the casting vote in favor of the bill. The anti-Sabbatarians in California, by calling the Democratic party in 1882, succeeded in getting an anti-Sabbath plank into their platform, which resulted in repealing the Sabbath law. In these perilous times and with these facts staring us in the face, we cannot afford to be indifferent to the dangers that threaten our Sabbath. Those Germans should be made to remember that they are the last people to wring the changes on personal liberty. The very fact that we have a Sabbath law has made this country a desirable home for the foreigners, and yet they would sap the foundation of this government by destroying the Christian Sabbath under the pretext of personal liberty. 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ANNUAL MEETING W. M. S. NORTH-WEST TEXAS CONFERENCE.

The pleasant duty of telling our workers through our column about the annual meeting of the Woman's Missionary Society, Northwest Texas Conference, at Weatherford, was assigned me by the President, Sister Mummer.

The program was carried out as published, save that Bro. Mackey and Putnam were prevented from being with us.

We felt from the moment our feet touched the platform that Weatherford was glad we had come, for smiling faces and waves of vehicles witnessed the fact.

The vocal organs were graciously given by Mrs. Lovie Lewis at our first meeting Thursday at 8:30 p. m.

Miss Minnie Rawlins, as our representative, gave a fitting response.

We feel the choir deserves special notice and thanks. They numbered actually twelve, and yet at each evening service were promptly in their seats, and we are persuaded few towns can furnish so many cultured voices.

Thematic chosen was all in good taste and rendered well, with no air of display. The solo, "Consider the Lilies," sung Sunday evening by Miss Maud Switzer, showed a naturally sweet voice well under control.

Bro. Isaac never failed us, but was our "true joke-fellow" from beginning to ending. May he find his patient attention and whole-souled sanction of our work expressed in the two sermons he gave us on Sunday, as broad cast upon the waters, which may return to him in multiplied blessings many days hence.

Bro. Lloyd preached for us Friday night from Rom. 10:1-15. He managed somehow to avoid the beaten paths and gave us a fruitful gospel mission sermon on the obligation of "Go and Tell."

With these expressions of sincere appreciation for the favors received at Weatherford I pass to the work proper of the society.

Sister Mummer's address gave us a bird's-eye view of mission fields in general, and the results she arrayed lifted our hearts to hope for yet greater and more rapid developments in the future.

It is the custom of this conference society to have the minutes of the entire session of the year before read as a preparation for intelligently taking up the work of the present.

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We who have ever attended the Board meetings see the picture vividly. No material changes were made by the Board in the by-laws save to restore the clause allowing Conference Societies to supplement, if necessary, the contingent fund from the general collection. It seems the fullness of time had come when the nature and importance of the contingent fund must be discussed by the Executive Board and the persistence of Sister Phillips, of Florida, at last obtained a discussion of the matter in open session and resulted in the above restoration.

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To the auxiliaries our law-making body recommended much prayer as the key-note of success, and a circulating missionary library as one means of interesting the women in the monthly meetings.

These are, as I remember, the main points of information Sister Griffith gave us.

When after hearing all these carefully prepared notes for our instruction and edification, a motion was made to express thanks to our efficient Corresponding Secretary. She firmly withstood it, saying, "No, my sisters, I have only done my duty."

May she be rewarded by Him who seek every good and faithful servant. Altogether I was impressed that the working force of the society was well placed and doing hearty, consecrated work. Although as one of them I am too new to claim any share yet, so feel free to say this much in general commendation.

Friday 3 p. m. and Saturday 9 a. m. were devoted to reports from auxiliary and juvenile societies. They were indeed gratifying in every respect, except the "gentle" tones in which most of them were read. Our ears felt they could rest when Miss Minnie Rawlins rose to her feet for any duty, for her voice is clear as a bell. The little delegates too in almost every instance could be heard.

Their school training gives them a decided advantage, in both voice culture and ease of manner, over our older sisters. The interest to the general hearer in our business meetings was often marred because they could not hear distinctly beyond the fourth row of seats.

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Besides this specific work we assumed \$100 this year on the amount, \$12,000, necessary to equip and send out the twelve new missionaries; besides these Miss Della Holding was accepted as a full missionary, making thirteen this year, for which we praise God, and trust for rapid advances.

Bro. Annis, in his remarks before the society, commended the democratic spirit of our women as manifest by the Woman's Board of Missions in keeping a good balance-sheet, but the appropriations this year, together with a falling off of \$17,000 last year, settled the much discussed subject of our "surplus" in the general treasury.

