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EDITORIAL.

THE WITNESS OF THE SPIRIT.

The witness of the Spirit to the fact of conversion and to the soul's acceptance with God is one of the most gracious doctrines of the gospel. At the time Wesley came upon the scene, this phase of New Testament truth was comparatively unknown to the experiences and sermons of that day. Martin Luther had brought the doctrine of justification by faith to the thought of the Church, but in his sermons and teachings there is but little reference to the witness of the Spirit. Wesley himself preached as a strict Churchman for six years without any knowledge of this doctrine. But his ministry during those years was barren and unprofitable. After that he was listening to a layman read Luther's introductory to the epistle to the Romans in a little Moravian church, and all at once he realized the long-sought experience of his personal acceptance with God. Immediately he cried out: "I felt my heart strangely warmed," and thenceforth he became a flaming evangel among men. He not only felt that he gave intellectual assent to the truth of God's word, but deep down in his conscious spirit he felt the direct witness of the Holy Ghost with his spirit that he was a child of God in the truest sense of the term. His heart was set on fire with love to God and to men, and from that time to the day of his death he preached a gospel that brought peace and pardon to the souls of the children of God. That sort of preaching produced a revival that lasted well-nigh a hundred years. The men who were banded with him preached it in its fullness, and his preachers on this side of the Atlantic caught its fervor and declared it from the wooded hills to the plains. In these latter days of secularism, we are not emphasizing this great doctrine in our pulpits as its importance demands. We are in some measure substituting for it the so-called practical side of the gospel. We need to return to it with vigor and emphasis. It is the sheet-anchor of our Methodism. Without it we will cease to be a peculiar people. Its explicit experience and public proclamation are the factors in all successful revival work and in the building up of our Zion. Our pulpits and pews ought to burn and flame with its supernatural fire.

SUPERNATURAL TRUTHS.

The supernatural truths of the gospel are an offense to skeptics and infidels. They are willing to give mental assent to such truths as address themselves to their understanding without question. They will tell you that they believe Christ was the best man who ever lived; that he was the greatest teacher among all of the generations past and present; that he has given to the world the purest system of morals and religion known to mankind; but they are not willing to concede anything further. They assume to draw the line at this point, and shake their heads in very grave doubt and misgiving. They overlook the fact that these supernatural elements of the

gospel give vitality and effectiveness to those they call the natural. Without the former, the latter could have no existence. What would Christ be to the world if he were only a man—even the best man who ever lived? Hundreds of good men and great teachers lived before him, but what did they do for the sin-stricken and the sorrowing of earth? They lived and died and left this phase of human experience unrelieved and just where they found it. But Christ touched and transformed these experiences, and he is doing the same to-day. He brings men into kinship with God and into brotherhood with one another. He does this not because he was simply a man, but because he was infinitely more than a man. The supernatural part of him had a conscious existence before he was born, and he brought this divine part of him into the flesh and lived a two-fold life—a divine life and a human life. He was conceived of the Holy Ghost, but born of the Virgin Mary. He grew up to manhood, but wrought miracles, such as giving sight to the blind, hearing to the deaf, health to the afflicted, and life to the dead. He was crucified and dead, but he arose from the dead and ascended into heaven, where he makes intercession for us. He claims to have possessed all of the attributes that make up the nature and character of God. He was Eternal, Omnipotent, Omniscient, Omnipresent, the Maker and Preserver of all things, God over all and blessed forever. It is the duty of the pupil to emphasize his supernatural character as well as his human and to exalt him as "The Mighty God, the Everlasting Father." We ought to concede nothing to the semi-Unitarian sentiment of the world upon this subject. It is not good Judaism, and it is spurious Christianity. Away with it! We must have Christ as the God-man.

READING THE SCRIPTURES.

The public reading of the Scriptures is a part of our regular Church services. This duty devolves upon the preacher, and in order to discharge it intelligently, he needs to study very closely the lessons intended for use. Long before he goes into the pulpit he ought to select carefully the chapter and the verses, familiarize himself with their contexts, go conscientiously over every word until he becomes master of its true meaning. He ought, furthermore, to find just where to place his inflections and emphasis in order to bring out perfectly the inner spirit of the truth. Then, when he enters the pulpit, he ought to read in a clear, deliberate and distinct tone of voice, so that everybody in the entire audience can hear every word to which he gives utterance. The Scriptures are often fearfully discounted by the imperfect and execrable manner in which they are publicly read by the minister. A mumbling, indistinct, sing-song style of reading the sublime and inspiring words of the Bible is not far short of an actual sin. Such great lessons, intended for the admonition and instruction of the people, ought to be brought out in the most splendid tones of which the human voice is capable. If read in this way, these sacred truths will literally thrill the

minds and the hearts of devout hearers. But the private reading of the Scriptures is of equal importance. Not so much the style of reading them as the fixed habit. In private you read the precious Book for your individual use, and you most generally read it under such circumstances in an inaudible whisper. No day ought to pass without some portion of it is taken from the printed page and stored in the depths of the heart. No Christian can neglect this habit without seriously deteriorating in spirituality and enrichment of character. It is the bread of life, and must be eaten at stated and regular times in order to give to our souls nourishment and vigor. When once we have formed the habit of thus reading the Scriptures and fixing some truth or truths in the mind and heart, we are lost without resorting to the sacred pages with the regularity of daily meals. And if we will take the time to commit to memory some of these most helpful passages they will in after life come to our help when temptations assail us and griefs and sorrows fling their shadows across our devious pathways. In this, the first year of the new century, let us begin the daily habit of reading and meditating upon the precious and eternal truths of God's holy Word.

THE MURDER MANIA.

According to a very recent table of statistics, we notice that during the last year of the nineteenth century there were ten thousand murders committed in the United States. Making all allowance for the inaccuracy of these figures, and assuming that they only approximate the truth, even then the thought is appalling. We claim to be a Christian nation, and we boast of our high order of civilization, but when it comes to the crime of murder, we seem not to be so far removed from the barbarous age, after all. But the most shocking part of these figures is found in the fact that one-tenth of these deaths by violence is charged up to Texas. Think of it! This great Empire State of the West, teeming with a prosperous people, with the finest system of public schools south of Mason and Dixon's line, with our church-houses and ministers in every community and our Statehood dating back about three-score years, yet in the year 1900 we buried one thousand of our citizens in bloody graves! That this figure is nearly the truth we can not reasonably doubt, since the daily papers of the State contain accounts of killings in some form and in some community in almost every issue. We have not yet learned to appreciate the value and sanctity of human life. Many slight difficulties that ought to be settled amicably between men often result in the drawing of firearms and in death. Too many of our people are too ready to shoot and to kill under trivial provocation. We have false ideas of courage and personal bravery. In fact, there is no high order of courage in resorting to violence. The rankest coward can whip out a pistol and shoot a man down.

stamped with the signet of indelible disgrace. To this end the pulpit and the press, the two great educators of public sentiment, need to speak out in no uncertain terms. Our people ought to be brought to the point of realizing the damage done to our State by this foul crime and the blot that it is placing upon our character as a Commonwealth. When this is done, men will stop and think before recklessly taking human life. In these particulars the present century ought to make wonderful improvement on its immediate predecessor. But to do this, our preachers and teachers and editors have a task before them. Will we awake to the responsibility?

DAILY PRESS AND PUBLIC MORALS.

In many respects the daily papers of Texas are a credit to the State. They furnish the news, regardless of cost or labor. Their agents are everywhere, and they make record of everything that transpires. They are entitled to the respect that they have won as business enterprises. But they do not render public morals the best class of service. Their columns contain a great deal of matter not conducive to the weal of society. They tell of the proceedings of criminal courts and depict many phases of crime very harmful to the purity of family life. Murders are described in detail, nameless offenses against womanhood are written out under heavy headlines, local brawls are spread over two or three columns, lynchings are presented with gruesome illustrations, prize fights are given by rounds and in ring terminology, the results of the divorce mill are furnished by names, while ball-room performances, card parties and society taudanges are served up. Then, too, the advertising departments of these great dailies bring the lowest and meanest things imaginable right into our family circles. The abominable liquor shops are paraded before our boys, and the places of evil repute are not always excluded. Then, too, our dailies often take the side of corporations, and great moneyed institutions often control their columns. Who ever heard of a daily paper showing up the evil side of a brewery, or in any way casting reflection upon the solemn interests of the community? Usually, the dailies take the side of these fostering nest-houses of the lustiness world as against the Church and the family. In ways of this sort, our daily papers are doing immense damage to public morals and to the sanctity of domestic life. They gather up the moral filth of the world and the pestilent matter of society and empty the whole of it every morning into the minds and hearts of our boys and girls. True, along with this potted stuff they give accounts of revivals; they tell of religious assemblies; they publish sermons; but such is the pervasiveness of human nature the bad things attract the young mind and heart in preference to the good. We can not get along without the dailies, but there is vast room for improvement in those editions of them intended for our home and family life. But, after all, the dailies are supplying what they deem the demands of the times. They are published for money,

COMMUNICATIONS.

LOOK UP.

All our best is commendable. Nothing less is so. Our powers are for use. If our best efforts in the accomplishment of a task have not been put forth, we have not done credit to our talents, nor to Him who gave them.

Many people are slow to accept and put into practice the truth that our powers are not only given for use, but for their best use. If our production comes up to the average, or being better gifted, if they surpass those of most other people, it is sufficient. Is this true? Not so. It is a great mistake.

No essay, nor article, nor sermon, is commendable if at the time and under the circumstances of its production the author could have done better.

Throughout our connection, evidences of potent rest, as well as rest of many other kinds, are not lacking. Warm-up sermons, like warm-up exercises, are seldom so good as they seem, and doubtless some are sometimes served without even having gone through the warming-up process. It is so much easier to flit out old sermon notes and serve them cold than it is to prepare new sermons.

But you pick the old ones to pieces and infuse new thought and re-arrange and add new life till your nerves tingle. But if the sermons of a preacher having health, strength and a sound mind, and who has not passed the meridian of life, fail to grow, it is evidence that either his mental faculties have reached the zenith of their power or are resting. The Lord demands full use of a preacher's intellect, and if he is not fully capable of preaching an able sermon upon the subject chosen then the one delivered, he is culpable. He would be benefited by closer study, and so would his flock.

Your hope is in the young. I long to see you, dear young people, thrilled with desire to do your best. Your powers may not be exalted, but you will be encouraged if you do credit to your powers. A charm is added, and a new respect to the task which has called forth your best efforts.

But you may have aspirations. Perchance your spirit soars so that you can not be content as just one among a multitude. You look with longing eyes upon the heights which others' feet have climbed, and long to climb them too. Ah, that is different!

But can you do? You hardly know! You but feel the thrill, the inward call that invites you on to nobler things. Then you probably are not conscious of the powers of your own mind.

"My mind, to me, a kingdom is."

This should be your truth—a mine of wealth; a source of happiness; a storehouse of treasure in which jewels of joy may be found for the searching.

Full many a gem of purest ray serene, The dark, unfathomed caves of ocean bear.

Probably many a gem lies hidden in the store-house of your mind of which you are ignorant. You have not searched; you do not know; perhaps you have never tried your powers; or maybe you have been unwilling to bestow the labor necessary to develop the treasure. Diamonds are found in the rough, and must be cut and polished. Gold is hidden in the earth, and he that would possess it must dig. Are you willing to dig? You may find gold—you may uncover to the world a diamond. A bird never knows if it can fly until it tries its wings. Likely its first effort will result in a tumble to the ground. What of it? It tries again, the wings get stronger, and soon it flies.

Somewhere I read this story: An eagle's egg was placed under a hen and hatched with the chickens, and the young eagle grew up in the barnyard with the domestic fowls. Though a true bird of liberty, yet its eagle nature lay slumbering. Its voice was harsh and unlike the notes of the barnyard fowls, still it had no ring of freedom. One day a shadow flitted across the ground and a wild, thrilling note was heard. The tame eagle raised his head and saw his plumed image on bold, free wing, cutting through the air. His nature woke. With answering scream he sprang, and for a few rods flew majestically. His untrained power weakened, faltered, failed, and sinking to the earth he hid his head beneath his wing. But his kingly nature was awake and could no longer slumber. Again the flitting shadow and the thrilling scream. With quick impatience the head was jerked from beneath his feathers, and there, with

nature's graceful, outstretched pinions, an eagle flew, now back, now forth, now soaring, diving, cutting through the air; then pausing for a moment, far aloft, he darted with half-shut wings toward his counterpart in nature, and so close he came that the rush of air ruffled the feathers of the eagle on the ground. Then, with strong, steady strokes he mounted aloft, to dive, career, and poise and gaze upon the sun. But as he went he gave one helpful, cheering, beckoning call that found a quick response from the bird upon the ground. A moment he paused, gazing with quivering, half-raised wings upon the rising figure. His eyes gleamed; his heart beat high. Then, with a wild, exultant scream, which was answered from above, he mounted upon the air, and with defiant stroke he spurred the yard where he was reared, and passing over it, while strength and courage grew, he wheeled away, and up, to gaze upon the sun. The supreme moment had come, his nature awoke, and he flew away in gladness on his mission.

Are you eagle-born? Examine the store-house of your mind and see. Does your nature swell at sight of your fellow before the canvas with palette and brushes? And, while you gaze, is the longing strong within you to seize the brush and show him how it should be done? And do conceptions of rare skill and beauty place themselves before your eyes on canvas that is bars of color? Then you should give the world your power and skill, and paint your mind upon a canvas that others may see it, too.

Does your mood race up and down, keeping time to music as it beats upon the air? And do you hear sweet sounds of melody that, swelling, rise into power, and dying, sink into a whisper—notes that thrill you with their music till your heart bounds to the time, holding you entranced? Then you should give the world the music in your nature and entrance us as you are yourself entranced.

Do you in your mind make speeches, and feel the flash and glow and quiver of conscious power that should sway the people as the trees are swayed by the wind? Then you should loose your tongue and speak.

Does your mind take tours to the moon, and elsewhere, while imagination pictures places, plots, people, before you in such very truth that you see but those, while almost unconscious of the things that really are? And while you dream with open eyes, or while you try to write your thoughts, do you glow and burn with joy and excitement, while your blood runs riot in your veins? Then, with your pen, you should thrill the people as you yourself are thrilled.

A. H. BEZZO.

Stockdale, Texas.

SOME SHOTS.

