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EDITORIAL.

THE SALOON AS A SOCIAL INSTITUTION.

The most social place in all the community is the saloon. It has long since learned that in order to make itself popular and draw custom it must be attractive. Hence it has a welcome for all who may chance to go its way. And such is its worldly wisdom that it adapts itself to all classes and conditions of men. You find it in the slum district in just such quarters as the low and the vicious occupy, catering to their tastes and coarse pleasures. Then on the popular streets where the upper tenendum habitat it opens in conspicuous places and fits them up in style and throws out its inducements to men of wealth and social position. Here it lays itself out to beguile patronage upon a higher plain. Then in such resorts as the middle classes frequent it opens its doors and bids them welcome. In the cold, wintry days and nights it builds warm and inviting fires, where men are made comfortable, and in the sultry summer it has ice water and electric fans for the delectation of the weary and the heat-oppressed. And it has instituted the free lunch for certain classes of its patrons and the costly restaurant for others. It is all things to all men in order to sell them intoxicants. As long as a man has a penny or can borrow one, he has a standing welcome at the saloon counter. When he enters it he is always sure of a cheerful greeting and to find congenial company, for when you enter the saloon there are no castes or social distinctions. Men meet there upon a common level, and whether drunk or sober, they are at home, because the saloon has found out that the most successful way to win popularity is through the social medium. Therefore it has converted itself into a sort of social club-house, and a great many men regard it as a necessity in the community. It meets a social demand, and as a down-town resort there are many worldly people who want it perpetuated because of this fact. As a result we are standing face to face with a most vicious institution, that has rooted itself in the social instincts of men, and to dislodge it is one of the problems now before us. If we could divorce the social feature of the saloon from the drink resort and put it solely upon its merit as a saloon, our fight against it would be half won before it begins. But just here is where it has entrenched itself, and we are almost at its mercy. The Church ought to learn a lesson from the saloon in this particular. It has already solved for us the problem of how to reach the masses; and it has done it through the social instincts of men. It is a fact that our Churches are lacking at this point. Our average service is not attractive to the common run of men. We reach the women and the children, but men make up a small per cent of our church attendance. The most of them find other places more attractive and where they receive a warmer welcome. Hence they pass us by. Christ was eminently social in nature, and he lived among the common people. He touched them at points of common interest. But the average Church service to-day is rather perfunctory, intensely solemn, and often very dry

and dry. If, therefore, we would use one-half of the effort to reach men through their social natures, in order to draw them to the Church service and win them to a life of righteousness, that the saloon does in order to debauch and rob them of character and money, the gospel would make wonderful strides in the next two or three decades in bringing men to Christ. These are thoughts that we need to ponder in connection with our work as Church people.

A TOUCHING SCENE IN PRISON.

Last week while at Rusk we had occasion to visit the State prison and conduct services for the large number of inmates. Just as we entered the front building and passed into the reception-room, the great iron gate closed behind us and the click of the lock told us that we were shut in from the world. Leading into the large brick inclosure there was a similar gate, between the reception-room and the huge walls where the prisoners dwell. Between these two secure gates is the place where friends are permitted to meet and converse with their prison loved ones. This room is protected from all intrusion from without and from the great body of the prisoners within. Just in here is where a most pathetic scene greeted our vision. A good-looking man in prison uniform was seated in one corner. He was evidently a man of intelligence and had seen better days. His heart-sorrow I did not learn, as his circumstances at the time were too sacred to be disturbed. Just to his right and nestled close to him, there sat a pale-faced woman with distress depicted in her countenance, looking sadly up into his eyes, while she held his hand. Upon his knee there sat a sweet little girl about 7 or 8 years of age, with her arms around his neck, caressing him in the most affectionate manner. We looked a moment at the picture, then brushed the mist from our eyes and hurriedly walked away. The scene was too touching to gaze upon any longer than possible. But to this good day's memory still dwells upon it, and we are not able to divorce it from our meditations. What a tragedy the story of that scene would reveal were it fully known and published to the world! There was a father, doubtless with a tender heart, and a husband with deep affection, wearing stripes and confined within prison walls, visited on this beautiful Sunday by his little child and his loving wife in the midst of such gloomy environments; but he is not permitted to return to the once happy home with them. He is a prisoner, maybe for life, with the stamp of his country's condemnation fixed upon him on account of some deed back in his former life. Not only does he suffer, but the innocent little child suffers and his devoted wife feels the pang of a sorrow akin to death. Their home is desolate and their hearts are crushed because of the darkness that his absence has cast upon it. If men could only think before they act there would most surely be less of grief in the world. Either deliberately or on the impulse of an evil moment this unfortunate man put forth his hand in violence and brought upon his own head and the heads of his wife and child a cruel blow from whose effect

they will not be able to escape during the rest of their natural lives. Looked at even from a human point of view and separate and distinct from morality and religion, even then it puts a man to live right and be an honorable citizen, but when these higher motives and aims are coupled with it, who can estimate the value of a righteous life and character? What would it be worth to that unfortunate man and to his loved ones to have avoided crime and its consequences? "The way of the transgressor is hard" but it is even harder for those who are dependent upon him for happiness and support. Therefore a righteous life is the only path of peace and security to ourselves and to the sacred ties of the home altar.

CARRY A BRIGHT FACE TO THE HOME CIRCLE.

The experiences of the world are not always conducive to cheerfulness and joy. On the contrary they may often bring to us perplexity and vexation. Nevertheless, our children ought not to share these disagreeable experiences with us. Their hearts are young and tender, and they will have enough of these experiences of their own as the years come and go without having their lives made sad and fearful by what we necessarily have to endure. So when these things come to us let us leave them in the office or in the store or at the shop as we turn our feet homeward, and when we return the next morning fresh and vigorous we will be the better prepared to take hold of them and work them out successfully in some way. Or at night when we retire we can call them up and talk them over with her who is willing to share these experiences with us and get her counsel and advice, or at least get her sympathy and support. But we ought not to permit these things to picture themselves in our faces, and in that way cast a gloom and a restraint over the children of the household. They are entitled to our brightest faces, our most joyous expressions and our most cheerful demeanor. Our home-coming ought to be to them the signal for a happy greeting and the outbreak of noisy demonstrations of delight. Our faces ought to take on the luster of paternal love and warm affection and our whole bearing be the exponent of gladness that the day's work is done and that we are ready to settle down in the communion and fellowship of those who love us better than life itself. This sort of cheerfulness inspires hope throughout the home circle and gladdens the hearts of these little pearties who look to us for support, comfort and pleasure. A gloomy countenance upon the face of a father casts a spirit of depression upon the entire domestic circle, and on this account we owe it to our homes to throw it aside when we enter the gateway of that sacred retreat which ought to be closest akin to heaven. A little exertion upon our part will help us to cultivate a habit of cheerfulness, and it will communicate its blessing and spirit to all with whom we come into contact. A bright face attracts and a loving smile in spires joy, while a gloomy one repels and saddens any circle we enter. But above all places to eschew gloom and cultivate cheerfulness is in the home circle among those whom we love and appreciate most of all others.

"I AM A REGISTERED METHODIST."

Last summer we had occasion to spend ten days far out in the western section among the stock-raising people of Texas. In many respects the experience was a revelation, but we need not dwell upon that feature of it in this connection. In conversation with quite an intelligent lady one day, we asked her to what Church she belonged. With emphasis she replied, "I am a registered Methodist." That was putting it in stock language, but it carried a meaning that no one could mistake. We have often thought of her reply, and the more we think of it the better we like it. Out in that country a registered animal is all the go. His papers show that he is of pure blood in his origin, and that very fact adds materially to his value. He is king of the plains, and wherever you see him he bears the mark of royalty. Hence the significance of the reply that the good woman made to our inquiry. She meant by it that she was a Methodist from conviction, and that she gloried in her Church relation. We like that sort of a Methodist. It implies a denominational self-respect that is truly refreshing, and something that the most of our Methodists need very badly. We have "suffered of our liberality and beauty" as a Church until some of us have nearly lost our identity. Many of our people have an idea that one Church is just about as good as another, and that it makes no difference to which one of them you belong, if you are honest. Well, it does make a difference, and we need to have it impressed upon those who come under our ministry. For Methodists the Methodist Church is the best Church in the world. Its doctrines, its polity and its usages afford the best medium for the development and training of Christian character of any other Church in Christendom, and our Methodist evangelism need to be taught these facts. What we need is a deeper spirituality in our experiences and a profounder devotion to the interests of our own specific denomination. Our love for Methodism needs to be deepened and emphasized, both through the medium of the pulpit and the press. We have no patience with a member-pamper view of our Church. We believe in spelling it with a capital letter and in parsing it in the nominative case, first person and singular number. In other words, let all of our people become registered Methodists, and let them learn to glory in their Methodist heritage.

