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(And so on each week as they come in.)

It goes, Bro. Shutt. Who will furnish the  
car which will cost \$200? Please let me  
hear from some one at once. ABE M.

Clarksville, Texas, Nov. 29, 1899.  
Dear Bro. Mulkey: I write you a few  
lines to let you know that the Clarksville Epworth  
League would send money to furnish room  
at Orphan's Home. I send P. O. money  
order for \$25.00 for same. We are so glad  
to send this. May God bless the little  
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each to pay for a panel of iron and wire  
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be the first? Send P. O. order to me at  
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a and about many a little lamb.

Corsicana, Texas, Nov. 21, 1899.  
Dear Bro. Mulkey: Please find enclosed  
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phanage. The remainder will follow.  
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tection of the bodies of the orphans  
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rations for the welfare of their souls.  
We ought to have a children's library  
in the Orphanage of several thousand  
volumes. I have talked with the Man-  
ager on the subject, and he said: "Go  
ahead and get it up." Bro. Mulkey,  
will you look after fitting up a nice  
place to put the books? In the mean-  
time let every one who has a nice new  
book of real merit which you wish to  
contribute to this noble enterprise  
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**THE ADVOCATE AND THE BRANCH HOUSE.**

The present number of the Advocate is devoted to the interests of the Branch Publishing House in Dallas, and we suggest that the readers of the paper file this copy for future reference. It will do to preserve. We are greatly interested in our Branch House and we desire in every way possible to bring it before the membership of the Church throughout the entire State. So we take this method of introducing it to our numerous Advocate family. The Branch House is a connectional institution. It belongs alike to all of our five conferences, and all of our people feel a just pride in its prosperity. We want to see it grow into great proportions. It has been with us now only a few months, but such has been its progress that its permanent establishment as a fixed enterprise is beyond all possible question. Dr. Denny, the Chairman of the Book Committee, has recently visited the House and carefully inspected its business, and he announces himself more than pleased with its condition and prospects. It has an open sea, and all that it needs is the enlarged co-operation of our preachers and people. In order to get this, Mr. Everett, the agent of the Branch House, is leaving no stone unturned. He is a man of great enterprise. It was his suggestion that we make this number of the Advocate a Publishing House edition. So you will find the entire catalogue, with a complete price list of all the stock carried by the House, in this number of the paper. Turn to the advertising department and read the fine bill of fare offered to the lovers of good books, fine stationery, and all of the appurtenances of a first-class book house. The Advocate tells the story of the material in the way of high grade literature you need for your family. Do not throw this important issue aside, but preserve it, for you will want to look over the matter, at some time, advertised in the present number.

**THE FACILITIES OF THE BRANCH HOUSE.**

Such is the complete equipment of the Branch Publishing House that it is thoroughly prepared to furnish everything in the way of literature that the Methodists of Texas need. You are not put to the necessity of sending east of the Mississippi for anything in the way of books, periodicals or stationery. The House is loaded down with a large stock of all these things. Hymn books, Sunday-school song books, Bibles, religious books, literary works, Sunday-school cards, mottoes, and all sorts of supplies in these lines, are here in abundance. And they are furnished at prices within the reach of all. Everything carried by the great House at Nashville is here subject to your order. The Agents at Nashville prefer that all the people within the territory occupied by the Branch House do their trading and send in their orders here. By doing this you get the same prices, and save freight and time.

Just turn to the advertising department of this number and take a look at the price list in the published catalogue, and you will see that the Branch House is furnished with all the facilities and supplies with which to meet large demands. So that if you need anything in the way of literature as Christmas presents, this number of the Advocate furnishes you a wide opportunity to make excellent selections. We have personally looked through the stock of the House, and we can assure you that right in your own State the Church can supply all of your needs from this well organized source. Neither New York, nor Chicago, nor Cincinnati, can do a better part by you than the Branch House in Dallas.

**THE IMPORTANCE OF A LIBRARY.**

No home is complete without a supply of good and interesting books. They are just as essential to the growth of the mind as food is to the growth and strength of the body. This is an age of wonderful progress, and we must know what is going on in the world or fall behind the march of the present generation. Science, art, literature, history and high-toned fiction reflect the thought and struggles of the leading minds of the world, and all of these are accessible to those who yearn after knowledge. We can not afford to fail to give our children the advantage of good books in this age of the world. They will read something, and if we do not supply them with that which is good, they will get hold of that which is bad. The world is full of impure books and periodicals. It is the duty, therefore, of fathers and mothers to make it a point to select some good books and place them in the hands of their children. This can be done at a moderate cost, and the outlay will make a return of far greater value. Put these books upon the shelf, and the young people will get hold of them and commune with the master souls of the past and the present. Such influence will be far-reaching upon their lives and characters. Their mental horizon will be enlarged, their ambition will be stimulated, their thought will be fertilized, and they will aspire to be something in the world. Ignorance is their greatest foe, and knowledge received under good home training is their most valued friend. Encourage them, then, to read, to gain knowledge, and to aspire after the highest ideals of life and character. This reading habit will refine their thoughts and feelings, it will inspire their hopes, and it will bring them into kinship with the good and noble of earth's great men and women. If, therefore, you have no library in your home, begin to set yourself in order that you may get one. Look over the catalogue of our House, published in this number, and make a few selections and buy them, and from time to time add to your number, and by and by your children can turn to the book case and find all that they need to enrich their minds with knowledge and wisdom. In the years to come they will rise up and call you blessed.

**THE INFLUENCE OF A GOOD BOOK.**

A half century or more ago, Mr. Lincoln was keeping a country store on one of the highways of Illinois. A move wagon came along one day, and the man driving it had a barrel with some paper stuffed in it, and he asked Mr. Lincoln if he did not want to buy it. The storekeeper did not need it then, but thought he might want to make use of it in the future. So to accommodate the wagoner, he told him that he would give him two bits for the barrel if he would trade it out in the store. This he readily agreed to, and the barrel was rolled into a corner of the store. Time went on, and the old barrel stood there in the corner; but one day Mr. Lincoln had use for it, so he turned it upside down to empty out the paper, and out with the paper fell a book. He picked it up and saw that it was a copy of Blackstone's Commentaries on English Laws. This was a bonanza to him, for he had long wanted to study law. So he began to devour the book, and he never stopped until he had mastered its contents. A little later on he placed himself under a good lawyer and finished a course of law and was admitted to the bar as a practitioner. The rest of his history is too well known to relate in this connection. But in after life, when he stood at the head of the nation, he told a friend that he owed all that he was in point of position to the book he had found in early life in the old barrel of which he accidentally became possessed. The reading and study of that book made him the leader of men. And if the private history of many of our prominent men were known, it is probably true that a good book gave them the inspiration to reach out toward higher attainments. Who can estimate the influence of a good book placed in the hands of a boy who is thirsting after knowledge? We well remember that when a boy the Life of Christ, by Fleetwood, fell into our hands, and after reading it time and again, we had aspirations of which we had never dreamed up to that time. Put good books into the hands of your boys and girls, and the result will be better than the gift of money, or horse, or lands.

