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East Texas Conference.

I left Dallas on Thursday of last week, a day late, to attend the session of the East Texas Conference to convene that morning in Pittsburg; but owing to a bad wreck on the T. and I. road near Forney the night before the cars had to go over the track of the Central to Ennis, and from thence to Terrell over the Midland, and this made a long delay in the schedule of the Texas and Pacific in getting back on its own main line. By the time I reached Big Sandy the Cotton Belt had gone north, and there I had to remain twelve hours. The prospect was not an agreeable one, but there was no remedy. I looked round for a hotel and dropped into the Cottage House and found a neat, comfortable place. When supper was announced I was ready for business, as I had been on the train since 8 o'clock in the morning and had gone without anything to eat during the day. It was a tedious Thanksgiving under the circumstances. The next morning at 2:10 the Cotton Belt passenger train arrived and I pulled out for the seat of the conference. I reached Pittsburg at 4:20 a. m. and along with Rev. C. F. Smith and Rev. W. H. Vaughan, we went to the hotel and whiled away the hours till after breakfast. Then we went to the church and were assigned to elegant homes. My place of abode was at the delightful homestead of Brother and Sister J. L. Russell, most excellent members of our Church. Their daughter, Mrs. Hopkins, and her little girl live with them, and a more agreeable family would be difficult to find. Dr. C. E. Reid was my room mate, and he is an interesting companion. Bro. Millam, J. T. Smith and Fry are also guests of the home. So we had a gossipy company of brethren and our associations were very congenial. We are under many obligations to these earnest Christian people for a home entertainment of a high order.

Pittsburg is one of the best towns in East Texas. It is located on the Cotton Belt road, where the S. S. S. road intersects it. This makes it a fine business point along with the good country contiguous. The place has a population of 3000, and the streets, the buildings and public improvements indicate a prosperous condition of the community. There is a public library building well supplied with literature, which seems to have cost several thousand dollars. Mr. Carnegie gave the town \$5000 of this amount, and the property is creditable to the people. Our church building is a modern, well improved wooden structure, with a progressive membership. Rev. J. W. Downs was in charge, and assisted by competent helpers, he gave the conference a whole-souled entertainment. I have never visited a town where a conference was better taken care of. Dr. Adams, the presiding elder, took great interest also in looking after the comfort of the brethren. The gathering was very religious from the word go and the tide of the brotherly spirit rose steadily to the close. This is characteristic of these East Texas brethren. They live in great peace and harmony. To mix with them is a benediction, and to enter into their ardor is an uplift. I was sorry to miss the first day's session.

The conference was called to order promptly on time by the Bishop, and after religious exercises was organized by the election of Rev. J. W. Downs, Secretary, with John R. Heartsill as assistant. The reports from the various connectional officers were read and referred. The presiding elders were called, gave brief accounts of their work and their characters were passed.

Jno. Adams, presiding elder Pittsburg District, said: "The Pittsburg District has made progress this year. Four or five new churches and two new parsonages have been built. Twenty-four hundred dollars have been contributed to the Twentieth Century Fund, 1300 of which has been paid in cash. The conference collections have been paid in full. There is a small deficit on a few of the preachers' salaries. Between 200 and 400 have been added to the Church on profession of faith. The Church is stronger. This is the best report, all things considered, the district has ever made."

Rev. C. R. Lamar, presiding elder of Marshall District, said: "Our statistics show that the Marshall District makes this year the best report in all its history. I do not see how the preachers have accomplished such great results with so much sickness in their homes and in the homes of their people. The death angel has come to three of our parsonage homes. Many people have been converted and as the colored brother said, 'Folks have joined the Church that had never been known to join the Church before.' We have raised over three thousand dollars for the Twentieth Century movement, and propose to raise as much more next year. Last year six of our pastoral charges failed to pay their full assessments for foreign and domestic missions, but this year only two charges are behind, and the overplus from other charges more than covers that deficiency. So that the district pays in full on these claims. Last year the salaries were short in eight of the fourteen charges. This year they are short in only four charges, and these show an increase. Several Churches and parsonages are now in course of construction, and the district is in fine spirit. The pastors have wrought well and their detailed reports will interest everybody."

J. T. Smith, presiding elder of Tyler District, reported: "We have had a fine year. We have not all had the success we desired, but have not failed. Something over 1000 souls have been converted; about 800 have joined the Church. Our collections ordered by the Church are all in full, and perhaps \$150 over. Every charge paid out in full, except on pastors' salaries, and 15 out of 18 paid out on that. One new church built and five or six more ready to begin. About \$2500 on Twentieth Century offering. All in all we have moved up. Between twenty and twenty-five thousand dollars raised for all purposes."

V. A. Godbey, presiding elder of Palestine District, reported some good meetings on the district during the year, with a net increase in most of the charges. Nearly all the church property is out of debt, and have very good church property for all purposes in most places. Full collections are expected in 11 out of 15 charges. Have

raised nearly \$3700 on Twentieth Century Fund. The presiding elder has sold over 1200 books and pamphlets; and estimates that about 1000 have been sold in the district. Eleven out of fifteen charges have prohibition Societies of the Church are doing about as usual, and the general state of the Church is good. As Secretary of Education he reports over \$10,000 in the conference raised on Twentieth Century Fund, with about one-third of it paid.

San Augustine District, reported by A. J. Weeks: "Have had fine revival meetings. Slight deficit on salaries of preachers. Each charge has paid all of the connectional assessments placed on it. Have raised in cash and subscription on Twentieth Century Fund to date about \$3800."

T. J. Millam, of Beaumont District, reported: "We started out at the first of the year (our fourth year on the district) with the prospect of greater advancement on all line of Church work than any of the three preceding years. Plans were laid and hopes entertained of greater success in revival work. We had little doubt of making a full report on finances. But the storm literally destroyed one charge, paralyzed another, two preachers quit their work, one preacher had smallpox in his family, and is now watching by the bedside of his dying wife; another sick nearly all the time. Heavy rains prevented the holding of protracted meetings. Hence we must necessarily make a poor showing, yet we had several charges to pay out collections that never did so before."

At 11 o'clock Bishop Candler preached a Thanksgiving sermon and took a collection for the Galveston Church. The sermon is said to have been one of great depth and power. About \$250 were raised for the purpose indicated. At eight Dr. Tigert preached, and his sermon was instructive and edifying.

Friday morning was drizzly and gloomy, but the attendance was full and the proceedings interesting. The call of the preachers was taken up and their reports made. The Bishop dropped in many unique remarks, touching many phases of the subjects under consideration. One brother said there was a lack of sympathy with the Twentieth Century Thanksgiving Offering and said their objection was based on the ground that they had no children to educate. The Bishop said: "I fear the real objection is the ignorance of your people. If I say I have no blind child and therefore I am not in sympathy with asylums for the blind, I am not a good citizen. This view of the situation does not grow out of Christian benevolence, but out of selfishness. Somebody else has blind children, and they need this sort of institution. The true Christian idea is to help somebody else; but we are all indebted in one way or another to education, and we can not afford to withhold our sympathy. We must look more to this important work or we can not expect to maintain our position as a progressive Church. Our colleges are an indispensable part of our work. Northern benevolence is doing more for the establishment of negro schools than Southern benevolence is for our white children. We are glad to see this help

extended to the colored people, but we want our people also to look after the Christian education of our white children. We need to guard this point, and to do it faithfully, or we will soon have a state of things that will do our civilization no good. We must bring our people up in these matters."

Dr. Alexander, of Palestine said in his report: "I have closed my fourth year at my place, Bishop, and the people are sorry that I can not go back." This was a little piece of humor, but the Bishop was equal to the occasion. He remarked: "Then you are prepared to sing, 'I would forever sit and sing in such a frame as this.'" A ripple of laughter closed the little incident. One brother had withdrawn from the Church and a committee was appointed in his case. The Bishop said: "When a man enters the Church there are two parties to that contract. He can not dissolve the contract by his own act if he has done a questionable thing. The Church has something to say on that subject. And I want to say that if I should ever become rattled and want to leave the Church I would not stand in a Methodist pulpit and abuse the Church. This is neither fair nor good manners. And if such a man wants to leave another Church under such circumstances we do not want him in our Church. There is a bolt loose in the head of such a brother, and he needs a wrench—perhaps a monkey wrench would do better." Speaking of holiness, he said: "Holiness is not a bundle of opinions. It is not a theory. It is purity of heart. Your opinion does not amount to much, but your life is everything. There is no need to divide the Church on a theory. Carry your opinions about with you and entertain yourselves with them when you are alone; but do not make your opinions a standard for other people. Keep your own opinions to yourself and give other people the same right. Just so your heart is right toward God and man and you are grounded in the great principles of the Bible that's enough. Be holy, do good, live in peace, and help the Church of God, and your little theory will take care of itself."

Jesse Lee, a descendant of the great Jesse Lee, who originally established Methodism in New England, was admitted into the traveling ministry and takes his place in the conference. It was said of one of the young men, "He is just as pious as he knows how to be, Bishop" and the Bishop said: "We all know how to be pious. We are not suffering at that point." It was said of another brother: "He received \$150, Bishop, came up to conference out of debt, and has a new suit of clothes." The Bishop said: "He ought then to know how to obey that Scripture which says, 'If riches increase, set not your heart upon them.'" At this period Dr. Tigert addressed the conference in the interest of the Methodist Review. Dr. DeRose followed in behalf of the Epworth Era, and he gave some account of the Epworth League work in general. Dr. Ried, of Korea, spoke of the Review of Missions and the mission field and mission workers. Among other things he said: "We had in all of our various Christian schools in China 30,000 pupils, and in the hospitals we treated 2,000,000 of the Chinese. Now we

want to establish our great Anglo-Chinese University. We have already seven acres of land in Seoul, and the natives are contributing to its erection. We have on hand several thousand dollars toward this institution, and when we have secured it our work will have a permanent future in that great Empire. The opportunity is at hand and the Church can not afford to be indifferent to it. To build this school is to entrench Methodism among those 400,000,000 of people. China is now in a great crisis, and the placing of Christian schools and teachers will determine the outcome. Let the Church do large things for this work and great results will follow."

The question of evangelists was mentioned, and the Bishop said: "This evangelist business has hurt in two ways. First, it has brought a great many preachers to the belief that they can not hold a meeting without this sort of help. The injury done at this point will more than offset all the good that the evangelists have done since they started out without authority by the Church. Then again the evangelists of this class have also done harm in that they have done superficial preaching and brought forth spurious results. They are not necessarily bad men, but I wish they would all stay at home and run a few meetings where they are well known. They are cheapening the work of the Holy Ghost, and many of our preachers have fallen into this profane method and they ought to quit it. We want our preachers to preach the great fundamental truths of the Scriptures in the power of the Spirit and make the people to understand them, and we will have revivals that will need no pumping up by evangelists so-called. You ought not to use a little text as a permission cap to fire off a few anecdotes at the congregation. Study the Scriptures and teach them to the people."

At night the missionary anniversary came off. The report was submitted by the Missionary Board, and Dr. Ried was the principal speaker of the occasion. "Much complaint is made of the indifference of the people on the subject of missions on account of the disturbed condition in the Orient. Hence I shall give you a few of the causes leading up to this disturbance and speak of the prospects of the work in that part of the world. First, there is an inveterate prejudice upon the part of our people toward the Chinese. We are disposed to look at these people in the light of ridicule. We do not regard them so seriously as we do other nations. This grows out of a misunderstanding of these people. We look upon them as a people who wear pig-tails and eat rats. Then to add to this view of the case we have very poor representatives of the Chinese in the persons of those who come from China and run laundries. These are not the real Chinamen. They are of the lowest grade. The Chinese proper are fine specimens of intellectual manhood. They are among the oldest students in the world. But there have been commercial elements entering into this trouble. The opium trade was thrust upon these people and the debauchery of the masses followed. This has had a most deplorable effect upon Chinese character. They fought

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against this business for a great many years, but the English Government fixed it permanently upon them. Thus the traffic was fixed upon them by treaty. Christian missionaries had to go along with this infamous opium business. As a matter of course the Chinese became prejudiced against foreigners. Then there are political factors coming in for their share of responsibility. France, England, Germany and Russia all have for years been cutting into the Chinese territory to appropriate portions of it from time to time. These encroachments have had an unfortunate influence on the Chinese people. Little Japan a while back stepped in and by right of conquest also claimed her division of the spoils. All of these influences wrought mightily upon the thought of those people, and they were brought to the point of desperation, and out of all of these conditions grew the movements of the "Boxers," in which death and carnage followed, and the missionaries were the first to suffer, for they were defenseless and helpless. Because of this spleen vented upon missionaries many of our newspapers assume that all of this trouble was caused by Christian missionaries; but this is an egregious mistake. Commercial greed and political trickery are alone responsible for the movement of the "Boxers." They did not know any difference between missionaries and the opium sellers; but some of the Chinese have found out the difference and our work has laid a deep foundation over there. Our schools and hospitals have after these years ingratiated our work into the favor of thousands of the better class of the people. Out of this phase of our work arise the prospects of a better day, and the outlook of our Church work is bright, notwithstanding the temporary disturbances set up by the "Boxers." Our opportunity is now upon us. We must not retreat, but go forward. The missionaries are the last people to show the white feather. They are more encouraged to-day than ever before. I believe that we are on the eve of a great victory for Christ in the Empire of China. Our schools, our teachers and our preachers, along with our hospital work, are destined to tell as the years come and go. Then let the Church at home put forth her best efforts to continue and promote the gospel of Christ in this great Celestial Empire. Another thing that helps us over there is that, according to our best authorities, the missionary is the vanguard of commerce. Wherever he goes trade follows him. He is the pioneer of Christian civilization; hence the flag of our country follows the missionary. Some of us will suffer, and many of us will die, on account of being misunderstood. But did not Christ suffer and die to give his truth to the world? We can therefore afford to take those risks and suffer those indignities, for the blood of the martyr is still the seed of the Church. Our God will make his truth to prevail by and by. Therefore we beg our great Church to stand by us with prayers and sympathies, and in the name of Christ we will do the work and suffer the consequences." The above is but a sample of this truly remarkable address.

Saturday morning was an improvement in weather over the day before. The sky was clear and the air crisp. Conference was opened with devotional exercises, conducted by Rev. I. Z. T. Morris, of Fort Worth. The call of the preachers was taken up and continued. One brother was not present, but his presiding elder reported his statistics for him. The Bishop said: "I have not found so great faith in all Eldersdom." This was a compliment to the elder who comes prepared to report for his preachers if for any cause they are absent. Rev. L. M. Fowler reported \$500 for the Twentieth Century Fund—\$3 per member. Other things were up in proportion. He served the Henderson Station. W. W. Watts reported a subscription raised and preparation made for the erection of a new house of worship at Longview. The question of careless Church records was taken up, and the Bishop said: "You treat Church membership and the record of it with less business than a herdsman does the record of the birth or death of a calf. And yet Church membership is the most sacred thing in the world. But I have seen Church letters that a free negro before the war would not have received as a pass to keep him out of the hands of a patroler. It is a sin and a shame to treat Church membership with such disrespect. You ought to issue a decent certificate to a member when you dismiss him and then make correct record of the same. There is no excuse for the slipshod way in which some preachers keep the records of membership in the Church of God; and if they do not make improvement they ought to be located."

Some men at Texarkana brought complaint against the characters of Rev. D. F. C. Timmons and Rev. J. A. Beagle, but their presiding elders promptly answered there was in reality nothing against them; but both the brethren asked in their own cases committees of investigation.

They both asserted that their presiding elders had answered correctly. However, since this brother at Texarkana had brought the complaint, they wanted him to have full liberty in his effort to make good his grievance. So they asked for the investigation. The committee took the matter under consideration and gave it a complete hearing and reported that they failed to find the slightest pretext upon the part of anybody for bringing the complaint, and the characters of Bros. Timmons and Beagle were unanimously passed, and this ended the contention.

The time having arrived for propounding the questions of Discipline to the class asking for admission into full connection in the ministry, three young brethren came forward, and the Bishop asked the questions and addressed them as follows: "As local preachers you made your own appointments, but supported yourselves; but now you are to commit yourselves wholly to the itinerant ministry, and you have no control of those matters personally after to-day. As ministers in this capacity you owe to the world a good life pitched upon a very high level. According to our teachings this sort of a life is alone possible to those who have an unqualified faith in Jesus Christ as your personal Savior. You will need courage; not that sort of courage that amounts to nothing but palpit braggadocio. Some men go in to the pulpit and denounce what they call the crimes of the community and then imagine that they are very courageous. This is not courage. It is coarseness. True courage is like that which Christ always showed when he spoke of the evils of his day in tones of deepest tenderness. It is like the flash of lightning followed by a gentle shower. Courage of this sort grows out of righteousness. It is really the peach bloom of character. It is the high art of living. We are limited in everything except in our ability to be good. Just here we are all upon an equality. Some of us know more than others and are stronger and greater than others, but we can all go on to perfection of life and character. I have no apology to make to any mortal man for our old doctrine of sanctification. It is a part of the scriptures and it is enjoined upon us. It is our duty as well as our privilege to be perfect in love. Now, this does not mean that everything going about masquerading in the garb of holiness is holiness. There is much of this sort of so-called holiness that is spurious—at least it is nothing more than a pleasing sensation in the emotion. You can only be holy by having a pure heart. Who is it that can not have a pure heart? All people who love God and want this perfection, must get it by cutting loose from the world. You can not fill a man with electricity until you put him upon an insulated chair or platform. If his little finger is in contact with anything else, the electricity will find that hole and escape. So a good man must be spiritually insulated. If he is worldly at any one point, his spiritual life and power will depreciate. Complete separation from the world is a condition of perfect love. And to such there is still something more in store. There is a boundless stretch of possibility in this experience out yonder before us. Let us go on to perfection. Have you faith in God?"

Now, give yourselves entirely to the work of the ministry. You can not afford to complicate your call to the ministry with secular matters. Keep out of debt. You can afford to wear old clothes, but you can not afford to wear fine ones at the expense of a tailor or a merchant. No man is a free man who owes anybody else a debt he can not pay. And you must visit your people. This does not mean that you are to gad about merely in a social way, but to hunt your people in order to minister to their spiritual needs. That sort of visiting will bless your people and bless you. No man can put down a Methodist preacher except himself. By and by you will do like one of the first disciples. Every man in our Methodist system goes to his own place. You do your duty; and true men and the Church will take care of you. As preachers you are not sent out to have a good time. You may suffer in body and mind, but you go out for service. Christ is calling for men who are willing to undergo sacrifice, and if you are willing to answer the call, the Church wants you and the world needs you. The conference is ready to vote that sort of men into their membership." The vote was taken and the brethren were heartily received.

Dr. H. F. Whisner addressed the conference in the interest of the work of Church Extension.

There is in Marshall a negro school, the property of the M. E. Church, and the people of that city have raised for that school on the Twentieth Century Movement about \$1200, and one

Church in the same city has raised only about \$500 on the Twentieth Century Movement of our Church.

The educational report showed that \$16,500 had been raised during the year from all sources throughout the conference for the Twentieth Century Thank-Offering. This is a very good showing.

Rev. W. H. Vaughan preached in the afternoon to a good congregation and received a contribution for the Orphanage. This institution has a strong hold upon our people.

At night Dr. Greathouse had charge of the service and preached a wonderfully edifying sermon to a large audience. His theme was "Christ, the Son of God," and he treated it originally with strong force. It was a discourse of wide scope, fine thought and fervently delivered. The influence of it will abide and many of its points will suggest themselves to many of the hearers for years to come. Bro. Greathouse has just closed four years of successful labor at Tyler.

The grave of Rev. R. P. Thompson is in the cemetery at this place. He was long a member of the conference, and one of its most active and useful members. After a life of devotion to his loved work he finished up and died here several years ago. While on his dying bed he had been unconscious for several hours, but just before his death he roused himself and looked round at his wife and children and brethren; but he failed to recognize any of them. Then "Uncle Dick," his oldest brother, said to him: "Bob, do you know Jesus?" His face brightened and a smile came over his countenance and he replied: "Yes; he is my divine Lord and Redeemer, and I trust him with my whole heart." While he was dead to everything dear upon earth, he was fully alive to Christ, and his happy spirit winged its flight to a brighter world.