After a long interval of time, the writer again draws the bow of the intellect. Like the ancient Parthian warrior that backwards in his flight hurled arrows at his foes, would he thus from the retreating hours of the nineteenth and at the dawning light of the twentieth century project a shot (article) for the columns of the Advocate. It is no envenomed shaft that he would send forth from the pen. His heart yearns to tell and record how sweet and blest to him was Christmas day. With the opening hours of the morning, that dawned so beautiful and bright a crisp gladness came into his heart like the sunlight. It was sweetly akin, or the same supernal joy that swelled the song of the angelic host when they proclaimed the glad tidings of a Savior's birth to the shepherds by night on the hills of Judea, with "glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace, good-will toward men." Love, divine love, filled the charmed circle of being. No thoughts of malice or vindictive spleen flitted through the realm of mind, or hovered around, to build their nests in the soul. The bitter disappointments and blight of cherished plans and hopes in life as held in retrospective view, the affronts and wrongs received from the hands of men that rankle in the sensitive mind, and the dark shadows of recent bereavement in the death of his first-born and son, might loom up, but did not mar the hallowed tranquillity. These rested on his spirit the holy calm and sanctity of the Sabbath day and high communion with God. Earth was joyous in the reflected light of heaven.

To enhance the joy of this universal holiday of Christendom to the mind and heart, there was at hand the Christmas edition of the Advocate, with its rich, full and varied contributions upon the grand, mysterious and

sublime doctrine of the Divine Incarnation and the glad tidings of the same old, old, but precious story of a Savior's birth. The Advocate, like the carysme which the ancient Athenians carried in their sacred, festal processions, was full of good things. Its readers no doubt highly appreciated this ornamental issue of the Advocate, and deemed it beautiful and appropriate thus to celebrate the great event of the world's redemption and the passing out of the most memorable century in the historic calendar of time.

As the writer read the contributions in prose and verse from various pens to the Advocate, he deeply felt how precious and glorious was the privilege to have brought the richest treasures of mind and heart and laid them at the Savior's feet, in humble adoration and homage to his holy name. His heart is full of regret that he, too, did not send in his article, and amid the closing hours of the century bear personal testimony to a Savior's love and the power of redeeming grace. He had an article prepared for the purpose. It was a Latin hymn in celebration of the Savior's nativity, with a translation of it. He forbore to send it, as it might seem pedantic—a matter of human vanity. Yet it would have made a fine Christmas study for the devout Christian as well as the minister of classical taste.

To add to the writer's enjoyment of the festivities of Christmas, there were various amenities on the part of friends in the way of little gifts as tokens of esteem. To borrow a word or term from the itinerant vocabulary, they commenced "pounding" him and his family before Christmas with butter, milk, spare-ribs, sausage-meat, backbones, ham, and (entering to the taste of the writer) that part of the porker that gourmands esteem a great delicacy. This is not all. There was placed for him, on the Christmas tree of the town a large, round, golden pumpkin, with its promise of luscious pies. (Then his purse was delicately replenished by a former pupil, and his wife likewise was remembered by her lady friends.) It is no despicable thing, after all, to be a local preacher, but honored and honorable to him "who ministereth with the ability that God giveth."

Thus Christmas day, in its spiritual blessings and social enjoyment, was a day to be marked by the writer with a white stone. In view of these benefactions and tokens of esteem from friends amid the declining years of life, his heart should flower afresh in hope and love. J. M. GREENE.

AS PASTOR.

I do not know of anything I have read lately that has impressed me more than "A Dream or Vision—Which?" that appeared in a recent copy of Texas Christian Advocate. The writer, in his little sketch, went to the root of the matter and dug up that which, in my estimation, is the cause of a great deal of existing indifference in the consideration—church-going. Now, whenever there is a total or even a partial failure to attain desired success in any attempt, there is reason for the effect which ensues. It lies within the power of the worker to improve upon the method he employed, usually. If he possesses no enthusiasm, he can not awaken it in others. If he is not fitted for the undertaking, he need not begin it; but if, being well prepared and an enthusiast, his efforts fall short of the point he desires, then his plan of procedure calls for self-attack. He is a wise man who recognizes his own deficiency and does not lay the blame engendered at some other man's door.

"Mr. Armstrong's" predecessor, who knew but few of his flock save as attendants at church, was more to be censured than the neglected members of that flock who ceased their going to hear him preach. A minister can hold his congregation better if he allows it to know him as man, in his pastoral work. Something more than brilliant or pathetic sermons is wanted. Live interest and sympathy outside of the pulpit come near expressing the want implied. Suppose a minister endeavors to draw larger numbers out to services, what method shall he employ? Shall he pour forth denunciations upon the absent? What does that avail? Granted, even, said absent members are informed of the "blessing out" given them, is the result he aims at obtained? One hearty "I shall look for you at church next Sunday," in our home, will succeed where a dozen careless "Come again and bring your neighbors to preaching with you" will fail. I realize fully that every minis-

ter has a busy life outside of his pastoral work, yet this is equal in importance to ministerial, for by it the members of his fold and outsiders are won into a proper condition to receive and profit by the latter. He should receive the heartiest sympathy and cooperation of his fold. It rests with him whether he secure such or not. He will win it quicker by being a sociable pastor than by being an eloquent minister. Nothing draws us to our fellow-man so quickly as a show of interest in our welfare by him. The ego of us causes us to crave recognition as individuals—as something more than mere fractions of a whole. The minister should take advantage of this—weakness, shall I call it?—and utilize it so that it may be for good.

We all want to see more of our ministers. We want to know them—know even their faults, which, if possessed, "lean to virtue's side."

Am I correct in my views? May we not hear from some one else? The subject merits thoughtful attention. ANNIE ALVIS.

BRO. DUNN'S ANSWER.

Will you allow me a little space in the Advocate to answer inquiries recently made of me by different brethren as to why I had not replied to Bro. J. W. Hall's article in Advocate of August 15 on infant regeneration? So doing will call for a brief notice of some features of his argument. In the first place, personal affliction prevented me from giving the article any attention for nearly a month after its publication. When able to examine it carefully, I found he had virtually surrendered the whole field by conceding his inability to show the time when and the place where of infant regeneration. An important fact of history must have a basis in time and place to deserve the consideration of a place of record in the annals of the world. Suppose I go before the court and assert that Bro. Hall had killed a man in cold blood, but utterly fail to give the time and place, and also fail to refer the court to any one that can give the needed information. Would any Judge have Bro. Hall arrested upon such testimony? Not if he had the tincture of common sense in his head. Well, Bro. Hall says this question is too vital to be unsettled, but he fails to bring the evidence necessary to settle it. The tempest settles the waves by retiring from the sea. His logical syllogism was loaded all right, but he shot it at the wrong game. It was of infants in heaven of whom Christ said, "Of such is the kingdom of God." "For I say unto you, that in heaven their angels do always behold the face of my Father which is in heaven" (Matt. 18:10). So that argument is a failure. His illustration, in which he has me inquiring for conditions of citizenship, is an evasion of the grammatical construction of the sentence. "Ye must be born again." As he intimates, I must be dull not to know that the imperative form of the verb can be used sometimes in the indicative past tense. And perhaps my dullness keeps me from seeing the difference between "must be born" and "must be born again." But "must be born again" locates universal regeneration too late in time to save infants dying before natural birth. No logical pop-gun can overthrow the boundaries of time. J. M. DUNN.

Bolivar, Texas.

There are too many Christians too poor to give to the Lord who yet can always rake together enough to go to the circus.

WISE LANGLADY.

Understands How to Increase Her Business.

The landlady of a certain restaurant in Brockton, Mass., has increased her business so rapidly that she has had to enlarge her dining room to accommodate the continually increasing patronage. One of her guests gives the reason.

"Every morning she serves her regular guests with Grape-Nuts and hot milk or hot cream in cold weather, and cold cream in summer. I began eating this food and right away began to feel an improvement in my health. I had been terribly troubled with nervousness and dyspepsia and found it impossible to find a food that would agree with me, until I began boarding at this restaurant.

"The new food, in four months, increased my weight from 120 pounds to 145 and I never felt as well in my life as I do now. There is something remarkable in the sustaining power of this food. I have never been able to obtain such results from any other." G. R. Hersey, 50 L. Street, Brockton, Mass.

Notes Fro

J. T. Blodgett good people of E. line. Methodist. Day. Bro. W. F. Jacobs. Sisters A. Jacobs. such as Christmas. Adv. receiving notes. Christmas tree. all for these.

Chas. A. G. First quartet. Sunday school. weather. we had generation small. E. W. Anderson. mon. Steward. preacher in that not all of the. Starting off very.

Sam'l W. W. time to fill all. October. We will dinner. and, though we. pointing yet. been brought. cooking stove. been put in. the moving. I. the. playing. I. W. A. her the. Advocate.

W. A. Gillbar. ever. I received. present from. on. Bosqueville. know who sent. my thanks to. ing it. A. name. found their way. we have. in. Bosqueville. Ch. ever night. present. and a wedding. dist Church.

C. S. McCarv. fully. Christened. has come and. I was sold. Bro. among us. He. at Staff, pres. fact, he is a. Our people at. and and them. The elder gave. own things. at. everything else. this end will. Advocate, and so. for.

J. M. Adair. off our feet. from. last year. at. We arrived. preach the first. and were from. feet again. T. and already w. ing came in. and attire. in. Bosqueville. The first year. grammated to. hitherto. The. well attended.

W. K. Ruck. neither dead. tionally. in. places of local. residences. re. named by co. with healthy. her supporters. are being. but. Sunday-school. And this past. ing the press. one. And. in. sentence. is. from the corn. notes of the. for. pantry. at. within. May. the donors.

G. W. Hurr. off an over. We have been. ness. We hav. ing all at once. that have. out. team alone. at. I suppose. 85. gave my. dark. album. There. Christmas. in. case for my. a. fine watch. know what. though I sup. 85. and the. the richest. rest upon all. us a great re.

Geo. S. Cla. and at work. spent four ye. of that char. in the heart. ly. Four ye. er's life men. some surpr. rain must. in. great." At. True is seen. from which. spirit wings. Whenever pr. altar, the wa. remembered. be made of. the fourth of. vember, they. against then. s'ling elder's. Then, durin. conference. I. against the. to buy this.

ceived such great encouragement from the people, yet our main foundation for expecting a good year is found in the fact that we feel more of the presence of God in our own hearts than for some time past.

VALLEY MILLS

A. F. Smith, Jan. 2: We have just made an entire round on our new charge. Had good congregations at each appointment but few days have passed since our arrival in Valley Mills that some act of kindness has not been shown us.

DODD AND WINDOM

L. I. Naugle, Jan. 1: We have already learned to love this good people. Brother and sister have a very warm place in their affections. Windom gave us a big poultice on Christmas eve—200 pounds.

SHE SPRINGS CIRCUIT

M. S. Leveridge, Jan. 1: After conference we spent a few days visiting loved ones, and then returned for our second year on She Springs Circuit. We were very kindly received and given a splendid poultice of many good things and \$1.50 in cash.

BLUE RIDGE

J. W. Blackburn, Jan. 1: We have entered upon our third year's work on the Blue Ridge charge. Even panned! No, not in the ordinary acceptance of the term, but have received many tokens of appreciation, among which was a nice dress presented to wife by the kind ladies of Pleasant Grove.

BURNS

R. P. Buck, Jan. 2: We left Hardy December 4 for Burns, to begin our first work as an itinerant preacher. We arrived at the parsonage, near Mountain Springs, the 5th. The good people have been very kind to us.

SAN SABA

W. J. Wilson: Our new preacher, Rev. M. A. Black, has come to us and has settled down in good earnest to his work as pastor. However, he is not new to us, having been our presiding elder for years.

Catarrh A CONSTITUTIONAL DISEASE,

AND MUST BE TREATED THROUGH THE BLOOD. LOCAL APPLICATIONS USELESS AND EXPENSIVE.



USELESS AND EXPENSIVE.

There is an inner skin or lining that protects the more vital parts of the body, and though of similar structure to the outer skin, is much more delicate and sensitive. It is kept moist and elastic by a fluid called mucus, hence the name mucous membrane.

HAWKING AND SPITTING.

The irritation extends to the throat. Bronchitis and even Consumption of the Lungs begins. When the delicate machinery of the ear is attacked and the soft bones destroyed, partial and frequently total deafness follows.

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I at first thought I had only a bad cold. But when it began to inconvenience me I was given the usual local application, of sprays, washes, etc. This treatment relieved me for a short time, but the disease was growing worse steadily.

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I had Catarrh, which became so deep-seated that I was entirely deaf in one ear, and all the inside of my nose, including part of the bone, sloughed off. When the disease had gone this far the physician gave me up as incurable.

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The songs of Zion were then a specialty, and singing was really an inspiration. Oh, for a return to such strains as "O heaven, sweet heaven, I long for thee, O when shall I get there?"

NEW YEAR'S MEDITATIONS. W. W. Graham, Malakoff, Jan. 1: Thirty-eight years ago to-day this writer was on the battlefield, listening to the "rifle rattle and the cannon roar," as Breckenridge's Division made a desperate charge and got badly cut to pieces.

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A SAD CASE.

Hurry, Doctor Tommy,
Dolly's dreadful sick,
Be too late to help her,
Lies you go there quick,
It was just this morning,
That she took her bed,
But she's never healthy
Since she broke her head.

First she bumped her nose off,
That was no great harm,
Then she sprained her ankle,
Then she broke her arm,
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Almost made me cry,
Then she had some stuffing,
Then she lost her eye.

Yes, we often doctored
Fore we came to you;
First a dose of putty,
Then a dose of glue,
But I'm quite discouraged;
Many a time I've said
Nothing seems to help her
Since she broke her head!

—Youth's Companion.

HER ANSWER.

A bright young man of wealth and social position, but with bad habits, recently asked a young woman to be his wife. Many girls would have felt flattered, and have accepted him. Her answer was sharp and decided:

"You say I have qualities you wish in the woman who is to be your wife. I do not know as to that. But there are habits I do not have, and I can not accept a husband who has them. I do not smoke, nor swear, nor indulge in wine. I am not in debt. I do not spend my days in idleness, nor walking the streets with silly, unthinking girls, nor my nights with questionable associates. As you have most of these habits, I am not willing to become your wife. Nothing but misery could come of such a union."

THE POTTER.