THE EVER-PRESENT CHRIST

As the children of God we can not get away from the presence of Christ. His absence in body makes him omnipresent in spirit. He used this fact to comfort his disciples when they were sorrowing over his announced departure from them. He assured them that in going away from them he would return in the person of the Comforter and abide with them forever. Toward the realization of this promise there was but one condition, and that was stated thus: "He that hath no commandments, and keepeth them, he it is that loveth me, and he that loveth me shall be loved of my Father, and I will love him and manifest myself to him." And the last words that he spoke to his disciples were to the same effect: "Lo, I am

with you always, even unto the end of the world." This promise is the guarantee to us that it was to be fulfilled. It means more to us now than it did to them at that time. Then they were left alone, apparently, in the world without comfort. They had believed that promise, and they had not put it to the test. They had to wait for a season to see it fulfilled. But now we look back through the providential history of the Church and we see thousands of generations of that promise in the experience of his devoted and consecrated followers. And our own daily experiences are an irrefragable proof of its verity. There has never been a time when he withdrew his presence from the Church. He has been to her a pillar of fire by night and a pillar of cloud by day, and he has hovered near and around her as the angel of the covenant as our years have come and passed by. And he is with us today in our efforts to preach the gospel and give a life of trust and righteousness. He not only stamps credit about us, but he delights to dwell within us and in partake of our joys and sorrows and to take our burdens. The experience of our lives and of our lives that should be only trials and the doors to be shut by angels, all of these things are evidences of his love and his presence. It is our privilege to experience his love and to feel the touch of his presence in the time of tribulation and need. For he is our living Christ and our living God in the presence of his love and tenderness. We are at liberty to draw upon him for whatever of support we need, and he never permits one of our petitions made in faith to go to the bottom. With such an omnipresent Christ to our aid to distract us, no burden ought to oppress us, no grief ought to weigh upon us, no affliction ought to discourage us, and our difficulty ought to permanently obstruct our pathway to the better land. In him we can find every need of our hearts, every want of our souls, and every motive to inspire us to deeper conversation and to better attainment. He is all in all to them that love and seek him in faith and prayer. Let us therefore, walk with the daily and hourly and make him the Man of our souls, and the God of our lives, even unto the end of our earthly pilgrimage.

AMONG THE EDITORS.

Western Alliance. The time has come for the guidance of a divinely inspired leadership. Demagogues and mere followers are in evidence on all hands, but wise leaders are scarce. The special commission of Jesus was revealed by a multitude which was at sheep without a shepherd. A leader's hand, truth calls for pity. Southern Christian Advocate. No true preacher can be content with an unfruitful ministry. Nor can he be content unless by his labors souls are converted to God. All else is but ashes to him if God does not save men through his instrumentality. Reputation for eloquence or learning, praise of the people, kindnesses by his congregation, large salaries, comfortable homes, crowds of friends, any and all these, powers or distinctions, but still a true minister into deeper humiliation, unless sinners are convicted and converted by his preaching. Even the great work of edifying and upbuilding believers can not satisfy the true man who carries always the burden of souls.

COMMUNICATIONS.

MEDITATIONS.

REV. J. MARVIN NICHOLS.

During the late Galveston disaster one could notice a powerful demonstration of a psychical fact. The same is equally true in spiritual things. Sorrow has its definite boundaries. Remorse is circumscribed within given limits. It is possible for tears to flow until the fountains are dried up. The soul may grieve until sorrow is an impossibility. Along those wave-washed, wreck-strewn highways one could mark the tearless eye set in countenance all drawn and pinched by inexpressible anguish. Amid the sullen roar of an onrushing tide, amid the wild shrieks of loved ones swept out to an open sea—sometimes that fearful night, hearts broke down beneath the awful weight. Those dazed, bewildered folk could cry no more. The heart, under the harrowing spell of death, lost consciousness of all pain. What a terrible thought! It is true that in the empire of grace there are those who have paralyzed the last capacity to feel pain. Men there are who have eyes to see, but they can not see. Men there are who have ears to hear, but they never hear. Men there are who have hearts to feel, but they never feel. Here and yonder is to be found a deathless spirit whose vacant, ghostly stare reveals unerringly its abode in regions of remorseful despair. In that blasted realm no vision presents itself save in solemn mockery to the eye whose power of sight is withered. Here no sound lingers entrancingly on the ear paralyzed in every sound. In this sphere no heart throb under the spell of celestial voices or pulsates in unison with the harmonies of a redeemed world.

And this is the end of it all!
Of my waiting and my pain—
Only a little funeral pall,
And empty arms again.

How shall I know her voice,
Of the greetings of her eyes,
Mid the countless cherubs that rejoice,
In the gardens of Paradise?

How shall I know my own,
Where the air is white with wings,
My babe so soon from my bosom flown,
To the angel's ministrings?

It is not such an inurable wound, when this sweet thought permeates our faith, under the erstwhile cruel dispensation.

Escaped are its thorns and harms:
The only path she has trod
Is that which leads from the mother's arms
Into the arms of God.

What a consolation this to him who has stood beside the confined clay of his first baby girl! I have learned the secret of the rauline faith touching the resurrection of the dead. I may never see the same flesh that was swallowed up in the grave. It may have fled itself away into a thousand different avenues of nature. Her dust may have been scattered to the four winds of the earth. The grain of wheat the farmer sows dies in order to live. In due season he reaps a grain of wheat identical with the grain that died. Identity is the law of heavenly recognition. When I reach the land of heavenly grace I shall know my baby. My soul bounds with joy over the prospect in that innumerable throng about the throne there is a blood-washed, white-robed girl that I buried in the years ago. Just as I would know a grain of wheat because of its identity with the one that died, so shall I clasp to my longing breast my baby from among all the rest gathered in that summer land of flowers. Blessed be God, Hope sings "It is better further on." This mighty faith I have in the doctrine of the resurrection of the dead throbs and pulsates through my very being. The charnel house wherein slumbers my first-born is too impotent to forestall the redemption of her sleeping dust. I await the hour of blissful reunion beyond the skies, for I know that

Thus star by star declines,
Till all are passed away,
As morning high and higher shines,
To pink and perfect day,
Nor sinks those stars in empty night,
They hide themselves in heaven's own light.

There is a beautiful legend somewhere which refers to a lamb cut into stone high up on a certain cathedral tower. In the days of its building some workmen were laboring on the tower, far above the ground. One of the men suddenly lost his footing and fell to what might have been an awful death. Just at the time a shepherd was passing with his flock of sheep. The workman struck upon a lamb and the shock of his fall was greatly lessened. The poor

lamb was instantly killed. Because of a life thus saved the lamb was immortalized in stone. What a transcendent illustration of a great fact in the kingdom of God! The lamb of God broke the awful fall of the Adamic race. What a sacrifice! The Lamb stood beneath the crushing weight of the world's sins. He died that we might live. What an awful sin it is to refuse to look upon this Divine Sufferer without the remotest sense of a saddening gratitude.

Once more we have evidence that true greatness is not dependent on environment. The glittering paraphrases of the world's sages are not required to render imperishable the names of others. Rev. Theodore L. Cuyler, of Lafayette Presbyterian Church, Brooklyn, has refused his consent to the erection of a monument of himself in one of the Brooklyn pleasure resorts. It does not now occur in my mind that this notable divine, than whom there is none greater, has ever accepted the doctorate of divinity. Some men grow in magnificence and splendor the more remote become the agencies of later-day greatness. The world would be infinitely better off were the greatness of her sons less dependent on the emoluments of office. The embellishments, furnished by doctorates and unmerited honors, are not true signs of greatness. There is ground to fear that even ecclesiastical prominence more often grows out of a sordid commercialism—a mercenary spirit that mocks at intellectual qualification. Renown and true greatness are divorced in this age. In Church and State men seek the office instead of the office seeking the man. I heard a High Church official say the other day that the preacher who can attend to business is the fellow they are looking for. That's the predicament to which much has come. Everything is subservient to the unhallowed greed for gold. Take away the environments—the very life of many who lay claim to distinction—and their honors would fade like mist before the sun. This generation now moves on the hypothesis that great men are made, not born.