I took supper last night with a remarkable Methodist woman, "Aunt Hannah" Cartwright. She was born near Charlotte, N. C., nearly eighty-seven years ago. She moved with her father's family to Alabama and thence to Mississippi. After that her husband started to Texas, but stopped in Arkansas ten years. At that time they came on to this State, and here she has been living for more than a quarter of a century. She was a reader of the Nashville Advocate more than fifty years ago and heard Dr. McFerrin preach some of his first sermons. She gave me an outline of one of them, and did it most intelligently. "Aunt Hannah" is a great Methodist, and has been in the Church seventy odd years. She is still blessed with health and attended the services of the conference with a real zest. It was refreshing to talk with this old saint and hear her talk over the experiences of her eventful life and to catch the spirit of her hopes of the better day coming. Such old people are a blessing to the world and a standing proof of the goodness and mercy of God. Her love-feast talk Sunday morning set the meeting on fire.

The love-feast was a great occasion, and it put the congregation in favorable spiritual state for the service which followed. It was led by Bro. J. S. Mathis.

TESTIMONIES.

Mathis: Still journeying on. Nearer God than twelve months. If I am not with you next year you will know where to find me. Preaching forty-seven years.

Thompson: Am a friend to Christ. Am his servant. Love the preachers. Preaching forty-seven years.

Alexander: United with this body forty-five years ago. Never had much religion at a time. Got a little more as time goes on.

Caleb Smith: Been trying to serve God fifty years. Getting a little stronger, brighter. Been happy when doing duty. All my time is His. Told the Lord if he will keep me young I will preach till 100 years old.

Wagnon: Know I love God and God loves me. Love the brethren and love my work.

Sam Jones: Been trying to serve God fifty years. Preaching forty-eight years. Love the brethren.

I. Z. T. Morris: Been wonderfully blessed this year. Can't understand God's providence. Had something to do every hour. At home among the brethren. A comfort to put 300 children in homes.

Cullen: Blessed when only seven years old. Had 1 10,000 lives I would give them all to Christ.

Mrs. Jones: Been born of the Spirit. God has been so merciful to me. God cares for me.

Mrs. Morris: Christian over seventy years. No dread of death.

Little: Am holding on to the Lord. Joined the conference twenty-five years ago. Am going to hold on to the Lord.

G. C. Hardy: Difference in getting others to see God's providence. Am

sadly happy. Twenty years ago at Bascom Chapel gave my heart to God in meeting conducted by Mathis.

Sister Moore: Am a lover of Jesus. J. Goodwin: Doing my best to serve God.

At 11 o'clock the Bishop preached to all the people who could be packed in the house. It was an attentive and expectant audience, and it was not disappointed. The text was taken from Luke 9:28-37. His subject was the "Transfiguration." I had to preach at the Baptist Church at the same hour, and am therefore unable to give the readers any part of the sermon. It was reported to be up to high water mark.

In the afternoon the conference memorial session was held in honor of Rev. T. P. Smith. Rev. R. W. Thompson read the memoir, and a number of the brethren spoke many touching remarks. Also, a number of the wives of our preachers had died during the year, and short papers were read concerning the lives of these good women.

Following this service, the Bishop ordained a class of seven brethren to the office of elders in the Church of God, the deacons having been ordained at the morning service.

At night, another crowded congregation filled all of the available space in the Church to hear Dr. E. E. Hoss, of the Nashville Advocate. Mrs. Jester, of Tyler, sang a beautiful solo, with the chorus, "I am satisfied with Jesus here," etc. Its effect upon the congregation was thrilling. Dr. Hoss took for his text Matt. 7:21: "Not every one that saith unto me, Lord, Lord, shall enter into heaven," etc. "The worst delusion that a man can have is to suppose that he can have a better religion in his heart than he shows in his life. Our Lord's old test holds good for all time to come. A good tree can not bring forth evil fruit, and the converse. He, and he only, can enter into the kingdom of heaven who doeth the will of God on the earth. It is astounding how much our Lord makes out of the practical works of life in all of his teachings. Genuine Christian obedience is perfect and not special. It consists in doing all that God requires of us. This includes both the small and the large things in the realm of duty. If a man is good he is good, and if he is bad he is bad. A moderately good man is like a moderately good egg. You can not be good in spots. Yet common sense teaches us that some sins are more despicable than other sins; nevertheless any sin is a transgression of God's law. God's law is like a ring of fire. Inside of it is life, but out of it is ruin and death. To invade this law is to open the gateway to all the evils that infest the pathway of life. We are hardly able to obey this law in an absolute sense, but we can obey it perfectly in so far as a finite being aided by grace, can possibly maintain. God knows what our capacities and possibilities are, and he holds out before us a perfect ideal, and no other ideal is worthy of moral manhood. He knows that the highest way is the only way, and he opens this before us and bids us walk upward. Our gospel makes no appeals to the common motives of our human nature. It appeals to everything that is noble and lofty and good in our hearts. Again, obedience, in order to be genuine, must be in the spirit rather than in the letter. This obedience does not require a "Thus saith the Lord" for everything we do. The Bible is not a criminal code, with penalties specified against every single violation. It is a book of spiritual laws, and God writes them in our hearts. We want to obey because we love him and he loves us. We do not ask if this or that is wrong; we simply want to follow the divine will without question. In this obedience, God places before us certain great principles and enjoins upon us their observance in religious life. God does not tie us down with narrow and petty statutes. But, having called us into his favor, he trusts us upon our honor to do the right thing. Thus it is that God picks up the worst of his children, puts his Spirit in them, and trusts them with his great heart. He flings out a banner of hope to every one of his creatures out of hell! Yes, obedience is in the spirit and not in the letter. When you get the disposition in a man's heart, you can turn him loose. But obedience, in order to be genuine, must be immediate and joyous. After all, it is not so much in what we do as in what we are. We are not bond-slaves, but the Lord's freemen. We go not to duty like slaves, but like loving children. "We delight to do thy will, O God," is the Scripture rule. In this is found a perennial joy, whose streams never fail."

The above contains a few of the thoughts of this beautiful sermon. It was preached in demonstration and power, and it touched a tender chord in many hearts. It reminded me of some of the sermons I used to hear him preach in the camp-meetings of old Holston. At the close of the ser-

mon, it was stated that the conference only lacked \$125 in paying every dollar of its home and foreign mission assessments. Dr. Hoss started to take this up, but Lon Morris said that he was happy to have the conference in Pittsburg, and he wanted the privilege of paying the whole amount. This brought out many loud amens. And then Dr. Whisner said, "We only lack \$185 in getting all of your Church Extension assessment," and Bro. Morris shouted out, "I want to pay all of that, too." But the brethren wanted to help do this. So they made quite a contribution to this end. And the result is that the East Texas Conference has paid every cent of its missionary and Church Extension assessments. This is now the banner conference in matters of this sort west of the Mississippi.

Conference convened at 8:20 Monday morning, and the business started off briskly. All were anxious to reach the end and get off on the noon train. Dr. Hoss spoke to the committee's report on Books and Periodicals, and his address was to the point and very felicitous. This was the Doctor's first visit to the East Texas Conference, and the brethren accorded him a most brotherly welcome. His preaching, speaking and personal association with the preachers were very much appreciated and enjoyed.

Tyler was selected as the place for holding the next session of the conference. The invitation was accepted without a dissenting vote or voice.

The business of the conference closed out by 11 o'clock, and the Bishop was ready to read the appointments. The Bishop addressed the brethren briefly, giving them good advice, brotherly sympathy and a kindly benediction. Then he read the appointments, and the preachers rapidly dispersed, having had one of the most religious and delightful sessions in the history of the East Texas Conference.

NOTES.

Dr. Alexander, one of the old men of the conference, finished up four useful years at Palestine Station, and this year he goes to Longview, and yet some people say that old men are not in demand. Really we understand that there was a scramble for him in the cabinet; but he is an old East Tennessean and people from that region stay young a long time!

Rev. V. A. Godbey, one of the popular presiding elders of the conference, was pulled out of the eldership placed in the most important charge in all that territory. He goes to Tyler, for the Bishop was obliged to have him for that place.

T. J. Milam, the only presiding elder whose time was up, was put back in the ranks after four years of hard and successful labor on the Beaumont District. He goes to Troupe and his people may count on a term of helpful service.

Rev. B. H. Greathouse finished up four years of excellent work at Tyler, and he takes Dr. Alexander's place at Palestine. He is one of the best informed men in Texas Methodism and a preacher of fine ability. He is deservedly popular in his conference.

Rev. I. T. Stafford was transferred to the Baltimore Conference. This was rendered necessary on account of the health of his family. Bro. Stafford is one of our most scholarly men, having had the best literary and theological advantages. The Baltimore brethren will find him all right.

Rev. W. F. Davis takes the place of Bro. Godbey on the Palestine District. He is one of the young men in the conference and an excellent preacher. That he will do well in this new position no one entertains a doubt.

Rev. J. W. Johnson takes the place of Bro. Milam on the Beaumont District. This is no new experience for him, as he has been in district work before. He is a painstaking and careful man and the district will be safe in his hands.

Drs. Tigert and DeBose were with the conference a day or so and represented respective interests. They were also given a cordial welcome, and their stay was pleasant to them and profitable to the brethren. This is Dr. DeBose's old stamping ground, as he was once a member of the conference.

Lon Morris was in his glory. He had the conference at Pittsburg, and his soul frequently ran over. The first night he got on a high horse and shouted out in meeting. Every one there conceded to him the right to be a little boisterous, and Sunday night proved that he was in genuine earnestness of spirit. As will be noted in another column they were trying to pull out the missionary and Church Extension assessments of the conference, and Lon jumped to his feet and told them that he wanted to pay it all and to come to his bank next morn-

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ing and get the cash. His speech set the brethren to a lofty note, and things went to pieces. If we mistake not this is the first conference west of the Mississippi that has ever paid out these assessments in full; and the East Texas Conference has the less prosperous sections of the State within its bounds; but they have grace and pluck, and they bring things to pass. Let the other Texas Confer- ences note what the East Texas Conference has done.

Dr. E. E. Hoss, of the Nashville Ad- vocate, made his first visit to the East Texas Conference, and the brethren appreciated his presence. They ac- corded to him the right-of-way, and he made himself a delightful guest. His sermon on Sunday night, a glimpse of which appears elsewhere, was one of the most edifying and tender discourses to which we have listened in a long time. He also made a telling speech on the importance of the Nashville Advocate in particular and for good reading in general. Dr. Hoss is one of the foremost men in American Methodism, and Texas is always glad to greet and to entertain him.

The publisher and son were hospita- bly entertained at the home of Mr. and Mrs. John Holman. Bro. Holman is a successful merchant of Pittsburg, has an interesting family, and happy is he who sojourns under that roof.

MINUTES

Of the Fifty-sixth Session of the East Texas Annual Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South, held at Pittsburg, Texas, beginning November 25, 1900, and ending December 2, 1900. Bishop W. A. Can- dler, President; Jas. W. Downs, Sec- retary. Postoffice address of Sec- retary, Pittsburg, Texas.

1. Who are admitted on trial? Hor- nez, W. Gohar, Jesse Lee, H. B. Urqu- hart, Leon Henderson, James E. Mor- gan, J. C. Huddleston.

2. Who remain on trial? Jesse Wil- lis.

3. Who are discontinued? None.

4. Who are admitted into full con- nection? T. P. Turner, R. L. Bridges, W. W. Gollibugh.

5. Who are re-admitted? None.

6. Who are received by transfer from other conferences? J. E. Parsons, C. M. Day-report, J. I. Weatherly.

7. Who are deacons of one year? J. M. Perry, J. G. Pollard, R. O. Bailey, C. B. Cross.

8. What traveling preachers are elected deacons? T. P. Turner, R. L. Bridges.

9. What traveling preachers are or- dained deacons? T. P. Turner, R. L. Bridges.

10. What local preachers are elected deacons? James M. Honeycutt, W. N. Brown.

11. What local preachers are ordain- ed deacons? W. N. Brown.

12. What traveling preachers are elected elders? Richard J. Smith, Win- fred F. Hardy, William W. Nunn, John W. Goodwin, John A. Harvey.

13. What traveling preachers are ordained elders? Richard J. Smith, Winfred F. Hardy, William W. Nunn, John W. Goodwin, John A. Harvey.

14. What local preachers are elected elders? J. H. Styner.

15. What local preachers are ordain- ed elders? John H. Styner, Wesley F. Mayne.

16. Who are located this year? C. H. Rice.

17. Who are supernumerary? S. M. Thompson.

18. Who are superannuated? R. W. Thompson, J. B. Hall, M. Donegan, J. A. Smith, R. H. Kimball, Wm. A. Sam- pley, Wm. Sproule, Jno. Holpenstill.

19. What preachers have died during the past year? T. P. Smith.

20. Are all the preachers blameless in their life and official administration? Their names were called one by one and all passed.

(For answers to questions 21 to 42, inclusive, see statistical table.)

41. What are the educational statis- tics? Alexander Collegiate Institute; value, \$12,500; professors, 5; pupils, 81. Southwestern University; value, \$200,000; professors, 15; pupils, 459.

42. Where shall the next session of the conference be held? Tyler.

43. Where are the preachers station- ed this year? (See appointments.)

PITTSBURG DISTRICT.

John Adams, P. E.
Pittsburg—J. W. Downs.
Leesburg—S. W. Jones.
Musgrove Springs—J. J. Bridges.
Giltman—J. M. McCarter.
Gilmer—L. H. Medley.
Daingerfield—R. J. Smith.
Mt. Pleasant—Stuart Nelson.
Ripley Circuit—T. B. Vinson.
Naples—W. W. McNally.
Linden—G. W. Riley.
Atlanta—C. A. Tower.
Queen City—B. C. Ansley, supply.
Redwater—G. C. Hardy.
Texarkana, State Line—D. F. C. Tim- mons.
Fairview—W. F. Hardy.
New Boston—G. R. Hughes.

Dalby Springs and DeKalb—W. T. Ayers.

MARSHALL DISTRICT.

C. R. Lamar, P. E.
Marshall, First Church—J. A. White- hurst.
North Side—Gus Garrison.
Harrison—Robert L. Bridges.
Arliston—W. W. Gollibugh.
Harmony Circuit—J. H. Westmoreland, supply.
Jefferson—J. A. Beagle.
Kelleyville—D. P. Cullen.
Longview—I. Alexander.
Coffeeville—G. E. Parsons.
Harleton—H. W. Gohar.
Hallyville—W. L. Pate.
Rockyvale—J. C. Carr.
Kilgore—T. T. Booth.
Henderson—L. A. Webb.
Church Hill—J. M. Smith.
Henderson Circuit—W. N. Brown, sup- ply.

TYLER DISTRICT.

J. T. Smith, P. E.
Tyler, Marvin—V. A. Godbey.
Cedar Street and St. Paul's—A. G. Scruggs.
Tyler Circuit—S. N. Allen.
Lindal—F. A. Downs.
Mincola—G. V. Ridley.
Emory—W. M. Foster, supply.
Golden—G. M. Fletcher, supply.
Grand Saline—A. Methvin.
Wills Point—C. B. Cross.
Wills Point Circuit—Jesse Willis.
Canton—H. B. Urquhart.
Edom—J. W. Bridges.
Malakoff—W. W. Graham; Jesse Lee, junior preacher.
Merodith—D. F. Pulley, supply.
Athens—L. M. Fowler.
New York—P. R. White.
Troupe and Overton—T. J. Milam.
White House—C. H. Smith.
Conference Secretary of Missions—J. T. Smith.
Conference Secretary of Education—V. A. Godbey.
Student in Alexander Institute—Leon Henderson.

PALESTINE DISTRICT.

W. F. Davis, P. E.
Palestine—B. H. Greathouse.
West Palestine—H. J. Hayes.
Brushy Creek—A. A. Kidd.
Elkhart—J. E. Morgan.
Grapeland—J. B. Luker.
Holcomb—H. B. Smith.
Crockett—Ellis Smith.
Crockett Circuit—W. S. Easterling.
Trinity and Lovelady—W. J. Owens.
Groveton—J. W. Mills.
Wells—S. L. Burk, supply.
Alto—I. F. Pace; S. M. Thompson, su- pernumerary.
Rusk—J. S. Mathis.
Jacksonville—C. F. Smith.
Jacksonville Circuit—J. M. Mills; J. C. Huddleston, junior preacher.

SAN AUGUSTINE DISTRICT.

A. J. Weeks, P. E.
San Augustine and Chreno—J. M. Perry.
Hemphill—J. R. Ritchie, supply.
Saxton—D. S. Burke.
Shelbyville—W. W. Nunn.
Center—J. R. Turentine.
Center Circuit—T. C. Cummings.
Tencha—C. B. Smith.
Carthage Station—J. L. Dawson.
Clayton Circuit—J. D. Dorsey.
Timpson—J. T. McClure.
Ninden—J. W. Goodwin.
Garrison—D. L. Cain.
Appleby—J. S. Wilson, supply.
Neogdoches—W. W. Watts.
Melrose—J. A. Harvey.
Lufkin—A. A. Wagnon.
Burke Circuit—J. D. Burke.

BEAUMONT DISTRICT.

J. W. Johnson, P. E.
Beaumont—C. M. Davenport.
Beaumont and China Mission—M. I. Brown.
Orange—Albert Little.
Sabine Pass and Port Arthur—G. W. Langley.
Liberty—D. W. Towns.
Livingston—H. L. Hare.
Lennett—J. E. Short.
Chester—O. A. Shook.
Woodville and Colmesneil—J. T. Kirk- patrick.
Kountze—R. O. Bailey.
Jasper and Kirbyville—J. G. Pollard.
Jarper Circuit—L. Christian, supply.
Burkeville—J. F. Wagnon.
Call—J. I. Weatherly.

Transferred—To the Baltimore Con- ference; I. T. Stafford; to the North Texas Conference, T. P. Turner and L. A. Burk.

BOARD OF CHURCH EXTENSION.

The Board of Church Extension met at Pittsburg November 29, 1900. Opened with religious service. Members present: J. S. Mathis, chairman; J. D. Ford, A. Meth- vin, J. D. Dorsey, T. B. Vinson, C. A. Tower, T. S. Garrison.
We have distributed the sum of \$300, as follows:
Marshall \$ 20 00
Tyler 20 00
Palestine 20 00
Pittsburg 20 00
San Augustine 20 00
Beaumont 20 00
Total \$120 00

We have received from the six districts as follows:

Marshall District	\$ 20 00
Tyler District	20 00
Palestine District	20 00
Pittsburg District	20 00
San Augustine District	20 00
Beaumont District	20 00
Total	\$120 00
Balance on hand	70 50
Total	\$190 50

The following named ladies are officers of the women's department for next year: Mrs. A. S. Whitehurst, President, Henderson, Texas; First Vice-President, Mrs. W. W. Watts, Longview, Texas; Sec- ond Vice-President, Mrs. L. M. Fowler, Henderson, Texas; Corresponding Sec- retary, Mrs. Geo. Call, Orange, Texas; Re- cording Secretary, Mrs. Emmett Smith, Neogdoches, Texas; Treasurer, Mrs. J. W. Downs, Pittsburg, Texas; District Secretary Marshall District, Mrs. Kirby, Longview, Texas; District Secretary Pittsburg District, Mrs. A. A. Wagnon, Mt. Pleasant, Texas; District Secretary San Augustine District, Mrs. A. F. Bryan, Timpson, Texas; District Secretary Palestine District, Mrs. V. A. Godbey, Palestine, Texas; Tyler District, Mrs. Sanders, Edom, Texas; District Secretary Beaumont District, Mrs. Adams, Jasper, Texas. Respectfully submitted, T. S. GARRISON.

JOINT BOARD OF FINANCE.