**THE SUNDAY-SCHOOL LIBRARY.**

Some years ago it was the popular thing to have a Sunday-school library, but of late years the Sunday-school literature has taken the place of the library and it is now a rare thing to find one in the Sunday-schools of our Church. This we believe to be a grave mistake. If there ever was a time when a good library was essential to a complete Sunday-school that time is now upon us. The Quarterlies, Lesson Papers and Visitor are all right, and we can not get along without them, but they can not take the place of good books prepared for our children. Some of our children have books at home, but others have not this advantage and the Sunday-school library ought to supply them. A real interesting book will keep many a boy out of bad company Sun-

day afternoons, and will bring him un-  
der good and wholesome influences. We  
have in our Branch House several sets  
of books arranged especially for Sun-  
day-school libraries and all our Su-  
perintendents, whose schools are not  
supplied with these ought to look over  
the list and proceed to select one for  
their schools. You can arrange the  
terms of payment with our Agent, and  
after you have secured it you will  
realize that it is of incalculable value  
to your young people. In boyhood we  
could scarcely wait for Sunday to  
come round, we were so anxious to get  
a new book. Do not deprive the chil-  
dren of the advantage of a good Sun-  
day-school library.

**THE LEAGUE COURSE OF STUDY.**

The General League Committee have arranged a fine course of study for the use of the Leaguers for the year 1900, and it is time that all of these League organizations were making their orders. The Library Department of the League is one of its most important features, and it ought to be worked during the winter months to good advantage. Our young people need to read these books and become acquainted with the literature of the Church. Many of them have not yet informed themselves upon the doctrines, polity and history of Methodism, and the object of this literary feature is to furnish this needed information. We want to grow a class of young people who know the reasons why they are Methodists and who will be able to stand by their convictions and defend them with facts which can not be questioned. To possess this information and have the ability to use it they must be cognizant of what we teach and believe as a Church. Of course the Bible is the principal book in the course. This fact may not be mentioned, as it is not necessary to mention it. Nevertheless it is true that the Bible is the primary text book in all Methodist reading. After that come the books arranged by the committee. When these are read and directed our young people become intelligent and strong members of the Church. They have a reason for the hope that is within them. This course of study is carried by our Branch House, and the books can be gotten on short notice. See the advertisement on another page of this issue.

**THE COURSE OF STUDY FOR YOUNG PREACHERS.**

All young preachers when they enter the conference understood that they have to complete a specified course of study annually for four years. These books embody the doctrines, polity and usages of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South, and the correct understanding of them is a necessity. They are not merely to be read, but they are to be studied as text books. No book can be mastered at a single reading. It requires thoughtful meditation to possess one's self of the contents of a good book. Too many of us are mere

skimmers in our habits of reading. We do not go into the depths of the thoughts of those whose investigations are given to us in the form of books. We need to get at the inner spirit of the author and to enter into the realm of all his discriminations and different shades of meaning. By this method we appropriate the product of his mind and we so assimilate it as to make it in a certain sense our own. No other style of reading will avail us very much. Young men in the ministry need to adopt a thorough method in studying this excellent course, and when they have completed the entire list of books they are good and accredited Methodist theologians. They are prepared to teach the scriptures as we understand them and to banish all strange and erroneous doctrines that may confront the Church. No better and clearer system of theology can be found than the one set forth in our four years' course of study. These books are all kept in stock by our Branch House. You need not send to Nashville for them, but send to Dallas and you will save time and expense. Do not wait till the year is half gone before you order them, but get them at once and begin to read and digest them without delay. Do not be satisfied with knowing just enough about them to barely pass the examination, but devour them as you do palatable food. This will take time and serious reflection. Set apart so much time each day or night and begin with the beginning of the year and continue till the year comes to an end. Then when you meet the committee you will have nothing to fear.

**THE DISPENSERS OF GOOD LITERATURE.**

There was a time when the Methodist preacher filled his saddlebags with good books and wherever he went he made it a point to sell them to his people. It might be that he was not much preacher, but he supplemented his lack at this point by leaving Methodist books in the homes of the families of his charge. Though some of them were grand preachers, superior in many respects to the preachers of this generation, still they made it a part of their business to put out literature in Methodist homes. But in most instances the book selling spirit of the old itinerant has become a lost art. Only a few of our preachers follow this work up and make the most of it. Many of us have gotten above this habit, but in doing so we have gotten above the best habit ever adopted by the Methodist ministry. To find a good set of Methodist books in a Methodist home of to-day is the exception to the rule. A great many of our preachers never sell a book to the families of their charges. They never make inquiry even to see if our books are wanted in the homes. With some of them it is indifference as to the needs of good literature in the family circle; with others book selling is not their business, and with still others the habit of the book agent is not in keeping with their dignity. There is no valid excuse in any of these positions. It is the duty of every preacher in charge to see to it that our books are put into the homes of the people. They are the authorized agents of our publications, and if the people ever get them and read them it will for the most part be the work of the preachers in calling the special attention of the people to them. No pastor can afford to neglect this important work without doing his charge a great injury. Our people must be a reading people, and if they do not read our books they will read something else. We must furnish them our literature in order that they may become instructed in the matters of our own Church and its interests. We therefore ask every preacher in Texas to call the attention of his people to

the price lists of our publications as found in another column of the present issue of the Advocate and let him urge upon them the importance of having a number of these books placed in their homes for the benefit of themselves and their children.

**OUR HYMN AND TUNE BOOK.**

Our Hymn and Tune Book is adapted to the specific use of private and public worship. It contains the spirit of the doctrines and experiences of the Bible as taught by Methodism. These hymns embody our theology set to music. They are the noblest productions of the best and purest minds of the Church. To study these hymns and sing them understandingly is to become a well-informed Methodist people. They are full of truth in all of its practical and experimental phases. They were born of the Holy Ghost in the warm hearts of men who had experienced their meaning and who were almost inspired to give to them a vital utterance. They have comforted the hearts, instructed the minds and cheered the lives of the people of God all along the struggles of the generations. Our fathers and mothers sang them when we were children, and under their inspiring melodies shouted the praises of the great King. We can not therefore neglect to keep our people acquainted with these hymns. A copy of them ought to be in every family, and the pews of our houses of worship ought to be well supplied with them. No other song book ought to be permitted to supplant these old Methodist hymns. Our Sunday-school hymns are all right for the Sunday-school, but they were never intended to be used in the congregation. Here we want our hymn book that our people may have the opportunity to sing the songs suited to mature experiences and ripe characters. These books can be gotten at such a low price that there is no excuse for any congregations being without them. We sometimes fear that our preachers are not pressing the hymn book upon their congregations according to its importance. Just here we need to amend our ways and see to it that every Methodist congregation be induced to purchase the hymn book and invariably use it in worship. These books can be gotten for a trifle in any quantity at our Branch House in Dallas.