Our lives may be marred in the living so that they shall never attain God's beautiful thought for them. There is a difference between a lump of clay and a human life. The marriage of the clay may be the potter's fault, or it may be the fault of an accident; at least, it can not be the fault of the clay itself. If a misshapen jar or bowl comes into your hands, you would not say: "What a careless piece of clay it was that made itself into this irregular form!" Rather you would say: "What a careless potter it was which so spoiled this vessel, when he had the soft clay in his hands!" But when a life is marred, and falls of the beauty and nobleness which it was destined to have, you can not blame God. You can not say: "I was clay on the wheel, and the great Potter gave the wrong touch, and spoiled the loveliness which ought to have been wrought in my life." You are not clay, but a human soul. You have a will, and God does not shape you as the potter molds his plastic clay. He works through your own will, and you can resist him, and can defeat his purpose for your life, and spoil the noble design into which he would fashion you. The blotches in this fair world are all the sad work of human hands, never of God's hands.—Dr. J. R. Miller.

THE FRIEND WE NEED.

If our way led through a wilderness, we would need a guide. If we had to pass along the brow of a precipice, we would seek the support of a strong hand. Before attempting to climb the Matterhorn, we would engage some mountaineer as an escort.

Well, we are in a world of difficulty. Before every earnest soul lies some definite, desiderated goal. Obstacles multiply as we advance toward it. Many things confuse and hinder. We all need a guide. And none need be without one. Jesus offers himself. He has the power to render us completest aid. "All power is given unto (him) in heaven and in earth." Homeless and hungry, misunderstood and opposed, as he once was, he is "touched with the feeling of our infirmities."

We are in a world of perplexity. Business life is full of it. Men are agitated by the ups and downs of the markets. They are harassed by failures, irritated by the neglect of employees; or, if employees, they are often dispirited and vexed by the exactions and inconsiderateness of employers. Domestic life is burdened by constant cares—the details of household management, anxiety for children, the thousand frets and worries which wear upon the spirit

and disturb its quiet. We need Jesus. He came from the Father—was "the brightness of the Father's glory, and the express image of his person." No voice like his to comfort the perplexed. New life is imparted by his assurance. "Not a sparrow shall fall on the ground without your Father; the very hairs of your head are all numbered."

We are in a world where death casts its shadow upon all things. Our hopes and prospects are often blighted by it. They wither, contract and perish before our eyes. Friend after friend is hurried from our side. The man of fifty continues his life among strangers. Most of the friends and companions of his youth are gone. Customs have changed, and others repugnant to a staid conservatism have come into vogue. In a world of death, what stay and comfort have we but the Lord of life? He alone can cause our hopes to bloom again, or give us in exchange for them the sweeter solace of the submissive will. When he stands by it, the grave becomes but the dark vestibule which leads to the temple of life and light eternal. We need Jesus.—The Examiner.

HELPFUL SUGGESTIONS.

Ask God to so adjust the relation between himself and your soul that you shall be perfectly sure and clear of your position with him.

The following may be helpful in accomplishing this:

Definitely covenant to be all the Lord's, and count the question settled, though the enemy may make it seem otherwise—for God is true.

Definitely covenant with God to obey him in everything where his will shall be made known.

Take an attitude of contentment with the way God has made you, and with the way he may choose to lead you and deal with you.

Remember your "strength is to still," and in all doubtful questions or emergencies wait quietly until reason is silenced and the mind is emptied of human thought; then ask God to put his thought into your mind, and write his law upon your heart.

Consider the soul as a garden, and the Lord as the Gardener ("a garden barred," Cant. 4, 12, marg.), and abandon yourself absolutely to his care, remembering that of yourself alone you are utterly helpless. His is the seed, the planting, the life, the fruit; yours the yielding to let him plant within you.

Ask God for that faith that faitheth not in believing that he takes possession of you, and that he will nevertheless "work in you to will and to do of his good pleasure," unless you consciously frustrate his grace. Let this be the continuous attitude of the soul, and repeat often: "I am the Lord's; he is working in me now that which is for my highest good."

Never go by supernatural impressions alone—the devil is supernatural—try the spirit that leads you, whether it be of God, by the concurrent testimony of God's revealed will in the Scriptures.—Bethany Leaflet.

THREE IN A ROW.


"She looks awful white to-day—an' thin," said Hiram, dejectedly, at the same time dexterously tying a knot in a broken suspender. "I do, know what we're going to do with her. She'll die, maybe," and the boy stopped with a sudden gulp.

Nettle's blue eyes grew large and pathetic under her pink sun-bonnet. "She hungry, I guess," she remarked, sagely. "Sick folks can't eat bacon nor beans. She told me one day"—here her voice dropped to a whisper and she glanced half guiltily toward the door of the little cabin—"that she wanted a piece of beef-steak, dreadful. Said she dreamt about it. But she wouldn't ask pa to get her any. 'T would only make 'im feel bad 'cause he couldn't, she said. He can't hardly get us enough to eat, anyway, and beef-steak costs a lot. But seems as if mother'd ought to have it."

Little Tony said nothing, only wriggled his droll little body about on the flat stone seat, and dug his toes into the gray dust. He was only six, and small of his age.

The three children were sitting near a small hut or cabin which clung to the side of one of the great mountains looking down upon the mining town of Silver Plume. Half a mile from town on one side was the mine, where their father toiled from morning till night, and grew discouraged and hard in the struggle of life. In the other direction lay the town and the Church and Sunday-school which had been the happiest factor, thus far, in the lives of these forlorn little ones. Above and around them were the rocky, towering mountains, among which they had been brought up, and which they loved,

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though perhaps without knowing it. Beyond these boundaries their knowledge of life was very small, hardly extending even into the wonderful Clear Creek Canyon which lay below them.

"Hiram" called a tremulous voice from somewhere within the cabin. "Children!"

The three rose simultaneously and looked at each other.

"She wants us," said the older brother, briefly. "Come on."

"Once more—sing that once more," she called, faintly, and they sang again:

"There'll be no dark valley
When Jesus comes,"

while the tears rolled down over the white face to the thick hair on the pillow.

"Well, good-by, mother," said Hiram, cheerfully, putting his head in at the bedroom door again. It's "most train time. We'll try to get—some pennies, and we won't stay long. Don't you be lonesome till we get back. Perhaps," hesitatingly, "you can go to sleep."

Outside the trio halted, holding their wooden cigar-boxes filled with minerals "specimens," they called them—doubtfully in their hands.

"Taint a bit of use," said Hiram, mournfully; "there's too many sellin' and folks have got enough of 'em anyway. But just to satisfy mother—"

"Say, Hi," broke in Nettle, speaking slowly, as if in surprise at her own thought, "you don't suppose we could—sing for the train folks? She likes to hear us."

The boy turned sharply about and stared at his sister with a kind of startled admiration.

"You're the greatest!" he exclaimed. "How'd you think of it? They have to sit in that car and wait two hours, some of 'em. Can't get out and walk, it makes 'em puff so. We'll try it this very morning just as we do for mother, you know. We'd better stand in a row—musically—'Net in the middle, and we'll sing about three songs. Tony, will you sing up good and loud to the car folks? Maybe they'll give you a penny."

Tony looked contrary for a minute, then nodded obligingly, to the great relief of the inexperienced concert manager, and the three started briskly down toward the railway station.

Up through Clear Creek Canyon puffed the "Gulf" train, with two observation cars full of passengers. There was a mixed company composed mostly of sight-seers for the day, who would return with the train after a two-hour halt in Silver Plume. There was a gentleman from Boston and two lively girls from Texas, and a number of young couples, evidently belonging in Colorado, who were out for a little excursion. But different from the others, and most noticeable of them all, were two, a gentleman and a lady, who sat near each other and looked alike—he pale and sick, and she pale and sad. They were brother and sister—Mr. and Miss Lawrence, from somewhere in the East. He was looking for health in the mountains, and she, in spite of deadly homesickness, would not leave him alone among strangers.

The train ran up to the mine, passed the switch, and then moved back again to the station. Here the engine and some of the passengers abandoned the cars, leaving those who objected to the high altitude to wait in patience.

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Rev. G. W. Randolph and Dr. L. D. McCullough, those eminent specialists of the voice, who had those famous stuttering schools at Memphis and St. Louis, where thousands of stutters have been cured, are now at St. George Hotel, Dallas, Texas, curing many stutters. Rev. Randolph is highly recommended by ministers, Governors, and the best newspapers all over the South. We hope that every stutterer in Texas will go to see these eminent specialists at once, and get cured. Please hand this to a stutterer. Remember the Golden Rule.



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EDITORIAL BIRD-SHOT.

Do your work without grumbling.

Profuse apologies only emphasize your deficiency.

Self-depreciation is rarely ever a sincere estimate of self.

Do not dwell upon your short comings, for they are already self-evident to other people.

If you happen not to be good looking, make your life so useful that those who know you will think you beautiful.

Only an illbred person with a very unkind heart will call special attention to the natural deformities of those who are unfortunate.

The man whose ambition leads him to want to control his pastor in the work of the Church is an unsafe nuisance in any congregation.

When a person is always talking about what he does for the Lord and the amount he lays by for religious purposes you can put it down that he has more pride and egotism than religion.

With the beginning of the new year the Advocate goes to press on Wednesday morning, so that the subscribers all over the State will receive it not later than Saturday. Heretofore we have been going to press Wednesday night, and this fact explains our late arrival at your postoffice. Now, since we have made this change, it will be impossible to get matter into the paper coming to the office later than Tuesday morning. Hence we want all of our correspondents to observe this suggestion and govern themselves accordingly.

Selfishness is the tap-root of many of the worst traits that make character unlovable. In Christ there was no selfishness, and in him we find the most amiable disposition in the history of mankind. A man who is self-centered is often unconscious of the rights and pleasures of other people. He is disagreeable without knowing it, and he seeks his own welfare without considering the claims of friendship or the obligations of social life. He makes his own interests the beginning and the end of his thought and enterprise.

Politeness is a virtue, the practice of which costs but little outlay, but the bestowment of which is an unmixed blessing to those who receive it. It is the genuine mark of a true gentleman or a true lady. Wherever you find it there is kindness of heart back of it. "It doth not behave itself unseemly," but delights to make itself agreeable under all circumstances. Even the stern demands of a business transaction do not lower the warmth of its temperature. There is always some-

thing very agreeable about the person who possesses it and observes it in all the relations of life.

A SUNDAY IN DALLAS.

After the tour of the conferences we concluded to rest from all labor for three Sundays; but on the night of the first we preached for Rev. J. Frank Smith, of the Cumberland Presbyterian Church. The next Sunday night we occupied the pulpit of the Second Presbyterian Church for Rev. Warner B. Riggs. The next one we put in for Rev. J. L. Pierce, of the First Methodist Church. But, after all, preaching is about the most wholesome rest that a Methodist preacher can take. Last Sunday we were with the congregation of Rev. Gibbs Mood at South Ervay Street. This is a handsome little church building near the City Park, with one of the most devoted memberships in the city. One year ago they still owed a considerable remnant of an old church debt, but that has been paid off and a nice little parsonage built. Bro. Mood has done fine work out there, and he and his people are contemplating still further enterprise. It was a great pleasure to preach to his people. They are genuinely religious people and they go at their worship in good old Methodist style. The singing was good and the attention fine. We regret that the pastor was detained at home with an attack of la grippe, but we hope he will be out soon. Uncle Dick Thompson, who has been on the sick list for two or three weeks, was out at the service, and he preached in the evening. At night we attended the First Methodist Church and heard a gospel sermon by the pastor on the New Birth. At the close one penitent came round and knelt at the altar for prayer and instruction. The pastor devotes the night services to evangelical work, and nearly every service is marked by special movement upon the part of the unconverted. We heard one of the members say, "Our preacher is a regular evangelist." So he is, and so ought every Methodist preacher to be an evangelist, if we mean by that the saving of the unconverted from their sins. The gospel has not lost any of its power and we rejoice to see penitents at the mourners' bench in old First Church. And the leading members take part in the altar services, too. We have seen a great many congregations in our experience, but none to surpass the people of this Church. Rev. I. W. Clark said the other day: "I am pleased with First Church. They are the warmest and most cordial people I almost ever met." And so they are. They are true to Methodism, barring a little worldliness in a small circle, and this circle is smaller than in most other large congregations.

Dr. Seth Ward sends in an encouraging report from Central Church, Galveston. He has entered hopefully upon the duties of his new charge. As stated by him, substantial help will have to be rendered by Methodism to again put our Church into thorough and effective work. We feel sure our people will not be found wanting in this emergency. Let those who have subscribed send forward the amounts at once to Bro. Ward. Additional contributions may be sent either to the Advocate or to Bro. Ward direct.

Elsewhere in this issue will be found a notice from Mr. D. J. Price, of the I. & G. N. Railway, agent that road and the clergy half-fare permits. While these permits show that they are not good for half-fare rates to ministers residing locally in Texas for the year 1900, such is not the case. Mr. Price wants it thoroughly understood that all ministers holding these permits anywhere in Texas will receive the clergyman's rate over this entire line of road by presenting the permit to ticket agents at all the stations. Therefore, let it be known once and for all that the International extends all of the courtesies over its line to ministers in common with the other liberal and wide-awake railroads in Texas. Your general permits are good over the International anywhere in Texas.

TEXAS PERSONALS.

The Quarterly, issued by the San Antonio Female College, now the McKennon Seminary, is before us, and it is as neat and cheery as the young people who edit it.

The District Stewards of the Dallas District met at First Church recently and made liberal provision for the support of their presiding elder. A number of the brethren called to see us. They are all delighted with Rev. I. W. Clark. He has made a most favorable impression on all of our people hereabouts.

In a note from Bro. L. W. Byars, of Blanco, Texas, we learn that he was converted in a meeting held by Rev. Robt. Bonner, in Mississippi, in 1841. He has been taking the Advocate since 1855, and has paid for it regularly, and according to his figures he has sent in for his subscription the sum of \$76, and he is now just seventy-six years old. His record is a good one, and the Advocate passes his character with a loving emphasis.

We are pleased to have had a pleasant call from Mrs. S. J. Smith, who lives near this city. She reads and enjoys the Advocate.

Bro. Barnes, recently of Reinhardt, but now living near this city, made us a welcome visit this week. He is a prosperous farmer and a good Methodist.

Our handsome new church building was dedicated at Lampasas a few Sundays ago by Bro. Putnam, the presiding elder. We congratulate Rev. J. H. Braswell and his good people on their success.