The Joint Board of Finance, met at Pittsburg November 25, 1900. Board opened with prayer by the chairman. Members present: R. W. Thompson, chairman; R. A. Morris, J. D. Dorsey, C. A. Tower, J. L. Dawson, T. S. Garrison.
We have distributed the sum of \$98 to the following districts:

Marshall	\$17 50
Tyler	17 50
Palestine	17 50
Pittsburg	17 50
San Augustine	17 50
Beaumont	17 50
Total	\$87 50

We have assessed the sum of \$120 to the following districts for conference claims for 1900:

Marshall	\$10 00
Tyler	10 00
Palestine	10 00
Pittsburg	10 00
San Augustine	10 00
Beaumont	10 00
Total	\$60 00

We have assessed the sum of \$92, and apportioned to the following districts, for delegates to General Conference:

Marshall	\$ 50 00
Tyler	50 00
Palestine	50 00
Pittsburg	50 00
San Augustine	50 00
Beaumont	50 00
Total	\$300 00

We have assessed the sum of \$90 for orphanage, and apportioned as follows:

Marshall	\$30 00
Tyler	30 00
Palestine	30 00
Pittsburg	30 00
San Augustine	30 00
Beaumont	30 00
Total	\$180 00

We have received from the six districts for:

Conf. Claim	\$ 75 00
Mis- sions	24 00
Orphanage	180 00
Total	\$389 00

Balance on hand \$20 50
Total amount to be distributed \$409 50

Paid Harlow & Smith, Bishop, \$ 52 50
Paid for minutes, 5 00
Paid Sister A. M. Box, 5 00
Paid Sister J. W. Mills, 5 00
Paid Sister L. Cunningham, 5 00
Paid Sister J. R. Hart, 5 00
Paid Sister Starnall, 5 00
Paid Sister Harvill, 5 00
Paid Sister Bettie Crossen, 5 00
Paid Sister J. C. A. Bridges, 5 00
Paid Sister Mary Lynch, 5 00
Paid Sister U. M. Kays, 5 00
Paid Sister W. B. Hill, 5 00
Paid Bro. Ed. Ogden's child, 5 00
Paid Bro. M. Donagan, 5 00
Paid Bro. J. B. Hall, 5 00
Paid Sister J. R. Bellamy, 5 00
Paid Sister W. B. Hill, 5 00
Paid J. G. Pollard, 5 00
Paid Jesse Lee, 5 00
Balance on hand, 216 50
Total \$409 50

Respectfully submitted, T. S. GARRISON.

NATH'S ODDITIES.

Some men are so lazy they are lousy.
Lye soap is no bad thing, but soap- less lie is.
The reason so many women get sorry husbands, there are not enough to go round.
Even the finest of razors need honing occasionally. Yet some people don't believe in revivals.
I have seen some men who seemed

determined to return to dirt before their time.

You keep the Sabbath holy and it will keep you holy.

I have to spit on my hands and take a fresh start over once in a while.

There are a great many clever men in the penitentiary, and a whole lot of smart fellows out.

Nearly all are agreed that a Christian schooling is a good thing. Our great effort at the close of this century is to build up and endow our institutions of learning testifies to this fact. Splendid buildings, plenty of apparatus, en- dowed professorships. It is well we have given our attention to these things and arranged cheap tuition for the masses. But the time has come for us to quit looking down upon the keeper of a cheap boarding-house and give more attention to the kitchen and more encouragement to the cook. Some quarters are laying a good deal of stress on the physical man, and it is no bad idea, but you had better put more attention to the stuff he is put- ting in his stomach. Fashion has a good deal to do with what a fellow eats and how it tastes. And you college- town folks who set the fashion of too much eating are responsible for many a worthy poor boy and girl not getting a Christian education. If Paul were to turn loose preaching here now in America, he would not miss it far on the text, "There are many folks whose God is their belly." Shall our Church schools teach men sense and self-denial, or to flout with the foolish, ever sinning. "What shall we eat next?" Let the leaders of our educational sys- tems and centers begin to put more of their brains into helping to reduce the board bill, and see that our young peo- ple may get clean and economical homes to rest their weary heads and refresh their hungry bodies. Open up the way that every one who will may travel on that fast but not overcrowd- ed train of "plain living and high thinking."

HIS MOTHER'S WATCH.

Any good boy is glad to please his mother and will not willingly do any- thing to grieve her. The boy in the sketch below, who fancied that he would be happier by not following his mother's advice, found out his mis- take. The best prize for conduct that comes from earth is a mother's smile.

Edward was a loving boy, but care- less in his habits, he thought his mother was old-fashioned in her no- tions; he saw no harm in things which she knew ruined many bright boys. He was about to go away from home and the anxious mother thought of a way to keep her influence over him. He wanted a watch, on condition that he should give it back if he did any of the things which he knew that she did not approve.

Edward was delighted with the watch, and for a time he was all that his mother could wish. But soon other boys claimed him by their free ways, and he began to smoke and play their gambling games with them. Then he took off his mother's watch and put it in a box to send home. Now he could be free! That was a dreadful mistake! It seemed as though he had driven his mother away—as if he had put her in a grave. He could not be happy, he could not find a moment's peace, till he turned straight round, and putting on the watch again, became worthy of his mother's love.—Selected.

A small, strong table, with cast-ers, that can run back and forth between kitchen and pantry, saves in work- able steps and any amount of time and patience.

WHITES

and irregular menstrual periods are wearing on a woman. If you are a sufferer from these troubles,

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For several months my wife had whites and womb trouble. After several remedies had failed, our physi- cian advised G. F. P. She has taken two bottles of this splendid remedy and is now entirely cured.

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Walk, Ala.

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We do not deliberately form our pet habits, but they are unconsciously ac- quired and grow as we grow, and by the time we learn they are hurting us we find them too strong to be easily broken.

Then, why not form a good habit, a habit which will counteract the many bad ones, in other words, contract the unfashionable habit of being always well.

The best health habit to get into is to have and keep a vigorous stomach. If you have a healthy digestion you can drink your beloved coffee, smoke your favorite brand of tobacco, with little or no harm. The mischief begins when those things are forced upon the faithful stomach without any assistance.

From the habit of taking after meals some harmless, but often very effective, which will refresh the stomach of so much extra work.

Nature furnishes us with such dis- tinctives, and when they are combined in such a pleasant preparation as Stuart's Dyspepsia Tablets they give the overworked stomach just the necessary assistance to secure perfect digestion without any of the harmful effects of cathartics and similar drugs.

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Ask the clerk in any drug store the name of the most successful and popular stomach remedy and he will say Stuart's.



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Secular News Items.

The Mail and Express says: "The Standard Oil Company's capital of \$100,000,000 has now a market value of over \$300,000,000. The stock is the second highest-priced industrial in the country. The rise in the price of Standard Oil this year has been phenomenal. Last January it sold at 47 1/2. By the middle of October it had reached 600. A gain of over \$290 a share has been made since then, occupying less than a fortnight in moving. It is considered that John W. Rockefeller owns three-fourths of the capital of the company and his fortune at the end of the year will be enormous. His investments are worth at least \$250,000,000. The company has paid about \$45,000,000 in dividends the past year."

Emperor William has caused quite a stir by refusing to see Mr. Kruger. It is reported from the best authority that the cabinets of the triple alliance before the arrival of President Kruger in Europe resolved to take an adverse attitude in regard to his demands for intervention. This fact renders very improbable the report that the Kaiser refused to receive Kruger as the result of pressing representations from England. According to reports from Berlin Kruger will not visit Vienna or Rome. As far as the triple alliance is concerned, Kruger's visit can be considered as a failure.

A report from Panama, Colombia, says: "This year's coffee crop is expected to aggregate about 900,000 quintals, being the heaviest crop recorded in this country's history. Shipments have already begun, starting a lively competition between the four steamship companies running on the coast to obtain the coffee freight, most of which will pass over the Panama Railroad."

In San Juan, Porto Rico, Dec. 4, Gov. Allen read his annual message to the House of Delegates. He said all conditions were satisfactory. He declared that the civil government must devise a system of taxation, and hinted at a bond issue. He recommended more schools, reorganization of the judiciary, establishment of a jury system, the centralization of municipal government and the establishment of a municipal police system in towns having less than 20,000 inhabitants. The message was well received.

With official returns from every county in Kentucky the Courier-Journal announces Bryan's plurality as 7575, and Beckham's as 3518. The vote will be canvassed at Frankfort, Dec. 3, and the result officially announced.

The message of the President is a simple review of governmental affairs almost without recommendations. The President declares that the Republic was never so strong; that "American liberty is more firmly established than ever before," and says that love for it is even more universal. He does not suggest a Philippine legislation and repeats his recommendations concerning trusts and urges measures to insure permanency of the gold standard.

Chicago has officially tendered its drainage canal to the United States Government. The sanitary district trustees have memorialized the Chief Engineer of the Government, through the Deep Water Way Commission, and that official will transmit the offer to Congress next week. The terms of the offer declare the channel a navigable stream when the flow of water therein reaches 300,000 cubic feet per minute, and whenever the General Government shall improve the Des Plaines and Illinois Rivers for navigation to connect with the channel of the drainage canal, it shall have full control over the same for navigation purposes. It is officially declared that there is now a depth of water in the channel deeper than the draft of any lake vessel and wide enough to float three abreast. When the water reaches the Illinois basin it spreads and becomes useless for navigable purposes. The canal has cost Chicago \$34,294,244, and involved the removal of 1,600,000 cubic yards of earth, glacial drift and rock.

The Lord Russell memorial will take the form of a statue for the London Law Courts and a portrait of the late Lord Chief Justice by Mr. Sargent, R. A. The sculptor will probably be Mr. Thornycroft, R. A.

The press continues a discussion regarding Mr. Kruger and disappointment deepens at Emperor William's refusal to receive him. Nevertheless many journals admit the political necessity for the Kaiser's act. According to the Frankfurt Zeitung Emperor William not only informed Mr. Kruger that he was unable to receive him, but expressed the wish that the Bore statesman would avoid Berlin at present. Dispatches from Cologne describe

Kruger as very weary. He keeps his room for rest and is unable to resist the German cold. The crowd that demonstrated before the British consulate in Cologne tried to tear down the sign.

The Southern Industrial Association met at New Orleans, Dec. 4. The attendance was very large. In the responses to the addresses of welcome Gen. John B. Gordon, of Georgia, made a speech, which aroused much enthusiasm. He urged expansion and pleaded for the open door in the Orient. Much time was given to the reading of papers on the Nicaragua Canal. The canal was highly indorsed as a means of developing the future of the Southern States.

The opening of the last session of the Fifty-Sixth Congress took place in Washington on Dec. 3. The proceedings were purely formal, consisting of the rapping to order by the Speaker, prayer by the Chaplain, the roll call of members, the appointment of the formal committees to wait on the President, and the reception and reading of the President's Message.

It is stated that the memorials of Alexander Dumas, fils, and of his grandfather, the General, will not be completed for some months to come. They are to be placed close to the monument of Dumas, the novelist, on the Place Malesherbes, in Paris. This locality is to lose its old name, and will soon be known as the Place des Trois Dumas, so that the memory of the celebrated family will be well perpetuated in Paris.

A report from Manila says that Sunday in Vigan was a great day for the American cause. Twenty-two hundred natives of the region, nearly all fighting rebels, crowded the church and took the oath of allegiance to the United States. The oath was administered by the priest. All but 500 of those sworn in were bolomen. The number included the 1200 bolomen who had previously surrendered.

Gen. Young attributes this fact to the arrival of a stronger body of troops and especially rigid enforcement of war measures, and the deportation of prisoners to Manila.

The officials of the State Department decline to make any statement for publication relative to the announcement from Constantinople that the Turkish government had arranged to pay American mission claims under cover of a contract with the Comoros for a warship. Nevertheless there is reason to believe that the report is well founded and that the claim is in a fair way to be paid. It is the expectation that the Comoros, instead of endeavoring to deal directly with the claimants, will turn over to the state department the amount of the claims, in the neighborhood of 23,000 pounds, and that the department will disburse the money to the claimants.

The State Department has sent instructions to United States Consul Gummere at Tangier, Morocco, to proceed to the capital of that country as far as possible on a United States man-of-war, to present a fresh claim of the United States for indemnity on account of the murder of Marcus E. Zaguin, a naturalized American citizen, who was killed during June, 1900. The warship, which probably will be the Kentucky, has been recalled from Smyrna for the purpose to convey the Consul from Tangiers to Mazagan.

The United States cruiser Yosemite was wrecked on November 13 in a typhoon which swept over the island of Guam. After her cables had parted she drifted on a reef near the harbor of San Luis de Para and stove in her bottom. A launch was manned by five men and an attempt was made to get a line ashore, but the launch was capsized and the five men drowned. After pounding on the reef for some time the Yosemite was blown seaward seventy miles. Before she sank the collier Justin, which was stationed at Guam, followed and effected the rescue of all on board.

The Fifteenth United States Infantry has departed for Tong Ku, where it will be embarked for Manila. The Russian contingent has been increased by the return to Tien Tsin of two regiments of infantry which had been previously withdrawn. It is reported that the cold weather is driving the hostile natives into the outlying villages, where there is much restlessness. Scouting parties constantly report sniping along the Pekin road and on remote trails, but severe reprisals are lessening it. Navigation up the river Pei Ho has been closed and the remaining supplies are going in wagons to Pekin.

On the 28th of November the Isthmus of Panama celebrated the 88th anniversary of the declaration of its independence of Spain, made in 1811. In-

cessant war against the Spanish forces followed, until 1824, when Gen. Bolivar was named dictator, and brought about an alliance between Columbia and Guatemala that led to the recognition of the former's independence in 1825. The festivities were on a very large scale.

A special from China to the Volks Zeitung reports a fearful mission slaughter in the province of Shan Si. The first victims, the dispatch says, were a Catholic bishop and his coadjutors and four European priests, Franciscans, Italian and French. The Governor invited them to his house, pretending to guarantee them protection, but when they arrived their hands were tied. The Governor himself pointed them all. Later the Governor went to the bishop's residence with a number of soldiers and seized six Marsell's sisters. He promised them money and distinguished husbands if they would renounce Christianity, which offer they unanimously rejected. Thereupon the Governor pointed them and also a number of Chinese priests, 300 Chinese sisters and 200 orphans from 3 to 15 years of age.

The National Convention of the W. C. T. U. was called to order at the Lafayette Theater in Washington Monday morning. President Mrs. Lillian Stevens delivered her annual address. Nearly 500 delegates were assembled, representing nearly every State and Territory in the Union, among them being delegates from five State Unions. The delegation was larger than in ten years preceding. A cablegram was sent Lady Henry Somerset, President of the World's Woman's Christian Temperance Union, expressing the love and loyalty of her American constituency.

Five railway employees were instantly killed and twelve were injured by the explosion of a boiler in the powerhouse of the Chicago and Northwestern Railway Monday evening. Several of the injured are hurt so badly that they will die. The property lost to the road will be \$100,000. The boilerhouse was practically reduced to ruin, two sides being blown completely out, and the costly plant was nearly torn to pieces. The cause of the explosion is a mystery, the boilers having been inspected by the insurance companies September 1 and November 1 and being reported in perfect order.

The Czar is now on the road to recovery. His condition is steadily improving and he is anxious to get out again.

Ex-Constable Bain, of Garland, met his death in a horrible manner in a Dallas saloon Monday morning. Bain, under the influence of liquor, reclined in a chair. While in this position nearly a pint of turpentine was poured over him and a match applied. He was

so terribly burned that his death occurred only a short time after the flames were extinguished. Excitement ran high and threats of lynching the two men arrested were heard on all sides. It is to be hoped that the men who perpetrated this terrible crime will be speedily brought to justice.

Home-seekers by the hundreds are returning to Texas from the Kiowa border, where they have been for months awaiting the opening to settlement of that country. They report great suffering and privation and many families on the verge of starvation. Added to the suffering, disease has taken hold of many and funerals are daily occurrences. Hundreds of people are wending their way back from that country, having been advised that the opening has been delayed a year, possibly longer.

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SAN MARCOS. W. A. Scott, L. E. conference year has been discussed. Our town T. Graham, was seen Circuit, and Rev. W. his place on the San many respects the year by the blessing of made a good report at more than paid. Len on this work, paid \$25 session, and then stion of this unworth buying him a \$25.50 making him a press. hereby give them the the blessings of God that labor with them.

OZONA AND Nath Thompson: Ay welcome, a whaling b came in my absence. Miss Sara was all so was turning somersa The parsonage colle pared, kitchen cut off. One of the best in t eighty-five miles from you. Don't have to lu rel-get waterworks. Baptists and my mem for a good meeting. Eleven fine folks join ritual to-night. On Committee of Manai promised the Lord if again, would take my the first Sunday, 16 Orphanage and the time you read this l eating that collection boys and folks don't n will have the home r from away off out he much before you play the strings out.

KILLEEN AND C. Bruce Meador, met my earliest obli and Nolanville. I hopeful. The good parsonage and sco the premises and s tor to town to buy v ed for furnishing t row have it com Now the poundi enough to last us are proud of our ch ing to try for the lives.

T. J. Lasseter, 3 Methodist wheel tur this scribe at Brady made our arrangeme to be our friends at set out for Brady vi at Ponfoteo Satun were well cared fo by that prince of a f Jim Latham, and his know how to treat a et, as others know. was crisp with whit ressed up and pulla and arrived to find repapering the parso a good cleaning up said they), and I s style. So, till the pa ready and our good were hospitably care of Mr. Buck Richa Craddock. We we received, and we set pleasant year. We among a kind peopl work prosper in our

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Notes From the Field.

SAN MARCOS CIRCUIT.

W. A. Scott, L. E., Nov. 26: The old
conference year has passed and the new
one dawned. Our former pastor, Rev. J.
T. Graham, was sent from us to Kyle
Circuit, and Rev. W. H. H. Biggs takes
his place on the San Marcos work. In
many respects the year was a good one.
By the blessing of God, the preacher
made a good report at conference. Salary
more than paid. Long Branch Church,
on this work, paid \$25 more than her as-
essment, and then showed her appreciation
of this unworthy local preacher by
buying him a \$22.50 suit of clothes and
making him a present of it, for which we
heretofore give them many thanks, and pray
the blessings of God upon them and all
that labor with them.

OZONA AND SONORA.

Nath Thompson: Arrived safely; good
welcome; a whaling big pounding. They
came in my absence. When I got back
Miss Sara was all smiles and the baby
was turning somersaults on the pillow.
The parsonage called, dining-room pa-
pered, kitchen cut off, closets plenty, etc.
One of the best in the conference, and
eighty-five miles from the railroad, mind
you! Don't have to haul water in a bar-
rel—got waterworks in this town. The
Baptists and my members were just clos-
ing a good meeting as we drove up.
Eleven fine folks joined our Church by
ritual to-night. On the Rescue Home
Committee of Management last year,
promised the Lord if ever I was pastor
again, would take my collection for them
the first Sunday. Did so; also for the
Orphanage. Got the money, and by the
time you read this I expect they will be
eating that collection. If some of you
boys and folks don't mind, Bro. Pritchett
will have the home mission money first
from away off out here. Don't tune too
much before you play; you might wear
the strings out.

KILLEEN AND NOLANVILLE.

C. Bruce Meador, Dec. 2: I have
net my earliest obligations at Killeen
and Nolanville. Everything looks
hopeful. The good ladies met at the
parsonage, and scoured and cleaned the
premises and sent the new pas-
tor to town to buy whatever he wanted
for furnishing the parsonage. We
now have it comfortably furnished.
Now the pounding: Provisions
enough to last us two months. We
are proud of our charge and are go-
ing to try for the best year of our
lives.

BRADY.

T. J. Lassetter, Nov. 23: The old
Methodist wheel turned again and left
this scribe at Brady for a year. We
made our arrangements and bade good-
bye to our friends at Willow City and
set out for Brady via Llano. Arrived
at Pontotoc Saturday evening, and
were well cared for through Sunday
by that prince of a fellow and brother,
Jim Latham, and his noble wife. They
know how to treat a wayfaring prop-
het, as others know. Monday morning
was crisp with white frost, so we har-
ressed up and pulled away for Brady,
and arrived to find the good women
repapering the parsonage and giving it
a good cleaning up (for it needs it,
said they), and I say it got it good
style. So, till the parsonage was made
ready and our goods were coming, we
were hospitably cared for at the homes
of Mr. Buck Richards and Dr. B. L.
Craddock. We have been very kindly
received, and we set in for a good and
pleasant year. We feel that we are
among a kind people. May the Lord's
work prosper in our hands this year.

LAVERNIA.