**WHAT SOME OF OUR PREACHERS THINK.**

With the birth of the Wesleys was born a great evangelical revival. The scripture was again fulfilled which says, "The Spirit of the Lord is upon me, because he hath anointed me to preach the gospel to the poor; he hath sent me to heal the broken hearted, to preach deliverance to the captives and recovering of sight to the blind, to set at liberty them that are bruised, to preach the acceptable year of the Lord." Our blessed Lord fulfilled this scripture as effectually through the evangelical preaching of the Wesleys as he did in person while on earth in the flesh. But the manifold results of the great Wesleyan revival are not the fruits of preaching exclusively. Mr. Wesley was wise enough to ally the pulpit and the press. He was not only a great preacher, but also a great publisher. He says that "much love did not always imply much light." But love without light is not only blind, but a fruitless thing. It can never lead, and must either follow or fall into the ditch. God is love and God is light, and in him there is no darkness at all. The love that abides and grows and is fruitful—leading into larger life and closer communion with the Lord—is enlightened love. Across the path of the other kind there always yawns the dark abyss of fanaticism, from which the angel of light can only rescue its victims by miraculous interposition. The evangelical press has always

been the strong arm of the evangelical pulpit. From the beginning it has been the aim of Methodism to edify by education. Sanctified schools and literature have been no mean part of her armament. To supply all the people with religious literature has always been the meaning of her publishing interests. To get the literature into the hands and then into the hearts of the people is one of the accomplishments she realizes as necessary to the fulfillment of her mission. To get the literature in the hands of the people is a serious element in the problem, since when once gotten there the other will follow. An attempt at a better solution of this problem, and a wise one, has brought to us the Book House at Dallas. The aim is to put the books conveniently at our door. It remains for us to buy, read, sell and distribute. The plant deserves the concentrated patronage of Texas Methodism, not for its own sake, but for the furtherance of an intelligent Christianity among our people. With the proper cultivation it is hoped that ere long we will have not only a Book House, but a real and flourishing Publishing House. This result can only be the result of a united patronage which will advance the Church in better equipment and more power to do her divinely appointed work. So let's have a "strong pull, a long pull, and a pull altogether" for this end.

**JAS. CAMPBELL.**

Our Branch House in Dallas marks an era in Texas Methodism, and the future history of our Church in Texas will depend largely on the judicious advantages we take of this opportunity to furnish good books to the thousands who are either reading nothing, or worse than nothing.

That our people need to read more good books is evident to the most casual observer; that the country is flooded with vicious literature and our people are reading it is beyond question; that the baleful influence of this vile literature is ruinous and seductive to all who patronize it, is shown by its fruits, for every seed will produce fruit after its own kind, and that the pulpit is powerless to check the evil tendencies of this infectious literature has been demonstrated by past experience.

No prohibitory measures can relieve us of this fearful malady, for book-makers will pander to the tastes of those whom they design to dupe, and so long as men love to read trash, it will be supplied.

The Church must seek to change the taste of the reader, and demand will correct the quality of the supply. The taste for good books can be formed only by keeping the right kind of literature before the people, through the consecrated efforts of our preachers.

The success of our early preachers was due to the fact that they kept good books and urged the people to buy and read them.

The books now scattered over the country are made to sell, and the object in view is the money they bring and no care is taken except to pander to the lusts and excite the passions, while every book of this kind that is read increases the desire to read more, augmenting the trade by the spontaneity of the seed sown.

If the Church had used half the diligence in scattering religious reading matter that common book-readers have done, we would have reaped a large harvest for the sowing, and if the shepherd sees the wolf coming and fails to give the warning and thus save his flock from the impending danger, he is guilty of their blood.

The thoughts of childhood are seed thoughts for manhood, and the books our boys and girls read will bear fruit, good or evil, in mature life. It is said the room of Napoleon's mother was decorated by scenes of the Trojan war, and the young life of Napoleon was fired by the martial spirit suggested by the mute though expressive canvas.

Children brought up under the influence of wholesome literature will find its sentiments forming the warp and weft of mature life.

Like whiskey and morphine, bad books are used to gratify a vitiated taste as morbid and unnatural as the diseased palate, and as ruinous and blighting to the soul as they are to the body.

The Church that reads nothing will be eaten of dry rot, and decay will evidence its presence by inactivity and selfishness; the Church that reads bad books will indicate its dying condi-

tion by open and flagrant sins, and its young people will develop into criminals; the Church that reads good books will be intelligent and responsive to every appeal to good works. There are few good men who are not indebted to good books for the motives and desires that urge them on in the good way.

No Church member can be intelligent and reliable who does not read, and he who depends entirely on the sermon for religious instruction will, sooner or later, be tossed by every wind of doctrine.

The Twentieth Century question in Texas will be answered by the reading masses, but the remainder (the larger part) must be left to the care of the faithful pastors who will teach them to patronize our Methodist Publishing House at Dallas. I. W. CLARK.

While in Dallas attending the meeting of the Board of Publication of the Texas Christian Advocate I called at our Branch House, located in Dallas, and found Bro. W. C. Everett, Business Manager, and a corps of polite clerks in attendance and busy. If I am not mistaken Everett is the right man in the right place. Trained to business, his heart in the work, and possessing the rare faculty of interesting himself about the smallest matter that concerns his customers, if this venture of our Publishing House to establish a branch business in Texas does not succeed it will not be his fault. I was happily surprised to find a large, well-arranged house, on one of the principal business streets of Dallas, filled with the best of books and periodicals from floor to ceiling. I said in my heart, and say so now, Texas Methodism ought to rally to this House. First, because our Book Agents have paid us the highest possible compliment in establishing it among us. In this action they have only expressed the high regard in which the whole Church holds Texas Methodism, and its faith in our ability and willingness to support such an enterprise. To let it fail would be to disappoint this hope and confidence. Second, because of its convenience and nearness to us. The city of Dallas is almost in gun shot of the most prosperous sections of East Texas, of the rich and populous sections of North and Northwest Texas, and Middle and Western and Southwestern Texas. The House can be reached from almost any section in thirty minutes by telephone and can be reached by letter any time in four to twenty-four hours, whereas it would take from twenty-four to forty-eight hours to reach Nashville. Then again, for every one of our Texas preachers and laymen who visit Nashville it is safe to say that fifty visit Dallas. How convenient when in Dallas to walk over to our Publishing House and buy the books that we want, or to step to a telephone and give our order and receive the goods in four to twenty-four hours. All this, no doubt, our Agents considered in establishing this Branch House. They knew that Dallas was a far better distributing point than Nashville by reason of its having much better railroad facilities. There is scarcely any hour of the day that express trains are not entering and departing from the city. With all these advantages the House ought to succeed immensely, and it will if our presiding elders and pastors will call attention to it, and encourage our people to buy good books, and when they desire it, order for them. With the advantages now offered us, what may not Texas Methodism do? With our own grand Texas Advocate, our own well-filled book store, our school and colleges equal to the best—ah! we must, we can, we will, succeed. J. T. SMITH, Timpon, Texas.

**A DYING GIRL'S INVESTMENT.**

A little girl was lying sick, nigh unto death. Beside the bed her father was watching and weeping. "How much do I cost you, papa, every year?" asked the dying child. Again and again she asked the question, until the father named a certain sum. "Why do you ask this?" he said. "Because," said the dear child "I thought maybe you would lay that amount out this year in Bibles for poor children to remember me by." With heart swelling with deepest feeling the father kissed the cold brow and replied, "I will, my child;" and then, after a pause, added: "I will do it every year, that you may draw others after you to heaven."

**TWENTIETH**

Last July, during of young people Luis Potosi, Mexico, got together for our attitude toward the Twentieth Century. Reading, prayer, and as soon as mentioned the un- present was that would not lag, talked the more kindled. We rose of God, we won the missionaries' tribulations. Plat- tional rallies at Then each one his pockets and great cause.