Bro. Gus Thomasson, who for some time has been Dr. DuBoise's assistant in the Epworth Era office at Nashville, has tendered his resignation and returned to Van Alstyne and gone into business.

Rev. C. C. Thompson, formerly of the West Texas Conference, is now living in Asheville, N. C., and has charge of Bethel Church, in that city. From local papers there, we notice that he is doing good work and is popular with his people.

Married, by Rev. Gibbs Mood, Rev. I. S. Smith and Mrs. Susie Rush, in West Dallas, Thursday evening, the 24 inst. Bro. Smith and his bride will go at once to Denning, N. M., where he will take charge of the Church for the present year.

From a beautifully printed card sent us from Hillsboro by Mr. and Mrs. P. P. Works, we quote as follows: "Maurice Milton Works and Maida Wylfa Works." On the lower left-hand corner of the card is printed, "Born December 15, 1899." So the card tells its own beautiful story.

Prof. W. J. Moore has tendered his resignation as President of Granbury College on account of financial reasons, and Rev. E. P. Boone has been elected. President Moore and Prof. L. W. Jarman will be chairman of the faculty during the remainder of the year. The school will continue without a break in the progress of its work.

We are always glad to see in our office Mr. Alf. Wagner, the polite and accommodating agent of the Cotton Belt Railroad in this city. He called recently to show us a special favor, and we appreciate such a courtesy. We knew Alf. when he was a boy in Chattanooga, and there is no more deserving and promising railway official among the young men of the city thus employed.

Bishop William X. Nindé, of the Methodist Episcopal Church, who came to Texas in his official capacity a few weeks ago, was found dead in his bed at Terrell on the morning of the 24 inst. He retired in apparent good health the night before at the hotel, but expired some time during the darkness from heart disease. He was 69 years of age. He was elected to the Episcopacy in 1884, and he was one of the most saintly members of the College of Bishops in his Church.

From the News we clip the following Church item as a special from Waco: "The committee of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South, has purchased the Woodward property, corner of Twelfth Street and Austin Avenue, as the site of a new church building, which will be of modern architecture. A Board of Trustees has been appointed, and the board will shortly adopt plans and specifications. The suggestion for the new church building was made in the Fifth Street Methodist Church congregation. It was ratified in the Northwest Texas Conference, and Drs. Hotchkiss and Nelson set to work actively to carry out the project. The building will be costly and beautiful. It will be called the Austin Avenue Methodist Church."

From the Galveston News we clip the following personal: "The first services held in Shearn Methodist Church, Houston, since the completion of repairs, rendered necessary by the September storm, were held this morning (December 29). They were conducted by Rev. Hay, the pastor, and he delivered an able sermon. In view of the incoming of the new year, his theme, taken from the writings of St. Paul, was: 'Forgetting those things which are behind and looking forward to that which is in the future.' His subject, in addition to being pertinent, was ably handled and held the close attention of his congregation during the whole time. The church was crowded to the limits of its capacity. Judging from the comments of the members, they are much pleased with Mr. Hay, their new pastor. The church

has been very attractively repaired. A change in it is the absence of the spire, which was taken off by the storm."

METHODIST NEWS.

Dr. Hall Carter, son of Rev. J. W. Carter, of the Baltimore Conference, has been elected Professor of Chemistry in Randolph-Macon College. Dr. Carter is a Ph.D. of Johns Hopkins University.

Dr. C. B. Biddick, presiding elder of the San Francisco District, M. E. Church, South, has been elected superintendent of the Preston Industrial Reform School, at Lone, Cal. He has accepted, and will enter at once on his duties.

Bishop Warren A. Candler has been secured to preach the baccalaureate sermon at Emory and Henry commencement next June. Rev. Sam. P. Jones will deliver a pay lecture for the Woman's Library Association on the last night of said commencement.

Bishop Galloway has been engaged to deliver the address on the occasion of the anniversary of Washington's birthday in the Warren Memorial Presbyterian Church, Louisville, Ky. The address will be delivered under the auspices of the Y. M. C. A. of Kentucky, at which time the association holds its annual meeting.

Our Baptist papers are making much out of the accession of Rev. Jo. Jones, a brother of Sam, to their ranks. Jo. was long a local preacher in our Church, but since the death of irresponsible evangelism among us, all local preachers of his type find it convenient to look for pastorage elsewhere. Nobody in the Methodist Church has the least objection to Jo.'s action in the premises.

Bishop Turner, President of the College of Bishops of the African Methodist Church, recently tendered his resignation as chairman. The Bishops held their last annual meeting in Atlanta, Ga., and they objected to some of their assignments by Bishop Turner, and this was the cause of his resignation. He concluded to let them make their own appointments for the ensuing year. He did not resign from the Episcopacy, as the secular press indicated, but as chairman of the Episcopal College.

From the December number of the "New Century Education," a monthly issued by our Board of Education in behalf of our Church educational interests, we learn that the Twentieth Century Thanksgiving Fund had reached in November the aggregate of \$1,27,412.65. The increase in the month of November was \$91,286.01. This is encouraging, and leaves but little doubt that if the pastors who have not yet completed their collections for this fund use becoming diligence the entire amount assumed by our Church will soon be reached.

A so-called "Holiness Church" was recently organized in St. Louis, Mo., by a Bro. and Sister Hall and a few other disgruntled Methodists. They purchased a large stone building, organized their forces and called a Rev. Seth Ross to be their "Holiness pastor." It was not long until they fell out with all other "Holiness people," and finally with themselves, and the pastor pulled out, with a few followers, and "organized" another "Church." In a few days he left this tribe and went to Chicago, and the "Apostolical Church," whose charter members were too good to live in the Methodist Church, is non est. We get these facts from a paper published in Louisville, Ky.

CENTRAL CHURCH, GALVESTON.

Galveston, Jan. 7: Two days after the adjournment of the Texas Annual Conference I reached Galveston, the field of labor to which I am assigned by "the powers that be," and since that time I have been endeavoring to get "in the harness" for a full year's work. For the present we are worshipping in a temporary chapel situated on the lots on which our new church is to be built. Our services have been most encouraging. The Sunday-school and Epworth League are growing, and the attendance upon our preaching services is good. In fact, our congregations exceed our accommodations. At least fifty people were turned away from our services last night for lack of room. We will be compelled to enlarge our quarters. In the meantime, every effort must be put forth for our new church. For this we will have to depend very largely on help from the Church at large. Our Galveston people are loyal and willing, but after the great disaster that has befallen them, they are utterly unable to build out of their own resources. If those who have subscribed to our building fund will remit as soon as possible, they will put forward our enterprise just that much more. To all who have aided us we are deeply grateful. Conditions here are difficult, of course, but I am sure I never received a charge where there was greater need for Christian work, or one that promised better results. If we can only get into our new church in a reasonable time, we will have a new Methodism in Galveston—a Methodism that will be found at her post seeking to save the thousands that will come. I esteem it a great privilege to be a co-worker with these good people in the rebuilding of their churches and the re-establishment of their work. Our parsonage was put in excellent condition by the ladies of the congregation, and the pantry was supplied in a substantial way. For these and numerous other kindnesses we desire to express our sincerest thanks. Bro. R. C. George, our pastor in the West End, is making a fine impression upon his congregation, and I anticipate for him a year of faithful service and good results.

SETH WARD.

THE TWENTIETH CENTURY THANK-OFFERING IN THE TEXAS CONFERENCE.

The reports thus far received show that we have received in cash and subscriptions on the Twentieth Century Thank-Offering the sum of \$23,350, which is about

\$1890 more than for our conference. This is a much larger sum than we have ever before received. We well understand the value of our people. In fact, we express thanks to the ministry and form kindness a work during the subscriptions. We pay all money what purposes directed, and our Conference bespeak for Bro. Let us not undervalue our work to done. It is only need help. It is our Southwestern better equipped. Money is and library. We the poor of any, boy and girl in for an education is our work. It

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\$1800 more than one dollar per member for our conference. Under ordinary circumstances this sum would have been much larger. That we have succeeded so well under existing conditions speaks volumes for the interest and liberality of our people. In this connection I wish to express thanks to the brethren, both of the ministry and the laity, for their uniform kindness and co-operation in my work during the past year. All unpaid subscriptions have been placed in the hands of Bro. F. R. Sinex for collection. Pay all money to him, indicating for what purposes any amounts have been directed, and he will make due report to our Conference Board of Education. I bespeak for Bro. Sinex the same co-operation that has been accorded me. Let us not make the mistake of thinking our work for Christian education is done. It is only begun. All our schools need help. It is especially important that our Southwestern University shall have better equipment and adequate endowment. Money is needed for laboratory and library. We must make our school the peer of any. We must see that every boy and girl in Texas has a fair chance for an education. It is a great work. It is our work. It must be done.

SETH WARD.

"CHILDREN OF THE BIBLE."

The above is the title of a book written by Miss Fannie L. Armstrong, with an introduction by Miss Frances Willard. It is neatly bound in cloth, and contains more than two hundred and fifty pages. In the appendix is a convenient glossary, giving the meaning of Bible proper names, such as occur in the body of this volume. The book is just what the title indicates. "The Children of the Bible." It begins with Ishmael, and thence takes up the leading characters of the Old Testament and gives an accurate and fascinating history of their childhood on down to Daniel. After that it comes into the New Testament, and begins with the childhood of Christ. Then follows the story of the New Testament children as they appear in the Gospels and Epistles. The whole volume is written in pure English, and the facts in connection with the several child characters treated are woven into a most beautiful series of valuable articles. The children and young people will be greatly profited by this book, while its sale will greatly help the worthy authoress, who is dependent upon her own exertions for a livelihood. All of our people ought to buy the volume, for it is worthy of their close reading, both from a religious and literary point of view.

SAN ANTONIO NOTES.

The Methodist preachers in the city have organized a Pastor's Conference, with B. Harris, President, Dr. J. M. Moore, Vice-President, and B. C. Roach, Secretary. The conference meets each Tuesday at 2 p. m., at Travis Park. The life of Paul is studied at each meeting, with B. C. Roach leader. Connybear and Howson's Life and Epistles of Paul is used as a text-book.

Bro. Harris, presiding elder, has met all of his appointments, and thinks, in all his experience as presiding elder, he has not seen such universal satisfaction with appointments.

Dr. Moore has been well received at Travis Park for his third year. He is forging ahead, and will soon have some needed improvements on the church under way. The largest Sunday-school in the history of the congregation is now in attendance.

The other pastors of the city are new men, but seem to be moving forward and are getting their work well in hand.

Bro. Beall, at Sherman Street, has built and moved into a new parsonage since conference. Christmas was a high time with that congregation, and both pastor and people are to be commended for this forward move.

Bro. Harris has appointed Bro. Glass, a local preacher, pastor of the Rescue Home, and he is doing some good work there.

Bro. Higginson, of the Texas Conference, was a visitor at the conference.

San Antonio is now in the throes of la grippe. Many hundreds of cases are reported, but in spite of this the congregations at all the churches have been good.

San Antonio Female College has had a fine session for the spring term. Every girl has returned a record which is unprecedented in the history of the school.

Rev. Nathan Powell, of the Texas Conference, has been relieved of his appointment by Bishop Campbell, and appointed professor in the college. He and his family are now domiciled in the Harrison cottage, and he has already begun his work in the school. Those who have had opportunity of knowing Prof. Powell, speak in high terms of his ability to fill the position. B. C. ROACH.

Prof. Alexander Hogg, for many years Superintendent of Public Schools at Fort Worth, Texas, and now associated with Mr. E. P. Turner—"No trouble to answer questions." General Passenger and Ticket Agent of the Texas and Pacific, as editor of the Texas and Pacific Quarterly, has sent us copies of his little volume relative to the railroad as an educational institution. The Professor has always been active in promoting the development and evolution of the railroad. His original address, styled, "The Railroad as an Element in Education," was prepared for and delivered before the International Congress of Educators, at the World's Exposition in New Orleans in 1885. Since then he has added to this address, as the occasion seemed to demand, until it is a book of 112 pages.

In addition to the unfolding of the growth of the railroad, he has, in a very entertaining manner, grouped the charities of the great railroad owners and managers. He has included several distinct discussions, mathematical, social

and psychological, and shows, by mathematical formulae, that a train running due east will make better time than the one west, upon the same parallel of latitude. By a psychological argument he demonstrates why the switchman "threw the wrong lever." This is a very clear and conclusive discussion, of which Dr. James, of Harvard University, says: "I find this an excellently written and clear statement of the scheme of brain action, now considered correct by physiologists, and a felicitous application of it to the poor switchman's mistake." The Professor promises for the beginning of the new century a new edition of his work—the tenth. This issue is in response to a demand for its use in the higher grades of the city public schools, as a supplementary reader. Several Presidents and general managers of the leading railroads have shown their appreciation and forwarded the distribution of the book among their officials and the educators along their lines. Prof. Hogg believes—and I am inclined to agree with him—that a wider circulation of the data—the facts—contained in the little volume would do much to bring about a better feeling between labor and capital—work and wealth—for, as he says: "These are inseparable allies."—Railway Age.

We take great pleasure in reproducing the above from the Railway Age. It is a worthy tribute to a worthy man—an educator who has impressed our broad State with broad views upon the subject of education. Upon whatever Prof. Hogg writes, he is forceful, clear, convincing and instructive. The little book spoken of so favorably by the Railway Age is one of far-reaching teachings, and should be used, as now pointed out by the Age and educational leaders, in all our schools, private as well as public.

TO THE PASTORS OF THE NORTH TEXAS CONFERENCE.

At the recommendation of our Sunday-school Board, the conference requested that every pastor hold at least one Sunday-school rally in his charge during the year, if practicable. For this rally the board agreed to furnish a program, which may be regarded as merely suggestive if the pastor desire some other. The Executive Committee unanimously recommends the following program. I will be glad to give any instruction that any one may desire concerning the intent of any topic suggested in this program.

J. A. WYATT, President Sunday-school Board, Sumner, Texas.

PROGRAM FOR SUNDAY-SCHOOL RALLY DAY.

- 1. The Sunday-school as a factor in the Church, and the necessity for one at every available point.
2. The Relation of the Quarterly Conference to the Sunday-school and the duty of its members to the school.
3. The duty of parents and members of the Church in general to the Sunday-school.
4. What may be expected of a live superintendent?
5. What qualities are necessary to a successful teacher?
6. What is the scope of the Home Department?
7. A discussion of Children's Day and the far-reaching power of its collection.
8. The Sunday-school as an auxiliary to the Parent Board of Missions.