Isaiah S. Napier, Nov. 28: The old
conference year has come and gone.
We had a very pleasant year—one of
the most pleasant of our lives. My
family and my people had a great deal
of sickness, but the sickness is passing
away as the weather is getting cooler.
I held my meetings just before confer-
ence, and had good meetings. Collec-
ted my conference collections in full.
Presiding elder's and pastor's salaries
were nearly paid in full. My team dis-
appeared last spring. Two sisters and
two of the brethren went to work just
before conference and made up money
and bought me a good horse and a
good conference suit of clothes. We
collected in cash and subscriptions
\$145 on Twentieth Century Fund. The
ladies collected \$115 for furnishing and



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repairing the parsonage. Elmendorf,
one of my very pleasant appointments
last year, was put with Sutherland
Springs charge at our last conference.
I have four appointments now—La-
vernia and three country appoint-
ments. My country appointments have
no services except preaching once a
month, but we hope soon to have Sun-
day-schools and prayer services at
them. Lavernia has a good prayer
service and Sunday-school, and a
splendid Epworth League. Just before
conference we organized the Woman's
Home Mission Society at Lavernia, and
the women have entered into the work
earnestly and actively. They are go-
ing to do a good work. Twenty-five
copies of the Texas Christian Advocate
are taken and three copies of Christian
Advocate. Ten copies of the Epworth
Era are taken, a few of Our Homes
and a few of the Review of Missions.
Our people are spiritual, faithful and
kind. I hopefully and cheerfully enter
upon my second year here, trusting in
God and my faithful charge to help
me in the work of the Lord. I desire
to see the nineteenth century close like
a garden of blooming roses for God and
the salvation of men.

STAPLES.

W. H. H. Biggs, Nov. 19: Who says
"Friday is an unlucky day?" It's an
error, and I can prove it: 1. Firstly,
Webster's old blue back spelling book
says "Friday is as lucky a day as any."
Who would ask for better authority?
2. In the second place, secondly, last
Friday evening the good people of
Cottonwood and Staples, without
either knowing what the other was
doing, gathered many good things to-
gether, and a little after dark came to
the parsonage and made such dona-
tions as to relieve the wants of preacher
and family for a long time, and
made the hearts of the parsonage in-
mates swell with gratitude. This
preacher is determined to do the very
best year's work of his life. We want
to be on good behavior for having the
best appointment in the conference.
We want to stay here four years; but
I was about to forget the proposition
I wanted to prove. Well, let it go.
This preacher and family are already
in love with our people. How could
we help it? They are so lovable. As
Sam Jones says: If I don't stick to
my text I'll stick to my people.

MASON.

D. A. Gregg, Nov. 19: At the last
session of the West Texas Conference,
Bishop Candler appointed me to the
Mason Circuit. This appointment was
made on Monday morning, and on the
following Wednesday night I was in
Mason. I have been visiting the folks,
reading God's Word to them, praying
with them and preaching to them ever
since I arrived. Have preached twice
at Loyal Valley and twice at Mason.
My congregations were cut short at
Loyal Valley by reason of the German
Conference held at Castell. The con-
gregations at Mason were large and
appreciative. These are a good people.
I have been kindly received. I go next
Sunday to Bethel and Camp Sanaba.
I have started to make this the best
year, up to date, of my ministerial life.
I mean to do more praying, more visit-
ing, more studying and more preaching.
And of course that will make of me a
better man. Our motto is to be "every-
thing in full, and these people for
Christ." In God's name we have pitched
the battle against sin, and under the
banner of Christ we expect to have
victory. To these ends we ask the
prayers of our brethren.

CALDWELL.

W. Wootton, Dec. 1: We are near-
ing the end of the conference year, a
year fraught with many disasters on
sea and land. We have had more
sickness in Caldwell and vicinity than
I ever knew anywhere before. The
crops in many parts of the county
were almost a complete failure. Con-
sequently finances are behind, though
we will lack but little of being up.
The Twentieth Century Fund has not
been neglected, and our people in the
abundance of their misfortunes have
subscribed very liberally, but will not
be able to meet their obligations
now. We have lost recently by death
three of our most useful members in
the country. It will be some time be-
fore the Church recovers from the
loss of Dr. Neely, Sisters Johnson and
Philp. They died in the triumph of
faith. The good women have just
completed a new paling fence around
the parsonage and church lot, besides
re-carpeting the church. Owing to so
much sickness our congregations have
not been large, but have been steadily
growing since summer. May the Lord
and the Bishop dispose of us for
another year according to wisdom.

GROESBEECK.

C. A. Evans, Dec. 4: We are in our
new field of work. Were met at the
dew at 12 o'clock at night by Bro.
Thurmond, local elder and steward,
who led us to the parsonage, which we
found nice and comfortable. The
pounding had come already, and was
abundant, consisting of the entire list

of groceries and other necessities, all
the way down from sacks of flour
down to soap, perline and matches. In
addition to this complete list of sup-
plies were pork and beef roasts, bread,
jellies, pickles, cakes, and, notwith-
standing we arrived at 12 o'clock at
night the day before Thanksgiving,
we were not to be cut out of the
turkey, for about 11 a. m. on Thank-
sgiving Day Sister Cobb came with
turkey, cooked and ready for dinner
(and he was a fine one.) We have had
a great many expressions in word and
deed, which make us glad and feel
like doing with might all we can. In
fact, somehow we feel like no preacher
in the Northwest Texas Conference
has more work to do and more en-
couragement to undertake it than we,
and we begin full of hope.

The Announcement of The Youth's
Companion for the coming year shows
that while this excellent periodical is
faithful to the traditions which have en-
deared it to three generations of readers,
it is progressive and unswerving in its ef-
forts to increase its value and attractiv-
ness. Among the famous people who
will contribute to it during 1901 are the
Hon. Lyman Gage (Secretary of the Treas-
ury), the Hon. John D. Long (Secretary
of the Navy), the Hon. James Wilson
(Secretary of Agriculture), Ex-Gov. W.
R. Merriam (Director of the Census), the
Hon. W. R. Day (Ex-Secretary of State),
Gov. Theodore Roosevelt, the Duke and
Duchess of Argyll, G. W. Cable, Gilbert
Darker, Paul Lebezier Ford, W. D.
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F. G. Jackson (the Arctic Explorer), Sven
Hedin (the Asiatic Explorer), Dr. W. T.
Harris (United States Commissioner of
Education), Sir Henry M. Stanley, Lady
Stanley, Mrs. Flora Annie Steel (author
of "On the Face of the Waters," etc.),
F. T. Bullen (author of "The Cruise of
the Cachet"), Prof. Rodolfo Lanciani,
Sir Edwin Arnold, the Bishop of London,
Admiral A. H. Markham, Admiral Philip
Hibbourn (Chief Constructor of the United
States Navy), the Hon. Mrs. Maxwell-
Scott, Justin McCarthy, the Right Hon.
James Bryce, George Manville Fenn, W.
T. Stead, Noah Brooks, the Hon. John
Blizdow, Amos J. Cummings, Lady
Jeune, Prof. C. A. Young, Prof. R. H.
Thurston, Gen. A. W. Greedy, Dr. Felix
Crawford, Princess Kropotkin, Professor
Max Muller, John Hyde (Statistician of
the Department of Agriculture), Gen.
Charles King, Paul Laurence Dunbar,
Mary Putnam Jacob, Charles H. Bell
(United States Commissioner of Patents)
and others.

CLARA BARTON'S APPEAL.

In the last annual report of Miss
Clara Barton, for so many years the
self-sacrificing and devoted President
of the American National Red Cross,
are these timely and striking words of
appeal:

"I took up the work of the Red Cross
for its good, for the good of our
people and for humanity, and not
for my own. I have never complai-
ned. I have never considered
myself in it, but worked on for
the end. That end we have reached:
The Red Cross in America is an ac-
complished fact. From a beginning too
small to be comprehended, it has
grown almost too great to handle.

"I would recommend that, with its
increased activities, it have a perma-
nent location of its own, properly fit-
ted, in keeping with its national im-
portance and the example of other
countries.

"I would also suggest that some-
times be taken to give the organiza-
tion an income which it never has had
in any degree, and also the creation of
a fund for the suitable conduct of its
work at home and its fields as well.

"The American National Red Cross
should have a fund of at least one mil-
lion dollars, and it is perfectly prac-
ticable to have it, but this fund must
be always from the munificence of the
people, and in no way from the Gov-
ernment. Never lose sight of the fact,
I pray you, that the Red Cross means
people's help for national necessities,
not national help for people's needs.
The American National Red Cross has
never received a dollar of support from
the Government as such, and has never
sought it. It has asked only the re-
cognition it now has. Even the treaty
was not the cost of a single dollar to
the Government. There is, perhaps, no
similar record in existence."

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"Greetings," and to organize the watch
meetings, will be gladly furnished on
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METHODIST HISTORY.

Why Rev. H. S. Thrall did not mention
a Rector in his history of Methodism of
the State is strange, when he made the
house of Morgan Rector his home the
first year of his ministry in Texas.
Morgan Rector came to Texas with
his family from Morgan County, Ala-
bama, in eighteen hundred and thirty-
one. The first Methodist Episcopal
Church, South, in Columbia, Brazoria
County, Texas, was organized by Rev.
Isaac Strickland in eighteen hund-
red and thirty-three, composed of the fol-
lowing members: Morgan Rector,
Amelia Rector, Celia Rector, Letitia
Rector, Mrs. Tennell and Mrs. Knox. I
obtained these items from my wife's
mother, now with us, who will, the
coming March, be eighty-seven years

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old. I suppose there are but few per-
sons now living in Texas who have
passed through more trying scenes of
frontier life sixty-nine years. This
brother Pendleton was at the taking
of the Alamo; he and Claiborne Re-
ctor were in the battle of San Jacinto,
that led to the independence of Texas.
Her husband, Thomas U. James, was a
Texas veteran, and a faithful steward
in the Church, who, rather than miss
his quarterly meeting, was known at
least once to start afoot to one fifteen
miles away. Surely those who have
helped to make up so much of Texas
history, and especially of Texas Meth-
odism, ought at least be mentioned in
a true history.

E. H. HOLBROOK,
Kenedy, Texas, Nov. 29, 1900.

The Outlook was the first of the
weekly papers to publish, not long be-
fore Christmas, an illustrated number,
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ture. This year, in its Twelfth Annual
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Church, South, contributes the leading ar-
ticle in the American Illustrated Metho-
dist Magazine for December. His arti-
cle, "The Trail in the Land of the Sky,"
is illustrated from photo-
graphs of scenes in the picturesque mount-
ain districts of North Carolina.

A timely article on "Monday's Child,"
only by Prof. James Main Dixon, which
has first place in the American Illustrated
Methodist Magazine for November. The
article is commemorative of the centen-
nial of the famous English historian, who
was born October 26, 1801, in Lichfield,
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Monday appears as the frontispiece of
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A WEATHER RHYME.

"When the weather is wet
We must not fret;
When the weather is cold
We must not scold;
When the weather is dry
We must not cry;
When the weather is warm
We must not storm;
But be thankful together,
Whatever the weather."

WATCHING FOR FAULTS.

"When I was a boy," said an old man, "I was often very idle, and used to play during the lessons with other boys as idle as myself. One day we were fairly caught by the master. 'Boys,' he said, 'you must not be idle; you must attend closely to your books. The first one of you who sees another boy idle will please come and tell me.'"

"Ah," I thought to myself, "there is Joe Simmons, that I don't like; I'll watch him, and if I see him look off his book I'll tell the teacher."

"It was not long until I saw Joe look off his book, and I went up at once to tell the master."

"Indeed," said he, "how did you know he was idle?"

"I saw him," said I.

"You did? And were your eyes on your book when you saw him?"

"I was caught, and the other boys laughed, and I never watched for idle boys again."

If we watch over our conduct and try to keep it right, and always do our duty, we will not have time to watch for faults or idleness in others. This will keep us out of mischief and make us helpful to others.—Our Young Folks.

REMEMBER MOTHER.

The late Dr. John Hall once told of a poor woman who had struggled to send her son to college. When graduation day came, he wrote to his mother to come and witness the exercises, but she declined because of her shabby clothes, thinking he would be ashamed of her. Finally, in response to his entreaties, she came. On the day of his graduation he accompanied his shabbily-dressed mother down the aisle, and placed her in one of the best seats in the house. He was the valedictorian of his class, and had won a prize. As soon as it was given to him, he went down to his poor mother, and before the whole audience kissed her, and said: "Mother, here is the prize. It is yours. I would not have it if it had not been for you." That young man possessed the element of true greatness, for he owed much to the love and sacrifice of his mother. Thousands of young men and women are away from home at our schools and colleges. They are the constant object of a mother's prayers and thoughtful remembrance. Their parents are telling and sacrificing for the purpose of furnishing them an education which shall equip them for life's work. Every day, from their entrance to the hour of graduation, students should gratefully think of what they owe to their parents who cheerfully sacrificed to make it possible for them to secure a good education.—Selected.

TINY WEATHER PROPHETS.

Insects are the most reliable weather prophets to be found, and their habits and instincts are most interesting to study.

Children who live in the country know this better than those who live in cities, where there is little opportunity of studying insects' habits.

Bees are known to be excellent weather prophets. There is a common country saying that "a bee was never caught in a shower."

When rain is coming bees do not go far afield, but buzz about close to their hives. There is an old rhyme which tells us that:

"When bees to distance wing their flight,
Days are warm and skies are bright;
But when their flight ends near their home,
Stormy weather is sure to come."

Just before the rain the bees will be seen to enter the hive in three numbers, while none come out again. And again, when bees are seen hard at work early in the morning, unsettled weather may be expected later in the day. The weather instinct of the little creatures urge them to make honey while the sun shines.

Wasps and hornets, whose favorite nesting places are on the banks of streams, are still better weather prophets than bees. When they build their nests high up on the banks it is always taken by the country people as a sign of a wet season, as the nests are placed high to avoid floods, but when the nests are near to the level of the water they foretell a dry and warm season.

When ants are found at midsummer

enlarging and building up their dwellings, it is said to be a sign of an early cold winter.

When ants that have lived in low ground are seen moving up higher it is a sign of heavy rains.

An open ant hole means clear weather, and a closed one means that a storm is coming.

If spiders remain active during rain, you can be certain it is only a shower and will very soon be over. When they are seen strengthening their webs it is a sure sign of an approaching gale, and if they mend their nest during the evening there will be no rain that night.

If gnats form themselves into a pillar in the beams of the setting sun it is a sure token of fair weather, but when the swarms are seen sporting in the shade and under trees, and when they sting viciously, you may be sure of rain.

When crickets make a great hubbub it is an insect sign of rain, and when glowworms shine brilliantly, and especially after midnight, instead of turning off their lights an hour or two before, it will rain ere many hours have passed.—Christian Uplook.

SOME THINGS WORTH BELIEVING.

Believe that it is all going to come out right, even when it seems to be coming out all wrong.

Believe that you can make your life all over again, and that it is worth your while to try it.

Believe that the grandest thing in the universe is doing what you do not want to do—just because it is right.

Believe that the next grandest thing in the universe is not doing what you want to do, because what you want to do would be wrong.

Believe that it worth while working for a cause, the success of which will not be realized while you are alive.

Believe in war—not war against men, but against a bad thing.

Believe that other people have troubles as well as you, and that usually their troubles are a good deal heavier than ours.

Believe that when things are going against you is the time to apply in your conduct and feeling the principles you may have been preaching to others.

Believe in yourself—that there is something sacred in your being, a higher self, and that you can live up to the level of that higher self if you make the effort.

Believe in justice—that it must conquer, and that its triumph is of more importance than that just you should be prosperous and happy.

Believe in law—that there is something sacred about it, whether it be the law of conscience or the law of the State.

Believe in your fellow-man—that there is a man within the man which you are to respect, and even when you can not respect the outer man.

Believe in mankind—in the value of those universal experiences recorded in the institution of law and government.

Believe that the law and government can always be improved, and that the Book of Human Experience has not yet been closed.

Believe in your beliefs—believe in them with all your might—but believe in the honesty of other men who may not agree with your beliefs.

Believe that your beliefs will conquer, whatever happens; because truth somehow must conquer.

Believe that your beliefs will never conquer, no matter what happens, unless you stand up for them.

AN OUTSIDE ORPHAN—A LABOR-DAY STORY.

The Sunday-school room at Green Street Church was a beautiful and pleasant place, and the school itself was large.

Among the boys in class number eight, was one named Victor, an undersized boy whose features were not to make one think of sorrowful things. Just back of his was a class to which belonged a girl with a fair, plump, pretty face. Her name was Julia, and she wore clothes of the finest material and seemed to have friends without number. Victor thought she must be the best and sweetest girl in the city, and he liked to look at her and wonder what kind of a home she had and if her mother were living. His mother was dead, his father, too, and he lived with his sister, the two supporting themselves as best they could.

Victor went home one Sunday in August and said, "Sister, all the money that our Sunday-school gives next Sunday is to be used for the orphans at the Home. Did we ever live at that place?"

"No," she answered. "You see, when we became orphans, I was old enough to work for both, and now you are old enough to help me."

"I understand," he said. "We are outside orphans, and can even help a little to send comfort to the orphans at the Home. How much do you think we can spare next Sunday?"

"Your regular penny, and perhaps two from me," she answered, regretfully, sorry to name so small an amount.

His face grew a shade sadder, and he continued to gaze from the window, thinking, coming at last to a pleasant idea, for he became bright and talkative. All during the next four days, he worked very hard, and as he gave his money to his sister Thursday night he asked confidently:

"Sister, may I have a holiday tomorrow? You know I have not had one since Christmas."

"That is so," she answered, looking straight at him. Then she added, "Yes, you may have the day; you deserve it if ever a boy did."

He smiled appreciatively and said: "I'll tell you to-morrow night what I want with that day."

The next morning he was up and away with the dawn. But he carried his work-day box with him, and did not seem to be off for a frolic. Victor polished shoes for a living, and on this holiday of his he still polished shoes. At one o'clock he darted back of a quiet building near the depot and counted his earnings.

"Whoo!" he exclaimed. "Twelve nickles. Never did have such a run of luck before. Maybe the Lord knows I mean every cent I get this work-day for the orphans at the Home, and he's a looking after things his own self. Guess sister will open her eyes to-night." He laughed aloud, and hurriedly ate a piece of dry bread he had brought from home; then ran back to his place.

It was quite dark when Victor reached home that night, and when his sister stared at his tired form he smiled shyly and began ransacking his coins on the table near her.

"Twenty-six of 'em," he said, heartily. "I've put in one good day's work for the orphans at the Home, and now I'll have one hundred and thirty pennies to give 'em next Sunday, not counting yours. You don't mind my giving them my holiday, do you?"

"Mind? Never a bit," she answered. "And I think your work-day idea is perfectly beautiful even if you do look so tired."

He did not have the pleasure of carrying his money to the Sunday-school, however, for the very next day he sprained his ankle. But his sister took the nickles to his teacher and explained all about them. And what do you think his teacher did? Why, she kept his envelope a little while, and after the collection had been taken up, she stood where all could see her and told the whole story in her own charming way, at last reading from his envelope the words he himself had written: "One day's earnings from an outside orphan to the dear orphans at the Home."

When she finished there was something of a stir in that Sunday-school room, and it would take a very clever writer indeed to name all the expressions on all the faces. One wide-awake young man in the rear of the room sprang to his feet and said, "I bet for another chance at that collection basket, and there's a whole bench full here waiting for the same chance."

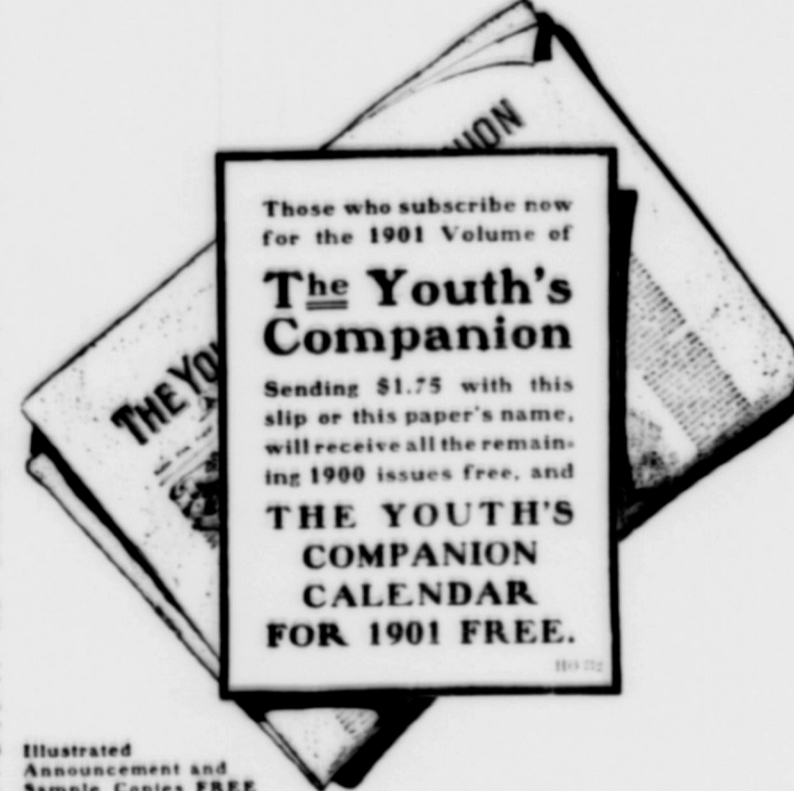
But the girl whom Victor thought the best and sweetest girl in the world had a very red and unhappy look on her face. She had actually forgotten all about the collection and had not even brought her usual penny. She said some very earnest words to her teacher, and was allowed to leave the room. At home, Julia had fourteen little gold dollars, one for each year of her life, and she had meant to keep them until she should have sixteen to jingle on a gold bracelet. But the story of the beautifully unselfish offering had made her see how unlovely selfishness is, and she at once determined to be selfish no more. All fourteen of the little gold beauties swelled the Sunday-school collection that day, and there is no telling just how much more money was paid in on account of Victor's kind act.