There are certain elements in the physical constitution of man upon which certain diseases prey. Under the ordeal of particular maladies these elements are destroyed. Forever thereafter one is immune against that particular disease. For this reason one can never have small-pox, yellow fever, and the like, but once. In a restricted sense, there is an analogy between this and the calls of divine mercy. In the spiritual constitution of man there are certain elements upon which the Spirit plays. When these are destroyed the possibilities of salvation become a fixed uncertainty. There is such a thing as an immune in the kingdom of divine grace. However repulsive the fact may be, there are those for whom we are not commanded to pray. What an awful attitude—one standing all alone! There is no more deplorable fate than to be that immortal soul for whom none in the wide world is ever asked to pray. God save us from the depths of this divine estrangement.

The following facts compose a real circumstance that occurred in one of the best homes in North Texas. Little Jimmie was taken sick. For days his life hung in the balance. The attending physician watched, in intense anxiety, the progress of the disease. The child grew desperately worse. The last moments drew on. The father and mother almost lost heart. The doctor's interest in the child assumed masterly proportions. His scientific skill was exhausted, his medicines lost their power. The good doctor laid the boy tenderly in his mother's arms. As he did so, he said: "I am utterly powerless; there is but one chance left, kneel with me in prayer." The father who told me the incident, said that such another appeal for God's great mercy he never heard. Faith began to illumine the desponding heart. Life stole into the veins of the dying child. Little Jimmie is living to-day though this happened years ago. Away with him who scoffs at this last resort for despairing hope. I want a physician in my home who can not only utilize the forces of a scientific world, but who has at his command the agencies of infinite love and mercy.

To bear some good people testify one would naturally conclude they made an effort to tell everything God had done for them. They have forgotten the legitimate boundaries of every testimony. It is a shallow, insipid experience that would divulge a secret so sweetly inherent in the relations incident to genuine love. It would be a gross violation of the marital relation to expose the inner secrets of hearts made one. The fact that God loves us is an argument for an existing secrecy between ourselves and the Lord. We dishonor God when our testimony becomes an effort to reveal an unspeakable yet conscious secret. This is what makes so much testimony ab-

solutely repulsive. Paul, on Pisgah's summit, heard words unspeakable, which it is not possible (marginal) for a man to utter. How often we prove traitors to God's revealed love. Many of the deeper revelations of grace in the human heart can never become a matter of public testimony. We prostitute these underlying graces the moment we embarrass them by the impotency of human language. The Rev. James Donney, in the Expositor's Bible, sets forth this thought with great force: "There is a kind of profanity in forcing the heart to show itself too far, in compelling a man to speak about, even though he does not divulge the things that it is not lawful to utter."

Judge A. W. Fite, in his charge to the Grand Jury at Thomasville, Georgia, gave this instruction:

"I am aware that progressive euchre playing is very popular in society circles, and is played in the house of some of the most prominent citizens, and by some of the most estimable ladies of your acquaintance; but that does not excuse it. The law specifies that whenever playing cards is indulged in for a consideration, whether it be money or prizes of intrinsic value, the same is gambling, illegal, and punishable with as little mercy as that extended to the most hardened criminals. I am aware that it is asking a good deal of you, gentlemen, to take this matter under consideration, but you must do so in order to faithfully discharge your oaths as jurors."

Every judge in this country would become an irrefragable benefactor to the young men of our day were he to enforce the law. Judge Fite deserves limitless praise. Gamblers, often rated as gentlemen of first magnitude in polite society, are for the most part born and bred in upper-ten-dom. I know a worthy gentleman who collects coiled linen on Monday mornings. Any publicity of his truthful assertions would be a terrific disclosure. I have been told of homes—recognized leaders in Methodism, too—where he makes his weekly rounds. Cards and fine Rhine wine-bottles are to be found scattered from top to bottom on the stairway. And these are the people who were absent from services on Sunday night, supposedly due to hot weather. And these devotees of polite society are the mills that grind out the polite gamblers—the bane of our modern social economy. Our authorities need to institute a relentless crusade in the homes from whence is to come the moral fiber of our future civilization.

Suffering is the world's common bond. Anguish is the secret spring of glorification. If we suffer together with the Son of God we shall share in the glory he has with the Father. But far above all other consideration, this suffering is a mark by which we identify those who are worthy a place with the saints in light. John, in his apocalyptic vision, saw an innumerable company about the throne, which no man could number. They had washed their robes and made them white in the blood of the Lamb. The other characteristic was cited: "These are they who have come up through great tribulation." The risen side and the pierced hands were marks that quieted the faith of Thomas touching the identity of his risen Lord. This fact some sweet minstrel has projected as a credential in the other world.

I shall know Him, I shall know Him,
And redeemed by His side I shall stand;
I shall know Him, I shall know Him,
By the print of the nails in His hand.
Dallas, Texas.

FROM ARKANSAS.

It has been a long time since I have had a word in the Advocate. The fact is, I have been so completely lost to "Texas Metho-ism" that some of your preachers concluded that I had gone to the Protestants. This I did not do. The M. E. Church, South, is the Church for me—my father's Church and mine. When I located in Arkansas was within six miles of Arkansas, and my first opening for school work was in this State. I taught school three years and was then readmitted into the Little Rock Conference. I am again in my life work, whereunto I am called of the Lord. I feel that my work last year was not a failure, and this year promises to be good. Our District Conference, Prescott District, Ark. It was one of the most interesting District Conferences I ever attended. Rev. W. F. Evans, our presiding elder, is one of five brothers who were reared by a widowed mother, and who are all preachers. Two of these were once members of the North Texas Conference, one of whom is now stationed at Baton Rouge, La. Rev. A. O. Evans, of Georgetown, Texas, is their cousin. Rev. W. F. Evans is a strong spiritual preacher, and stands high in the estimation of his brethren. He was a

delegate to the great Missionary Conference in New York and New Orleans.

Our Secretary, Rev. G. N. Cannon, a local preacher of Rocky Comfort, is a brother of Rev. Lewis Cannon, who has been attending the Southwestern University for three years, and who was this term President of both the Y. M. C. A. and Epworth League. Another brother, Rev. Robt. H. Cannon, is in Hendrix College, Conway, Ark. There is one other local preacher among them, and three other brothers who are ready for any kind of Church work. The influence of a godly father, of precious memory, and the right kind of a mother tell the secret of these devoted sons of the Church. I have the honor of being their pastor on Rocky Comfort Circuit. W. I. Beck, of Ben Lomond, and J. L. DeLony, of Rocky Comfort, are farmers that seldom ever miss a conference. The latter attends all from the Church conference to the Annual, and may be a delegate to our next General Conference. Jim Steel, of Locksburg, Green, of Prescott, and Arnold and McCullum, of Hope, are lawyers. They had some good things to say and knew how to say them. Our distinguished visitors were Mr. J. D. Clary, principal of our Training School at Fordyce, and Secretary of our Annual Conference; Dr. A. C. Miller, President of Hendrix College; Rev. F. S. H. Johnson, pastor at Conway and agent of the Twentieth Century Fund; Dr. J. E. Godbey, editor of the Arkansas Methodist; Dr. J. H. Riegin, presiding elder of Little Rock District, and Rev. T. A. Hearn, of the China Mission Conference. In some talks to the conference and a sermon Bro. Hearn told us much of the work in China. He went to China from this conference and is at home among us. Bro. Johnson is one of Arkansas' best preachers and would rank high anywhere as a man and a preacher. He preached us one of the best sermons we have listened to for many a day. Dr. Godbey was to preach Sunday at 11 a. m., but I had to preach at the same hour in the country, and did not have the pleasure of hearing him. For the same reason I did not hear Dr. Miller. The delegates to the Annual Conference are Jas. S. Steel, Rev. Geo. N. Cannon, J. L. DeLony and J. H. McCullum. A. C. BENSON, Foreman, Ark.

THREE SCORE AND FIVE.