A FAMILIAR FALSEHOOD.

When a customer seeks to purchase some well-known, widely advertised, standard article, and the dealer tries to sell him something else claiming the offered substitute to be "just as good," that dealer is guilty of flagrant falsehood.

If the substitute were just as good it would sell on its own merits and would be called for by customers instead of having to be unloaded upon them by means of falsehood and deceit.

The very fact of the comparison "just as good" proves the claim to be untrue. We measure up, not down. We measure the less by the greater, not the greater by the less. When, therefore, some unknown or little known article is ranged up for measurement by a well-known standard article, the very fact of such measurement and comparison, stamps the substitute as a lesser thing than the standard article with which it is compared.

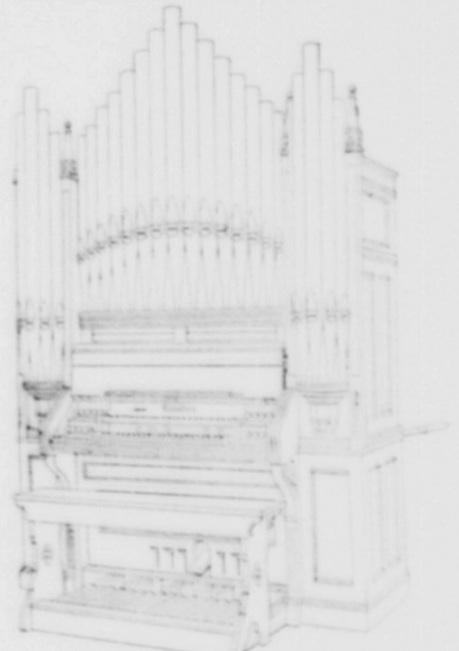
But this is only half the truth. By this we prove the claim "just as good" to be a falsehood, but the extent of that falsehood it is impossible to estimate. "Just as good" means, in general, adulteration in place of purity, an uncertain quality instead of a certain quality, cheap material instead of good material. And beyond all this the adulterants may be not simply make weights and cheats, but in some cases may be dangerous poisons.

When the dealer says "just as good," ask yourself "just as good" for whom? You will find in the answer to that question the motive of substitution, which is the extra profit paid the dealer by the sale of the substitutes and imitations of standard wares. Practically the dealer says, when practicing the gentle art of substitution, "This is 'just as good' for you, because it is a great deal more profitable for me, and anything is good enough for you which increases my profits."

A TRIP TO THE INDIAN TERRITORY.

I have been, for twenty-five years, traveling up and down Red River, in the northern part of the North Texas Conference, as an itinerant preacher, and thinking each year that it would be my pleasure to cross over into the Indian Territory and take a survey of that much-talked-of country. So, December 21, wife and I boarded the 4 o'clock Katy train for Fort Worth, where we got breakfast, and took the Rock Island for Chickasha, in the Chickasaw Nation, arriving at Chick-

asha at 2:30 p. m., where we found our daughter, Mrs. Emerson, in waiting to convey us to her home on West Hill, Chickasaw Nation, arriving at Chickasaw and claims a population of 4000. I was surprised to see so many inhabitants and so much business and material wealth in a town only eight or nine years old. We drove out to Anadarko, which lies twenty miles up the Washita Valley, where the Methvin Institute, one of our mission schools, is situated. Bro. Methvin, wife and daughter gave us a cheerful greeting and kind reception, which we appreciate very much. Bro. Methvin is doing a grand work for our Church and the "poor Indian." We think this outpost ought to be nourished more closely by our Church. It had its beginning twenty years ago, when dear Bro. Methvin, with a heart full of love to God and man, stopped here with his family, in a barren waste, roamed over by savages, robbed in blankets. He soon drew about him some of the more intelligent ones and began to instruct them, and now the children of the boys and girls first taught by him make up the body of the student corps. Everything is conveniently and systematically arranged, so that all moves like clock-work. The Indians have the utmost confidence in Bro. Methvin (and he is worthy of it), and whatever he suggests they think is right and best. This is well. R. N. BROWN, Aubrey, Texas.



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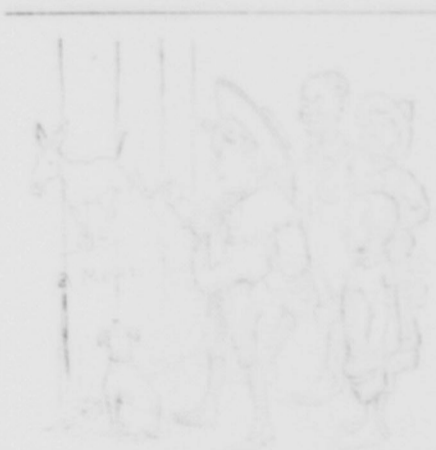
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Sunday-School Department.

FIRST QUARTER, LESSON 3, JANUARY 20.

GREEKS SEEKING JESUS.
Jno. 12:20-33.Golden Text: "We would see Jesus."
—Jno. 12:21.

The lesson of the withered fig tree, and that of the widow's two mites, which come between this lesson and the preceding one, of which Mark makes special mention, we pass over and come at once to the subject of this date. The only true way to the kingdom of glory is by the cross. Hence Christ says: "The hour is come that the Son of man should be glorified." This climax was reached in his crucifixion. We may not be called upon to undergo literal suffering of this kind, but if we attain unto any high excellence in Christian virtue it will be a result of a crucifixion to the world. Luxury, pride and self-indulgence bring forth no fruit of this character. It takes death to make life. We sow the grain, it dies, but its death yields an abundant harvest. Christ's death is the success of his gospel. Without this, his religion would never have been known. But he died, the just for the unjust, and his gospel is a glorious triumph. So it is with all great virtues. A false love of life is fatal, but the proper love of life shows itself in its gift for others. To serve Christ is to follow him in his example, and this requires self-immolation. He was lifted up on the cross, and by his suffering he draws all men unto himself. Humiliation is the road to exaltation. To the Greeks who came to Christ, this was a strange sort of doctrine. It reversed all of the teachings of their schools. They were a pleasure-seeking and voluptuous race of people. Self-denial and the mortification of the flesh were in none of their creeds. But Christ did not mince matters with them any more than he did to Nicodemus. He went to the root of the matter and laid bare the great doctrine of the cross. The gist of the whole matter is summed up by an exchange as follows:

These Greeks had heard of Jesus, doubtless, as a noted teacher, and they came to him, as Nicodemus came long before, seeking light. And as in the case of Nicodemus, Jesus answered by announcing a great principle of the spiritual life, a law of the kingdom of God. But we see here, as in the case of Nicodemus, a fine adaptation of the truth to those to whom he spoke. Nicodemus was a religious formalist who was accustomed to think of salvation as a matter of ceremonial observance; to him Jesus announced the law of regeneration, the truth that the kingdom of heaven is not a matter of externalities, but of inward life. These Greeks represented a race of pleasure lovers, to whom the sensuous life with its gross or refined self-indulgences meant everything. To them Jesus announced the principle of the cross. The higher life can only be attained unto at the expense of the death of the lower life. A grain of wheat must die before it can bring forth fruit; a man must hate his lower, sensuous life before he can enter into life eternal. The words which Jesus employed, as given in verse 25, indicate this contrast between the two kinds of life. The word translated "life" in the expressions "loveth his life" and "hateth his life," is one that refers to the merely individual life, while in the phrase, "unto life eternal," it is a word that stands for life in the abstract, life in its highest sense. It means, therefore, that a man must die in his merely personal, selfish life, in order that he may live unto God. That is the doctrine of the cross; and that was a doctrine most difficult for the Greek character to receive; for years later, after he had preached this doctrine through all the Greek cities in Asia Minor, and in Athens and Corinth, Paul declared that it was "unto the Greeks foolishness" (I Cor. 1:23). As to the Jews it had proven a stumbling-block.

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Epworth League Department.

Subject for January 20: "Abiding Influence."—Heb. 11:4; Matt 26:13.

The Canadian Era gives the following appropriate exposition of the lesson:

CONSCIOUS INFLUENCE.

In regard to conscious influence, every one must choose his own line of action. Every one has his own special gift, and every one has his own special opportunities. There are, however, to quote further from Dr. Lees, certain lines of direct or conscious influences that may be indicated and which lie open to all.

1. Keeping others in the right path.—We constantly meet with people who are evidently taking a wrong road; it is our duty to try and show them the right one and to persuade them to walk in it. We see men taking up with evil habits, evil companions, or evil opinions; we are bound to remonstrate with them, and endeavor in a proper spirit and in a timely way to warn them. This of course needs to be wisely done and after prayer to God to guide us rightly; but we ought to do it. "A word spoken in due season how good is it."

2. Bearing testimony against evil.—This is another way in which our conscious or direct influence may be shown; and it is open to all. We are under obligation to protest against wrong-doing in any form; and our protest, if distinct and well directed, will tend to good. To be silent in certain circumstances makes us the accomplice of sin; to speak out frees us from responsibility. To be the dumb auditor of a shameful story, or to listen to the relating of a deed of wickedness, and not to be honest and resolute in expressing our disgust and disapproval is to condone what no good man should countenance. The outspoken testimony against evil, at the right time and in the proper way, is incumbent on all true Christian people.

3. Taking part in Christian and benevolent work.—There are many ways in which we may do this. There is the Church, which has been defined as "a society for doing good in the world." In many ways it carries on work for the salvation and exaltation of men. There are our young people's societies, providing the best and most wisely devised means for personal piety, mental culture and Christian activity. There are temperance and benevolent institutions for the reclaiming of the fallen and helping the unfortunate. But outside of organizations there is much that may be done individually. The greatest works that have been done have been done by the ones, some one has said, America was discovered, not by a society, but by one man—Columbus. No Parliament saved English liberties, but one man—Pym. Our prisons were purified by one man—Howard—and the reproach of slavery was taken away by one man—Clarkson. God in all ages has blessed individual effort; let all consecrated young people be ready for it.

UNCONSCIOUS INFLUENCE.

There is an imperceptible personal atmosphere which surrounds every man, an invisible belt of magnetism, as it has been called, which he bears with him wherever he goes. It invests him, and others quickly detect its presence. This may be called unconscious influence. Here are some of the practical indications of it:

1. The influence of a look.—When Christ stood in the courtyard of the palace of the High Priest, where he saw his weak and erring disciple, Peter, and heard him denying his Lord, "He looked upon Peter." No more than that, and it reached right down into his heart. It touched him with great power and pathos, "And he went out and wept bitterly." It was the influence of a look.

2. The influence of a smile.—By the very expression of the countenance we can influence others, make their lives more pleasant or more painful. There are those who, by the sweetness of their demeanor, are in a household like fragrant flowers. Like the sweet perfume of spikenard—the sweet perfume of it "filled the whole house."

3. The influence of sympathy.—There are some natures that are gifted with the power of bringing consolation to man. It is not that they are great talkers, but the very pressure of their hand is grateful to a saddened heart. The simple and kindly action, of which we think nothing, may tell powerfully on others, and unclose fountains of feeling deep down in the heart.

4. The influence of example.—The

simple doing of what is right, though we say nothing about it; the upright life of a father or mother in a household; the stainless character of a workman among his comrades, or a boy in his school—all this is bound to tell for good on others.

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The Epworth League, we believe, is doing much to develop Christian manhood and womanhood in the world. In fact, we believe the Epworth League as a body stands a living epistle among the organizations whose chief aim is to forward Christ's cause in the world; but are we, as Leaguers, each doing all in his or her power to become individual living epistles? If not, then why not? Methinks I hear some one say, "I have no influence," and whether you are aware of it or not, this is a Satan-prompted answer. He quiets your energies with this belief while he gets in his work, and then your influence is for evil instead of good. Are you not of more importance than a pebble or a dew-drop? and have you not heard that

"A pebble in the streamlet scant
Has changed the course of many a river;
A dewdrop on the tender plant
May dwarf the giant oak forever?"

Not only has every man and woman, boy and girl, an influence, but every thought, look, word or deed wields an influence for good or evil. There is no neutral ground. Christ has said: "He who is not for me is against me." Then let us be living epistles, and with David devoutly pray, "Search me, O God, and know my heart; try me and know my thoughts, and see if there be any wicked way in me, and lead me in the way of life everlasting."
ELSIE MALONE McCOLLUM.

IT PAYS.

It pays to wear a smiling face,
And laugh our troubles down,
For all our little trials wait
Our laughter or our frown.
Beneath the magic of a smile
Our doubts will fade away
As melts the frost in early spring,
Beneath the sunny ray.

It pays to make a worthy cause,
By helping it, our own;
To give the current of our lives
A true and noble tone.
It pays to comfort heavy hearts
Oppressed with dull despair,
And leave in sorrow-darkened lives
A gleam of brightness there.
—Kind Words.

"Well, little girl, what is it?" "If on please, sir, Mr. Shimmer, will you not be able to come down this morning. He's just got back from a two weeks' rest in the country, and he's all tired out."—Cleveland Plain Dealer.

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ABIDE WITH ME.

Savior, I am growing weary, With the days so dark and dreary, I'm lonely, 'tis the eventide; Oh, Savior, come with me abide.

The sun is low down in the sky, And dark clouds all around me lie, Oh, come Thou o'er this stormy sea, My Savior, and abide with me.

Friends that loved me when life was gay, Like my joys, have all passed away, No one to love, Savior, but thee; Precious Savior, abide with me.

Then no lowering clouds will I fear When I know, dear Lord, thou art near, For no evil now me betides, While my Savior with me abides.

Then, when the storm of life is o'er, And sunbeams kiss the heavenly shore, I will come on that golden tide, My Savior, and with thee abide.

M. L. GORDON, Lorena, Texas.

A NOTE FROM REV. F. B. SINEX.

Having brought my wife to San Antonio for climatic benefits and medical treatment, I find it possible to do my office work here. My relation to Southwestern University is unchanged, and in connection with this I shall attend, as Conference Treasurer of Edmeston, to the Twentieth Century Movement in the Northwest Texas Conference, and shall also look after the collection of the same fund in the Texas Conference. Address all communications and make all remittances to me at San Antonio, Texas. F. B. SINEX, Financial Agent Southwestern University, San Antonio, Texas.

SAN ANTONIO RESCUE HOME.