Sister Griffith's reports from the Board which recently met in Lexington, Ky., was concise and business-like. I will call in substance a few points from it. She says: "Our venerable sister Hayes, now seventy-nine years old, held the chair at every session. How wonderfully God sustains her! Her memory is so preserved that she was able to inquire, by name, of sister Griffith concerning each of the officers whom she installed while organizing auxiliaries through Texas in 1851. Her annual address was full of her wonted zeal; and she especially emphasized the centenary of Wm. Carey's work in the mission fields."

Of Mrs. McFayon she said: "Seated in her pillowed chair she looked pale, but showed a calm determination to perform her duties, and even stood while she read her long and interesting report. Speaking of Miss Gibson, Sister Griffith said: 'Miss Gibson, (who by the way was chosen Principal of the Training School) was promptly in her chair, and after arranging her papers about her laid her watch open before her and

quarterly reports regularly each year and paid \$5 annually besides on some specific work; has three subscribers to the W. M. Advocate. She related some of the means by which they have earned their money—picking cotton among the rest. This quilt she has dedicated to the "Susan Key" room at the training-school.

The auxiliary of First Church of this city has pledged \$75 this year to furnish this room completely. We raised what we could on the quilt among the ladies present (only about \$10) and gave her the privilege of retaining the quilt until she had presented it to other societies for contributions. The proceeds to be used for some specific work this year.

The executive officers were re-elected, save the following District Secretaries: Corsicana District—Miss Sue Gordon. Waxahachie District—Mrs. M. E. Peas.

Fort Worth District—Mrs. A. J. Body. Vernon District—Mrs. Sutherland. Gatesville was unanimously chosen as our next place of meeting.

Mrs. L. V. HAMPTON, FORT WORTH, TEXAS. "I never withhold anything from my wife. I tell her every night all that I have done during the day." "And do you tell her every day what you have done during the night?" "Well, that's different."

HOOD'S PILLS cure liver bile, jaundice, biliousness, sick headache, constipation.

Mrs. De Silke: I wish to give a memorial of some kind to the church, in memory of a relative who died. An appropriate desecrated or new church furnace, madam, and a few tons of coal.

"Simon! Simon! There are burglars in the house!" "That's all right, Mary. I made an assignment of everything to your wife for the benefit of the creditors."

Saxet cures all blood diseases. A nephew wrote to his uncle to "come to the point at once. If you do not send me a hundred dollars immediately, I will sue you." Uncle's reply: "Some time ago you wrote me in a similar strain and I sent you my revolver, but you went and pawned it."

Clark—There are two kinds of cloth to match the shade of this sample you have, sir: one is much more expensive than the other. Have you any idea which you will prefer to purchase? "Oh, yes," she writes the one that costs the most.

If you feel weak and all worn out take BROWN'S IRON BITTERS. A peasant woman, in the absence of her husband, sells two fat cows to a passing dealer. As he says he has no money with him, she is unwilling to let him have them without security. "Very well," he says, "then I will leave one of the cows for security." The woman agrees and calmly allows him to march off with the other cow.

"Why, what is the matter, my dear? You look disappointed." "I wanted to have a real good quarrel with my husband and he insisted on apologizing."

Saxet has cured old sores after all other remedies had failed. The Boston Aunt—He may be a little older than you, but remember his position in the university. "The Young Girl—It's no use talking, Auntie. There is too much learning and experience. The B. A.—Good heavens, child! What do you prefer to marry, folly? The P. G.—Yes, folly and youth. The wisdom and experience are sure to overtake us.

To what do you attribute the remarkable increase of kleptomania in late years? "To the fact that the dry goods stores keep more detectives."

An Old and Well Tried Remedy. Mrs. W. S. Lusk writes for children: "This should always be used for children teething, when the gums, and all eruptions on the face, and is the best remedy for diarrhoea."

"What did you name your baby?" "Well, at first she was as good as gold—never whimpered—hair all worn off the back of her head with lying on it—and we called her 'Scram.'" "Well, since she began crying all night with teething we changed her name to 'Tuscarora.'"

Mrs. Smallot—Why don't you burn up that pile of trash in the yard? Mr. Smallot—Wind's the wrong way. The smoke would all blow in our own windows.

Use Hood's Pills for every Pain or Soreness. It stops bleeding from the lungs, nose, stomach, etc. Aches, chills and work, lessens stomach.

"Did you hear Katharine Bobbidge's gratifying essay?" said one girl to another. "Yes; wasn't it ridiculous? I expected something a great deal better from her." "So did I. Why, there weren't half a dozen words of more than six syllables in it."