These things happened before the idea of Labor Day for the orphans at our Home originated. But Mr. Cramley has designated September 29 of this year as Labor Day. Who will give the work of that day to the cause of the orphans in our Home at Decatur? Will you? If so, you may be sure, as Victor was, that God himself will look after the work of that day, he ever a child or one of mature years.—Eugenia D. Bigham.

THE RIDICULOUS CHINESE ARMY.

There was much anxiety over the probable fate of Rev. Dr. Francis E. Clark, President of the Christian Endeavorers, who was in China when the Boxer troubles began, but he is safe. His experience lends additional interest to his article in the Saturday Evening Post on "John Chinaman at Home: His Outer Beliefs: His Ridiculous Army." Dr. Clark writes:

"The army of China is the laughing stock of the world, and no wonder. It is a synonym for cowardice and not for courage. It is a rabble picked up in the slums, ill-equipped, ill-fed, ill-



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clothed, ill-paid or paid not at all. Even the Chinese laugh at their own soldiers.

"At a recent public meeting the speaker, an American, urged Christian courage and fortitude, saying that his hearers must endure hardship and be brave like good soldiers. When this Chinese interpreter came to translate this passage he interpolated the remark: 'Of course he does not mean Chinese soldiers.'

"Moreover, these soldiers know that they are constantly starved in rations and cheated in arms and munitions of war by their superior officers. Tons and tons of gunpowder are flooded every year from Chinese forts and magazines and sold to the firecracker makers. At the time of the Japanese war hundreds of government rifles and even some cannon were in the pawn shops.

"During the early 'Boxer' troubles a squad of Chinese soldiers was detailed from a fort to guard the premises of some friends of mine in Pootung-fu, near Peking. Night after night the soldiers marched into my friend's compound and camped in one of his out-houses. At last it occurred to him to request the soldiers to fire a salute, so that all ill-disposed persons might know of their presence. To this they gravely replied that they would gladly do so had any powder been given them, but that before the next night they would get some powder and fire the salute at 9 o'clock. Thereafter, for a week or more, promptly at the appointed hour, the welkin rang with a tremendous discharge of small arms. But one night it was omitted, and my friend, inquiring the reason, was told that the soldiers were out of wadding. It was afterwards discovered that when the soldiers had powder and wadding, they had no bullets."

THE SUNDAY EXCURSIONS.

"Come to see us some Sunday; Sunday excursion rates will soon be in force, and it will not cost much."

This invitation reached the young man at an unfortunate time. He wanted to visit his cousins, who lived some fifty miles from the city on the line of one of the railroads that passed through the village near which he was brought up, and the expense of a trip—even that distance—was an item. He had also had a conflict with his conscience. He had said: "Times are changed; some things that I used to think was wrong seem to be necessary."

Conscience was still a factor in his life, and it would not let him take the coveted trip on Sunday without giving him trouble. Intellect said: "Sunday is the only day you can spare, and then the fare is less than half."

Conscience replied: "It is clearly a desecration of the Sabbath. There is not the excuse of necessity."

"Everybody travels on Sunday, taking advantage of the reduced rates," said the tempter.

"You are a Christian," said conscience.

"But many Christians travel on Sunday," replied the evil voice.

One stood by ready to help our young friend. Would he be recognized?

"I can afford to keep my dollar for the sake of keeping the Sabbath," the young man at last said, without thinking that virtue usually carries reward with which to tip those who serve her.

But the question was not yet settled.

The Holy One who stood by the young man brought to his remembrance the command to keep the Sabbath day holy, and with it the question: "What would Jesus do?" That settled it. Jesus would not profane the day by an unnecessary trip with a Sunday excursion crowd.—Watchword.

JUST THREE THINGS.

"I once met a thoughtful scholar," says Bishop Whipple, "who told me that years he had read every book he could which assailed the religion of Jesus Christ, and he said he should have become an infidel but for three things:

"First, I am a man. I am going somewhere. To-night I am a day nearer the grave than I was last night. I have read all such books can tell me. They shed not one solitary ray upon the darkness. They shall not take away the only guide, and leave me stone blind.

"Second, I had a mother. I saw her go down into the dark valley where I am going, and she leaned upon an unseen arm as calmly as a child goes to sleep on the breast of its mother. I know that was not a dream.

"Third, I have three motherless daughters," and he said it with tears in his eyes—"they have no protector but myself. I would rather kill them than leave them in this sinful world if you blot out from it all the teachings of the gospel."—Selected.

A man's wealth may be measured by his capacities, not by his coin.

THE DOCTOR LAUGHED

But the Woman was Frightened.

A physician of Columbus, Ga., rather poked fun at a lady patient who insisted she had heart disease.

The trouble really was caused by injuries from the effects of coffee drinking, and the nerves were so affected that it gave her every indication of heart disease. This is true of thousands of people who are badly hurt by the caffeine of coffee, and it is understood that if continued long enough real organic heart disease will set in.

The lady referred to above is Mrs. C. V. Irvin, 1019 B Street, East High-land, Columbus, Ga. She says: "I had been running down in health for a number of years and suspected that coffee was hurting me, but could not get my consent to quit it. My heart troubled me so that I was very short of breath, and could do little or nothing that required exertion. I had fearful nervous headaches nearly every day, and was exceedingly nervous with indigestion and badly constipated.

The doctor laughed at my idea of heart trouble, but knew that I was in a serious condition generally. Finally I was induced to quit coffee and take up Postum Food Coffee. This was about four months ago and the change has been wonderful. I feel like another person. My heart does not trouble me at all, and the stomach and nerves are decidedly improved. My head does not give me the old trouble it did, while the bowels are regular without any purgatives or medicine of any kind.

"I can hardly express my gratification for the relief from suffering brought on by the use of regular coffee, and I can not thank Postum enough."

The Home

YOUR EXAMPLE

A railroad conductor of a large company of excursion to a Southern city had been planned for Saturday night trip had been planned for Saturday night. In the morning he was observed to be in his usual care with his wife. He said to him:

"Of course, you are on the excursion?"

"No," he replied, "I am going to church; that is Sunday."

Another questioner replied, "Soon comment pass around, and die. When he set out for accompanied by one man, whom the quit turned from a Sunday place of worship.—Und"

THE MODEL

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The Home Circle

YOUR EXAMPLE COUNTS.

A railroad conductor once went with a large company of conductors on an excursion to a Southern city. They arrived on Saturday night. An attractive trip had been planned for the next day. In the morning, this gentleman was observed to be taking more than usual care with his attire, and a friend said to him:

"Of course, you are going with us to the excursion?"

"No," he replied, quietly. "I am going to Church; that is my habit on Sunday."

Another questioner received the same reply. Soon comment on it began to pass around, and discussion followed. When he set out for Church he was accompanied by one hundred and fifty men, whom the quiet example had turned from a Sunday excursion to the place of worship.—Union Gospel News.

THE MODEL WORKER.

Monere D. Conway, the noted and cultured Unitarian of London, and, by the way, a graduate of Dickinson College, Carlisle, had been listening to the great Spurgeon, and it put him in a frame of mind which caused him to say: "I have listened to Mr. Spurgeon and borne away an impression that strong men may be unconscious of the genius which overmasters them. I heard him preach on the text, 'Lead us not into temptation.' Now, thought I, we shall hear a good, old-fashioned account of election and reprobation, and a clear exposition of the 'mystery of iniquity.' Nothing of the kind, or at least very little of the kind; a small theologian 'grace before meat,' proceeded a sermon full of pathos and power, dealing with the actual trials and temptations of this great city. We saw the poor youth in many a strait, striving to conquer the seduction of evil; we saw the thin, shivering seamstress going to her ever-farther home with the pittance gained by her weary toil, and the tempter whispers in her ear. It was vivid as a scene from Faust; it started tears to the eyes, and I soon perceived when that sermon was prepared Calvin was bowed into a corner, and the stern face of London held the preacher with its glittering eye."

We repeat, the crying need of the hour is men of faith, stalwart men in touch and sympathy with the everyday things of life, and oblivious of self.—Selected.

"SEARCH THE SCRIPTURES."

An honest search of the Scriptures often leads to important results, and sometimes to results quite as unexpected as important. Very often preconceived views of the Bible and the teachings of the Bible have been wholly changed by a little honest searching of the Scriptures. Scientific imagination suggested the idea of spontaneous generation. Professor Huxley and others accepted the suggestion, and set out to make careful and honest experiment, hoping to prove the suggestion true. But after the most thorough search and experimentation, Mr. Huxley was forced to declare scientific proof of spontaneous generation a failure. In like manner a preconceived notion of the untrustworthiness of the Bible. He was asked to write an argument which would be conclusive to overthrow the integrity of the Scriptures. He faithfully and honestly undertook the task. To qualify himself he began to "search the Scriptures" themselves. He began by an exhaustive study of the life and writings of Paul. Before he had concluded his studies he became fully convinced of the utter falsity of his preconceived notions of the Scriptures, and instead of writing an argument controverting the truth of the Bible, he wrote one of the most forcible and convincing arguments in defense of the integrity of the Bible that had yet been written.

It is an undoubted fact that men grow out of ignorance of the Bible. Too many of the pretty arguments constructed for the overthrow of the Bible are based upon hearsay evidence of what is contained in the Bible. Many a fulmination against the Word of God would never have been written had the author been a little more careful to acquaint himself with the story, the statements and the teachings which really are in the Bible. And the best cure for many of the unlig-stal views of the Bible, and the many false notions of the Bible, as well as an antidote of much of the prevailing skepticism of the times, would be a thorough study of the Bible itself, an exhaustive search of the Scriptures, with a view of knowing and honestly accepting all the truth revealed in them. The best antidote of skepticism and infidelity in all its forms is the Bible itself honestly searched and studied.

Again, search of the Scriptures will

reveal most unexpected and hidden gems of truth. The old miners wandered about over the present site of Leadville, searching for gold. In their search for this precious metal they were annoyed by the presence of a brown, oxidized substance which greatly interfered with their operations. They regarded this as a worthless substance, and finally abandoned the field, finding little gold. After awhile one came who was wiser than these older miners, who, testing this worthless ore which abounded in such profusion, found it rich in silver, and that these annoying carbonates were mines of fabulous wealth. By searching of the Scriptures are the spiritual senses quickened, so that that which at first was dull and uninteresting, and even unmeaning, will after a while under reflection and study resolve itself into a gem of priceless value for comfort, or instruction, or for laying bare the mind of God.

Then, too, how often is it that he who takes the old Book for the sole purpose of finding instruction finds in addition, comfort, or consolation, or inspiration? How often, again, has he who has honestly gone to the Scriptures to find an argument, found not only the argument, but eternal life also? Into the experience of how many has it come that when they went to the Scriptures to find how to live righteously before God, they not only learned this lesson, but they have by their search learned also how to find peace and joy in the Holy Ghost? The deeper the search into the Scriptures, the more bounteous and the more unexpected are the revelations made to the honest soul.—Methodist Recorder.

GOD'S ABILITY.

The power of God is one thing; the ability of God is another. God is all-powerful at all times, but he may not be all-able.

Last summer, while a party of us were traveling in the mountains, our train suddenly stopped in the woods, and we were compelled to wait in sweltering heat for more than five hours. The engine was full of power, its muscles of steel were at their highest tension, and with the steam escaping in sudden gusts with screeching noise, it seemed to be impatient to be going. But it was unable to move a car. There was power without ability. A bolt had been broken and until that bolt was mended, and the connection between the engine and the cars restored, the power could not be utilized. Jesus Christ was omnipotent even standing among the people, but on one occasion he "could do no mighty works" because of their unbelief (Mark 6: 5, 6). The bolt of faith, through which his power worked, was broken.

And the Holy Spirit is to-day "God with us," all-powerful, but he can do no mighty works unless the bolt of faith is in place. Three little words I would have you write in letters of light upon every difficulty you meet: "God is able." And it should be our highest ambition to enable God by meeting the conditions through which his power becomes ability.

GOD IS ABLE TO SAVE.

The death of Christ enables him to save sinners. Luther emphasized justification by faith, and he meant by that the justification of the sinner before God. But back of the justification of the sinner is the justification of God. "Being justified freely by his grace through the redemption that is in Christ Jesus; whom God hath set forth in his blood, to declare his righteousness, that he might be just, and justifier of him which believeth in Jesus." Through the death of Christ, God can be just, and the justifier of the believer. He who rejects the death of Christ as the ground of his justification, breaks the bolt, and cuts off the power of God to justify at all. God's power to justify becomes ability only through our faith.

And now that the sinner has been justified before God, he will be saved by the living Christ. "Reconciled to God by the death of his son, we shall be saved by his life." "Wherever he is able also to save them to the uttermost that come unto God by him, seeing he ever liveth to make intercession for them."

A prosperous worldly man whose Christian wife had died praying for his conversion was lying awake in the darkness of his room, when he heard a voice from a little bed at his side: "Papa, it's so dark; take my hand." He took the little hand extended in the dark, and held it gently until the frightened child dropped asleep. Then this strong business man looked up through the darkness, and said: "Father, it is so dark; take my hand as I have taken the hand of my dear child. Give me rest of soul, for Jesus' sake." Peace entered his broken heart, and he rejoiced in full salvation. The sense of helpless weakness had led him to stretch the hand of his soul up to God and Jesus Christ crucified and risen from the dead was the hand by which God took hold and saved him in a

moment. For him to have asserted his independence would of course have been to break the bolt through which God's power became ability to save.

While Henry Richards on the Kongo preached the law and Biblical history, no one was converted; but when he began to preach Christ and him crucified, at once the sad faces of the heathen began to lighten with a new joy, and in a short time there were hundreds of happy converts. The law and Biblical history does not furnish the bolt which links us with God's power to save.

A missionary to the Indians proclaimed the death and resurrection of Jesus as the only ground of salvation, and some wild savages were soon tamed by the power of God. Their chief said to him one day: "Years ago a man came and preached to us that there was a God; and we told him that we knew that before he came. We worshipped the Great Spirit, whose voice is in the thunder. Another came and told us that we must not get drunk and abuse our wives, and we knew that. But you told us that God loves us, and showed his love by giving his Son to die for us. This touches our hearts. We need a God that loves us." And thus the love of God as manifested in the death of Christ became the bolt with which linked these Indians with the power of God that enabled him to save them to the uttermost.

GOD IS ABLE TO SUCCOR.

"In that he himself hath suffered, being tempted, he is able to succor them that are tempted." (Hebrews 2: 18). The suffering of Christ on the cross enables God to save sinners from guilt, but it takes the suffering of Christ in temptation to enable him to succor them that are tempted. Many refuse to accept Christ and confess him before men because they fear that they will not be able to hold out against the temptations which they know will come. Such fear is groundless, for as you trust the dying Christ to atone for your sins you may trust the tempted Christ that now lives to succor you in the hour of temptation. Are you tempted to do wrong that you may secure the necessities of life? Remember, that Jesus was tempted to obey the devil by turning stones into bread. He chose to suffer hunger that he might succor you in a similar temptation. Indeed, he was "in all points tempted like as we are yet without sin," in order that through his sufferings in these temptations he might be able to "succor them that are tempted."

Are you fearful lest the supply of grace and good may be exhausted? Listen again:

"GOD IS ABLE

to make all grace abound toward you; that ye, always having all sufficiency in all things, may abound so every good work." (2 Corinthians 9: 8).

A western farmer was startled to find after a storm that the lightning had struck the cistern in his cellar, and emptied it of water. But a gurgling sound revealed the fact that the same stroke of lightning had split a rock, and opened the way to a hidden-flowing stream. He was glad to remove the debris of his cistern that he might get the supply from the never-ceasing fountain. The ability of God to supply all grace is a never-failing fountain. If the shattering of earthly cisterns shall reveal to us this fountain of supply, we shall be blessed indeed. And God in his goodness sometimes demolishes earthly cisterns by lightning-strokes of providence, that we may be led by our sense of helplessness and faith to enable him to supply all our need "according to his riches in glory by Christ Jesus."—Rev. A. C. Dixon, D. D.

THE CHARACTER OF A GENTLEMAN.

It is almost the definition of a gentleman to say that he is one who never gives pain. He carefully avoids what ever may cause a jar or a jolt in the minds of those with whom he is cast. All clashing of opinion or collision of feeling, all restraint or suspicion, or gloom or resentment; his great object being to make every one at ease and at home. He has his eyes on all his company; he is tender toward the bashful, gentle toward the distant, and merciful toward the absurd; he can recollect to whom he is speaking, he guards against unreasonable allusions or topics that may irritate; he is seldom prominent in conversation and never wearisome. He makes light of favors while he does them, and seems to be receiving when he is conferring. He never speaks of himself except when compelled, never defends himself by mere report; he has no ears for slander or gossip; he is scrupulous in imputing motives to those who interfere with him and interprets everything for the best. He is never mean or little in his disputes, never takes an unfair advantage, never mistakes personalities or sharp sayings for arguments, or insinuates evil which he dare not say out. . . . He has too much sense to be

affronted at insult; he is too busy to remember injuries, and too indolent to bear malice. . . . If he engages in controversy of any kind his disciplined intellect preserves him from the blundering discourtesy of better though less educated minds, who, like blunt weapons, tear and hack instead of cutting clean. He may be right or wrong in his opinion, but he is too clear-headed to be unjust; he is as simple as he is forcible, and as brief as he is decisive. Nowhere shall we find greater candor, consideration, and indulgence. He throws himself into the minds of his opponents, he accounts for their mistakes. He knows the weakness of human nature as well as its strength, its province, and its limits.—John Henry Newman.

HOME COURTESY.

Arriving one afternoon at a small town, a speaker was met by the President of the local W. C. T. U., a softvoiced woman, with a young face under silvered hair.

As the two ladies were riding along the shady street, pupils from the public school began to throng the sidewalks. At a crossing, a bright-faced boy, about ten years old, stood waiting for the ladies to pass, and lifted his cap with a courteous gesture and sunny smile.

The hostess leaned from the carriage with a pleasant greeting, and the gray can covered the brown curls again as they drove on.

"One of your Sunday-school class?" ventured the speaker.

"No," replied the hostess, "my only son, Harry."

As they approached the home, they nearly overtook a young girl of about fourteen and a middle-aged man, walking briskly. The man was listening in a deferential way to the girl's merry chatter. At the gate they paused, the man lifted his hat in a parting salutation, as he held the gate for the girl to precede him, then bowing, he passed on, as if hurried, not observing the approaching carriage.

"This is our home; that is my husband going to his office," said the hostess.

"And you have another guest—or is the young lady a caller?" asked the speaker.

"That is Margaret, our eldest child. She and her father are great chums," replied the hostess.

At the daintily-appointed ten-table the youngest child, a bashful girl of seven or eight years, had the misfortune to drop and break a fragile piece of china. Her face crimsoned with distress, and the violet eyes lifted to her mother's face were large with gathering tears. The speaker witnessed, dreading discordant notes where all had been harmonious. "I hope they will only send her away in disgrace—poor little thing!" her thought ran. But even as she thought, with perfect courtesy the mother spoke the same conventional words of reassurance which she would have used had the honored guest broken the cup. Seeing the quivering lip of her cherished child—her guest from God—she added, softly:

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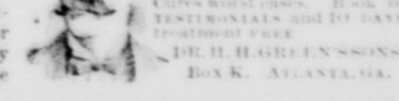
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An Associated Press dispatch says: Bishop Charles B. Galloway reports that the State of Arkansas had led all other States in the South in the Twentieth Century Fund movement.