This, the tenth day of July, is my birthday. Just sixty-five years have swept over since I first saw the light of this world—years of innocence, joyful childhood, youthful mirth and pleasure, and strong, vigorous young manhood. Then came years of ministerial labor, anxiety and happy, successful pastoral work—years never to be forgotten. Fifty years ago I know I was converted and made a new creature in Christ Jesus. I gave my name immediately for Church membership, and after Divine and constant impression that I must preach the Gospel, I finally yielded to the call, that I have never doubted to be of the Holy Spirit, from then till this day, although forty-four years have passed away since I entered the ministry. After years of toil and arduous labor in difficult and pleasant fields, sometimes suffering from excessive work, I was forced to ask for superannuation nearly seven years ago. I felt then that my work was done, and that I would soon be transferred to the conference above, but I still linger here below in deep affliction, and often feel that death would not only be gain to me, but a thousand times preferable to the pains through which I frequently pass. Why I am retained here to suffer so much is to me an unfathomable mystery. No doubt my afflictions were brought on me by over-work and failure upon my part to conform to the laws of health. I cannot believe that the good Lord has afflicted me, but zeal and determination to do with might the work before me overcome the physical nature and a wreck ensued. I censure no one, neither attribute these afflictions to Divine providence, therefore, I patiently wait and suffer, praying for deliverance in due time. Grace sustains me. Standing on the promises of the word of God and drawing comfort from the same, I wait for the command to go to the promised inheritance on the other side of the river, to whose margin I have already come. To die would be gain. "I know whom I have believed" and "These light afflictions which are but for a moment"—these, with kindred text, is my strong support while I sojourn here. Many kind and good people have visited me during these long years of confinement. More than one hundred and twenty-five preachers have visited me during these years, and many others, both male and female, among the laity. So I rejoice in the knowledge of so many of my old friends. By a few, and only a few, I have been neglected. It is so easy to neglect the old, dilapidated, who have outlived their active, useful days, and have been shelved or retired from the walks

and ways of this life. Besides, it takes time and patience to repair to the bedside of the afflicted, especially when the sufferer is old and worn out with age and disease incurable. We often wait until our friends are dead and in their graves before we appreciate their lives and cast flowers in their pathway. It seems to me all this should take place while we live. When this life is over, no word of praise or token of love, can add to or diminish from the repose and joy of the soul in this life kind words and deeds of love help all, and particularly the old, worn out and afflicted ones whose days of usefulness are passed away. Frequently I have been solicited to write for the Advocate, and often I have felt like I would be glad to comply with these requests, but fear of being called a pessimist or an old fossil, I have kept silent, as my views on many questions of Church interest would antagonize the views of this fast age. Advanced thought and the new criticism of this day and time to me are an abomination. No wonder we have suffered a spiritual decline, when men, professedly called to the ministry, have ceased to teach and preach the doctrines of Methodism, and instead of the Gospel message of salvation, preach or talk about the race problem, and lecture on the Holy Land and what they saw and heard, etc.; show, gorgeous display, expensive or excessive buildings, and pride, are undermining the spiritual force of Methodism, and retards the healthy development of the Church. The zeal for the mission work in foreign fields is resulting in the neglect of the heathen at our very door. The struggle for the best places among Methodist preachers, and the means used to secure these places of prominence, is alarming and threatens to affect the episcopacy in thwarting the best results in the selection of the best and most successful men to fill the most important charges. The stress placed upon finances and the failure to ascertain who are the most successful soul winners among our pastors is also defeating the growth of spirituality. The question is asked and emphasized, "Are your collections in full?" If answered in the affirmative, the pastor is highly commended; if in the negative, he is under par. He may have led many to repentance, and as an humble minister of the Lord Jesus readed many to the Church. Yet no prominence is given to these vital facts. No wonder we suffer loss in this way annually. Let me say here that I would not have our people pay less, but more than they are now paying, for the expansion of the Church, both at home and in foreign fields. But the design and end of the Gospel of Christ Jesus is the salvation of the souls of men, and when our ministry and Church lose sight of this fact, we are shorn of our strength, and will soon become as a non-progressive Church. If this were my last message to my brethren I would urge each one to preach the pure gospel without alloy and strive to make the world better in every sermon.

But I would desist and conclude by saying that I am still shut in from the outside world, and with trust in God, I wait the end, hoping the time will soon come when I shall dwell in peace at home.

E. L. ARMSTRONG.

REMINISCENCES.

As the summer breeze comes through the window there is a sound of musical voices from the Church in the vale singing old-fashioned hymns with revival cadences, such as I heard in my childhood, when I attended camp-meeting at Attalville camp-ground away across the Father of Waters in my native State, Mississippi. The tabernacle in the center and tents all around, except one side; scaffolds built and torchlight furnished, equal to any electric lights of the present day. What a weird effect it produced away out there in the forest, where the treetops reached high toward the dome of heaven. Such preaching as could be done by James Walton, Whitfield Harrington, Wiley P. Dickinson, aroused an interest in the sinner for his soul's salvation, and many were converted to God and made to rejoice in a conscious salvation. Shouts of newborn souls resounded through the forest and hymns were sung, prayers offered, and a foretaste of our heavenly home was felt there in that sacred spot. Many were converted at the grove prayer-meetings, and came in as witnesses of the efficacy of the Word of Christ to cleanse from all sin. There is a reality in the religion of our Savior and no jewel would purchase the sweet peace felt by a true child of God. Where are many of those who forty years ago sang those glorious old hymns and prayed those prayers? Many are now gone to their reward, and among that blood-washed throng that "went up through many tribulations," they bask in heaven's light and the sweet fields of Eden, where, if we are faithful, we will join them in the "sweet bye and bye."

MRS. K. S. CROCKETT.

DISTRICT

BONHAM

The fifteenth Bonham District in Lanius, Tex. R. Pierce holding through, steering case and mark the completion, finish, and the current of the sweet fellows were present preachers and of lay delegates, nessed at a Dis-

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Prof. Wall re- ad at Honey Gro- equipped for off- This school- school of first e- for entering co- either the South Universities, on S. V. Wall, wit- tion. This scho- and Bonham Dis- nuspices of the Church, South- man of wide ex- at reputation at school a prosp- The delegates- forence are:

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 - W. A. TRIC
 - REV. J. K.
- Alternates:
- Rev. C. B. J
 - Prof. S. V. W
 - E. H. Bentor

The next con- Bonham, Rev. pastor at Lanni- ple there, enter- royally. Bros. myself finding t- "Uncle" Frank- wife. ZO

McKINNY

The first Dist- McKinney Dist- ference, M. E. C- Blue Ridge, C- Thursday morn- will be seen th- in a peculiar se- ture, as it was- its kind within- Kinney District. The opening ser- Dr. J. H. McL- on Thursday m- was organized a- Rev. F. A. Rosse- in the chair. R- elected Secretary- assistant. All t- trict were pres- Clifton, of the- wife has been- a goodly num- in attendance. the pastors sh- of advancement- rial improvement- ture have been- g in progress. Th- seems to be in a- condition in som- a healthy condit- portant departm- efforts. While t- tively few Epw- reports showed- e come in this de- interest was man

DISTRICT CONFERENCES.

BONHAM DISTRICT.

The fifteenth annual session of the Bonham District Conference was held in Lannins, Texas, July 17, Dr. Thos. R. Pierce holding the reins all the way through, steering the helm with great ease and marked ability.

The work of the conference was transacted by the body in committee of the whole, except the committees required by Discipline, in which work the local preachers and lay delegates freely participated, as well as the clerical. The reports of charges showed the work improving generally.

We were delighted to have Dr. G. C. Rankin with us and hear his representation of the popular and extensively read Texas Christian Advocate. Dr. W. E. Boggs refreshed us with a great sermon on missions.

Prof. Wall reports the Wall School at Honey Grove prosperous and well equipped for efficient work. This school is strictly a training school of first class to prepare pupils for entering colleges which they do, either the Southwestern or Vanderbilt Universities.

Our presiding elder is a lovable, sweet-spirited man, and an earnest, spiritual preacher, and I do not doubt that his earnest and efficient work over the district has had much to do with the existing favorable conditions.

The next conference goes to South Bonham. Rev. W. A. Pritchett, our pastor at Lannins, and the good people there, entertained the conference royally.

McKINNEY DISTRICT.

The first District Conference of the McKinney District, North Texas Conference, M. E. Church, South, met at Blue Ridge, Collin County, Texas, Thursday morning, June 27, 1901. It will be seen that this conference was in a peculiar sense historic in its nature, as it was the first gathering of its kind within the limits of the McKinney District since it was formed.

Such preaching as could be heard by James Walton, Whitfield, Wiley P. Dickinson, and others, interested in the sterner for salvation, and many were to God and made to rejoice in glorious salvation.

of extending the League work throughout the district, and the presiding elder was requested to call a meeting at McKinney of representatives from all the appointments in all the pastoral charges in the district, for the purpose of organizing a District League Conference. The time agreed upon for the meeting to begin is September 4, 1901.