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With pardon the advance m past in the w in the mission on by the Sec Board, and the sal demand th be self-suppor churches, the v straining ever; glorious day w pendent upon t those on the fl- the great diffic taining such a much easier to done than to use the tact necessary to d with success. sions exceed \$700, and the port of preach beyond what t

"The brethren salute you. I Jesus Christ Amen." Monterey, M

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### EDITORIAL BIRD-SHOT.

When a man knows that he has done you a meanness he wants to avoid you.

High stepping is invariably an indication of defective eye-sight and such like.

When doctors are perfecting a new remedy they always experiment on dogs.

Too much mouth has often been the ruin of some heads well filled with brains.

When the roll is called up yonder we'll be there—if it does not happen that we are somewhere else.

The preacher who has acquired a good forgettery and makes it prominent after he separates from some company is to be congratulated.

Now and then you find a man in your goings and comings who would be all right if he only knew how to attend to his own business.

Higher Criticism is called high because it indulges in theories whose specific gravity imparts to it the quality of floating in thin air.

A sweet, firm mother in the domestic circle is a home angel, but an irritable and a fussy one is only an angel when she is in a good humor.

A professional gossip, whether man or woman, belongs to the itinerancy of the devil, and the work thus done is very pleasing to his Satanic Majesty.

Some men climb out upon the limb and saw it off between them and the tree, and when they hit the ground they seem to be very much surprised.

Some men are able to take care of themselves, others have wives capable of attending to this matter, but a few others are sadly in need of guardians.

No woman ought to exercise the functions of a man in the domestic economy unless she has a husband of a decidedly feminine turn of mind and heart.

Ruth was not only a beautiful young widow of pious character, but she was possessed of fine judgment and knew exactly how to lay her plans in the capture of Boaz, the unsuspecting old bachelor.

It was enough to put Job's wife out of humor to have a husband covered with boils and then to have three of his friends sit down by him and argue abstruse questions for weeks without intermission.

### THE COAT IS FOUND.

In the last issue of the Advocate we mentioned the fact that some one at the North Texas Conference had abstracted our overcoat. We now announce that the garment is again in our possession. It arrived safe and sound on the morning of Thanksgiving day. After the adjournment of the conference at Honey Grove a lady was looking through the room in her house which had been occupied by two of the presiding elders and found the coat hanging up in the closet. How it came there she has not the remotest idea, unless it was carried hither by one of the two "beloveds." Now both of these presiding elders were seen in the hall of the house we occupied the very evening the coat disappeared. One or the other of them evidently laid violent hands upon it and hid away with it to his abode. We thought more than once that both of these officials had a suspicious look while we were shivering around in a norther, but as they frequently asked us if we had

found the coat we were not prepared to charge them with the offense. But now it turns out that they had guilty knowledge of the missing garment. At the next conference we will have a reckoning with them. One of them in personal appearance is tall, lank and lean, while the other one is fat and squatly, built somewhat after the most improved model of a lump of jelly. If any one can identify them according to this description the knowledge will be received in confidence and thanks tendered for the favor.

### TEXAS CONFERENCE.

Rev. N. M. McLaughlin, of DeLeon, made the Advocate an appreciated call.

Rev. James Campbell, of Georgetown, was in Dallas this week and called on the Advocate.

Bro. E. R. Hightower, of Belcher, made us a good visit the other day on his way to Houston. He is a steward in his Church.

Rev. Dr. Horace Bishop, of the Waxahachie District, made us a pleasant visit last Monday. He is making a good start for the new year.

On account of severe indisposition, Prof. R. S. Hyer had to leave the session of the North Texas Conference without addressing the brethren upon the interests of our University. Dr. Allen spoke for the institution.

Rev. John S. Davis, of Sherman, passed through the city last week on his way to Cedar Hill to attend the funeral of an old friend of other days. He called to see us while here. He has Willow Street Church at Sherman this year.

We acknowledge an invitation to the marriage of Winnie Graham to Mr. J. W. Cook, which happy event will take place the 12th instant at Staples, Texas. Miss Graham is the daughter of Rev. and Mrs. J. T. Graham, of the West Texas Conference.

Rev. C. E. Gallagher, of Northwest Texas Conference, after the adjournment of that body, visited relatives and friends in North Texas. His call at the Advocate office was a pleasant one. His niece, Miss Cora Pharr, of Lucas, Texas, accompanied him.

A note from Rev. C. H. Maloy, Marble Falls, states that his wife is still quite sick. Bro. M. located at the late session of the West Texas Conference on account of his wife's health. He has been for many years an efficient and very successful member of that body. His brethren sympathize with him in his affliction. His address is Marble Falls, Texas.

We clip the following from one of our Georgetown exchanges:

Regent R. S. Hyer, of the Southwestern University, made an eloquent speech at the meeting of the North-west Texas Annual Conference at Cleburne last week in explanation of the great work the Southwestern University was doing for the cause of Christian education. Those who heard the speech speak in the highest terms of it and regard Regent Hyer's remarks as the ablest heard in many a day. He paid high tribute to the grand educational institution that is to-day loved by the Methodists of Texas. They founded it because they believed it would perform a grand mission and followed it with an earnest zeal that has challenged the admiration of all who are familiar with its struggles and triumphs. Regent Hyer is pre-eminently a man in whom the people have reposed every confidence and upon the occasion of the speech at Cleburne distinguished himself.

### METHODIST NEWS.

The average salary paid the past year to the preachers of the Virginia Conference was \$817.

Dr. J. P. McFerrin, late of the Louisville Conference, has just been appointed to the First Methodist Church in Birmingham.

We note with sorrow the death of our old friend, Gen. R. B. Vance, of Western North Carolina. He was a brave soldier in the Confederate Army and rose to eminence. After the

war he represented his district in Congress for several terms. He was a devout member of our Church and a good man.

In 1786 Bishop Asbury organized the first Sunday-school at Thomas Crenshaw's residence in Hanover County, Virginia.

The "Old Richmond" has converted its first page into a great picture gallery. The last issue had a cut of the city of Jerusalem as large as a blanket.

Dr. W. M. Green, of the Midland Methodist Church, has been compelled to abandon work for a few weeks in order to recuperate his strength in needed rest.

Rev. B. F. Haynes, of the Tennessee Conference, who was recently appointed to Trinity charge, East Nashville, has resigned the place. It was not large enough for him.

Bishop Galloway has been appointed by the proper committee to preach the opening sermon at the Ecumenical Conference to be held in London in September, 1901. That will be a rare occasion.

Dr. Schell, Secretary of the Epworth Leagues of the M. E. Church, has tendered his resignation on account of the trouble he got into in a little money transaction some time back. Rev. W. P. Thirkield, D. D., is his successor.

At the recent session of the Western North Carolina Conference, Bishop Key made an address upon the Twentieth Century Movement and took up a collection, which amounted to \$10,150. Good for the old North Carolina State. That conference had a net gain in membership this year of 1200.

### REV. J. T. RASCOE.

Rev. J. T. Rascoe, appointed to Channing Circuit, Clarendon District, died at Snyder at 11 a. m. to-day. Bro. Rascoe served the Snyder Circuit last year; was sick much of the time; but did not think his condition so serious.