A TIMELY SUGGESTION.

Rev. G. S. Hardy, presiding elder of Clarendon District, in a foot-note to his first round, says: "Will the preachers raise the mission and Orphanage assessments on the first round and put the Texas Advocate into every Methodist home?"

FROM DR. J. H. BRUNNER.

The readers will pardon us for reproducing in the Advocate a postal card personal from our venerated and greatly beloved teacher, Dr. Brunner, of Tennessee.

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STORM SUFFERERS' FUND.

Table listing donors and amounts for the Storm Sufferers' Fund, including Mrs. Nancy Mason, Kemp, \$5.00; M. E. C. S. Bronson, Kan., per Rev. R. F. Lyon, \$3.75; etc.

THE BRETHREN ARE RESPONDING

Bronson, Kan., Nov. 28, 1900.—Mr. G. C. Rankin, Dallas, Texas.—Dear Brother: You will please find enclosed a P. O. money order for \$2.11, some money our people here made up for the sufferers of the Galveston storm.

MRS. ANNIE R. HEIZER.

Milford, Texas, Nov. 28, 1900.—Mr. L. Blaylock, Dallas, Texas.—Dear Sir: Enclosed find P. O. money order for \$2.50, to be sent to storm sufferers at League City, Texas.

MRS. A. J. WEBB.

Newark, Texas, Nov. 28, 1900.—L. Blaylock—Dear Sir: Please find enclosed \$3.50, to be sent Mrs. Hotchkiss for storm sufferers, to be placed where it will do the most good.

G. C. HARDY.

Merkel, Texas, Nov. 11, 1900.—L. Blaylock, Dallas, Texas.—Dear Sir: Find enclosed \$1. for to help build a Methodist church where most needed in the storm-stricken district.

MRS. KENNEDY.

Staples, Texas, Dec. 3, 1900.—L. Blaylock—Dear Brother: Harris Chapel of the San Marcos Circuit, through Bro. S. C. Reector, sends \$5 to assist in rebuilding the Galveston churches.

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Canyon City, Texas.—L. Blaylock, Dallas, Texas.—Dear Brother: Your letter was received, and I sent the box as you directed.

CAR. FORREST.

Merit, Texas, Nov. 20, 1900.—Mr. L. Blaylock—Dear Brother: I send you \$2. from Bethel Grove Church, on Merit charge, Greenville District, North Texas Conference.

ZORO B. PIRTLE.

Stirling City, Nov. 25, 1900.—L. Blaylock, Dallas, Texas.—Dear Brother: Enclosed please find money order for \$10.—\$5 for Galveston sufferers and \$5 for Hubbard Industrial School, Matanzas, Cuba.

MRS. KENNEDY.

Kerens, Texas, Nov. 27, 1900.—Mr. L. Blaylock, Dallas.—Dear Brother: I enclose you \$5, contributed by a friend, to be used in relieving the suffering in the

Galveston country. You can use your own judgment as to where to send, only the donor desires it to be sent to the needy, and not to rebuild institutions such as churches, school-houses, etc.

FINANCIAL STATEMENT.

A Statement of Moneys Received by O. T. Hotchkiss for Relief Work and Rebuilding Churches in the Storm-Swept District of Texas.

The following statement includes money received up to December 1, with the exception of a few remittances on the Thanksgiving appeal. All that comes in on that appeal will be acknowledged later.

Large table listing donors and amounts for the financial statement, including L. Blaylock, Dallas, Texas Christian Advocate, \$20.28; Mrs. S. B. McCutchen, Shreveport, La., \$5.00; Mulkey Memorial, Fort Worth, by R. C. Armstrong, \$16.00; etc.

Methodist Church, Knoxville, Ga., by J. M. Bass, \$4.00; Mr. and Mrs. J. S. Rodgers, Doyle, Ga., \$10.00; Trinity Church, Savannah, Ga., \$30.00; etc.

CONTRIBUTIONS DIRECTED TO CHURCHES

For Chapel Hill church, through L. Blaylock, \$10.00; For Galveston churches, through L. Blaylock, \$60.50; For Alvin churches, through L. Blaylock, \$10.00; etc.

APPROPRIATIONS MADE BY THE COMMITTEE, AND PAID.

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RECEIPTS FOR RELIEF OF SUFFERERS.

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Advertisement for W.M. Kendra, Colorado, Texas, etc. Includes text: "These are a few containing 1200 articles sold or ref..." and "I have held making two hundred altogether. One by forts, besides cloth have been distribut..."

Sunday-School Department.

FOURTH QUARTER, LESSON 9, DECEMBER 2.

BARTIMEUS HEALED.

Mark 10:46-52.

Golden Text: "Lord, that I might receive my sight."—Mark 10:51.

The International Evangel says:

We have here again certain discrepancies in the accounts of the three evangelists who describe the incident of the lesson. Matthew (20:29) agrees with Mark (10:46) that Jesus met the blind man as he and his disciples were departing from Jericho; while Luke (18:35) states that it was as they were approaching Jericho. Matthew says there were two blind men, mentioning the name of neither, but stating that the eyes of both were opened; while Mark and Luke speak of but one, Mark alone giving his name. The probabilities are that Luke is correct as to place, he in general being characteristically more accurate as a historian; and the popular enthusiasm which was manifested as Jesus passed through the city, as appears in connection with the account of his interview with Zacchaeus, is better accounted for on the supposition that he had performed a notable miracle just before he entered the gates. As to the question of one or two blind men, the mention of two, Bartimeus was probably well known, and so attracted special attention.

Giving sight to the blind was one of Christ's frequent miracles. Blindness was very common at that time among Oriental peoples, as indeed it still is; and it was misfortune that rendered its victims even more helpless and dependent than it does now in civilized countries, where so much is done for the education and industrial training of the blind. If poor, begging was a blind man's only recourse. The unhappy condition of the blind therefore appealed very strongly to Jesus. "The recovering of sight to the blind (Luke 4:18) was part of his prophetic mission (Isa. 42:7). In addition to the case of Bartimeus, described in the lesson, and aside from general references to his healing the blind (Matt 21:14), there are several specific cases of such healing recorded. In Matt. 9:27-31 is an account of two blind men who were given sight. Mark 8:22-26 describes an interesting miracle of this kind performed at Bethsaida. The most important case of all, however, is that of the man born blind whose eyes Jesus opened at Jerusalem, described in the tenth chapter of John.

It is important to note the teaching significance of the miracles. In the one described in the lesson, evidently the important thing intended to be illustrated by its record was impurity. That is also the prominent thing in the similar case given in Matt. 9:27-31. It conveys the same lesson as the parables of the Friend at Midnight and the Unjust Judge. In the case of the man born blind, described with such detail by John, the important thing is the man's brave and unwavering testimony. In general the giving of sight to the blind by Jesus was a symbol of his mission and power to give spiritual sight, to cure the blindness of the soul; for physical blindness was a type of spiritual blindness, as leprosy, the most loathsome of bodily diseases, was a type of moral corruption and uncleanness. The restoration of hearing also, as that of sight, stands for the restoration of spiritual faculty. We are never to lose sight of the fact that Jesus was pre-eminently a teacher, and that he made his miracles serve his purpose of instruction.

The broad lesson of these miracles of healing recorded in the gospels is that the mission of Jesus was and is to make men whole, to restore impaired or destroyed faculties, to bring life back to health and power. Sin has marred, crippled, corrupted, the soul, caused moral impotence, deafness, blindness and insanity; it is the mission of the gospel to put men on their feet, to cleanse and strengthen them, to give them back their lost powers. That is destroying "the works of the devil," of which John (1 John 3:8) speaks. "O thou enemy, destructions have come to perpetual end!" (Ps. 9:6.) Jesus is a destroyer of destruction—that is, he is a re-builder, a recreator, a renewer. He undertakes to remake man. And that is the greatest service which can be rendered, to make a man a full man, possessed of all his proper powers. Make a man a whole man, and he will go forward and do the rest. Put the cripple on strong feet, restore the grip of power to the withered hand, and the man can walk and work and care for himself. Give him back hearing and sight, and all music and all beauty will have access to the soul. So we should always think of the work of Jesus as restoration, reconstruction, rehabilitation.

Salt rheum, with its burning, stinging sensation, is due to poor blood and is cured by Hood's Sarsaparilla, the great blood purifier.

HOW TO PREACH.

Make no apologies. If you have the Lord's message, declare it; if not, hold your peace. Have short prefaces and introductions. Say your best things first, and stop before you get prosy.

Leave self out of the pulpit, and take Jesus in. Defend the gospel, and let the Lord defend you and your character. If you are lied about, thank the devil for putting you on your guard, and take care that the story shall never come true. Do not grumble about your pay. If you want more money, go to work and earn it. Throw away your cravat. If you don't want to "break down," make your shirt collar an inch larger and give your blood a chance to flow back to your heart. Do not get excited too soon. Do not run away from your hearers. Engine drive-wheels whirl fast on icy tracks, but when they draw anything they go slower. It takes a cold hammer to bend hot iron. Heat up the people, but keep your hammer wet and cool. Do not bawl and scream. Too much water stops mill-wheels, and too much noise drowns sense. Empty vessels ring the loudest. Powder is not shot. Thunder is harmless. Lightning kills. If you have lightning, you can afford to thunder.

Do not scold the people. Do not abuse the people who come to meeting rainy days because others are too lazy to attend. Preach the best to the smallest assemblies. Jesus preached to one woman at the well, and got all Sychar out to hear him next time. Ventilate your meeting-room. Sleeping in church is due oftener to bad air than to bad manners. Do not repeat sentences, saying, "As I said before." If you said it before, don't say it again. Do not end sentences, passages of Scripture, or quotations with "and so forth." Say what you mean, and stop. Leave out all words you can not define. Stop preaching, and talk to folks. Come down from your stilted ways and sacred tones, and become "as a little child." Tell stories; Jesus did, and the common people heard him gladly. Relate your experience; Paul did, and you can hardly do better than he. One fact that you have seen or felt is worth a bushel of moldy ideas dug out of molder books. Change the subject if it goes hard. Do not tire yourself out, and every one else. Do not preach until the middle of your sermon buries the beginning, and is buried by the end. Beware of long prayers, except in your closet. Where weariness begins, devotion ends. Look people in the face, and live so that you are not afraid to do it.

Inflate your lungs. Take deep breaths. It is easier to run a sawmill with a full pond than an empty one. Be moderate at first. Hoist the gate a little way. When you are half through, raise it more. When you are nearly done, put on the full head of water. Aim at a mark; hit it! Stop and look where the shot struck, then fire another broadside. Pack your sermons. Make your words like bullets. A board hurts a man most when it strikes him edgewise. A pound of feathers is as heavy as a pound of lead, but it will not kill as quickly. An ounce bullet will kill quicker than a sack of wool. If your talk is narrow and shallow, do make it short. If it is deep and strong, the stream may run longer. Do not think every brook is deep because you can not see the bottom of it; nor call a man a deep diver because he always brings up mud.

Have a clear head, and your words will be clear. Know what you are talking about; then you will make others understand you. Stand for God, if you stand alone. Keep out of the clutches of party hacks and religious politicians. Preach a straight gospel and live up to it. Be in earnest, but not wild. Do not be a clown. Let the devil make his own fun, carry his own mail, settle his own quarrels, and foot his own bills. Do not feed bones to babies. Do not abuse people for believing what things you once believed yourself. Respect honest convictions. Judge no man. Be patient toward all. Make friends with the children. Keep clear of gluttony, dyspepsia, and plous grumbling. Remember each sermon may be the last you shall preach or your hearers shall listen to. Keep the judgment in view. Please God, and you will please Christians. Let others praise you. Live for Christ. Preach the Word.—H. L. Hastings.

More than two dollars worth of sunshine.

Mrs. Joseph Fairchild Knapp, of New York, is said to have composed five thousand hymns, of which several, such as "Open the Gates of the Temple" and "Blessed Assurance," are sung in every land. She has written so many hymns that she has forgotten a large number of them. On one occasion, hearing some people singing, she listened and remarked: "That music sounds familiar. I rather like it, although I think it might be improved upon."

She was somewhat surprised when her companion said, "It ought to be familiar; you wrote it ten years ago."

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Hundreds of well-known physicians have given up their practice to sell this Cabinet—such eminent men as Emerson McKay, Detroit, who has already sold over 70, and John C. Wright, Chicago, who sold 125 last month.

Thousands of remarkable letters have been written the makers from users, some of which, referring to Rheumatism, La Grippe, Kidney Troubles, will be interesting to those who suffer from these dread maladies. W. L. Brown, Oxford, O., writes: "My father was down in bed for months with rheumatism; this Cabinet did him more good than \$50 worth of drugs. It cured my brother of neuralgia and sleeplessness, with which he had long suffered, and his wife of a gripe in one night." G. M. LaFerty, Covington, Ky., writes: "Was compelled to quit business a year ago, being prostrated with rheumatism and kidney troubles, when your Cabinet came. Two weeks' use cured me. I have never had a twinge since." Rev. George H. Hudson Okemos, Mich., says: "I gave up my parastore on account of nervous prostration and lung troubles; my editor so highly recommended your Cabinet, I tried it; from that day I have steadily grown better; am now well; nervousness gone; lungs strong; am a new man." Mr. Simon Tompkins, a retired capitalist of Columbus, O., 1611 Broad St., says: "I am satisfied I saved my life, was taken down with a hard cold, which developed into a dangerous case of pneumonia. The first Bath relieved me and I quickly recovered. It is far superior to drugs for curing la grippe, colds, inflammation and rheumatism." Hon. A. R. Strickland, of Bloomington, writes that the Cabinet did him more good than two years' doctoring, en-

tirely cured him of catarrh, gravel, kidney trouble and dropsy, with which he had long been afflicted. Hundreds of Ministers write, praising this Cabinet. Rev. H. C. Roemans, Everett, Kan., says: "It is a blessing; made me full of life and vigor; should be in use in every family." Rev. J. C. Richardson, N. Fifth St., Roxbury, Mass., was greatly benefited by its use, and recommends it highly, as also does Prof. R. E. P. Kline, of Ottawa University, who says: "I find it a great benefit. No Christian should be without it." Hon. V. C. Hays, St. Joe, Mo., writes: "Physicians gave me up to die; was persuaded by friends to try this Cabinet, and it cured me. I can not praise it enough." Rev. Baker Smith, P. D. Fairmont, N. J., says: "This Cabinet rids the body of acids and pain, and as cleanliness is next to godliness, it merits high recommendation." Congressman John J. Lentz, Hon. Chairman of the Ways and Means, Editor "Christian Guide," Rev. C. M. Keith, Editor "Holiness Advocate," as well as hundreds of clergymen, bankers, governors, physicians and influential people, recommend it highly. Physicians are unanimous in claiming that colds, la grippe, fevers, smallpox, consumption, kidney trouble, Bright's disease, cancer—in fact, such

Marvelous Eliminating Power has this Cabinet that no disease can gain a foothold in your body if you take these hot Thermal Baths weekly. Scientific reasons are brought out in a very instructive little book issued by the makers. To Cure Blood and Skin Diseases Dr. Shepard, of Brooklyn, states that he has never failed to draw out the deadly poison of snake bites, hydrophobia, blood poisons, etc., by this Vapor Bath, proving that it is the most wonderful blood purifier known. If people, instead of filling their system with more poisons by taking drugs and nostrums, would get into a Vapor Bath Cabinet and steam out these poisons, and assist nature to act, they would have pure blood, and a skin as clear and smooth as the most fastidious could desire.

The Important Feature of this Cabinet is that it gives a hot vapor bath that opens the millions of pores all over the body, stimulating the sweat glands, drawing out all the impure salts, acids and effete matter, which, if retained, overwork the heart, kidneys, lungs, and cause disease, debility and sluggishness. Astonishing is the improvement in health, feeling and complexion. The first bath makes you feel like a new being; 10 years younger.

With the Cabinet, if desired, is a Head and Complexion Steamer in which the face, head and neck are given the same vapor treatment as the body, producing the most wonderful results; removes pimples, blackheads, skin eruptions, cures Catarrh, Asthma and Bronchitis.

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The Best Made Better. The new edition of Webster's International Dictionary, just published, brings Webster again abreast of the growth of the language and again confirms it in its position as the One Great Standard Authority. A decade has passed since the International was first published, and the years have been full of changes and growth in life and knowledge and

A heavy steel frame supports it, making it a strong and substantial bathroom within itself. It has top curtains; in fact, all the latest improvements. The makers furnish an excellent stove with each Cabinet, also valuable recipes and formulas for medicated baths and allments, as well as plain directions. It folds flat in 1 inch space, when not in use; easily carried; weighs but 10 pounds. People don't need bathrooms, as this Cabinet may be used in any room, and bath tubs have been discarded since this invention, as it gives a far better bath for all cleansing purposes than soap and water. For the sick room its advantages are at once apparent. These are called Cabinets on the market, but they were unsatisfactory, inconvenient, simply cheap, flimsy affairs. After investigation we can say the Quaker Cabinet made by the Cincinnati firm is the only practical article of its kind, and will last for years. It seems to satisfy and delight every user, and the Makers Guarantee Results.

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achievement, changes that have been reflected in the language and that must now be registered in the dictionary. A Supplement of Additional Words has therefore been added to the International to include the thousands of new words that have come into literary use, the old words that have changed their meanings, the obsolete words that have been revived.

The same ideals and Principles, so thoroughly approved by experience, which governed the work of the Supplement. There has been the same care and scrutiny of a great mass of words, the same careful selection of such as merit a place of permanence, and the same strict and thorough explication of meanings in the forms most easily understood. The compiler's needs for a reliable and usable guide to the proper use of English words have been deliberately preferred to the ability to boast of a huge, unwieldy vocabulary.

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Printing minutes—Assessed (1899) \$222.95; paid, \$149.11; (1900) assessed, \$225.00; paid, \$164.22. Orphanage—(1899) assessed, \$1,106.00; paid, \$1,266.92; (1900) assessed, \$1,204.00; paid, \$2,325.00.

*Fractions of churches.

"WHAT HAS BECOME OF HELL?" We are struck with an article which recently appeared in one of the magazines discussing the subject of nineteenth century changes in theology under the title, "What Has Become of Hell?"

Many changes have taken place of late years in the character of the preaching which we are accustomed to hear from our pulpits so that the question, "What has become of hell?" is strictly in order. Who of us nowadays ever hear sermons in which the words "fire" and "brimstone" occur? Or sermons like those which John the Baptist preached when he stood upon the banks of the Jordan and warned men to flee from the wrath to come?

One reason why our modern pulpit lacks the force which characterized the pulpit of fifty years ago is that preachers do not put enough fire and brimstone into the sermons which they preach from Sabbath to Sabbath. Instead of bringing the world up to the standard of the gospel they are bringing the gospel down to the standard of the world, and the outcome of this departure from the beaten paths of orthodoxy must eventually be the overthrow of Christianity unless divine power intervenes to prevent this result.

We are old-fashioned enough to believe that "hades" is no substitute for hell in our system of theology and we lose our patience as quickly in listening to preachers who talk of "hades" as we do in listening to preachers who try to preach hell out of existence altogether. We would like to believe that no such place as hell existed, but we cannot get behind what the good book says on this subject and we cannot silence the voice of that inner register which asserts that just as truly as the sun rises and sets, just so truly must they suffer who set at defiance the laws of God inscribed upon the heart. If the doctrine of rewards and penalties holds good in the world of flesh why should it not hold equally good in the world of spirit? We do not undertake to interpret scripture for others. Theology is not our hobby. But we do undertake to interpret scripture for ourselves and bringing our unprofessional but honest powers of scrutiny to bear upon the declarations of the good book, we believe that hell exists and we believe that preachers ought to so inform their congregations.

school, but in the meantime as we listen to the chimings of the Sabbath bells as they float out this morning upon the tranquil air and summon us to the discourses which await us in the sanctuaries we find ourselves confronted with the question, "What has become of hell?"—Atlanta Constitution.