Another matter that engaged the attention of the brethren, and in which much interest was manifested, was the question of preaching the gospel according to Methodism in the unoccupied portion of the district. The fact was brought out that a large portion of our territory is not occupied by our Church, and it was recommended that some of the circuits be rearranged and two new missions be formed, and that capable men be sent to these missions.

Sister W. T. Beverly, of McKinney, District Secretary of the W. H. M. Society, was present and addressed the conference in the interest of this cause. Some of the brethren spoke in high praise of the work of this society, and the prospect seems good for an increase of interest in this work.

The following brethren were granted renewal of license: W. B. Byers, M. C. Dobbis, Minor Bounds, James Wilson and George W. Martin.

Rev. A. D. Scott, of Plano, was granted recommendation for elder's orders. The following brethren were granted license to preach: John T. Howell, Geo. H. Rogers and Hubbard W. Bates.

Prof. S. H. Moore, principal of the Fitting School at Southwestern University, was present, and spoke in the interest of our institution at Georgetown.

The following were elected as a Board of Trustees for district parsonage property: W. T. Beverly, J. H. Bowman, M. D. Hornsby, Wm. Allen, Jas. L. McKamy, James Church and R. L. Hayter.

The following were elected delegates to the ensuing Annual Conference: W. T. BEVERLY, JAMES CHURCH, J. J. M. HARPER, J. L. MCKAMY.

Alternates: Rev. J. M. Martin, T. W. Williams, W. S. Jelfcoates, J. W. Wilson.

Rev. O. S. Thomas, presiding elder of the Greenville District, was present and preached a really helpful sermon. Also Rev. J. B. Adair, of the Merrit Circuit, was with us part of the time.

Our presiding elder is a lovable, sweet-spirited man, and an earnest, spiritual preacher, and I do not doubt that his earnest and efficient work over the district has had much to do with the existing favorable conditions.

The hospitality of the people of Blue Ridge was generous and cordial, and Bro. Blackburn endeavored himself to this writer, and I doubt not to others, by his kind and brotherly attentions.

The preaching was of an excellent order and the services helpful. May God bless abundantly the people of Blue Ridge and surrounding country, and give us gracious revivals throughout the district.

Anna was chosen as the place for the next conference. A. L. SCALES, Secretary.

CORSICANA DISTRICT.

The District Conference of the Corsicana District, North-west Texas Conference, met in the Methodist Church of Blooming Grove, Texas, in its eleventh session June 19, 1901, at 8:30 a. m. Rev. E. A. Bailey, presiding elder, in the chair.

Owen, Jas. M. Powell, Jas. C. Kirkpatrick, A. B. Keen, Jim B. Berry. The next conference is to be held at Thornton.

The Committee on Books and Periodicals made the following reports as to the Christian Advocate, viz: Whereas, We believe that the Texas Christian Advocate is one of the best periodicals that we have in the whole Church; and whereas, the circulation is far below what it should be, therefore,

Resolved, That we, as pastors and laymen, work diligently to put this excellent paper in the homes of our people.

Resolved, In that we have heard with pleasure the speech of the representative of our Publishing House, Bro. Frank Reedy, and that we heartily cooperate with the House in the circulation of our books.

C. G. SHUTT, B. W. JACKSON, J. R. COLLINS, Committee.

The conference extend their heartfelt thanks to the people of Blooming Grove for their generous hospitality in their entertainment.

Rev. J. R. Nelson of Waco, Texas, delivered an excellent address on missions. Collection for missions, \$21.22. H. A. COLEMAN, Secretary.

PITTSBURG DISTRICT.

The Pittsburg District Conference was held at Gilmer June 27-29, 1901. The attendance was fairly good and the meeting a pleasant and profitable one.

The program as previously published in the Advocate, was carried out with ease and precision by our admirable chairman, Rev. John Adams, P. E. While the order of a prearranged program was carefully followed, the ease with which it was done made every one feel free and easy, and the discussions were heartily engaged in and greatly enjoyed by all present.

The editor was with us one day, greatly to the delight of all. Rev. W. J. Bladworth, North Texas Conference; Rev. J. T. Smith, Tyler District; Rev. L. A. Humphreys, Liberty; Prof. E. R. Williams, Jacksonville; Prof. G. J. Nunn, Fort Worth, and Rev. R. W. Thompson, Dallas, were visitors to the conference.

The following were elected delegates to the Annual Conference: REV. R. A. MORRIS, Pittsburg; D. H. ABERNATHY, Pittsburg; P. A. TURNER, Texarkana; F. S. EBERHEART, Gilmer.

Alternates: J. H. Snipes, Douglassville; T. H. Black, Ripley.

James N. McCain, Claud S. Harkey and Joel E. Morgan, three bright, promising young men, were licensed to preach.

All the unordained local preachers licenses were renewed. The next session is to be held at New Boston. G. W. RILEY, Secretary.

GERMAN MISSION DISTRICT.

It has again been our pleasure and privilege to meet and mingle with the brethren of the Eastern District at East Bernard in the capacity of a District Conference.

On account of sickness some members, clerical and lay, failed to answer roll call. A few of the itinerants seemed to be a little below par physically, but complained not of the arduous labors, nor did they wish that the "iron wheel" might pick them up at the ensuing annual gathering and land them into a more salubrious home.

The reports of the brethren gave no occasion for a discouraging outlook. Some had been added to the roll of membership. The Houston Station parsonage had been enlarged and renovated. Well done for the Houstonians. A brand new, neat church graces the town of Bellville and adds to the glory of God. Our Weimar and Shiloh work—the youngest mission field—is doing well. Ground has been secured for a church building and we trust ere long one will be flourishing in yonder town.

One young brother, Edward H. Lang, who won the scholarship in the Southwestern last year, was licensed to preach. He was given opportunity to manifest his gifts and grace. We bank on him in years to come for the itinerancy. May he prove worthy of the vocation.

A slight difference of opinion prevailed among the members of the body as to matters touching a trial preacher. The chair ruled relative to the case in question that while the Discipline was slightly silent touching such matter, the case under consideration was self-evident. So, then, a trial preacher may eat, drink, commune, vote and sit together with the local preachers in heavenly places. A few of the nobler kindly requested that Bishop Candler, during the session of the Annual Conference, turn on the light so we all may be of one mind.

The League and Sunday-school work had a prominent place on the program. Our District League was held in connection with the conference and good was undoubtedly accomplished for the young. The spiritual state of the district while not at high tide was thought to be fairly well.

The East Bernards tendered us a royal reception during our sojourn among them. God grant that there may have been angels unawares entertained among the select body and the strangers.

The writer's charge was given right of way for the next District Conference. B. C. RAUSCH, Secretary.

STATE OF THE CHURCH.

(Published by order of the Georgetown District Conference.)

There will be no question before this District Conference of greater moment than the one embodying the state of the Church. In this age of the world when there are so many isms, and when lawlessness is rampant, both in State and Church, two happy is the person or body of persons, who can steadily keep the eye of faith on the Star of Bethlehem, and not be forced into extremes either to the right or left, not to become worldly because they refuse to rush into the wild fire and heat of religious fanaticism on the one side, nor become fanatics because they refuse to plunge into the depths of worldliness on the other.

There is no Church so well prepared to accomplish this desired end as ours. If we are true to her doctrine and polity, through her doctrine the widest range is afforded to every member to enjoy to the utmost the full and ripe experience of Christian life, carefully guarding against the dissolving effects both of worldly-mindedness and fanaticism. What more can any Christian ask than is allowed through her doctrines—forgiveness of sin, regeneration, the witness of the Spirit, adoption, sanctification or holiness, and final glorification? Through her polity she guards well the interests of every class within her border. The Bishops, the presiding elders, the pastors, the local preachers, the members, are to be governed by laws suited to their respective stations, each law so adjusted to the other as to make a complete whole, so that if either class breaks or violates the law it is like the breaking of a cog in a great piece of machinery and causes friction. The cause of the friction must be removed or the machinery will be destroyed. In this polity the Bishop in his place is supreme, the presiding elder in his, the pastor in his, the layman in his, and all working together tend to the exaltation and honor of the Church. The presiding elder obedient to the authority of the Bishop, the pastor to the presiding elder and the layman to the pastor, make smooth sailing on the ship manned by us; otherwise it is rough and a wreck is sure. Can you imagine a worse trouble in our Church than for the pastors to refuse to obey the authority over them? Would it be less hurtful to the local Church for those under the pastor to refuse to obey him? To illustrate: The Bishops have said "The Discipline of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South, does not recognize the employment of women as preachers of the Word with authority to occupy the pulpit in reading the Holy Scriptures, and in preaching the same as ministers of the Lord Jesus Christ, nor does it authorize a pastor in charge of a station, circuit or mission of said Church to invite a woman claiming to be a minister of the Lord Jesus Christ to occupy the pulpit of said Church to expound the Scriptures as a preacher of the Word, and such invitation given and services so rendered offend against the authority and order of said Church." (1896.) Suppose the pastor obeys this law, but those under him disregard it, are not the results the same, and the authority and order of the Church equally offended? The highest good of all concerned is found in absolute obedience to authority. The hour is upon us when we must insist upon unqualified loyalty to the Church in her doctrine and polity. No one can truthfully plead the necessity of leaving our Church in order to get a higher grade of religious experience, and we must stand as a stone wall against all isms and side issues that tend to invade against the authority, order and doctrine of our Church.