J. S. CHAPMAN.

Abilene, Texas, Dec. 5, 1899.

### A CONTRAST.

Contrast between now and twenty years ago. I saw in the last issue: Rev. J. J. Blank, having finished a full course at Vanderbilt, has entered the North Texas Conference and is stationed at Blank, 1899.

### CONTRAST.

The Rev. John Henry Johnston, having finished a full and complete course at Harvard College has joined the North Texas Conference and is stationed on Post Oak Mission. Before hitching a young horse to a fine buggy, you had better have him pull a bush around awhile, 1897.

A. J. ANDERSON.

Brother Anderson is mistaken in the first name. "Rev. J. J. Blank" does not figure in the appointments of the North Texas Conference. As to the other preacher mentioned, we are not acquainted with him. Whenever the Bishop and his cabinet hitch up a colt to a "brush" and have him pull it around for awhile, the Advocate will make record of the fact. But this paper is not in the business of "breaking colts." But when the conference breaks them and puts them to work, whether they are from Vanderbilt or the mission, their appointments will be duly recorded. We commend the remark of Brother Anderson to the wisdom of Bishop Hargrove and the "beloveds." —Ed. Advocate.

### TWENTIETH CENTURY THANK-OFFERING.

To the Preachers and People of Greenville District, North Texas Conference:

Dear Brethren: We must give the Twentieth Century Thank-Offering the right-of-way in the district for the next four months, and as the Board of Education did not propose a plan for this work I suggest the following for our district: Let the work begin in every Church, League and Sunday-school in the district on the fifth Sunday in December. If possible have a special service in every Church on that day. Where a preacher can not be secured to conduct the service a

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layman or Leaguer may be placed in charge. A committee of three or more should be appointed in each congregation to assist in arranging the service and securing names and subscriptions for the Century Roll-Book. Each charge should have such a book and the name of every Methodist, old or young, should be placed on it with the amount contributed. This book when completed should be placed among the archives of the charge. The Friday before the fifth Sunday in December will be the fast day for the district and the following Sunday the work should be earnestly and gratefully inaugurated. The local committee will continue the work of securing names and offerings until the fourth Sunday in March, when another public meeting should be conducted in every Church. In the meantime each pastor will have time to represent and fully explain the object of and need of the fund in each congregation. The District Conference will meet immediately after the close of the first round on the district and a report from each charge will be called for as to results in each.

If any pastor needs a book or other help he can secure same by writing the General Secretary of Education or perhaps the Conference Secretary. Our motto: A century thank-offering from every Methodist in the district. Our marching orders: Begin the work on the fifth Sunday in December and close it on the fourth Sunday in March. I. S. ASHBURN, P. E. Greenville, Texas.

CORSICANA DISTRICT.

Dear Brethren of the Corsicana District: The Twentieth Century Fund Committee appointed by the presiding elder for our district met at Blooming Grove, December 1. The committee organized by electing E. A. Bailey, presiding elder, Chairman; J. E. Odom, Secretary; Gov. Geo. T. Jester, Treasurer. The district was divided into five sections, containing from two to five charges each, and a place was selected in each section at which to hold a rally. The following are the sections and places for rallies: Section 1, Mexia, Cotton Gin, Groesbeck, Thornton and Horn Hill, at Groesbeck. Section 2, Hubbard City, Armour, Wortham and Dawson, at Armour. Section 3, Rice, Kerens and Hester, at Wesley Chapel. Section 4, Frost and Brandon, at Mertens. Section 5, Corsicana, Corsicana Circuit, Barry, Blooming Grove and Dresden, at Barry. Dates for these rallies are to be fixed at the preachers' meeting of the district to be held at Corsicana the 13th instant. Suitable programs will be arranged and speakers secured for these rallies. We contemplate an all-day service, if not longer, at each place. It is very much desired by your committee that these rallies shall be occasions of real spiritual uplifting—"seasons of refreshing from the presence of the Lord." Secondly, we want to quicken the conscience of the Methodism of our district upon the subject of Christian education; thirdly, we desire to make these rallies social blessings; and, finally, we expect a thank-offering unto God for the cause of Christian education from every Methodist in the district—not one to be excused. Shall we be disappointed? Will any dare excuse themselves from the blessed privilege of giving for the honor and glory of God? Both inspiration and experience teach me that "it is more blessed to give than to receive." We receive all blessings from the bountiful hand of our Heavenly Father. We should prize no blessing that crowns our lives more than the ability to give. God blesses you that you may be able to bless another. "Receive not the grace of God in vain." What has God done for you, my brother? What has he done for our district? We stand first in our conference. We lead in accessions to the Church by 233. In number of baptisms 31. For all purposes we paid last year \$30,959, which is \$314.23 more than the next highest district. Our district paid more money last year than the Dallas District of the North Texas Conference by \$214.67. We are the leading district in our great Texas Methodism. This carries with it no small responsibility. Shall we meet that responsibility? By the grace of God we will meet and discharge it. We ought to give \$20,000 to the cause of Christian education by January 1, 1900, and I believe we will do it. It is simply a question of will, not of ability. God has given the ability, and now it remains to be seen whether we will show our gratitude by making the offering. Let us honor God as he gives ability.

J. D. ODOM,  
Sec. District Committee.

The Child of a King.

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J. W. HOLT.

Musical notation for the first system of the hymn "The Child of a King".

1. "I'm the child of a king, And with rap-ture I sing, Not a  
2. How de-light-ful to live Such a life as He gives, What if  
3. If with-in He a-bides, O how smoothly we glide, Tho' the

Musical notation for the second system of the hymn.

care can my com-fort de-stroy; O I'm glad all the day, And re-  
sin is in bat-tle a-ray? Yes, with Je-sus our king, Complete  
o-cean of life be not fair; He extracts all the stings, While my

Musical notation for the third system of the hymn.

joyce on the way, While my heart o-ver-flows with its joy."  
vict-ry we'll win, For He chains all the lions on the way,  
hope ev-er sings, Of a beau-ti-ful home o-ver there.

Spreading glad-ness and sun-shine around."

Musical notation for the fourth system of the hymn.

When He reigns in my heart, Ev-ry grief must depart, Where He dwells not a

Musical notation for the fifth system of the hymn.

shadow is found; If for him you make room, He will banish the gloom.

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LITERARY NOTES.

What a Young Husband Ought to Know. By Sylvanus Stall, D. D. Vir Publishing Company. If marriage is a divine institution, if the tenderest and most sacred relations of life cluster about the family and the home, then no words of praise can be too strong with which to commend this exceptional book. Its author shows himself capable and courageous.

A Valuable Help for Sunday-school Teachers and Scholars. A Vest Pocket Commentary on the International Sunday-school Lessons for 1900, by DeLoss M. Tompkins, D. D., published by Fred D. Ewell, 132 Market Street, Chicago. This little volume presents in a most convenient form the lessons for the entire year, together with a remarkable amount of comprehensive study helps. It is truly a "pocket companion," enabling one to always have material for study at hand. To utilize the odd moments is its aim. The evident care and well-studied purpose shown in its make-up have produced a help that will surely be appreciated by every busy person fortunate enough to possess one.