Off in the stillly night a racking cough doth rob us of that sweet sleep which nature seeks to give. Simmons' Cough Syrup is an infallible cure; untroubled sleep and pleasant dreams it doth assure. Guaranteed. Price 25 and 50 cents.

Something no one wishes for yet having does not wish to lose? A bald head.

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SUGGESTIONS ABOUT FUNERALS. The Federation of Churches of Pittsburgh and vicinity has made the following suggestions concerning funerals, which answers many questions when death enters the home, and which give many helpful hints:

The admission of large numbers of curious people to view the dead before the funeral should not be permitted. Where death occurs from contagious disease, avoid risk to the living by a strict observance of sanitary laws. The practice of watching the dead through the night should be abandoned. If needful the remains may be placed in a coffin.

Evening is generally the best time for the funeral services. It allows the attendance of those who are busily occupied during the day. The funeral should not be on the Sabbath. It consumes time and strength which are solemnly pledged to other duties.

It should not be Wednesday evening. Many of the best people have a regular meeting obligation that evening. Consult the minister (as well as the funeral director) before fixing the time. He has numerous other appointments.

LIVER ILLS.

DR. RADWAY & CO., New York: Dear Sirs—I have been sick for nearly two years, and have been doctoring with some of the most expert doctors of the United States. I have been bathing in and drinking hot water at the Hot Springs, Ark., but it seemed everything failed to do me good. After I saw your advertisement I thought I would try your pills, and have nearly read two boxes; been taking two at bedtime and one after breakfast, and they have done me more good than anything else I have used. My trouble has been with the liver. My skin and eyes were all yellow. I had sleepless nights, felt like a drunkard on most nights, and the next morning as if it was bile on top of the stomach. My bowels were very constive. My mouth and tongue were sore most of the time. Appetite fair, but food would not digest, but settle heavy on my stomach, and some few mouthfuls of food come up again. I could only eat light food that digested easily. Please send "Book of Advice." Respectfully, BEN ZATOGG, Hot Springs, Ark.

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with singing if desired, or the ritual provided by any Church, is a sufficient service at the home. Let flowers be simple and inexpensive, where they are used at all. The casket and all its appointments should be plain and inexpensive. Avoid display of every kind. Where singers are to be provided they should be secured by the family. When for special reasons personal remarks and references to the dead seem desirable, let them be made at a subsequent time, preferably at the regular mid-week service of the Church. Have family leave-taking entirely apart from the gathering of friends, and before the funeral service. Kissing the corpse is always to be avoided. It is a practice dangerous to health.

Let all interments be strictly private. Friends not invited for the interment should leave the house immediately at the close of the service. Where crowds are likely to gather on the sidewalks at the time of the funeral, the police authorities should be notified beforehand in order to prevent it. The casket of a child should never be taken inside a carriage with the friends. It impairs health. Where a hearse is not used, the casket can be taken on the outside of the carriage. In inclement weather let only those who minister at the grave leave the carriage, and let no heads be uncovered, either there or on leaving the home.

There is no necessity for a service at the grave. But if any is held, we recommend that ministers and fraternal orders use only a short service, or else prepare an abbreviated form for inclement weather. Christian etiquette does not require you to absent yourself from the services of the church even temporarily after the funeral. At such a time you need the comfort and fellowship of Christian worship. The wearing of mourning costume is scarcely in harmony with the hope of the gospel. It is not a suitable expression of grief. And we recommend the discontinuance of this custom to the thoughtful consideration of Christian people.—Exchange.

"IT'S NOT BIRTH, Nor Wealth, Nor State, but 'Git Up and Git' That Makes Man Great." This is the motto on the letter head of a well-known grocery firm in Watertown N. Y. Fred B. Hunt & Co. and is indicative of the character of the men. Mr. Hunt himself had quite an experience with food in relation to health, as he was refused examination three years ago because the examining physician found he had Bright's disease and could only live a short time at the best.

My own physician suggested that I make a radical change in diet. About that time my attention was called to Grape-Nuts food, and I began with doctor's permission to use this food. Of course I had been forbidden the use of sugar or starchy food, but my doctor knew that Grape-Nuts was composed of the starch of wheat and barley transformed into grape sugar and in this condition is easily digested.

To make a long story short Grape-Nuts has been a constant dish at my table for three years. I have taken no medicine during this time and I am now strong and healthy and capable of doing a hard day's work every day.

So much for pure food, properly selected and perfectly cooked by experts at the factory. There is not a single disease in the category of human ills but what can be helped by the use of pure food of this character, and most of the ordinary diseases can be cured. The reading of Scripture and prayer,

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W. H. M. SOCIETY, NORTH TEXAS CONFERENCE.

The Woman's Home Mission Society of the North Texas Conference held its fourteenth annual session at Decatur, Texas, October 26, 27, 28 and 29.

We, the delegates and visitors, were met at the station by the pastor, Bro. Morris, and a committee from the Decatur auxiliary, who, after giving us a most cordial greeting, assigned us to our respective homes, where we rested until the evening service, when Rev. I. W. Clark preached a fine sermon which touched our very souls.

Next morning, after the devotional exercises, led by Rev. W. D. Barton, the business of the society was taken up. We were pleasantly interrupted just here by the welcome addresses of the Decatur auxiliary, the Decatur Foreign Missionary Society, Bowie District, and in fact the homes and the town seemed glad to have us with them. Among those introduced to the conference were Miss Belle Bennett, President of our Woman's Board, and Bro. Crutchfield, one of those godly men whom one feels better for having met, and who was the pastor of our dear President, Mrs. Potts, when as a girl she gave her heart to Christ and his cause. Before we knew it, the hour for lunch was upon us. We were told that lunch would be served to all in the parlors of the church, and what a delightful time it was! Every day we were served with the choicest of things eatable, by such pleasant women, who left nothing undone that would beautify the rooms and add to our happiness.

We regretted the absence of our Corresponding Secretary, Mrs. H. A. Evans, but Mrs. L. P. Smith filled this office during the session.

While there were many delegates present, not all of the auxiliaries were represented, and it is important that they should be.

Reports of departments were very satisfactory, especially as they brought out many points for our discussion and understanding.

Miss Bennett presented to us the work of the Home Mission Society in an instructive manner, and we wish every woman in our Churches could have heard her. We would then not be idle as so many of us are now. The presence of this dear woman will make this a never-to-be-forgotten meeting to all of us, as we derived great profit and pleasure therefrom.

At the close of this talk, the President suggested that we make Miss Bennett a life member of the conference, and in a few moments the \$25 was on the table, so we can feel that Miss Bennett is ours.

Of course, Mrs. W. H. Johnson was with us. Who ever heard of or saw a more zealous, earnest worker for the mission cause? And we are sure she left with a happy feeling, as she received \$177 on the Endowment Fund for the Dallas Mission Home.

Lack of space prevents our reporting the work of all committees and auxiliaries, but we feel that the following are of vital importance to every member:

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON LITERATURE.

We, your Committee on Literature, realizing that the foundation of our work rests upon an intelligent understanding of God's Word, and as every great spiritual advance has been preceded by its widespread and prayerful study, therefore,

We pledge ourselves as individuals members of the Woman's Home Mission Society and do covenant with God to give thirty minutes daily to prayerful, systematic study of the Holy Bible.

We recommend in addition to our general organ—Our Homes—the King's Messenger, the Texas and Nashville Christian Advocates and our prescribed Reading Course, we add the following: Methodist Review, Christus Auctor, Religion in Social Reforms, How to Bring Men to Christ, Kept for the Master's Use, Expectation Corner, Brother Lawrence and Probable Son.

We further urge the necessity of each officer of auxiliaries becoming thoroughly conversant with the constitution and by-laws of our Annual Conference Society and the annual report of our Board of Home Missions.

REPORT OF WAYS AND MEANS COMMITTEE.

We recommend that the assessment of contingent fee be raised to 25 cents, 10 cents of this amount to be used to send delegates to annual meeting, and we urge that this amount be paid during the first quarter, so that the necessary expenses may be met.

We further recommend that at the next meeting of the board we authorize our Corresponding Secretary to

pledge \$18,000 from our conference for educational purposes, thus to relieve us of contributions to special enterprises.

We also recommend that until the board meeting each auxiliary that has not paid at least \$1 per month for current expenses of the Mission Home and Training School appoint a member to secure this amount.

On Friday evening the conference closed, with regrets that we should have to leave such hospitality, each woman feeling she had the best home. Spiritually we all were benefited, our only regret being that so few (comparatively) were there. About fifty was the number. Let us, as women of the Home Mission Society, determine to do better this next year, so we will not retard this important work, for this is what we are doing, unless we measure up to our calling and duty.

Officers elected: Mrs. L. H. Potts, President; Mrs. J. T. Webster, First Vice-President; Mrs. H. A. Evans, Second Vice-President; Mrs. G. S. Sexton, Recording Secretary; Mrs. L. P. Smith, Corresponding Secretary; Mrs. W. T. Henderson, Treasurer.

MRS. W. E. BOGGS,
Rec. Sec. Pro Tem.

The foregoing account of the annual meeting of the W. H. M. Society, North Texas Conference, held in October, was received at the office of the Advocate in due time, but has been crowded out, up to this issue, by the great stress upon the columns of the Advocate in giving place to the proceedings of the various Annual Conferences. We are glad to give the article a place this week, knowing as we do that it will be read with much interest by the members and others who are vitally concerned in the work of this active and flourishing Conference Society.—Ed. Woman's Department.

WHAT IS CITY MISSION WORK?

(Read before the Home Mission Society at their meeting during the Week of Prayer, October 19, 1900, Hillsboro.)

"As radii in a circle are closest near the center, the affections of a human heart do and should fall thickest on those who are nearest." On this principle Christian missions were instituted at first. The light blazing will shine

out to others. Many consecrated, educated and trained men and women are devoting their lives to this work. We can touch but briefly upon the avenues of this Christ-like work and spirit. His was the great heart of love and compassion, and he knew that any living act of his children would have a two-fold benefit. Our own nature's fed and enriched when we follow where he leads. None of us can doubt what has been done fully when we say the hungry have been fed, the naked clothed, the sick administered to, the Bible read, the fallen rescued, the homeless orphans housed; the prayers offered in Christ-like love (though in an imperfect human way) can we not rejoice and say well done? City mission work is daily becoming imperative, and our greatest energy should be put forth in its complexity. We all know the electric plant, with no wire to conduct its generated power to different parts of the city, will soon burn out and consume itself. The youngest of our city mission efforts was originated and formulated by Miss Mattie Wright, of Waco. One feature of her many good works is the "News Boy Club," to help and save the boys. These boys are the fountain of society. In saving them we save the next generation. How can we best fight anarchy, intemperance and crime than by training the children of the streets and alleys? The depth of distance between the average Church member and the unsaved must be bridged over by lending a hand onward and upward. I call to mind that wonderful and godly woman, Margaret, of New Orleans, whose monument stands in New Orleans, remarkable as the first statue ever erected in the United States to a woman; her arms clasping a little child, suggestive of her life and work. A poor, plain, uneducated Irish woman, singled out for such honor, the love of her own lost babe warming her heart and nerving her arms to work and do for other helpless little ones. It has been beautifully said the substance of her life was charity, the spirit of it truth, the strength of it religion, the end peace, and then immortality. Let us not forget our beloved Lucinda Helm, who gave her sweet presence and comforting words to all that makes the true missionary, and as such ad-

ministered to all forms of suffering humanity within her reach. And hers was a warm heart and long arm. Many there are of whom much might be said and written if one could pause long enough, but when God's jewels are gathered together we know it will be said, "Thou good and faithful, come up higher and receive your reward." Educational mission work has been inaugurated for the mountain people and for three of the different foreign races—viz., the Chinese, the Japanese and the Cubans. For them school buildings have been provided. At London, Ky., there are over 200 pupils and six teachers. At Granville, Tenn., an industrial school has been supported and property secured. At Tampa, Fla., there are three schools, with 229 pupils. A Mission Home at Dallas, Texas, has been erected, valued at \$10,000. Much additional work has been done, such as the support of two Doors of Hope sewing and industrial schools, religious meetings and other efforts.

Sisters of the Home Mission Society, ours is a great work, requiring more earnestness, more prayer. Let us, by the voice of song, carry the sunshine of heaven into the homes of the afflicted and the shut in, and let us seek the weary, care-worn mothers and neglected children, in whose hearts the Sabbath bells awake no response. We need to realize the magnitude of our work. We need to love our great connective enterprises and fall in line with the noblest and best women of our Southland. We should study our literature, practice and teach systematic and proportional giving. A sin-sick world should so press upon our hearts that we can not keep silent or be indifferent.

Little as we may realize it, time is swiftly passing, and the night of death will soon be upon us. We pass this way but once. Let fathers and mothers remember that their own innocent little ones look to them not only for precept, but example, and my observation in a comparatively long life has shown that our earliest lessons stay with us longest. When the mind is dulled by years and care we find it hard to remember passing events. The early scenes of our childhood are bright and undimmed. If we sow in faith and work with love, by and by "we shall come rejoicing, bringing in the sheaves." MRS. MARY LANG.

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JUVENILE FOREIGN MISSIONARY SOCIETY.

Having received several letters of inquiry concerning the Juvenile Foreign Missionary Society of First Church of Dallas, it is deemed proper to give a short history of this society, known as "Texas Stars," organized on April 29 of this year, with thirty-five members. It now has forty or more. Even during the warm summer months, when some dropped out for various reasons, there has been a steady increase. In every family represented the "Little Worker" is taken, and the programs are given in the "Little Worker" for each month. The society, by invitation of our beloved Mrs. W. E. Boggs, holds the meetings at the parsonage, the first Sabbath afternoon in each month. The little President conducts the meetings, each member responding to roll-call with a verse of Scripture, also paying one nickel, the monthly dues. Sentence prayers and individual readings are encouraged, aside from the responsive readings.

For the present the voluntary contributions, aside from the dues, have been in the interest of the "Laura Haygood School and Home in China." The little society is now the happy possessor of a certificate of one share in that school, having paid the required ten dollars, and this certificate is adorned with the dear face of Miss Laura Haygood, which of course makes the certificate doubly prized by the society.

As this little band of children seemed unconsciously at the time to have enlisted in foreign missionary work at the very hour almost that the sainted Laura Haygood laid down her work on earth, it is meet and right that their first efforts go to advance the cause for which she gave her precious life.

Dallas, Texas. LADY MANAGER.

All correspondence concerning the Woman's Foreign Missionary Society of the Northwest Texas Conference, should be addressed to MRS. J. P. M'NETT, Glenwood Addition, Fort Worth, Tex.

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Binney's "Theological Compend" is a manual which contains a "system of divinity, or a brief view of the evidences, doctrines, morals and institutions of Christianity." The aim of the book is to assist the young people in establishing their faith on a firmer ground. It is a most excellent means to protect the young from the onslaughts of infidelity and false doctrines. And to those who are already well founded in the faith this brief review and analysis of their creed will be found very valuable and assuring. The vital subjects of the volume are so arranged and correlated that their impression and influence will be that of a unit; and what is of marked importance, they are supported throughout by the quotation of passages of Scripture.

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Greenville District—First Round. Commerce, Dec. 8, 9; Floyd cir., Dec. 15, 16; Wesley, Dec. 22, 23; Fairlie cir., Dec. 29, 30; Kavanaugh, Jan. 5, 6; Wolfe City, Jan. 12, 13; Kingston cir., Jan. 19, 20; Lone Oak cir., Jan. 26, 27; Nook cir., Feb. 2, 3; Merritt cir., Feb. 9, 10; Celeste and Lane, Feb. 16, 17; Campbell cir., Feb. 23, 24; Leonard cir., March 1, 2; Quindan, March 8, 9; Greenville mts., March 15, 16; Commerce mts., March 22, 23. The district stewards will meet in Wesley Church, Greenville, Friday, Dec. 14, 2 p. m. O. S. Thomas, P. E.

WEST TEXAS CONFERENCE

San Marcos District—First Round. Waelder and Thompsonville, at T., Dec. 8, 9; Luling cir., at Luling, Dec. 15, 16; Lockhart sta., Dec. 22, 23; San Marcos sta., Dec. 29, 30; Belmont cir., at Belmont, Jan. 5, 6; Lockhart cir., at Elm Grove, Jan. 12, 13; Dripping Springs cir., Jan. 19, 20; Kyle and Pleasant Grove, at P. G., Jan. 26, 27; Gonzales sta., Feb. 2, 3; San Marcos cir., at Harris Chap., Feb. 9, 10. Sterling Fisher, P. E.

San Angelo District—First Round

San Angelo cir., at Salt Creek, 24 Sat and Sun Dec; San Angelo sta., 24 Sat and Sun Dec; Brady, at Brady, 4th Sat and Sun Dec; Ozona and Somora, at O., 4th Sat and Sun Dec; Sherwood, at S., 4th Sat and Sun Jan; Milburn, at M., 24 Sat and Sun Jan; Postotoc, at Fredonia, 24 Sat and Sun Jan; Mason, at Bothel, 4th Sat and Sun Jan. Theophilus Lee, P. E.

San Antonio District—First Round

Becker cir., 24 Sun Dec; Moore cir., 24 Sun Dec; Fearall, 4th Sun Dec; West End, 5th Sun Dec; Prospect Hill, 7:30 p. m., 5th Sun Dec; Del Rio, 24 Sun Jan; Uvalde, 24 Sun Jan; Eagle Pass, 4th Sun Jan; Travis Park, 1st Sun Feb; South Heights and South Horse Street, 7:30 p. m., 1st Sun Feb; Utopia cir., 24 Sun Feb; Carrizo and Batesville, 24 Sun Feb. B. Harris, P. E.

Beeville District—First Round

Sutherland Springs cir., at S. S., Thursday, Dec. 6; Stockdale cir., at Stockdale, Dec. 8, 9; Blainville cir., at Becklair, Wed., Dec. 12; Laredo sta., Dec. 15, 16; Allow cir., at Alice, Monday, Dec. 17; Corpus and Rockport, at C. T., Tues., Dec. 22; Wade cir., at Mathis, Dec. 22, 23; Beeville sta., Dec. 29, 30; Oakville cir., at Oakville, Jan. 5, 6. The district stewards will meet at the Methodist Church in Beeville, Tuesday, November 28, 9 p. m. J. M. Alexander, P. E.

Llano District—First Round

Cherokee cir., Dec. 8, 9; Willow City cir., Dec. 15, 16; Boerne cir., Dec. 22, 23; Bandera and Medina, Jan. 5, 6; Round Mountain cir., Jan. 12, 13; Blanco cir., Jan. 19, 20; Center Point sta., Jan. 26, 27; Rock Springs sta., Feb. 2, 3; Kerrville, Feb. 9, 10. I. K. Walter, P. E.

Cuero District—First Round

Runge, Dec. 8, 9; Youkum, Dec. 15, 16; Hallettsville, Dec. 22, 23; Sweet Home, Dec. 29, 30; Clear Creek, Jan. 5, 6; Victoria, Jan. 12, 13; Nursery, Jan. 19, 20; Garado, Jan. 26, 27; Edna, Feb. 2, 3; Cuero, Feb. 9, 10. Jno. W. Stovall, P. E.

NORTHWEST TEXAS CONFERENCE

Weatherford District—First Round. Arapahoe, at Lone Star, Dec. 8, 9; Cloud Chief, at Bethel, Dec. 15, 16; Edwardsville, at Butler, Dec. 22, 23; Gip, at Gip, Dec. 29, 30; Cheyenne, at Cheyenne, Jan. 5, 6; Burns, at Page, Jan. 12, 13; Woodward, at Woodward, Jan. 19, 20; Grand, at Pleasant Valley, Feb. 2, 3; Cordell, at South Boggy, Feb. 9, 10. The district stewards will meet in Arapahoe Thursday, December 5, at 2 o'clock p. m. W. A. Randle, P. E.