"A man has to do some fine work in my position," remarked the police court magistrate.

Saxet cures all venereal diseases. Little Boy: Has lost her sheep. And I know where she hid them: As a nation chops—With a porter-house steak behind them.

The publishers of the TEXAS CHRISTIAN ADVOCATE heartily endorse the merits of Hawkes' Cystallized Lenses. What adventures these women are, and how Miss Proctor lectures on the sun and leaves them all in the shade. It may seem a light matter, but we should feel very solemn to go so far from home. If she falls, my, but won't she see stars!

Traveler, railroad eating house—How much time have you? Water—All the time you chew. Take Saxet for Rheumatism. Young Attorney—What did your father say when he saw my picture in your watch? Miss Worth—That it was the only case you had ever appeared in.

He—I am rather in favor of the English mode of spelling. She—Yes? He—Yes, indeed. Take "parlor" for instance. Having "par" in it makes all the difference in the world.

When Baby was sick, we gave her Castoria. When she became a Child, she cried for Castoria. When she became Miss, she clung to Castoria. When she had Children, she gave them Castoria.

He—Then you love me? She—I do. He—And may I speak to you? She—No; speak to ma. Pa ain't anybody in this house.

Church Notices.

Table with columns for months (Jan, Feb, Mar, Apr, May, June) and days (Sun, Mon, Tue, Wed, Thu, Fri, Sat, Sun) for the years 1892 and 1891.

WEST TEXAS.

LLANO DISTRICT—THIRD ROUND. Llano cir. 4th Sun in July. Honey Creek mis. 4th Sun in July. Willow City cir. 4th Sun in July. Milburn mis. 4th Sun in July. Cherokee cir. 4th Sun in July.

SAN ANTONIO DISTRICT—THIRD ROUND. Amphion, at San Miguel. 4th Sun in July. West End, at Alamo. 4th Sun in July. Lodi, at Salado. 4th Sun in July.

BEVILL DISTRICT—THIRD ROUND. Oakville and Tilden, at Lebanon. 4th Sun in July. Lupton cir. 4th Sun in July. Pleasant Grove mis. 4th Sun in July.

SAN ANGELO DISTRICT—THIRD ROUND. Del Rio sta. 4th Sun in July. Junction City, at Compa. 4th Sun in July. Kerrville and Center Point, at Center. 4th Sun in July.

SAN ANGELO DISTRICT—FOURTH ROUND. Somers mis. at Somers. 4th Sun in Aug. Greenwood mis. at Greenwood. 4th Sun in Aug. Sherwood cir. at Sherwood. 4th Sun in Aug.

WEATHERFORD DISTRICT—THIRD ROUND. Fink mis. 4th Sun in July. Bowlesville cir. 4th Sun in July. Central Wicks cir. 4th Sun in July.

ABILENE DISTRICT—THIRD ROUND. Merzel cir. at Burdick. 4th Sun in July. Haskell cir. at Haskell. 4th Sun in July. Throckmorton cir. at Throckmorton. 4th Sun in July.

CISCO DISTRICT—THIRD ROUND. Armstrong mis. at Howard's school-house. 4th Sun in July. Breckinridge cir. at Breckinridge. 4th Sun in July.

JEFFERSON DISTRICT—THIRD ROUND. Jefferson sta. 4th Sun in July. Three Springs mis. at Three Springs. 4th Sun in July.

LINDEN DISTRICT—THIRD ROUND. Linden cir. at Linden. 4th Sun in Aug. Texarkana mis. 4th Sun in Aug. Dallas cir. at Dallas. 4th Sun in Aug.

GAINESVILLE DISTRICT—THIRD ROUND. Aurora mis. at Aurora. 4th Sun in Aug. Decatur cir. at Decatur. 4th Sun in Aug. Denton sta. 4th Sun in Aug.

MULPLIER DISTRICT—THIRD ROUND. Carrollton cir. at Grubbs. 4th Sun in Aug. Mulplier mis. at Mulplier. 4th Sun in Aug. Sulphur Bluff cir. at Lane. 4th Sun in Aug.

DALLAS DISTRICT—THIRD ROUND. Floyd Street. 4th Sun in July. South Dallas. 4th Sun in July. North Dallas. 4th Sun in July.

BONHAM DISTRICT—THIRD ROUND. Golter, at Center Point. 4th Sun in July. Bailey and Randolph, at Binkley. 4th Sun in July.