West Texas Methodists: Your Rescue Home in San Antonio is in danger. If you are interested in it, now is the time for action. Only five months remain in which the debt is to be paid. The history of the debt is as follows: The Home came as a gift to the Church in 1885. It was found that the lumber company held a large account against the house. They sued. The suit was compromised March 29, 1887, on the giving of a note of \$3000, with interest at 8 per cent, payable semi-annually, and the note was secured by a vendor's lien on the house. Payments have been made as follows: July 25, 1888, \$200; November 19, 1888, \$375.65; November 18, 1889, \$750.90. Rev. Nath Thompson, the agent of last year, raised \$2500. The amount of the note on June 1, 1891, the time at which I am to pay the note, if at all, will be \$3983.50. The amount to be raised is \$753.40. The \$2500 has not been paid over, and will not be paid until the whole amount is secured by home side subscriptions. No more money will be paid unless all can be paid. So no one need be afraid that anything will be lost.

But, brethren, we must not lose that property. It has never been estimated at less than \$50,000 and usually at \$2,000. At 25 cents per capita we can save it. One month ago I wrote every pastor in the West Texas Conference to assure me he would raise a certain definite amount. Encouraging letters came from some, and \$175 has been assured. Quite a number wrote of distressing conditions in their charges. Some were willing for me to come and take a collection. Brethren, I can't come. My Church work will not let me leave home even during the week. I am trying to raise \$1000 for improvements on our church, besides my other duties. Of this amount already assured, \$50 of it must be credited to my own charge. Now, I believe we can pay this amount easily if every pastor will do his best, and do it now. The debt will never be paid unless every man does his part.

Let me, as your servant, ask a favor: Write me at once. Give me a definite subscription from yourself and your charge. Do something. Make it what I asked, if you can. Make it more, if you will. But if my request is too large, make it as large as you can possibly pay. Make it something, so I can know definitely what further plans to make. JOHN M. MOORE, Financial Agent.

P. S.—Subscriptions from any one in Texas will be gratefully received. J. M. M. January 1, 1901.

- IN WHITE AND BLACK.

The announcement was recently made that the Rev. W. W. Pinson would soon publish a book entitled "In White and Black." A few days ago the mail brought me a copy of this book, and I at once began its perusal. To say I was interested would not convey the whole truth. I was held to its pages with a power bordering on fascination. The title is a fitting one. Not only does the book deal with persons who are white and black, but the characters of the parties also are finely contrasted, showing the evil and the good. In Aunt Lylie, an illiterate negro, there is a fine delineation of the integrity and devotion that the religion of Christ can develop among the lowly—a diamond in the rough; while Miss Dora is a polished diamond well set. Mr. Kenyon is a worthy young man, moved by the noble ambition of being worthy of a place in the confidence and esteem of his fellow-men, while Mr. Melton is a fine type of a broad-gauge man, who is ready to recognize true merit wherever found.

As a very appropriate background to the pictures thus brought out, we have Grantley the banker, the conscienceless scoundrel, a cultivated villain, who, with a strong will and tireless energy, works toward the accomplishment of his purposes, though the road to his success be marked with beggary, blighted character and bleeding hearts. Another shade to the picture is found in Shockey and his pals, who are a combination of tramp and desperado.

But in all these delineations of the various phases of life, with its war of passions and purposes, in which the forces of good and evil are found struggling for the ascendancy, the hand of an overruling Providence is clearly seen, guiding the good in the darkest hour and bringing

crushing defeat upon the wicked amidst their best-laid schemes.

Not the least feature of attractiveness of the book lies in the fact that it pictures some of the brightest features of the old-time South-life. As the scenes of the Old South, with their love and tenderness, devotion and chivalry, recede in the distance, the halo of the setting sun gathers about them and clothes them in a sheen of glory; whose enchantment will thrill the hearts and stir noble aspirations among the sons and daughters of the New South for many generations. Read the book. It will do you good. J. H. CHAMBLISS, Morgan, Texas.

TAKEN HOME.

"The Lord gave and the Lord hath taken away," but how hard to say, "blessed be the name of the Lord!" The babe of mother's heart blossoms into joy of life and light of home; the dear little tiny tendrils of affection entwine themselves about the tenderest cords of parental love; and extra labors are forgotten in the halo of love's sweetest association! Morning labors and noonday's burdens pass away, as the dew-drop before the blazing sun. In the genial smile of baby's face and childish prattle, Not born "to blush unwept," but to leave life's deepest impress on our hearts and cords, stronger, to bind us to our "Glorious Home!"

How dark the night of affliction and how trying of parents to stand by, helplessly, and see the precious darling "tread the wine-press alone!" How heart-rending to watch the "grim monster" assail gently, but surely, he claims his victim, and how willingly would we, if in our power, suffer for her!

Alas, the battle is o'er, the brief race is run and earth's sweetest jewel has gone Home. Yes, God has taken to himself our baby, Trula Lee; our hearts are sad and our home is lonely! Would we have her back? Can those who have passed through the night of despair answer for us?

The ways of Providence are mysterious, are past finding out! We will be submissive, for her best star was not in vain, for by it Christ is dearer and heaven is nearer! Will it be lonely for baby? Her buggy is empty here; her playthings hang on the wall; no one for little brother to amuse! "There is one glory of the sun, and another glory of the moon, and another glory of the stars; for one star differeth from another star in glory." So there will be something to amuse baby—something to suit her little fancy, and not in loneliness, but in angelic glees, baby will await our arrival home. R. E. NUNN, Eagle Lake, Texas.

The world never produced a more heroic or useful class of men than the missionaries who have given up home and comforts and gone to heathen lands to make the blessings of the gospel known to others. Archdeacon Farrar sets forth forcibly the large debt of science to missions in these words: "Is it nothing that through their labor in the translation of the Bible the German philologist in his study may have before him the grammar and vocabulary of two hundred and fifty languages? Who created the science of anthropology? The missionaries. Who rendered possible the deeply important science of comparative religion? The missionaries. Who discovered the great chain of lakes in Central Africa, on which will turn its future destiny? The missionaries. Who have been the chief explorers of Oceania, America and Asia? The missionaries. Who discovered the famous Nestorian monument in Singar Fu? A missionary. Who discovered the still more famous Moabit stone? A missionary. Who discovered the Hittite inscriptions? A missionary."

CHANGE IN APPOINTMENT. The Bishop has changed me from Coffeyville to Harrison Circuit. My post-office will be Marshall, Texas, in the future. GEO. E. PARSONS

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ON THE THRESHOLD.

Each generation which has witnessed the end of a century may have felt as we feel—that its own period was the grandest in the history of the world. Successive ages, with the advantage of a long perspective, have sometimes modified the verdict, as time may alter our own estimate of the century just closed. In the light of the present, however, no period of the Christian era except the first seems worthy even to be compared with the last hundred years in the richness of its fruition and the extent of its influence on human life.

The material progress of the century has been simply earth-shaking. There is not room even to summarize it here. All the modern wonders of electricity, the railroad, the steamship, the daily paper as we know it, most of the machinery which lightens labor, the discovery of anaesthetics, with the miracles of surgery—these and a host of other things occur to every reader.

But it is in another direction that we must look for the real significance of the age. It lies in things moral and spiritual and intellectual, rather than in things material. It is in the feeling of pity for the suffering of animals, the growing opposition to war, the better care of the sick and the insane, the changed attitude of the State toward criminals, the growth of temperance sentiment and the more general feeling of fellowship and brotherhood between man and man. The nineteenth century might well be called the age of compassion. Therein lies its true glory.

This is the thing to keep in mind as we step forward into the new year: To remember the Howards and Johnsons and Peabodys, the Florence Nightingales and Father Barnums, whose work is the noblest legacy of the age, and to strive to carry into the new century, and to intensify, the spirit with which they blessed the old—YOUTH'S COMPANION.

To the Third Vice-Presidents of Auxiliary Societies, W. H. M. S., Northwest Texas Conference:

Dear Sisters—At a recent meeting of the Executive Committee of the W. H. M. S. of the Northwest Texas Conference, I was elected Conference Superintendent of Baby Roll. If you have not heretofore given this part of your work careful study, will you refer to the fourteenth annual report, where you will find a special statement concerning this special work? I am anxious to create a great interest in this work, and I beg you to help me. I can do nothing without your cooperation. Let us all work together. MRS. J. T. BLANDWORTH, Supt. Baby Roll, N. W. T. Conf., Haskell, Texas.

To the Members of the Woman's Foreign Missionary Society of the Texas Conference:

Dear Sisters—The date of this letter will remind you of a circumstance that never writers and speakers, than this one are not likely to let you forget. A year has introduced its successor and passed from the stage—a century has gone out of time into eternity. We review its events with astonishment—with strange and mingled feelings of dismay and delight. So many thoughts have been suggested about it that we don't know which to think about. It is too large for us. It is well to think of eternity, but as a rule we do better to consider it by sections.

The quarter ending December 1 has just been reported in full. The result shows painful decrease, owing only to disasters; but it also shows a willingness to do the best work possible under the conditions Providence has placed around us. As we expected, the Houston District has lost a few auxiliaries—many members; but others are nobly trying to replace the lost. The Brenham District has suffered less, and is recovering more easily and quickly. The Huntsville District shows a healthy growth, not large, but very hopeful. Austin District prospers, not according to our wishes, but enough to call for gratitude. Calvert District has been less subject to calamity than any other, but does not manifest a gratitude commensurate with its blessings.

Individuals have responded largely to appeals made through the Missionary Society for suffering by the storm. Some who are left alive were called upon to replace the lost. Our Corresponding Secretary, whose home was in Galveston. Such sorrows as we could allay for her have been temporarily relieved, and she waits, confidently trusting that her "God will supply all her needs, through riches of grace, and whether he uses his children or his ravens, she will "fear no evil."

In those matters which admit no earthly comfort, many prayers ascend daily for her, that the rich consolations of the spirit may abound toward her. The contributions made for her and others are gratefully remembered, but can not be recognized officially by the treasury of a Foreign Missionary Society.

The Treasurer's report for our Conference Society shows the exact amount larger than the sum reported by Corresponding Secretaries of auxiliaries.

May zeal, liberality and success characterize the year, and glory crown the century.

Yours for harder work and higher trust than ever before.

MRS. S. PHILPOTT, President Conference Society, Dew, Texas.

RESOLUTIONS W. H. M. S., ROCKDALE, TEXAS.

Whereas, It has been deemed both just and right to remove from our midst Bro. George H. Collins and his dear wife, and send them to another field of labor; and

Whereas, We recognize with grateful hearts the good they accomplished in our Church and community; be it, therefore,

Resolved, That we tender them this tribute of love and respect, and pray that Bro. Collins may be fully restored to health and pass a fruitful year in the

vineyard of our Lord. Be it further Resolved, That we send a copy of these resolutions, through our Secretary, to Bro. and Sister Collins in their new home, furnish a copy to the Rockdale Reporter and the Texas Christian Advocate, and place a fourth copy on the minutes of our society.

MRS. CHAS. HANSON, MRS. N. J. FULTON, MRS. W. A. WISE, Committee. MRS. H. LOCKWOOD, Secretary.

TREASURERS' REPORTS.

Report of Treasurer of W. F. M. Society, East Texas Conference, for quarter ending December, 1899: Marshall District \$ 30 25 Tyler District 16 70 San Augustine District 15 00 Beaumont District 17 70 Palestine District 9 35 Total receipts \$129 04 Total disbursements 91 90 Balance in treasury October 1, 1899 12 09 Balance in treasury to date, 1899 72 14

MRS. C. C. STODDARD, Treas., Palestine, Texas.

Quarterly report of Treasurer, Woman's Foreign Missionary Society, North Texas Conference, M. E. Church, South, December 19, 1899: Thank-offerings, \$31.90; dues, \$27.91; scholarships, M. A. Allen, \$15.50; Twentieth Century Fund, \$25.55; miscellaneous conference pledge, \$11.64. Total, \$63.52. The above amount was forwarded Mrs. H. N. McTyler, Treasurer W. F. M., December 18, 1899.

MRS. G. W. GRAY, Treas., Terrell, Texas.

Report of Treasurer of Woman's Home Mission Society, Northwest Texas Conference, for quarter ending December 15, 1899:

Dues \$315 21 Contingent 9 71 Ed. enrollment 19 50 Twentieth Century Fund 375 85 Baby roll 7 48 Mite-box collection 1 20 Cuban scholarship 18 25 Mission Home current expense 56 15 Mission Home building fund 8 00 Week of Prayer 108 40 Total receipts for quarter \$949 45 To General Treasurer, Nov. 2, 1899 \$121 00 To Miss Elsie Bennett, Dist. Sec. 5 00 To Mrs. W. H. Purcell, Dist. Sec. 5 00 To Corresponding Secretary 4 28 To Treasurer 21 10 To General Treasurer, Dec. 15, 1899 774 29

Total expended during quarter \$942 47 Cash on hand Sept. 15, 1899 \$ 2 02 Receipts during quarter 949 45 Grand total \$942 47 Disbursements 942 47

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Total in gen. treas. Dec. 15, 1899 \$451 66

Twentieth Century Thank-Offering— For Dallas Mission Home \$323 61 For Key West School 19 50 For Tampa School 1 50 For Chinese and Japanese School 25

Total \$379 61

Local Work—Disbursements— Expended on station parsonages \$ 619 50 Expended on district parsonages 79 15 Expended on circuit parsonages 73 35 Expended on local church furnishing 680 85 Expended on local supplies 162 70 Expended on local missions 36 25 Salary of city missionary 52 50 Expended on day nursery 1,028 45 Relief of needy 6 45

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which are his kinsmen; with the past and the future, of which he is an integral part. It is a protest against the idea, bred of many natural misconceptions, that a human being is something apart from his fellows; that he is born into the world and dies out of it into the loneliness of a superna- tural realm. It is this sense of iso- lation which, more than all else, is the curse of life and the sting of death." The price is \$1.32, postpaid.

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MARTIN, Rev. J. M. Martin died at his home in Fidelity County, Texas, December 25, 1899. Died in perfect peace. He went from us to Louisiana, and then to the Los Angeles Conference, then home to die. J. D. BURKE.

MILLER—At 3 o'clock on December 25, 1899, we quietly laid away in the Zion Cemetery little Henry Miller, only son of Harwood and Annie (Dyer) Miller. He was sick only a few days. Mother, father and friends watched carefully and worked faithfully, but heaven claimed its own. And may God's grace enable us to work to the eternal chain. At the grave a short talk was made, a prayer offered, and several sweet songs were sung. Most beautiful was the song, "And Jesus will be there," sung by the mother. It is a sweet address to our Christian mother at the grave of an innocent babe. Tender memories of that sweet babe, and our prayers ascend for condensation in this hour of trial. May the Lord heal the wounded hearts of parents, grandparents and sisters.