We are glad to note that the Church is doing well in most of the pastoral charges. Some of the pastoral charges, however, are suffering from a lack of loyalty on the part of some of the members of these charges, and the Churches are in a way to be ruined by such procedure. We deplore such a condition, and implore our membership there and elsewhere to stand with the pastors in driving away all strange and erroneous doctrine and to maintain the authority of our Church.

We rejoice that we are able to report so many conversions this early in the revival season—about five hundred. We devoutly hope and pray that there



A WOMAN'S THROAT.

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will be a general revival throughout the district and that our Zion may be delivered from the same that so surely destroy the peace and harmony thereof.

Resolved: That as pastor and members we will be more zealous in the work of the Master and more loyal if possible to the doctrine and polity of the Church.

2. That as pastors, we will read this paper on the "State of the Church" to our people from the pulpit and urge them to help in that no offense may be given to the authority and order of our Church. H. B. WYATT, Chairman for a committee, Marble Falls, Texas.

MARRIAGES.

Toddman-Lewis. At the Methodist Church in White Texas, June 26, 1901, by Rev. Fred L. Allen, M. E. W. Toddman and Miss Rose Lewis, both of White, Montgomery County, Texas.

Whitman-Herring. At the home of the bride's mother, near San Saba, Texas, July 2, 1901, by Rev. C. Edward Whitman and Miss Jennie Herring, both of San Saba, Montgomery County, Texas.

Piersons-Haskie. At the residence of the bride's parents, near Texas, Texas, July 9, 1901, by Rev. Wm. Pearson, of Texas, Texas, and member of the Texas Seventh Legislature, and Miss Lora Haskie, of Liberty County, Texas. Rev. J. W. Johnson officiating.

Monson-Chenoweth. July 10, 1901, by Rev. Fred L. Allen, M. E. A. M. Monson, of Dallas, Texas, in Miss Jennie Chenoweth, of White, Texas.

Shaw-Barnes. At the home of the bride's father, July 2, 1901, at the residence of Mr. W. H. Shaw, of Ellis County, Texas, and Miss Lizzie Barnes, Rev. G. O. Kinnisworth officiating.

Shaw-Martin. At the home of the writer, near Mars, Henderson County, Texas, July 4, 1901, by W. K. Shaw, of Henderson County, and Miss Anna Martin, Rev. J. G. Kinnisworth officiating.

No man lives for Christ till he has died with Him.

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Numbness of the hands and arms, with premonitions of paralysis, kept me while I was using coffee. I finally discovered it was caused by coffee, when I quit the coffee and began drinking Postum Food Coffee. The numbness ceased entirely and I have been very well ever since. At that time I was unable to sleep, but I sleep perfectly.

My husband was also troubled from lack of sleep while he was drinking coffee, but now he uses Postum Food Coffee with me, and we both sleep perfectly. My little boy had peculiar nervous spells and I stopped the use of coffee with him and have been giving him all the Postum Food Coffee he cared for. He is perfectly well now.

My sister was troubled with nervous headaches while she used coffee. She found how greatly improved we were from discontinuing it and using Postum Food Coffee, so she made the change, and is now rid of her nervous headaches. We are naturally strong advocates of Postum. Mrs. J. Walford, Castalia, Erie Co., Ohio.

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Secular News Items.

At Montgomery, Ala. a negro was lynched by a mob of his own race.

The Erik has sailed from Sydney, C. R. in search of Arctic Explorer Peary.

The Federal Government proposes to use oil at the army posts to exterminate mosquitoes.

Lord Roberts has characterized Gen. Robert E. Lee as "one of the greatest soldiers of any age."

King Edward has decided to abolish the practice of kissing the peers at the approaching coronation.

An outbreak among Colombian soldiers at Cartagena resulted in seven being killed and others wounded.

Pickpockets at Colorado Springs robbed many of the visiting Epworth Leaguers, leaving them stranded.

Scores of soldiers are returning to Germany from China as military prisoners either for crime or for cowardice.

China has demanded \$500,000 indemnity of the United States for the alleged ill-treatment of Chinese at Butte, Mont.

Large numbers of Armenian artisans are preparing to emigrate to the United States from European Turkey and Asia Minor.

Seventy-five thousand of the steel workers are out, and the strikers are in good condition to stand a long struggle.

President Steyer's brother has been captured by the British, and with him a number of the Orange River Free State papers.

Nearly 8,000 persons registered up to July 20 at El Reno, entitling them to a chance in the drawing for Government lands.

The Chinese officials at Peking are preparing for the return of the Emperor. The ruined portion of the city will be restored.

The French national fête, the anniversary of the capture of the Bastille, was celebrated throughout France without disorder.

Lightning struck the Quaker Motor Works in New Orleans, set the building on fire, and destroyed property valued at \$200,000.

The total mineral production of this country last year amounted to \$1,365,000,000, an increase of \$117,000,000 over the preceding year.

Lu Hsing Chang has requested the withdrawal of the foreign troops from the temples and palaces of Peking not later than August 1.

The Chamber of Deputies at Paris voted last week to pay \$5,000,000 France to repay the expenses of the Chinese expedition of France.

An outbreak of the volcano Kilauea, in Hawaii, destroyed plantations for fifty miles around, killed 700 natives and a number of Europeans.

Dr. Emma N. Waine was defeated in the Primary Court, Chicago, July 11, in her claim for \$100,000 for medical services to the late F. T. Wheeler.

The drought in Kansas, Missouri, Nebraska, Wisconsin, Minnesota and Iowa has damaged the crops to the extent of hundreds of millions of dollars.

It has been discovered near Granite, O. T., at the depth of 197 feet, and the excitement usually attendant upon such events is very much in evidence.

A wealthy resident of Sidney, N. Y., has inaugurated a movement among the school children of the nation to present a living cup to Admiral Cervera.

The monument to Commodore Perry at Koriyama, Japan, was unveiled on July 11. Viscount Kitamura, the Japanese Premier, delivered the memorial address.

Ohio Democrats who believe in Mr. Bryan and the principles he represents have called a convention for July 31, at which an independent ticket will be placed in the field.

It is announced that Prince Chun, brother of the Emperor of China, sailed for Berlin July 29 to formally apologize for the murder of Baron von Ketteler at Peking.

What is pronounced to be the finest Protestant building of its kind in the city of Canton, China, is a chapel named in honor of the venerable Rev. Theodore L. Cuyler, D. D.

The Orient Steam Navigation Company's steamer Lusitania was wrecked off Cape Ballard, on the coast of Newfoundland. There were 200 emigrants aboard, but all were saved.

The population of France is now 38,000,000, an increase of only 230,000 since 1896, and of these 292,000 are in Paris, leaving the increase for the rest of the country only 28,000.

Two thousand mounted Chinese Mohammedan rebels last week defeated eight thousand imperial troops at Poyeh, near Pao-tung-fu, and captured all their arms and ammunition.

During the first six months of this year 1901 miles of new railroad were added to the mileage of the country.

Texas leads with 245 miles. The indications are that 1901 miles will be built during the year.

James Wilson, Secretary of Agriculture, is quoted as saying that the United States will soon be able to produce its own tea, coffee and sugar, and will be independent of foreign trade.

The engineers and firemen of the International Railroad have resigned and business on the road is now suspended. The road belongs to the Southern Pacific, but the employees are paid in Mexican money.

French exporters and manufacturers of novelties are said to be contemplating a determined siege of the South American countries, where French commerce, once prosperous, is now sunk to insignificance.

The Missouri Supreme Court has decided that to open ballotboxes and compare the ballots with the registration books, in an attempt to detect election frauds, is an unconstitutional invasion of the secrecy of the ballot.