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pose, of devotion to duty, of moral and physical courage.

The December number of The American Illustrated Methodist Magazine has for frontispiece a portrait of Rev. William Nast, the John Wesley of German Methodism. The interesting and eventful life of Dr. Nast is ably treated in an article in the same issue, "Coleridge's 'Ancient Mariner,'" by James Main Dixon, is given first place in this number. The author furnishes a fresh and suggestive interpretation of this popular poem, and discusses the circumstances which led Coleridge to write it. The illustrations of the article are reproduced from the Dore edition of the poem by permission of Messrs. Harper Brothers. "Rambles in Normandy," by SaLees Kennard, is a descriptive article on this picturesque province, and is beautifully illustrated. The historical points are well brought out, and a reproduction of the famous Bayeux tapestry adds much to the interest of the article. Bishop Charles B. Galloway contributes an interesting article on Blennerhassett. The story of Harman Blennerhassett, seldom told and almost forgotten, possesses a weird mingling of romance and tragedy, and forms a part of one of the most thrilling chapters of our national history—that in which Aaron Burr played such a conspicuous part. The tenth chapter of "The Illustrated History of Methodism" is "The First Decade of Ameri-

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MEMORIES WORTH HAVING.

Life's best days are not those to which we look forward with most expectation of happiness, but those to which we may look back with most of gladness. There are those in which we were helped to do some disagreeable duty manfully, or to make some sacrifice for others, or to enter into truer or more loving relations with our fellow men. They are the days which stand the test of experience and reminiscence, and are lit up with the light which shines on duties done, troubles faced, burdens borne. For the beautiful things of life are most often those which were harsh and painful actualities when they were close at hand, but which have grown gracious and lovely as they have passed into the region of memory. So they live on with us when mere pleasures and diversions are forgotten, and we love to turn back to them in thought; while for many of our happinesses and our pleasures we may be most inclined to ask the power to forget.—Sunday School Times.

READY TO ASSIST.

I am home again from Arkansas and am ready to assist the pastors in their meeting for the next few weeks—at least till Christmas.

ED G. PHILLIPS.

What we call death is but an exodus, a going out from the land of bondage into the land of liberty: an un-mooring, and setting our white sails for the fresh breeze and the bright sun; an awakening from life's troubled dreams into the glories of the great, the eternal reality; a victory, a home-coming to the friends, to the Father, to the Christ; a coronation: "I will give you a crown of righteousness, and ye shall reign kings and priests unto God." "Let not your heart be troubled, neither let it be afraid."—Lyman Abbott, D. D.

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To every one on earth God gives a burden to be carried down...

Some carry it aloft, Open and visible to all eyes, And any may see its form and weight...

The burden is God's gift, And it will make the bearer calm and strong...

A PRAYER OF ST. AUGUSTINE.

O Lord our God, under the shadow of thy wings let us hope. Thou wilt support us, both when litte, and even to gray hairs...

THE PATH OF SAFETY.

Trust in the Lord with all thine heart, and lean not unto thine own understanding; in all thy ways acknowledge him...

THE TALENT OF PRAYER.

The greatest and the best talent that God gives to any man or woman in this world is the talent of prayer.

SECRET PRAYER.

If Jesus prayed in the morning, how much more important it is for us, before the world gets possession of our thoughts...

THE DANGER OF IRREVERENCE.

It has been said that this age in which we live is notable for irreverence, and that America is peculiarly given to that sin.

God, for his word, his sanctuaries, his holy day, his faithful people has gone.

IN THE WRONG PLACE.

We have located our troubles in the wrong place. We have thought that our unrest was due to poverty, to lack of culture, to the obscurity of our sphere...

THE THANKSGIVING OF LIFE.

The day of national Thanksgiving is well placed in the autumn, when the fruits are gathered in.

And life, too, passes on till it comes to the end of autumn, and, as it is right and natural, life has its fruit at this time...

You who are at the harvest-time of life, what sort of fruit are you gathering? Have you full, rich sheaves of deeds done, not for your own glory...

Then, take a little time out of these busy days, and thank God for your harvest. In the very thanksgiving, you will find strength to go on and do greater things.

"Long days of labor And nights devoid of ease."

No one will ever regret having done much. God may have given you a very small field in which to sow.

IN VIEW OF ETERNAL THINGS.

Christians ought to make a practice of regarding the things in this life which affect them, in view of the eternal things, the heavenly realities.

ing hold of the inspired Word, from the spoils which we take in our victories over our spiritual foes...

Doctor Maclaren says: "They who look out into the eternities have the true measuring-rod and standard by which to estimate the duration and intensity of the things which are present..."