W. K. BUCKER, P. C.

PARTIN—G. W. Partin was born in Crawford County, Ga., October 1, 1847; removed to Alabama at the age of 20; was there married to Mrs. H. C. Sellers in the year 1867, professed religion, and with his wife joined the M. E. Church, South, in 1867, moved to Texas in 1868, and united with the church at that place, and remained a member of the church at that place until December 25, 1899, at which time he departed this life. For some years before his death he was unable to attend church regularly, but was ever devoted to his Master's cause, and died in the full triumph of faith. His precious wife preceded him to the grave, but they have not where parting shall be no more. He leaves two children and a host of grandchildren to mourn their loss. May God bless them, and may they all meet him in heaven. R. P. BURK, P. C., Mountain Springs, Texas.

ALEXANDER—Mrs. Virginia E. Alexander, wife of H. H. Alexander, of Boone County, Texas, died December 3, 1899, after a protracted and painful illness. She was born April 1, 1840, in Mississippi, and moved to Texas in early life. At the age of 20 years she professed religion in McLennan County, and joined the M. E. Church, South, of which she remained a consistent and loyal member. When called by a bed of affliction, her physical suffering, though most intense, was borne with resignation and Christian fortitude, and with confidence in the Saviour's promise, and leaning on his precious arm, she peacefully went to sleep and awoke in the better world. She deceased leaving six aged mother, husband, three children, brothers and sisters, all of whom are heartbroken, but they sorrow not as those that have no hope. They will miss her for a time, but the bright stars shining will be joyful when they remember their dear child forever in the home of the redeemed above.

HER PHYSICIAN.

SMITH—Mrs. Corbitt Smith was born in Lee County, Va., April 7, 1822, and died near Abilene, Coleman County, Texas, December 25, 1899. She was twice married. Death of her husband was good. She was the mother of nine children. Three of them have been laid to rest. Six of them are still living. Sister Smith was converted at the age of 17 years, and lived true to the Lord, yet she did not connect herself with the church until she was in her forty-fourth year, at which time she joined the M. E. Church, South, and lived faithful until death. She was confident in her Lord about five months before her death, and suffered much, but bore it without a murmur, always saying, "Father, thy will be done." Mother Smith has gone home to heaven. Her children and loved ones know where to find her. We bid her body to rest in the Zion cemetery, to await the resurrection morning. May her children and loved ones follow her example and meet her in heaven. G. W. TEMPLIN.

ANDERS—Patrick Anders, of Oakwoods, Texas, died on Saturday, December 2, 1899. He was born in Bladen County, N. C., July 2, 1828, of good old Presbyterian stock. His family were among the substantial, patriotic settlers who dwelt on the Cape Fear River. About the year 1850 he married Miss Sarah E. Wooten. Living near the ancestral home, in 1867 he moved to Navarro, Leon County, Texas, and subsequently owned a large landed estate there on Trinity River. During the war he was eager to join the Confederate Army, but business prevented for a time. Finally he made up his mind to sacrifice all other interests to that of his country. But good-byes had been spoken and he was mounting his horse, when a man rode up and handed him a commission to stay at home and look after the soldiers' families. This duty he faithfully performed. Losing his wife by death on July 2, 1872, he married Miss Fannie Richardson, of Leon County, formerly of North Carolina. Soon after this marriage he joined the M. E. Church, South, at Leonia. He avowed that but for the doctrine of predestination he would have joined the Presbyterian Church in early life. He was the father of ten children, seven of whom survive him. He was a man among men when in the prime

of his manhood. He dispensed a princely hospitality, and was ready for the performance of every good and charitable deed. The interests of his Church were near his heart, his house the preacher's home. Religion with him was felt and acted. Stricken with paralysis in July, 1899, he was a sufferer in mind at times and in body for several months. During his illness, when his mind was clear, it was his delight to sing hymns, recite favorite passages of Scripture, and respond fervently to his pastor's prayers. "Like as a father pitied his children, so the Lord pitied them that feared him," was a passage sweet and comforting to him. In his last interview with his wife, he said: "Mamma, I've been thinking of that hymn, 'By the grace of God, I'll meet you.'" She said, "Can you sing it?" Holding her hand in his, he sang the first verse. What a sweet, comforting goodbye to the now grief-stricken wife! Life, with its duties faithfully performed, was all in the past. Heaven beckoned onward, and Patrick Anders, in the seventy-fourth year of his age, passed to his God. He was the father-in-law of Rev. Clyde Thacker, of the Texas Conference. MARY R. LISSENE.

EMERSON—Zella E. Emerson, daughter of W. C. and Julia Emerson, was born September 15, 1880. She was baptized in infancy by Rev. Sam Morris. She died March 28, 1899. Zella did not make a public profession of religion, but she expressed herself to her mother as being ready and willing to go. She did not believe she was going to get well, and never complained in her affliction, but was patient in everything. God plucked her from her earthly home in early life, but we have no doubt she is transplanted in that glorious home above. She was kind in the home here, and obedient to her parents. Her death was a great trial to her parents; but our God makes afflictions work for the good of those who love him. Weep not, dear parents, for while you have lost, heaven has gained, and you only be faithful to God, and some sweet day you will meet little Zella in the land where parting is no more, and may you at last, through grace, find your darling Zella beyond the clouds and beyond the tomb. J. W. TINCHER, P. C.

PERCYMAN—Lillie Percyman, daughter of William and Elizabeth Percyman, was born near Hardy, Montague County, Texas, May 5, 1879; was born again at Round Prairie Camp-ground in 1899, under the ministry of Rev. T. J. Beckham; died July 25, 1899. Lillie was very intelligent. She loved the school-room. She assisted in the school at Round Prairie, under Prof. H. P. Vaughan, the winter of 1898. In 1899 she taught the school at Centerville. Teaching was her great delight. Lillie was loved by all who knew her. She suffered greatly for about five weeks, but never was known to murmur or complain. She would exhort every one that would hear to prepare to meet God in peace. She would talk and shout as long as she had strength. The greatest lesson that was on her was her brother's that were not religious. She knew the end was near, and said, "I am willing and anxious to go." She leaves a mother and five brothers and two sisters to mourn their loss. May God bless the heavenly souls. We will meet her in the sweet by and by. J. W. TINCHER, P. C.

SHEARER—Mary Shearer (nee Ellet) was born October 25, 1843; married, first, to Archie Payne, who lived only a short time. Then, June 19, 1866, she was married to Solomon Shearer, in Kentucky. They emigrated to Texas in 1868 and settled in Denton County, where she died November 21, 1899. She was the mother of six children, three of which, with their father, preceded her to the glory land—Rev. M. W. Shearer and her two daughters. Three sons, together with a number of grandchildren and great-grandchildren, remain to mourn their loss. She was a Methodist all her life. She was a great reader. The Bible and Texas Christian Advocate were her daily companions for many years. She was conscious to the last, many times praising God. She said: "Glory, glory, glory! saved! Blessed Jesus!" Grandma is gone. No more shall we gaze into those dear eyes, nor clasp her firm hand. "But thanks be to God, which giveth us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ." Her loving grandchild, H. M. FOX.

BRYAN—Little Dabey Ola Brynn departed this life December 21, 1899, after a short illness. Dabey was born July 29, 1891. She stayed with us only six years, five months and twenty-four days. The stay was so short, but, oh, how sweet! Our hearts are so small! Dabey was a bright child, so loving and kind. She was always in her place on Sabbath morning at Sabbath-school, with a good lesson. She listened while her preacher preached, and then came to him and took him by the hand and said, "You must go home with us to-day," while her little sparkling black eyes looked into his and expressed what she felt in her little loving heart. Oh, mamma and papa are so broken-hearted! But we will meet her again. Look up, come on the little beaming heads invite us homeward. She leaves a grandmother, two aunts, one uncle, broken-hearted parents and great-grandparents and uncles and aunts and a host of friends that mourn for her. S. N. ALLEN, P. C., Tyler, Texas.

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PRIDDY—Mrs. Minerva Y. Priddy (nee Walker) died at the home of her daughter, Mrs. E. T. Cox, in Nocona, Texas, December 2, 1899. She was born in Blount County, Tenn., May 9, 1816. Her parents moved to McMinn County, Tenn., when she was small, and there she grew to womanhood. She embraced religion at the age of 15, and joined the Methodist Church, in which she lived a faithful Christian until her death. She was married to Mr. Buck Priddy March 11, 1837, and moved to Texas in 1839 and settled in Grayson County. Sister Priddy is gone, but we all know where. She leaves an aged husband, six children, fifty grandchildren, twenty-four great-grandchildren and a host of friends to mourn their loss. Her death was as peaceful and glorious as the setting sun, the afternoon of which still lingers in the hearts of all who were present. Her last words were, "I am ready to go." May God's richest benedictions rest upon the sorrowing ones, and may they meet her again. O. C. FONTAINE.

WILTON—Bro. Joe C. Wilton was born in the State of Illinois August 18, 1841; was married twice, and to these marriages were born three children, of whom two are living. In the year 1871 he was married the third time, to Miss S. E. Feltwell. To this happy union were born eight children, of whom seven are living. Bro. Wilton was converted under the ministry of Bro. E. W. Simmons in the year 1865, and joined the M. E. Church, South, in which he lived a consistent life until the Master called him from labor to refreshment, when he quit the Church militant to join the Church triumphant. But when the summons came he was ready to go, and on the 9th of November, 1899, he fell asleep in the arms of Jesus. The Church has lost a strong support. He was a kind husband and a tender, loving father, and his home a happy greeting place for his friends. But he is gone, and we wait to meet him

again in the sweet by and by. We tender our heart-felt sympathy to his bereft wife and children, and pray that God may lead them to the haven of eternal rest. E. J. MANWELL, Whit, Texas.

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Abilene, Texas. SIMPSON—Mary Willis and C. J. Simpson, of his parents. He was 21 years of age. He would pray to God, and would go to his relatives. He was converted at Harmony Church, Roberts, and James South. His religion, but deep, devoted, and continued with God. The writer was one number of years, truer, better boy I God called him, at summons. He was with the angels in a heart-broken pain and sister, but all heaven, and some again on the other side. My father came in the hour of their. Whitney, Texas.

MALDON—Little daughter of Mrs. L. M. Maldon, was born July 21, 1890. Our little only six months old, but God thought it enough. He took the beautiful babe, sickness and sorrow how hard it was to we could never see our arms again on I have gone through can know, but all heaven, sister on earth, and he wanted away by the final home beyond Jesus forevermore, sweet, lovely child, a pure, beautiful, well-proportioned baby that some sweet day, Alma on the bright to be parted again. Buckholts, Texas.

BLAIR—Little W. daughter of Mrs. W. M. Blair, was born June 5, 1895, and was to Timpan, Tex. where she died. Her mother she received clothing catching a half year old, and sister, but a month very dear, died very intense, end, but during the many things we frequently during her day to those about I my prayers, "No sleep," etc., each vowing God's will remain, sister before passing away while I return than of him for his love into his presence, perfectly. Truly, sweetest flowers, I planted by the "R" forever. God bless pastor.

SCOTT—H. R. S. born April 18, 1845; Frank, in Corydon, Mo.; joined the M. E. Church, in 1867; fell asleep in Father's arms in the year 1899, and was about forty-five years of age, and was respected by a leaves a devoted wife and two daughters, many of friends to mourn that he is laid to rest in the Zion cemetery. He contributed to the Church, and rested under his home, and body. His day before he died the services, and good he could. To work in the T. paralytic and one hour. May we a family in heaven. Breckenridge, Tex.

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Aldens, Texas.

SIMPSON—Marvin Simpson, son of Willis and C. J. Simpson, died at the home of his parents December 12, 1899. He was 21 years old. He was sick only a few days, and suffered untold pain. He would pray to God to relieve his suffering, and would get happy and praise God aloud. His death was a great shock to his relatives and many friends. He was converted at the great meeting held at Harmony Chapel in 1889 by Rev. A. B. Roberts, and joined the M. E. Church, South. His religious life was not formal, but deep, devout and unassuming. He communed with God as his loving Father. The writer was associated with him for a number of years, and can truly say a truer, better boy he has never known. God called him, and he answered the summons. He was ready, and to-day is with the angelic host above. He leaves a heart-broken father, mother, brothers and sisters, but all are on the road to heaven, and some day will meet him again on the other shore. May our Heavenly Father comfort the bereaved ones in the hour of their affliction.

J. W. FORT.
Whitney, Texas.

MAIDON—Little Ethel Alma, infant daughter of John B. and Ella Maddox, was born April 1, 1899, and died October 24, 1899. Our little darling was with us only six months and twenty-four days, but God thought we had kept her long enough. He took her, to be with him in the beautiful haven of rest, where no sickness and sorrow ever come. But, oh! how hard it was to give her up—to know we could never clasp the little form in our arms again on earth! How sadly she is missed in our home only those who have gone through the same experience can know; but our loss is her eternal gain. She fulfilled her mission of love on earth, and her sweet, pure soul was wafted away by the angels to that beautiful home beyond the skies, to be with Jesus forevermore. Earth has lost a sweet, lovely child, but heaven has gained a pure, beautiful, immortal soul. Farewell, precious baby! May we all live so that some sweet day we will meet little Alma on the bright, eternal shores, never to be parted again.

FAPA AND MAMMA.
Rockholtz, Texas.

BLAIR—Little Whitford Stokes Blair, daughter of Bro. R. T. and Sister Beulah M. Blair, was born in Ridgeway, S. C., June 6, 1885, and with her parents moved to Tompkins, Texas, in December, 1889, where she died December 25, 1899, of a burn she received the day before by her clothing catching fire. She was five and a half years old. Not only her parents and sister, but all her acquaintances, mourn very deeply their loss. She suffered very intensely from the first to the end, but during the time she did not say many things we can never forget. Frequently, during her suffering she would say to those about her: "Hush! let me say my prayers; 'Now I lay me down to sleep,' etc., each time at the close, invoking God's blessings upon 'papa, mamma, sister and everybody.' Just before passing away, she said: "Be quiet, while I return thanks to God." She thanked him for his blessings, and soon passed into his presence, to worship him more perfectly. Truly another of earth's sweetest flowers has been plucked and planted by the "River of Life," to bloom forever. God bless the bereaved. Her pastor.