It is said that 17,000 farming people from the West have settled in Canada within the last year. There are great valleys on the Northern Pacific Railway which are fine producers of wheat and where cattle raising may be pursued with profit.

Cole and James Younger, who have served twenty-five years in the penitentiary at Stillwater, Minn., for complicity and murder at the time of the raid on the Northfield, Minn., bank, have been paroled. The parole gives them freedom only in the State of Minnesota.

The honorary degree of Doctor of Laws has been conferred upon Miss Weston of the Royal Sailors' Rest by the University of Glasgow at the celebration of its 450th anniversary, in token of warm appreciation of the great work carried on by herself and her coadjutors in the British Navy.

A dispatch from Knoxville, Tenn., dated July 9, says: "Local companies received a joint order for 100,000 tons of East Tennessee and Southwestern Kentucky coal to be exported to Venice, Italy, in the next six months. It is said to be the largest single export order ever placed with Southern mines."

Commander Booth of the Volunteers of America has begun suit against the town of Montclair, N. J., for \$16,000 damages because of the filling up of an old brook in the rear of his home. Every rainstorm now, it is said, his property is flooded. This state of affairs, it is contended, has caused sickness in the Booth family.

Secretary Gage has received a report from George W. Mindel, the Government expert on precious stones at the New York Custom-House, showing that during the last fiscal year the aggregate value of precious stones and pearls passing through his office was \$21,919,952. This is a larger total by far than has been shown in any fiscal year before.

Lord Wolseley, the former Commander-in-Chief of the British forces, during a debate in the House of Lords recently, is said to have declared that the United States Army was the finest of its size in the world. He is quoted also as saying that its superiority was due to good wages, and that Great Britain must face the alternative of conscription or bounties to secure recruits.

A cable dispatch from Rome, Italy, says that the Italian Free Masons, after having followed for nearly three decades the example of the French branches of the craft in eliminating all reference to the Creator from their rites, and in barring the use of the words which stand for the Latin words "To the glory of the Greatest Architect of the Universe," have restored these words and have returned to the Masonic recognition of the Divinity.

A curious circumstance connected with the terrific heat in New York City was the fact that over fifteen thousand people went down to Coney Island in one night and slept in the sand on the beach. They were not disturbed by the police. They began to come down early in the evening. They came in droves, bringing shawls and wraps. Some of them had provided themselves with oilcloth, to keep the hole dry which they had scooped out of the sand.

A blue book on India, just issued, shows that England spent nearly \$92,000,000 for the relief of the famine sufferers during the year 1899 to 1900, and that the mortality from the plague for the five years ending March, 1901, was nearly 600,000. The census completed in March, 1901, shows that the increase in population during the last ten years was only 2,500,000 to 6,000,000 instead of the normal 19,000,000. The loss represents deaths from famine and deaths in consequence of the famine.

Andrew D. White, American Ambassador to Germany, has decided to resign from that important post, and will sever his connection with the diplomatic service next year on the seventieth anniversary of his birth. This decision has not been brought about by the recent death of Mr. White's son. The Ambassador had fully de-

clined to retire before that painful occurrence, but now his determination will be irrevocable. The Ambassador is just completing forty-eight years of active life.

Plans are said to be materializing to develop the railway system of South Africa. The purchase of locomotives and rolling stock, mechanical appliances, in the way of signals, switches and interlocking gear, and electric lighting of carriages, etc., promises to necessitate a demand for such utilities as never before known in that section of the Dark Continent. A special commissioner is on his way to tour England, Europe and the United States for the purpose of investigating conditions and subsequently placing orders.

Speculators are said to be buying the land lying along the surveyed route of the Nicaragua Canal. The purpose is to control these lands and set their own price upon the property, so that when the canal is constructed they will receive a handsome profit. The United States Government will investigate, and if it is found that the condition is as stated, the authorities will insist upon incorporating into the treaty negotiated with Nicaragua and Costa Rica a provision that the other Governments concerned shall guarantee to ours the right to possess, under perpetual lease, so much of the land adjacent to the canal as may be needed for purposes of administration and maintenance, whether the land be a part of the public domain or owned privately.

The fiscal year which closed July 6 was the greatest in the history of the country. During the year the United States has enjoyed a foreign trade, counting both exports and imports, of about \$2,235,000,000. These tremendous figures exceed by \$90,000,000 the totals of the preceding year. This means a balance of trade in favor of the United States amounting to \$62,000,000, against \$345,000,000 for the year ending June 30, 1900.

The treasury officials closed their books with the greatest surplus they have had at the end of any fiscal year since 1889. This surplus amounts to \$70,000,000, thus coming very close to the prediction made by Secretary Gage a year ago, which was \$80,000,000. The treasury now has in its vaults nearly \$500,000,000 of gold, or an amount larger than that possessed by any other nation. Another indication of national prosperity is to be found in the circulation per capita, which is now the largest in the country's history, amounting to \$28.17.

At the recent meeting of the American Library Association, held at Waukesha, Wis., when the report of gifts and bequests was given, a notable fact was brought out in the announcement that Andrew Carnegie has given during the past year \$11,219,500 to libraries and library work. Mr. Carnegie still has \$250,000,000 to give away in public benefactions. He himself is authority for this statement, which he made recently at Skibo Castle to a member of the New York Chamber of Commerce Committee. According to Mr. Carnegie, he is still undecided in what manner to dispose of his wealth for the public good. He wishes the public to obtain the best result from his benefactions, and for that reason has not yet formulated any philanthropic schemes. Mr. Carnegie admitted that free libraries and other educational institutions should undoubtedly receive a portion of the millions in question. In order that the plans he had previously adopted should be fully developed.

John D. Rockefeller, the Standard Oil magnate, recently addressed his son's Bible class in a New York Baptist Sunday-school. He said some very sensible and idea-creating things. The following is a sample: "I don't suppose that the only way to make a success is to make money; that is only an incident. You men are making the foundations of character. You may never have great possessions, but you will have something of greater value than all the gold and all the ships and all the railroads. Those who haven't

the property may be far richer by having the character." That is wholesome teaching in these days, when it seems to be the rule to measure success in terms expressive of money value. Mr. Rockefeller recommended generous giving as the healthful complement of getting. "Are we not receiving all the time, from the rising to the setting of the sun? Not necessarily money, but information, wisdom, whatever it may be? And are you giving it out? I believe a gift than which no other is more valuable is the gift of honest labor—giving a man steady work."

Prominent men in Britain have opposed and censured the government for its action before and during the South African war. Men of very different types have agreed in opposing the war; between William T. Stead and Herbert Spencer there is a great difference, yet both are of the same opinion in reference to the conflict. It is evident, however, that the British masses are in accord with the government policy in South Africa. The recent meeting of Boer sympathizers stirred up business men and others to make a counter demonstration. The Guild Hall was crowded, and the speeches were enthusiastically cheered, and patriotic songs were sung. Outside a great crowd had assembled, and as they could not get into the hall they held an overflow meeting of their own. Public opinion is a changeable entity. It would not have been surprising to find the English populace getting tired of the war, with its long continuance, its heavy losses and its enormous cost, but that time apparently has not yet come. The tenacity and stubbornness of the English character accounts for the grim determination to see the conflict through. When that is accomplished it will be found that the Britishers are not implacable.

A number of years ago the Illinois Central Railway Company effected a satisfactory solution of the industrial problem by enabling every employe of the road, from the highest official down to the trackman, to acquire stock in the corporation. But since the rise of the stock above par the employes have ceased purchasing it. President Stuyvesant Fish was confronted with the problem of devising some plan for bringing them into close and friendly relations with the company, and he was also impressed with the need of making some provision for the old and faithful employes of the road who became incapacitated by age and infirmities for effective service. After much deliberation, the Illinois Railroad officials have decided upon a railway pension system which went into effect July 1. By this plan the officers and employes between the ages of 61 and 70 who have become incapacitated for any cause and who have been ten years in the service of the company, may be retired and pensioned. The amount of the pension ranges all the way from 10 to 50 per cent of the salary, depending upon the time the employe has been in the service. To start this pension system the company has made a cash gift of \$250,000 to the pension fund, and in addition agrees to pay any amount needed for the pensions up to \$100,000 a year.