SHERMAN DISTRICT—THIRD ROUND. Belts and Saylor, at Virginia. 4th Sun in Aug. Sherman cir. at Pleasant Valley. 4th Sun in Aug.

MONTAQUE DISTRICT—THIRD ROUND. Burlington and Nocona, at Prairie. 4th Sun in July. Benvenue mis. at Riverland. 4th Sun in July.

TEXAS.

As the preachers of the Huntsville District confer on Friday being the Presiding Elder are to set the time for and hold their third quarterly conference, I therefore send the following to be placed in the list of appointments.

HUNTSVILLE DISTRICT—THIRD ROUND. Oyster Creek cir. at Liverpool. 4th Sun in July. Eagle Lake cir. at Liverpool. 4th Sun in July.

GALVESTON DISTRICT—THIRD ROUND. Galveston cir. at Galveston. 4th Sun in July. Matagorda cir. at Matagorda. 4th Sun in July.

AUSTIN DISTRICT—THIRD ROUND. Cedar Creek cir. at Haynie's Chapel. 4th Sun in July. Ann Creek cir. at Hill's Prairie. 4th Sun in July.

CALVERT DISTRICT—THIRD ROUND. Kopper cir. at Calvert. 4th Sun in July. Covington cir. at Covington. 4th Sun in July.

FORT WORTH DISTRICT—THIRD ROUND. Kopper cir. at Fort Worth. 4th Sun in July. Covington cir. at Fort Worth. 4th Sun in July.

GATESVILLE DISTRICT—THIRD ROUND. Martin and Grand Rapids. 4th Sun in July. Gatesville cir. at Gatesville. 4th Sun in July.

WAXAHACHIE DISTRICT—THIRD ROUND. Renner cir. at Waxahachie. 4th Sun in July. Oak Cliff cir. at Oak Cliff. 4th Sun in July.

BROWNWOOD DISTRICT—THIRD ROUND. Santa Anna cir. at Brownwood. 4th Sun in July. Glen cir. at Brownwood. 4th Sun in July.

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JEFFERSON DISTRICT—THIRD ROUND. Jefferson sta. 4th Sun in July. Three Springs mis. at Three Springs. 4th Sun in July.

LINDEN DISTRICT—THIRD ROUND. Linden cir. at Linden. 4th Sun in Aug. Texarkana mis. 4th Sun in Aug. Dallas cir. at Dallas. 4th Sun in Aug.

GAINESVILLE DISTRICT—THIRD ROUND. Aurora mis. at Aurora. 4th Sun in Aug. Decatur cir. at Decatur. 4th Sun in Aug. Denton sta. 4th Sun in Aug.

MULPLIER DISTRICT—THIRD ROUND. Carrollton cir. at Grubbs. 4th Sun in Aug. Mulplier mis. at Mulplier. 4th Sun in Aug. Sulphur Bluff cir. at Lane. 4th Sun in Aug.

DALLAS DISTRICT—THIRD ROUND. Floyd Street. 4th Sun in July. South Dallas. 4th Sun in July. North Dallas. 4th Sun in July.

BONHAM DISTRICT—THIRD ROUND. Golter, at Center Point. 4th Sun in July. Bailey and Randolph, at Binkley. 4th Sun in July.

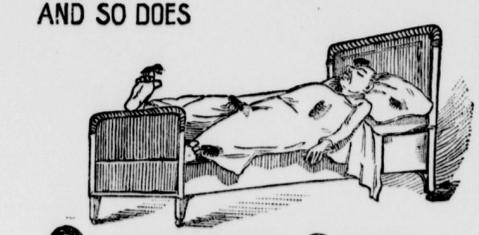
SHERMAN DISTRICT—THIRD ROUND. Belts and Saylor, at Virginia. 4th Sun in Aug. Sherman cir. at Pleasant Valley. 4th Sun in Aug.

MONTAQUE DISTRICT—THIRD ROUND. Burlington and Nocona, at Prairie. 4th Sun in July. Benvenue mis. at Riverland. 4th Sun in July.

GREENVILLE DISTRICT—THIRD ROUND. Wylie cir. at Pleasant Valley. 4th Sun in July. Weston cir. at Honey Creek. 4th Sun in July.

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PLAN OF EPISCOPAL VISITATION—1892-3.

FIRST DISTRICT—BISHOP KENNEL. Kentucky Conf., Middleboro, Ky. Sept. 7. Western Virginia Conf., Larksville, W. Va. Sept. 14.

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Obituaries.

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