J. T. McCLURE.

SCOTT—H. B. Scott was born in Alabama April 18, 1852; married Miss Mary E. Franks, in Coryell County, Texas, July 8, 1882; joined the M. E. Church, South, in 1886; fell asleep in Jesus October 29, 1899. Father came to Texas when about twenty year old, and resided in Coryell County about forty-five years, and was honored and respected by all who knew him. He leaves a devoted companion, three sons, two daughters, many relatives and a host of friends to mourn his departure. We know that he is at rest. He had been devoted to the Church for many years, and had filled the offices of Sunday-school superintendent, steward and class-leader. He contributed liberally for the support of the Church, and many a preacher has rested under his roof. Father was called home suddenly. He attended church the day before he died, took an active part in the services, and he wanted to do all the good he could. The next morning he went to work in the field, was stricken with paralysis and expired in about three hours. May we all make an unbroken family in heaven.

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MARRIAGES.

Boutwell-Tate—At the residence of Mr. Black, near Dawson, Texas, December 12, 1899, Mr. J. J. Boutwell and Miss Josie Tate, Rev. C. G. Shutt officiating.

Lucas-Matthews—At the residence of Mr. Vest Clark, near Parsley, Texas, December 18, 1899, Rev. W. Jeff Davis and Miss Pearl Matthews, Rev. C. G. Shutt officiating.

Davis-Lowrimer—In Harmony Methodist Church, December 25, 1899, Mr. Joe P. Davis and Miss Agnes Lowrimer, daughter of Rev. J. H. Lowrimer, Rev. C. G. Shutt officiating.

Shoemaker-Taber—Sunday, December 25, 1899, at the residence of the bride's parents, in Rockwall, Texas, Mr. T. W. Shoemaker and Miss Eula Lee Taber, Rev. W. M. Leatherwood officiating.

Tranel-Jones—December 27, 1899, at the residence of the bride's parents, in Rockwall, Texas, Mr. Z. F. Tranel, of Sulphur Springs, Texas, and Miss Katie E. Jones, Rev. W. M. Leatherwood officiating.

Clements-Randall—At the residence of the bride's mother, near Morgan, Texas, December 29, 1899, by the Rev. J. H. Chambliss, Mr. J. B. Clements and Miss Tommie Randall.

Cameron-McCoy—At the residence of the bride's parents, Mr. Zack McCoy, near Cusseta, Cass County, Texas, at 2 p. m., December 24, 1899, Mr. M. W. Cameron and Miss Pearl McCoy, Rev. C. A. Tower officiating.

Hadden-Eakins—At 8 o'clock p. m., December 25, 1899, at the residence of the bride's parents, Willow City, Texas, Mr. David A. Hadden and Miss Ruby Eakins, Rev. Rector, of Fredericksburg officiating.

Stouton-Brown—At the residence of the bride's father, Mr. John Brown, in Lavaca County, Texas, six miles south of Hallettsville, Mr. Roe Stouton and Miss Emma Lay Brown, all of Lavaca County, Texas, Rev. A. G. Nolan officiating.

Andrews-Owens—At high noon on December 25, 1899, at the residence of the bride's parents, forty miles north of Clarendon, Texas, Mr. Adolphus Andrews and Miss Lizzie Owens, Rev. C. L. Brooks officiating.

Edwirth-Hodges—At the residence of the bride's parents, in the town of Belmont, Texas, December 25, 1899, at 9 a. m., Mr. John Edwirth and Miss Beulah Hodges, Rev. Jas. A. King officiating.

Scoggins-Cardwell—At the Methodist Church at Oak Forest, Texas, December 25, 1899, at 8 p. m., Mr. J. M. Scoggins and Miss Maude Cardwell, Rev. Jas. A. King officiating.

Boyd-Stafford—In the M. E. Church, South, Columbus, Texas, by Rev. F. O. Favre, at 2 o'clock p. m. on the 27th of December, 1899, Mr. Whitworth Boyd and Miss Sarah Augusta Stafford.

Madeley-Morris—At the residence of the bride's parents, Cusseta, Texas, on December 25, 1899, Mr. Sam Madeley and Miss Abbie Morris, Rev. A. W. Wilson officiating.

Reynolds-Worchen—In Lampasas, Texas, December 29, 1899, by Rev. J. H. Brasswell, Mr. H. M. Reynolds and Miss Rosa Worchen.

Boyd-Byrd—At the residence of Rev. P. W. Byrd, Willow Point, Texas, December 11, 1899, at 8 p. m., Mr. Eric Boyd and Miss Eva Byrd, Rev. J. B. Parr officiating.

Doran-Davis—In the Methodist Church in Palestine, Texas, at 7:30 a. m., December 21, 1899, Mr. E. B. Doran, of Dallas, Texas, and Miss Tennie M. Davis, of Palestine, Texas, Rev. V. A. Godfrey officiating.

Littlefield-Nance—At Leno, Texas, December 19, 1899, Mr. Z. T. Littlefield and Miss Alice R. Nance, Rev. C. F. Annis officiating.

McBride-King—At the parsonage in Center, Texas, November 4, 1899, Mr. J. E. McBride and Miss Stella King, Rev. J. B. Turrentine officiating.

Stewart-Sanders—At the Methodist Church in Center, Texas, November 25, 1899, Mr. W. B. Stewart and Miss Lillian Sanders, Rev. J. B. Turrentine officiating.

Lewis-Patman—At the residence of the bride's parents, near Coma, Texas, December 12, 1899, Mr. W. H. Lewis and Miss Mary Patman, Rev. J. B. Turrentine officiating.

Reynolds-Innes—At the residence of the bride's parents, near Center, Texas, December 16, 1899, by Rev. J. B. Turrentine, Mr. E. H. Reynolds and Miss Stella Innes.

Double Wedding—On the 19th of December, 1899, at the residence of the bride's parents, Misses Katie and Annie Legate were married to two brothers named Townsend, by this writer, near Riesel, Hill County, Texas. This is the first time I was ever called upon to unite in marriage two brothers to two sisters under the same ceremony.

W. H. CRAWFORD.

Yates-Clemens—At the residence of the bride's parents, near Range, Texas, December 25, 1899, Mr. R. E. Yates and Miss Ida Clemens, Rev. A. W. Wilson officiating.

Lansford-McCarthy—At the home of the bride's father, Mr. Mike McCarthy, of Porter Springs, Houston County, Texas, on December 23, 1899, Mr. Geo. E. Lansford and Miss Eula K. McCarthy, Rev. W. S. Easterling officiating.

Kirby-Clark—At the home of the bride, Petty, Texas, December 25, 1899, Mr. G. W. Kirby and Miss Ada Clark, Rev. T. W. Lovell officiating.

McManes-Wright—At the parsonage here, in Ovilla, Texas, December 20, 1899, by Rev. G. W. Kincheol, Mr. Will McManes and Miss Maggie Wright.

Rumfield-Gilley—In Azle, Texas, at 4 p. m., December 29, 1899, Mr. G. D. Rumfield and Miss M. R. Gilley, Rev. W. K. Rucker officiating.

Bryan-Snyder—At the Methodist Church in Amulshon, Texas, December 16, 1899, Mr. J. A. Bryan and Miss Annie Snyder, Rev. M. T. Allen officiating.

Richardson-Dismuke—At the Methodist Church in Amulshon, Texas, December 22, 1899, Mr. T. E. Richardson and Miss Maudie Dismuke, Rev. M. T. Allen officiating.

Hannon-Fritchard—January 1, 1900, by H. A. Bourland, Mr. Edgar Hannon and Miss Melissa Fritchard.

East-West—At the Methodist Church

at Boesqueville, Texas, on December 25, 1899, at 7:30 p. m., Mr. W. L. East and Miss Edna West, Rev. W. A. Gilleland officiating.

Jackson-Epley—At the home of the bride, in Mullin, Texas, December 21, 1899, Rev. F. M. Jackson, pastor in charge of Zephyr, and Miss Evie Epley, Rev. W. H. Matthews officiating.

Woodruff-Wood—At the residence of the bride's parents, near Range, December 9, 1899, Mr. J. W. Woodruff and Miss Florence Wood, Rev. A. Wilson officiating.

Mouser-Pollard—New Year's Day, 1900, at our own home, by Rev. Daniel Morgan, Mr. E. N. Mouser and Miss Letitia Pollard, all near Lameca, Texas.

Blount-Dickson—December 9, 1899, by Rev. H. A. Bourland, Dr. S. L. Blount and Miss Nannie Dickson, of Temple, Texas.

Marshall-Holcomb—December 11, 1899, by Rev. H. A. Bourland, Mr. A. G. Marshall and Miss Jimmie Holcomb, of Bell County, Texas.

Patton-Hancock—December 12, 1899, by Rev. H. A. Bourland, C. C. Patton, M. D., of Menard County, Texas, and Miss Eva Hancock, of Bell County, Texas.

Harris-Langston—December 19, 1899, by Rev. H. A. Bourland, Mr. B. S. Harris and Miss Beulah Langston.

Grinland-Martin—December 25, 1899, by Rev. H. A. Bourland, Mr. John A. Grinland, of Chilton, Texas, and Miss Camilla Martin, of Belton, Texas.

Chaffin-Wright—December 26, 1899, by Rev. H. A. Bourland, Mr. John B. Chaffin and Miss Annie Wright.

Carpenter-McGan—January 1, 1900, by Rev. H. A. Bourland, Mr. J. Harvey Carpenter and Miss Lulu McGan.

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A CHAT WITH THE LOCAL PREACHERS.

We yield our space this week to our correspondents. All they have written is unspeakably interesting to us. But for want of space we can only give our readers so much as is of general interest to our brotherhood.

Bollivar, Texas, Dec. 29, 1900.
Rev. W. C. Young:

As I could not attend the Local Preachers' Conference on account of bad health, poverty, etc., I will briefly relate some of my experience. I was converted at the age of 29 years, in North Mississippi, joined the M. E. Church, South, for a lifetime service, and willingly performed any duty assigned me except the one that I felt the most imperative—preaching the gospel. I shrank from that for fear I might assume a responsibility for which I felt wholly incompetent. So I lived until the Civil War, into which I went, with a vow to do my duty if I lived to its close. After more than three years of toil and exposure to the vicissitudes of that dreadful struggle, I returned home in broken health, but still burdened with the thought of often-repeated vows. In 1865 I obtained license to exhort. The year following I was licensed to preach and employed as a supply. Soon after, I joined the North Mississippi Conference, traveled two years and broke down with lung trouble. Regaining my health in 1877, I was again admitted on trial. Two years more brought me down again. Although twice connected with the conference, I never was in full connection, on account of bad health, which continued until I came to Texas in 1884, when I regained my health. I always found enough to do as a local preacher, until my health failed again nine years ago. Since that time I have not been able to do much. I realize that I am an old man, and remarkably old to be alive when I think of what I have endured. I have never had time to pick flaws in the Church; have always regarded it as the best thing in sight, and the best out of heaven. As a body of men, I will put them against any similar body in numbers for conformity to organic regulations and unimpeachable morality. They have done all they have accomplished, not for worldly considerations, but in the face of self-sacrifices. It is true that some have become disaffected and some have become immoral. So it was in the days of the apostles. And as you say, our ranks is the dumping-ground for disgruntled and unacceptable itinerants; and we should seek relief through the proper channel from this incubus. It is at least a reproach to the local preachers as a body, and an injustice to those to whom we preach. I have never voted for the licensing of a man to preach that I would not be willing to accept as my pastor. If a man is tried and found deficient as an itinerant, put him out of the ministry. Yours, J. M. DUNN.

The foregoing letter suggests several things worthy of serious reflection.

1. The burden of the ministerial call, when once fixed in the mind, follows the man through life, no matter where he is nor in what business he engages, the "still small voice" constantly rings in his conscience, "Woe unto me if I preach not the gospel."

2. The local preacher, truly consecrated to his office and ministry, can always find enough to do.

3. The local preacher, if truly loyal to his vows, "never finds time nor occasion to pick flaws" in the doctrines and discipline of the Church.

4. Never vote to license a man to

preach that you are unwilling to receive as your pastor.

5. The purity of life, the loyalty of purpose, the faithful service, without pecuniary remuneration, of the local preacher.

6. The needed legislation necessary to protect us against the injustice of having the unacceptable preachers thrust upon us without our consent.

We give another interesting letter from one of our local brethren: "Sachse, Texas.

Rev. W. C. Young:

"Dear Brother—I could not attend the Local Preachers' Conference on account of press of business, but I heartily indorse your action. You may place my name upon the roll of membership. Several years ago I thought of trying to start such an organization, but was afraid to attempt it, because I thought the itinerant preachers would oppose it. But I am glad that you had the courage to undertake it, and the wisdom to make it a success. I was in Dallas a few days ago, and hoped to see you, but business did not allow me time. When I visit your city again I trust to meet you."
"C. A. MEIER"

Our brother was mistaken in his fear of opposition from the itinerant preachers. To the time of his writing, we have not heard a syllable of objection, nor a murmur of criticism from the brethren of the traveling connection. So far as we have learned, they were willing, ready and anxious, for such a movement. Indeed, there seemed to be a wide-spread apprehension that unless something of this sort should take place to arouse our brotherhood into life and efficiency, the Methodist local preacher of the primitive type is destined ultimately to become an institution of the past. So far from any opposition from that source all the Methodist traveling preachers of this city, without a single exception, hailed our undertaking with delight, and honored our meeting with their personal presence and words of encouragement. All the opposition we have heard of was from the local preachers themselves—and that was so feeble and trivial as to be scarcely worthy of remembrance. It required but little courage to commence this enterprise, as we found from the beginning every influence here in our favor—the Church, the press, and the Methodist itinerant ministry. It requires no great wisdom; only a little common sense, not to antagonize the established order of things, but to harmonize our forces, and verify "how good and how pleasant it is for brethren to dwell together in unity."
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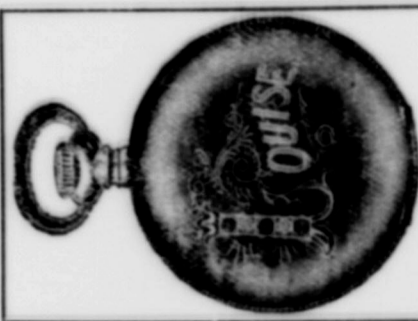
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