Fort Worth District—First Round

Bono, at Liberty, Dec. 8, 9; Ciebume, Dec. 15, 16; Curo, at Watts Chapel, Dec. 22, 23; Glenwood, at Glenwood, Dec. 29, 30; North Fort Worth, at Little Fossil, Dec. 15, 16; First Church, Dec. 15, 16; Polytechnic, Dec. 15, 16; Trinity, Dec. 15, 16; Peach Street, Dec. 15, 16; Smithfield, at Keller, Dec. 15, 16; Arlington, at Arlington, Dec. 22, 23; Grapevine, at Grapevine, Dec. 29, 30; Cresson, at Cresson, Jan. 5, 6; Azle, at Azle, Jan. 12, 13; Wurbleson, at Wurbleson, Jan. 19, 20; Joshua, at Joshua, Jan. 26, 27; Mansfield, at Mansfield, Jan. 26, 27; Covington, at Covington, Feb. 2, 3; Blum, at Blum, Feb. 2, 3. District stewards meeting at First Church, Fort Worth, December 18, at 10 a. m. James Campbell, P. E.

Dublin District—First Round

Morgan Mill, at P. Valley, Jan. 11; Bluff Dale, at Post Oak, Jan. 12, 13; Glen Rose, at Glen Rose, Jan. 19, 20; Granbury, at Granbury, Jan. 26, 27; Duffau, at Duffau, Feb. 2, 3; Hico, at Hico, Feb. 9, 10; Carlton, at Olin, Feb. 9, 10; Proctor, at Providence, Feb. 16, 17; Sipe Springs, at Sipe Springs, Feb. 16, 17; Carbon and Gorman, at G., Feb. 23, 24; Rising Star, etc., at Salt Tank, Mar. 2, 3; DeLeon, Mar. 9, 10; Desdemonia, Mar. 9, 10. E. F. Boone, P. E.

Weatherford District—First Round

Palo Pinto, at Palo Pinto, Dec. 8, 9; Santo, at Santo, Dec. 15, 16; Millsap, at Millsap, Dec. 15, 16.

Springtown, at Springtown, Dec. 15, 16; Whitt and Bethesda, at B., Dec. 19; Weatherford mts., at Shady Grove, Dec. 22, 23. Quarterly Conference will be held at First Church Dec. 27, at 1 o'clock. Graham, Jan. 5, 6; Farmer, Jan. 9; Elbasville, at Smith's Chapel, Jan. 12, 13; Breckenridge, at Breckenridge, Jan. 15; Ranger, at Ranger, Jan. 17; Courts Memorial, Jan. 19, 20; Strawn and Thurber, at S., Jan. 25; Gordon, Jan. 26, 27. The Preachers' Meeting and Missionary Institute will be held at Gordon January 23 and 24, beginning Wednesday morning at 9 o'clock. The district stewards will meet at the same place on the afternoon of the 24th, at 2 o'clock. Jno. R. Morris, P. E.

Gatesville District—First Round

Meridian, Dec. 8, 9; Gatesville mts., Dec. 14, 15; McGregor, Dec. 15, 16; Lampasas, Dec. 29, 30; Copetas Cove, 11 a. m., Dec. 31; Kilben and Nolanville, 11 a. m., Jan. 1; Oglesby, Jan. 5, 6; Crawford, Jan. 12, 13; Harmony, Jan. 12, 13; Brookhaven, Jan. 19, 20; Valley Mills, Jan. 26, 27; Coryell City, Feb. 2, 3; Red House, Feb. 2, 3; Eyan, 11 a. m., Feb. 9, 10; Hamilton, Feb. 16, 17; Jonesboro, Feb. 16, 17. The district stewards are called to meet in Gatesville December 5, at 1:30 p. m. A full attendance is desired. J. G. Putman, P. E.

Vernon District—First Round

Haskell, Sat., Sun., Dec. 15, 16; Hix-kell cir., at Fairview, Mon., Dec. 17; Benjamin, Wed., Dec. 19; Crowell, at Black's S. H., Dec. 22, 23; Granite, at Granite, Sat., Sun., Dec. 29, 30; Mangum, Sun. night, Mon., Dec. 30, 31; Eldorado, at Pleasant Hill, Jan. 2; Willow Vale, Sat., Sun., Jan. 5, 6; Throckmorton, at T., Sat., Sun., Jan. 12, 13; Chillicothe, at C., Sat., Sun., Jan. 12, 13; Childress, at Childress, Sat., Sun., Jan. 12, 13; Goree, at Goree, Sat., Sun., Jan. 12, 13; Round Timbers, at R. T., Sat., Sun., Jan. 12, 13; Paducah, Sat., Sun., Jan. 19, 20; Altus, at Altus, Sat., Sun., Jan. 26, 27; Harrold, at Harrold, Sat., Sun., Feb. 2, 3; Vernon, at Vernon, Sat., Feb. 9, 10; Quannah, Sat., Sun., Feb. 16, 17; Seymour, Sat., Sun., Feb. 23, 24. District stewards meeting at Vernon December 27, 7:30 p. m. J. H. Wiseman, P. E.

Waxahachie District—First Round

Venus charge, at Venus, Dec. 8, 9; Italy charge, at Italy, 7 p. m., Dec. 12; Waxahachie charge, at W. T. p. m., Dec. 13; Crisp charge, at Sessions, Dec. 15, 16; Ennis charge, at Ennis, 7 p. m., Dec. 15, 17; Ray charge, at Ray, 11 a. m., Dec. 15; Ferris charge, at Ferris, 11 a. m., Dec. 22; Lovelace charge, at Lovelace, Dec. 22, 23; Hillsboro charge, at H. 7 p. m., Dec. 22, 23; Milford charge, at Milford, Dec. 29, 30; Palmer charge, at Dixon's Ch., Jan. 5; Itasca charge, at Itasca, 11 a. m., Jan. 10; Grandview charge, at G., 11 a. m., Jan. 11; Alvarado charge, at Alvarado, Jan. 12, 13; Red Oak charge, at Ovilla, Jan. 19, 20; Midlothian charge, at M., Jan. 19, 20; Boz charge, at Bethel, Feb. 2, 3; Bardwell charge, at Elm Branch, Feb. 16, 17. The district stewards will please meet in Waxahachie December 11, at 11 o'clock a. m. Horace Bishop, P. E.

Clarendon District—First Round

Canyon City, at C., Dec. 1, 2; Plainview sta., Dec. 8, 9; Lubbock, at Hale Center, Dec. 10; Floydada, at F., Dec. 15, 16; Silverton, at S., Dec. 22, 23; Claude, at C., Dec. 22, 23; Matador, at M., Jan. 5, 6; Wellington, at W., Jan. 12, 13; Amarillo sta., Jan. 19, 20; Channing, at Ch., Jan. 19, 20; Coldwater, Jan. 26, 27; Clarendon sta., Jan. 26, 27; Canadian, at C., Feb. 2, 3; Higgins, at H., Feb. 2, 3; Catalina, at Catalina, Feb. 9, 10; Hereford, Feb. 9, 10; Emma, Feb. 16, 17. Let every official be present at Quarterly Conference. The stewards will please try to report a full quarter on pastor salary. Will the preachers raise the mission and Orphanage assessments on the first round and put the Texas Advocate into every Methodist home? G. S. Hardy, P. E.

Brownwood District—First Round

Robert Lee, at Robert Lee, Dec. 8, 9; Winters, at Norton, Dec. 15, 16; Ballinger, Dec. 22, 23; Glen Cove, at Lone Star, Dec. 29, 30; Coleman, Dec. 29, 30; Burkett, at Cross Plains, Dec. 29, 30; May, at Holder, Dec. 29, 30; Blanket, at Turkey Peak, Dec. 29, 30; Zephyr, at Zephyr, Dec. 29, 30; Indian Creek, at McNally, Jan. 5, 6; Center City, at Center City, Jan. 12, 13; Goldswaiter, at Goldswaiter, Jan. 19, 20; Lometa, at Lometa, Jan. 19, 20; Comanche cir., at Bibb, Jan. 19, 20; Comanche, Jan. 26, 27; Fleming, at Fleming, Jan. 26, 27; Santa Anna, at Santa Anna, Jan. 26, 27; Range, at Thrifty, Jan. 26, 27; Brownwood, at Brownwood, Feb. 2, 3. The district stewards will meet in Brownwood, at 5 a. m. December 15. W. H. Matthews, P. E.

Georgetown District—First Round

Belton, Dec. 8, 9; Taylor, Dec. 15, 16; Grand, at Granger, Dec. 15, 17; Belton cir., at Wilson Valley, Dec. 22, 23; Rogers, at Rogers, Dec. 29, 30; Salado, at Holland, Dec. 29, 30; Georgetown, Dec. 29, 30; Hutto, at Hutto, Dec. 29, 30; Bartlett, Dec. 29, 30; Bartlett cir., at Bartlett, Dec. 29, 30; Bertram, at Horeb, Jan. 4; Florence, at Florence, Jan. 5; Burnet, at Burnet, Jan. 12, 13; Burnet cir., at Burnet, Jan. 12, 13; Liberty Hill, at Liberty Hill, Jan. 19, 20; Maxdale, at Oakalla, Jan. 26, 27. W. L. Nelms, P. E.

Corsicana District—First Round

Mexia, at Mexia, Dec. 7; Cotton Gin, at Cotton Gin, Dec. 8, 9; Wortham, at Woodland, Dec. 11; Hubbard, at Hubbard, Dec. 11; Dawson, at Dawson, Dec. 18; Rice, at Reynolds, Dec. 18; Beane, at Beane, Dec. 18; Kerens, at Kerens, Dec. 18; Long Prairie and Birdstown, at L. P., Dec. 20; Corsicana cir., at Harrison Ch., Dec. 22, 23.

Brandon, at Brandon, Dec. 29, 30; Frost, at Salem, Dec. 31; Dresden, at Jones' Chap., Jan. 1; Barry, at Barry, Jan. 2; Armour, Jan. 6, 7. The district stewards will meet in Corsicana December 12, at 1 p. m. E. A. Bailey, P. E.

Abilene District—First Round

Cisco, Dec. 8, 9; Baird, Dec. 15, 16; Sweetwater, at Sweetwater, Dec. 22, 23; Eastland, at Eastland, Dec. 29, 30. District stewards will meet at the Methodist Church, Abilene, December 15, at an hour most convenient for those attending. We will announce the hour later. Let each pastor see that his district steward has notice of the meeting. E. A. Smith, P. E.

INDIAN MISSION CONFERENCE

Oklahoma District—First Round. Guthrie sta., Dec. 8, 9; Perry and Morrison, at Perry, Dec. 9, 10; Pawnee and Jennings, at P., Dec. 15, 16; Stillwater sta., Dec. 15, 17; Chandler, at Chandler, Dec. 22, 23; Keokuk Falls, at Pleasant Valley, Dec. 29, 30; Earlbore, at Earlbore, Dec. 29, 30; Shawnee sta., Dec. 30, 31; Tecumseh cir., at Tecumseh, Jan. 2, 3; Dale, at Bethel, Jan. 2, 3; Hennessey, at Hennessey, Jan. 12, 13; Billings and Enid, at Enid, Jan. 19, 20; Byron cir., at Byron, Jan. 26, 27. S. G. Thompson, P. E.

Ardmore District—First Round

Cumberland, at Cumberland, 24 Sun Dec; Carter Avenue, Ardmore, 24 Sun Dec; Lebanon, at Lebanon, 4th Sun Dec; Broadway, Ardmore, 5th Sun Dec; Oakland, at Madill, 1st Sun Jan; Leon and Burnsville, at L., 24 Sun Jan; Cornish, at Cornish, 24 Sun Jan; Washita, at Washita, 4th Sun Jan; Springer, at Springer, 1st Sun Feb; Orr, at Simon, 24 Sun Feb. W. J. Sims, P. E.

Canadian District—First Round

Bokoshe, at Cowlington, Dec. 8, 9; PotEAU, Dec. 11; Howe, Dec. 11; Cameron, at Harra's Chapel, Dec. 15, 16; Wagoner, Dec. 15, 16; Muskogee, Dec. 22, 23; Muskogee cir., Dec. 29, 30; Enterprise, at Palestine, Jan. 5, 6; Whitefield, at Higler, Jan. 12, 13; Canadian, at Texanna, Jan. 22, 23. A. N. Avery, P. E.

Wynnewood District—First Round

Wynnewood sta., Dec. 8, 9; Daugherty cir., Dec. 15, 16; Whitehead cir., Dec. 22, 23; Paola cir., Dec. 29, 30; Noble cir., Jan. 5, 6; Franklin cir., Jan. 12, 13; McCoy cir., Jan. 19, 20; Hickory cir., Jan. 26, 27; Erin Springs cir., Feb. 2, 3; Moral cir., Feb. 9, 10; Ada cir., Feb. 16, 17. E. L. Massey, P. E.

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A CHAT WITH THE LOCAL PREACHERS.

Remember that semi-centennial sermon is still in evidence before the court, but we excuse the witness from the stand until we introduce the history of Methodism in Kentucky to show that the local preacher was in that field, as well as in Texas, laying the foundation of Methodism long before the itinerant put his foot upon the soil, and prior to the Christmas Conference, when the organization of the Methodist Episcopal Church in America took place.

Some one was waiting to see how the cat would jump. Well, then, it has already jumped. With one single bound it went clear across the river. Not the Jordan, but the Hudson. The Local Preachers' Conference has passed into history. If any doubted at first it is now a matter of certainty. The convention met and organized permanently. If there was any hesitation at the beginning there is none at present. All seem to be of one mind and heart, and every one of us resolved that there must be no retreat. As we pass along we are amazed to see how little opposition we encounter, and how much encouragement we receive. That is the way the cat has jumped.

Some brother does not know this writer, and is slow to recognize him as the editor of the local preachers' column. Well, we are getting acquainted very fast, and will soon know all about each other. We would like to meet that frater and shake his hand, and look smilingly into his face and tell him how sweet it is to love everybody, even our enemies, if we have any. If he should ever visit our city we want him to make our house his home. Let our guardian angel prepare him a nice dinner, show him the prophet's chamber and make him welcome, where the Bishop and all the high functionaries abide when they come to visit us. We invite the brother that thinks this writer is a twenty-year-old boy to come to Dallas and visit this old man, who has passed the seventy-third mile post in life's journey, had an active experience of more than one-third of a century in the regular itinerant service, and more than fifteen years in the local ranks, and he will receive a cordial and loving welcome. If he verily thinks we are seeking a cheap notoriety by this new departure from the old order of things we want to satisfy him that we have long ago received ten times more honors from the Church than we ever deserved. The annals of our denomination record the historic fact that we were for ten years the presiding elder of several popular districts in our own Lone Star State. It is now a matter of deep mortification to him to be mindful that he was not more worthy of that high distinction.

If any pastor should see these papers we hope he will consider that some of us local preachers are thoroughly mortal, and crave as much petting as little children, and if any young presiding elder should happen

to read anything we have written on this line we hope he may take a lesson from the experience of this old man who is now standing on the western border of life, looking down into the grave where he is to sleep until the trumpet shall sound the knell of time with him. Already his shadow is lengthening, and the occident is aglow with the flaring rays of the setting sun. This may be his last friendly message this side the river. Nearly thirty years ago, when we were traveling on a district, there lived on one of the circuits a local preacher for whom we had a high appreciation. His moral and ministerial character was above reproach. He was a preacher of more than ordinary ability, and was much respected in the community, but he was doing comparatively nothing in the Church. When he attended a quarterly meeting he usually took a back seat in the congregation, and remained as silent as an oyster, unless he was spoken to, and then he would answer in monosyllables. As soon as the service closed he hurriedly left for his home. We tried to cultivate his acquaintance and develop the possibilities that seemed to be in him if properly managed; but he appeared to avoid the company of the itinerant preachers, and especially a presiding elder. We determined to capture him for the service of the Church. Early one Friday morning, before the quarterly meeting was to commence on his circuit, a few miles from his home, we started to his house and reached the place about 4 o'clock in the evening. We found him in his field, busy with his crop. "Well," he said, "I was not looking for you. How far have you traveled to-day?" We answered: "All the way from home; about thirty-five miles." "Well, would you not like to have your horses fed?" "Yes, sir; we came to spend the night with you and take you to the quarterly meeting tomorrow." He looked as if he thought we had something against him and had come to call him to account for his stewardship. "What do you want with me there?" he said. We answered: "We need you in our business. We want to protract the meeting. We need a revival on this circuit and we want you to help us. You have many friends in this region, and if you stay away from the meeting they will be wondering what is the matter, while they ought to be praying and working for a revival." We saw at once that the cloud was lifted off of him, and a pleasing smile illumined his face. This visit to his family and the generous and loving hospitality of his house will long be remembered as one of the brightest reminiscences of our ministerial life. From that day that brother was a new man. Our conquest of him was complete. With him it was the beginning of a new era of efficiency and usefulness. When we were about to separate he said: "You are the first presiding elder that ever visited my house." We recite this incident to show how easy it is to harmonize a discordant element when our hearts are free to do a little thing to accomplish great results. W. C. YOUNG, 345 Wall Street, Dallas, Texas.

faith her guardian had faith enough in the same to have her enter school, looking to the brethren to respond when called on. All persons who have pledged to this fund will please remit one annual subscription as soon as possible to the undersigned at Dawson, Texas. C. G. SHUTT.

A PUZZLE.

It is a puzzle to this scribe how a preacher can stand upon the conference floor and say, "Collections all full, Bishop," yet his report shows nothing raised for the American Bible Society, and that, too, in the face of a conference resolution like that of the Northwest Texas, which provides that at least one cent per member shall be raised for this cause; and then, too, in the face of the question ringing out in Quarterly Conference four times a year, "What are we doing for the American Bible Society?" The report of a "Bible Cause" revealed the fact at Georgetown that a number of the preachers reported collections full and yet nothing was raised for Bible Cause. Why should not the District Stewards see to it that this fund be distributed according to membership just as they do the other funds? If it is small it is all the more important that it should not be overlooked. C. G. SHUTT.

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RESOLUTIONS.

Resolutions adopted by the West End M. E. Church, South, December 2, 1900:

Whereas, Our Church has passed through an ordeal during the past year that has called forth the loftiest traits of Christian patience and endurance, to none has it appeared more earnestly than to our beloved pastor and his wife; therefore, be it

Resolved 1. That as a Church we extend to Bro. and Sister Chambers our heartfelt thanks for their noble efforts and self-sacrifice in restoring order out of chaos, and bespeak for them God's richest blessings in whatever field our conference may see fit to place them this coming year.

2. That we heartily commend our pastor (Rev. S. F. Chambers) to our Annual Conference, with a request that he be returned to this charge during the next conference year.

3. That these resolutions be spread on the minutes of our Church Conference record, and a copy be sent to our pastor and to the Texas Christian Advocate, with a request that the latter publish same.

Adopted unanimously. A. P. NORMAN, Secretary Pro Tem.

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She came prepared with the lesson, and was always willing and anxious to answer any question or to illustrate any point in the lesson, that we might learn how to live nearer God.

To-day there is sadness in her home and among her friends, but we know that Miss Johnnie has gone where there is a continual Sunday-school, with Jesus as her teacher.

Miss Johnnie can't come to us, but God helping us, we can imitate the example of sweet, simple womanhood that she lived before us, and meet her some day at the feet of our blessed Savior, who doeth all things wisely. Lovingly, her class No. 4 of the M. E. S. S. November 17, 1900.

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I reached the seat of conference, at Rockdale, the Santa Fe road, morning. The distant hundred miles by the "Flyer" soon atillat and the trip was good. It is a good town of 2000 located at the intersection Pass and Internatio Northern roads, about Milano Junction, where Santa Fe, Austin is from here. There is lots of it. The public buildings indicate modern structures. The modern structures are nominations are w Dr. C. F. Reid a comfortably domicile G. Alfred, pastor of Church. He and are Louisiana people possessed of traits characteristic of people. They gave us a and most delightful Rev. G. H. Collins and ran, the pastor and t aided by their citizens of the eral, took most ex Conference. The town done that could co to the comfort and preachers and visitors this point is made up people, and they own and well finished hou do not know what the ness are in the com lands are productive and I note the fact has been produced round about. Coal has been discovered ties near by and it is tensively. It is hardly ices, but is appli tage in furnaces and The Conference wa by its members and itors. Dr. C. F. Hoos ner and Dr. C. F. tring, and in fact beyond the Mississipi pressure for time tha remain a day or so, came in a day ab looked fresh for t seems to have great ance and stands up under the strain of Conference sessions, extraordinary and he and all occasions. I vernaries, talked for preached with as mu the first day he open Conference more th He gave great sat brethren. Wednesday mornin clear day and the me ference were present when Bishop Canble to order and annou hymn, 221. It was u He then read a les chapter of Paul's Ep sians and a part of t also, and a few vers part of the third. T these readings with