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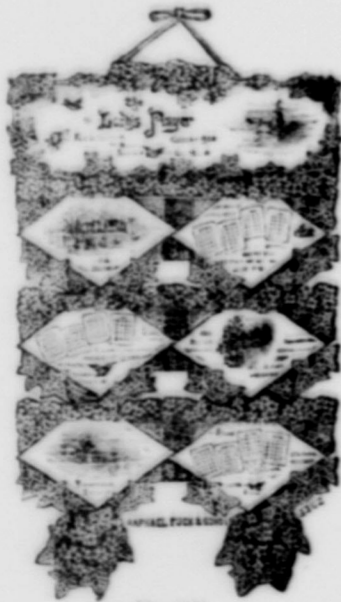
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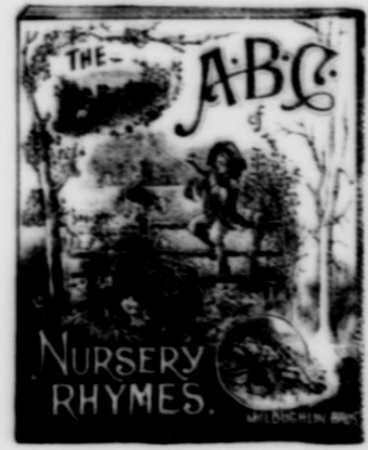
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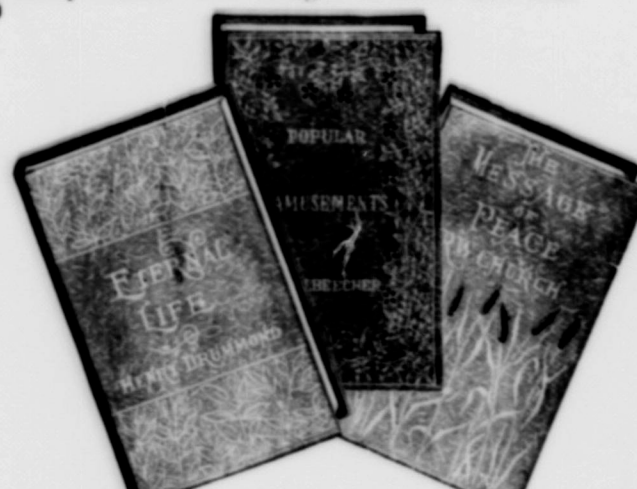
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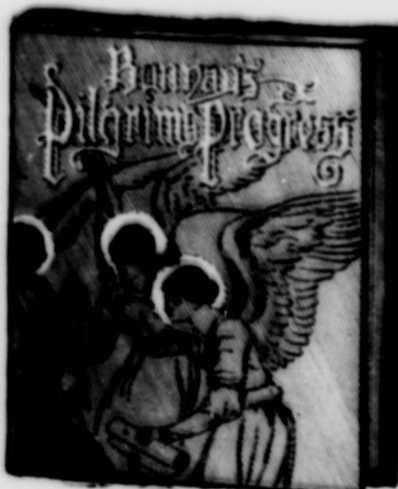
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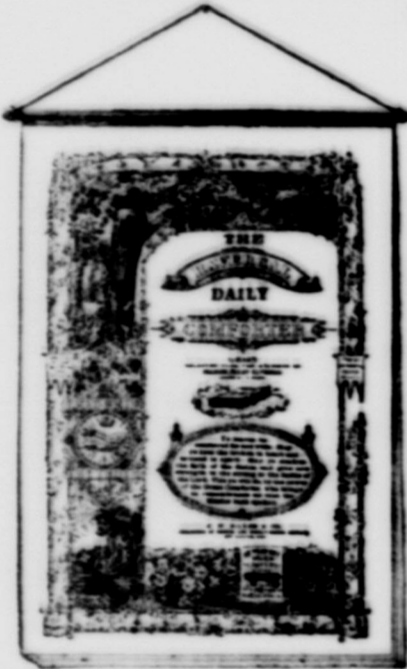
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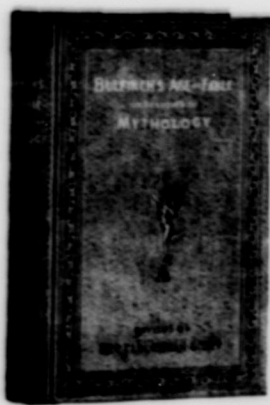
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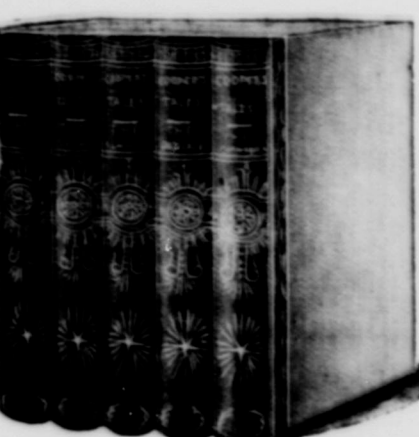
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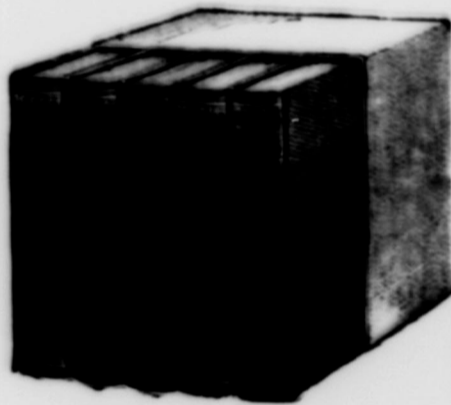
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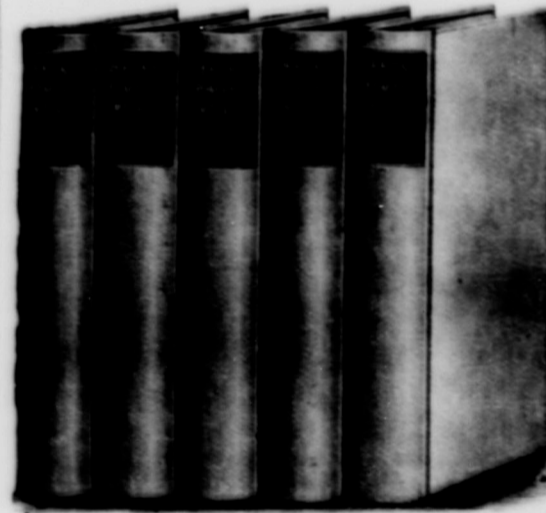
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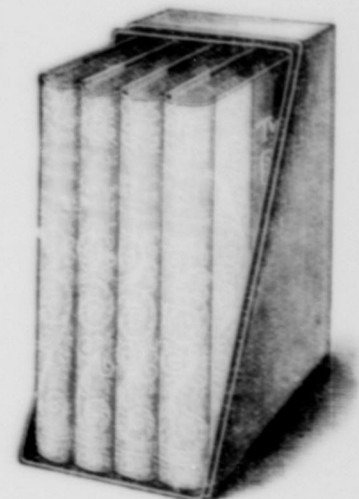
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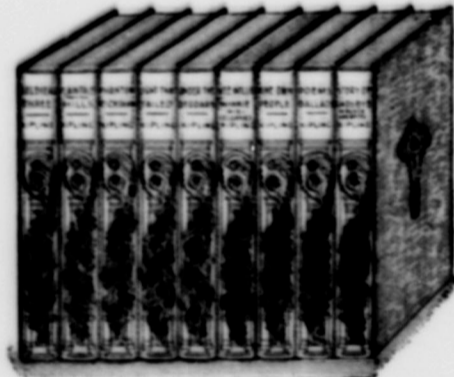
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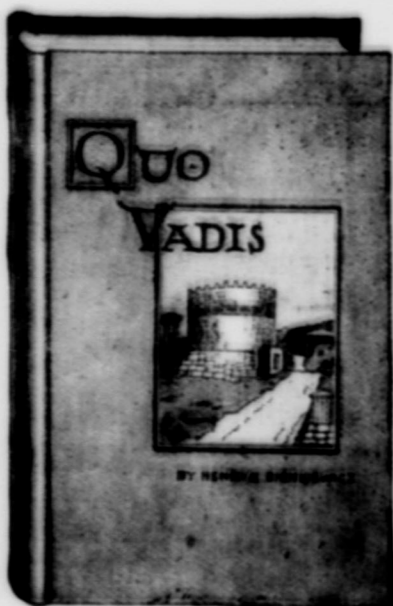
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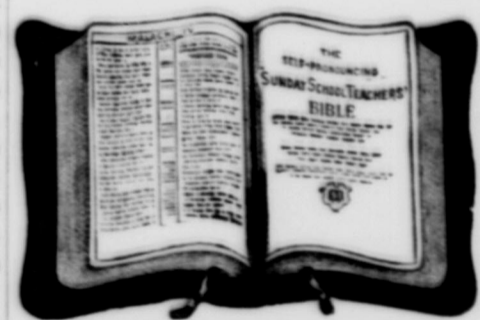
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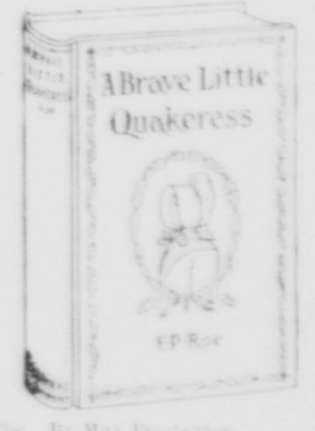
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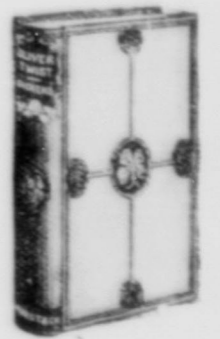
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**Sunday-School Department.**

FOURTH QUARTER. LESSON II. DEC. 10.

LESSONS IN GIVING.

Mal. 1:6-11 and 3:8-12.

Golden Text: "God loveth a cheerful giver." II Cor. 9:7.

The occurrences of this lesson are between 427 and 420 B. C. The place is Jerusalem. We clip the following comments upon the lesson from the International Evangel:

It is uncertain whether the name "Malachi" is a personal name or an official title. It means "messenger," or "angel," and it is thought by some that the real name of the prophet is unknown, and that "Malachi" was used to designate him on the suggestion of 3:1. It is not important that we should know. Some one, whom we have come to call Malachi, had put upon him "the burden of the word of the Lord to Israel." The message is of more importance than the messenger. The date of Malachi is put at some sixty years after Haggai and Zechariah. He was probably a contemporary of Nehemiah and Ezra. The evils against which he protests are the same as those with which they had to deal.

A peculiarity of the style of the book ought to be noted. The prophet's method of teaching is (1) to make a general affirmation of a principle, a truth or fact; then (2) a denial of that fact or principle, put in the form of a question from those against whom a charge is preferred; and (3) the divine rejoinder in specifications and illustrations of the charge. Note this in 1:2. The general statement is, "I have loved you." The querulous denial is, "Wherein hast thou loved us?" and the rejoinder, the reference to Esau and Jacob. So in the first section of the lesson, the general statement is that the priests, as the ministers of the people, had dishonored His name; the denial, "Wherein have we despised thy name?" and the rejoinder in specifications given in vs. 7-8. Similarly in the second section of the lesson (3:8-12), the general charge is, "Ye have robbed me." The denial in the form of a question of assumed innocence, "Wherein have we robbed thee?" and the rejoinder, "In tithes and offerings." So also in 2:11-15, the charge is that they put away their native wives and married "the daughters of a strange god," or women of the mixed races. Coupled with this charge is the threat, "The Lord will cut off the man that doeth this" (2:12). The denial or defense is the insolent question, "Wherefore?" (14), and the rejoinder is, "Because the Lord hath been a witness between thee and the wife of thy youth." The process is that of arraignment, defense and conviction.

The lesson deals with the sin of cheating and robbing God. The charge is supported by two classes of specifications: (1) The offering or polluted and imperfect sacrifices unto God; (2) the keeping back of tithes. Their sacrifices were corrupt, and their offerings or tithes-taxes were unpaid.

The first section of the lesson (1:6-11) deals with the character of their sacrifices. The law of Moses was very explicit in forbidding all blemished sacrifices. "If there be any blemish therein, as if it be lame, or blind, or have any ill blemish, thou shalt not sacrifice it unto the Lord thy God" (Deut. 15:21). "Blind, or broken, or maimed, or having a wen, or scurvy, or scabbed, ye shall not offer these unto the Lord" (Lev. 22:22). But this was precisely the kind of sacrifices that were being presented by the people and accepted by the priests. The rebuke is directly to the priests, for he says, "This hath been by your means (v. 9). But back of the priests were the people whom the priests sought to please by accepting their contemptible sacrifices. And God complains that in such sacrifices they did not honor him as a son should honor his father, and a servant should honor his master (v. 6). They would not dare to offer such things to their Persian Governor (v. 8). Surely what would be an insult to a father, a master, a civil Governor, could not be accepted by Jehovah. He tells them that it were better that doors of the temple should be closed altogether, and the fires upon the altar allowed to go out, than that such offensive offerings should be tendered (v. 10). Even among the heathen his name was held in greater reverence than that; for in v. 11 the accepted version incorrectly puts the future tense. It is present tense and should read, "my name is great among the heathen." It is correctly rendered in

v. 14, "my name is dreadful among the heathen."

In the second section of the lesson (3:8-12), the sin complained of is the robbing of God in the keeping back of the tithes due for the support of his house. The Levitical law (Lev. 27:30) said expressly, "All the tithe of the land, whether of the seed of the land, or of the fruit of the tree, is the Lord's." The possibility of supporting the service of the temple depended upon the payment of these tithes. Because they were kept back, the Levites, being left in destitution, were compelled to neglect their sacred duties. So God's house, not only by polluted offerings—as sick, maimed and lame animals—was brought into contempt, but also through the failure to support its servants it fell into neglect and decay. Therefore the curse of God was upon the nations—devourers destroyed their fruits, and the vine prematurely cast its fruit. If they would prove that their calamities were because of their unfaithfulness, let them bring in the tithes, and they should be made to abound.

**Epworth League Department.**

Lesson Topic for December 10: "The Indwelling Presence."—Col. 1:21-29; Gal. 11:20.

We take the following remarks on the lesson from an exchange:

The keynote of the reference in Colossians is, "Christ in you the hope of glory," which Paul denominates "the riches of the glory of this mystery among the Gentiles." (Verse 27.)

The verse in Galatians reads: "I am crucified with Christ; nevertheless, I live; yet not I, but Christ liveth in me; and the life which I now live in the flesh, I live by the faith of the Son of God, who loved me and gave himself for me."

By nature, we are sinners and alienated from God. Sin is a great separator. Man was originally created in the image of God, and so long as he maintained that image, was in the closest intercourse with God. Sin was the repellent force that drove him away from God. How was this intercourse restored? "God so loved the world that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life." Faith in Christ brings back the sinner and restores this union. The process of this restoration is a very simple one. Man, by sin, had forfeited this relation, incurred the penalty of death, and had no means of reinstating himself. God, in great love, and in the person of his own Son, furnished the substitute and made a way of pardon. Until then, pardoned man could not come back into communion with God. The only conditions of pardon are, repentance and faith, which always lead to the required obedience of the life.

"I am crucified with Christ." We die unto sin, and are made alive unto Christ. "Nevertheless, I live; yet not I, but Christ liveth in me." Pardon, then, is the beginning of the new life; the first thing of which the new disciple is conscious is the pardon of his sins. So long as the consciousness of unpardoned sin remained, there could be no intercourse with Christ. The sense of pardoned sin makes its subject unspeakably happy. Sin, being taken out of the way, Christ comes into the heart and makes his abode there so long as we yield ourselves to the gracious influence of his indwelling presence. Then begins the growth in grace that leads on to the highest experiences of which the pardoned soul is capable in this life.

There could be no perfection that does not involve the idea of growth. The child or plant may be a perfect plant or child in every stage of its growth. "When a living thing stops growing, it ceases to be perfect; it dies."

Having Christ enthroned in the heart, and our wills conformed to his will, one of the first results is the vital unity with other Christian hearts. No matter what be the name, every truly Christian heart is in sympathy and unity with every other truly Christian heart. This is the only kind of Christian unity we may expect in this life—spiritual unity. Organization can effect very little in this direction; forms and ordinances will never bring Christian hearts together. And where this heart unity exists, there will always be Christian fellowship; they go together, and there can be no forced fellowship aside from heart union in Christ. This is the only solution of the problem of Church unity. It can not be legislated into the Church or forced upon her by any uniformity of ordinances. But with Christ enthroned in every individual heart, names may di-

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Her Face His Face. Heiskell's Ointment. Her face was marred with freckles, his face was sore from shaving.

Orrell, son of R. H., was born at

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