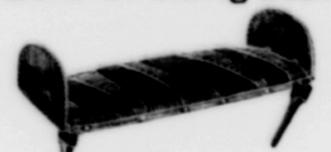
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Elizabeth College. This institution is located at Charlotte, N. C. It is one of the few well-equipped colleges in the South for the higher education of women. They believe in excellent equipment. This summer they are erecting a separate fine Conservatory of Music. This new building will be connected with the main building by a covered porch-way, and will be heated and lighted from the present steam and electric plants. Chemical and biological laboratories are being built and newly furnished. The library is to be enlarged, and several new houses and a barn are being built on the extensive grounds. The plasterers, carpenters and painters are at work in the main building, re-touching everything and re-varnishing all the furniture, etc. Everything will have a new and fresh appearance when school opens. This college is particularly noted for its high-grade work in the various collegiate and music departments, and for its health record. It is an up-to-date institution, run on scientific principles.

THE MIDSUMMER DELINEATOR

As this is essentially the vacation time of the year, The Delineator for August is the vacation number. The spirit of midsummer breathes over its pages from the fashions down to the household notes. The daintiest dresses and dress accessories are gathered into this number, just suitable in their materials and their make-up for the temporary use to which midsummer clothing is put. The dressmaking article by Mrs. Gorman deals with lace, stock-dollars and open work of various kinds, boleros, etc., which appear to be more popular than ever this season. The kitchen article for the month describes various cold tomato dishes, summer drinks and fruit salads. Three short stories also appear in the August number: one by Francis Lynde entitled "A Vacation Conscience" another by Arabella Kennedy, daughter of the famous Dr. Kennedy, entitled "Dr. Fordham's Daughter," and third, a college story written by a college girl entitled "The Impressionist Picture."

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Notes From the Field.

NORTH TEXAS CONFERENCE.

GREENVILLE.

W. H. Brown, July 22. We just closed last night a great meeting at Poetry, on the Royce City charge. Between 30 and 35 professed religion, and the Church was greatly blessed. Brother W. H. Adams is a happy and popular pastor. The people love him much.

ROSALIE.

S. M. Owen, July 18. We have just closed a fine meeting at Lone Star. Had several conversions and relocations. We more than doubled the membership at this point. We are now in the midst of a gracious meeting at McKenke Chapel. Twenty-four conversions up to the present time. The Lord is with us in great power. Rev. J. K. McMillin is doing the preaching. The Lord is blessing his labors.

KEMP.

D. F. Fuller, Our meeting at Becker was not so good, by far, as we had expected, in visible results. There was but one conversion. The attendance was large, interest taken by members good, and attention of sinners all that could be asked, hence our anxiety as to the results. A small cyclone struck Kemp Friday, 19th inst., damaging our church somewhat. Workmen are engaged now in repairing the damage, and say the injury is not great.

CAMPBELL.

J. T. Hudworth, July 22. We closed a fine revival at Friendship last Wednesday night. The Church was greatly revived; 21 conversions and 16 joined the Church. We were ably assisted by that prince of local preachers, Rev. W. H. C. Elliott, of Leonard, who people call him a "great preacher," and so he is. Uncle Dick Thompson was with us here yesterday at 11:00 and night. We had a great day. We just turned Uncle Dick loose and how he did preach. We hope he will come again.

PARADISE.

R. C. Crutcher, July 21. I have just closed my meeting at this point. Jas. E. Crutcher did the preaching. The Church has been removed from the old town to the new and is well located, a thing that all the former pastors know needed to be done. It was done at a cost of about \$500. We also have sold the old parsonage for \$250 and bought another in one of the most desirable locations in the town, near the church, at a cost of \$350. This will also relieve the hearts of some of the former pastors. A nice four-room house, a good, new stable house, a thing much needed, a stable, crib, hay rack, buggy shed and large garden, and one of the finest views in the town, together with the glossy outlook for a crop this year. I secured in subscriptions the most of my collections ordered by the Annual Conference. Upon the whole we are moving up at Paradise. We are moved and settled down this day in our new place. We pleased.

SANGER.

Alfred Webb, July 25. Last Saturday and Sunday was the occasion of our third quarterly Conference and the dedication of our church at Bolivar. Bro. Morris said that the congregations on Saturday were the largest he had seen on the district for that day. The fact is, the people are beginning to learn that again the quarterly Conference is an occasion of great spiritual feasts, and they now know that when they come they will hear something they can not afford to miss. So they were there Saturday from twenty-five miles distant. Considering the extreme drought that prevails, the reports were good and prospects are good for full collections on all assessments on Sanger Circuit this year, besides building two new churches. We have already more cash on conference assessments than has ever been paid by this circuit before. The dedication on Sunday was the first ever attended by either pastor or presiding elder. I suppose Bro. Morris was at his best. I think I know the elements of good country. I have analyzed the world's masterpieces, and judged by these standards this was in every sense a great sermon, and would have done credit to any man in Southern Methodism.

EAST TEXAS CONFERENCE.

BULLARD.

C. H. Smith, July 22. The visible results of my three first meetings on Whitehouse charge are: First, one at Liberty Hill, four eight days, some 25 or more professed religion; second, one at Liberty Hill, seven days, 7 conversions to our Church, assisted by Bro. Allen, Senegus, Griffin and P. E. Smith. Next at Bullard, assisted by Bro. Miller, of Troop, ran 6 days; Church is much revived, some relocations; 2 professions, 2 conversions. Next at Whitehouse, ran 7 days, no baptisms, but several brethren Griffin and York, results: Church revived; several relocations; some 3 conversions; 7 professions in all converted at mourner's bench in the altar. God be praised.

TYLER CIRCUIT.

S. N. Allen, July 20. Just closed a good meeting at Red Springs Thursday night. Had twenty-two conversions. Eleven conversions to our Church. The rest will go to the Baptist Church. The good Lord was with us in great power. Old-time mourners' bench and the old-time conversion, old-time praying and weeping in the altar around the weeping mourners; old-time shouting when they were converted. Glory to God. Bro. J. M. McCarter, of Quitman Circuit, came to our assistance Tuesday night and preached four times. God bless Bro. Jim. He is a good fellow. I am a little slow up, but we begin at Bascom to-morrow.

GRAND SALINE.

J. L. Fall, We are not dead, but still alive and at work for the Master. The Tyler District Conference convened at this place July 2, and, considering every thing—stickness and drought—we had a very pleasant and profitable conference. Our pastor has begun his meetings, the first at this place before the conference, but was discontinued after the conference on account of drought. We have a good crowd following. I am a little slow up, but we begin at Bascom to-morrow.

of six dollars' worth of the Young People's Herald. No. 2. I have examined them some, and as far as I can tell it is very fine. We have done considerable improvement on the church and parsonage this year, and hope to do more in the near future. We have a weekly prayer-meeting, but it is not well attended by the older people. I wish more would attend. We need help. I think the collections of the Church every way are very well up to date. We have in our midst a book entitled "The Negro a Boast," which seems to be doing harm. I would like to ask Bro. W. H. Hughes, Dallas, to write a piece to the Advocate on this subject. I am a great admirer of Bro. Hughes' writings. They seem to be so scriptural. I enjoy reading the Advocate. The editorials are fine.

LINDALE.

J. J. Love, July 21. We are glad to be able to announce that our pastor, Bro. Arthur Downs, is now improving from a long and severe attack of slow fever, and we hope that he will be able to resume his work by the last of August. Bro. Downs has been greatly misled by a both in pulpit and our homes, during his sickness. We all dearly love Bro. Downs, and will assist the conference that we will administer to his every need. Bro. Downs and his good wife, have done a great work for Lindale. He is not only one of the finest preachers of his age in East Texas Conference, but a pastor that can not be surpassed by any. He is loved by all. We regret very much that he could not attend our District Conference, but glad to say his Church was well represented by such laymen as Bro. Billy Smith, E. J. Lake, A. M. Watson. On account of sickness, Bro. J. W. Ogburn was prevented from attending. And right now we want to thank the conference for electing J. W. Ogburn as delegate. We want you that Methodism will never follow, but always lead, when he has a voice. Lindale Church will say amen to this. Our presiding elder, J. T. Smith, has been looking carefully after Bro. Downs since his sickness. We all know Bro. Smith, and know him to be one of the best men in Texas, and no presiding elder has ever surpassed him on any district. I will not attempt to say anything—only Bro. Smith has the best of coming here. We all love him. The Advocate is out of sight.

NORTHWEST TEX. CONFERENCE.

DAWSON.

C. G. Shatt, July 22. We are in a good meeting at Mount Zion. Quite a number of conversions. Fourteen added to the Church yesterday. We have had 18 additions to date.

TROY.

C. S. Cameron, We have just closed a meeting of great power at Troy. After nine days' duration, the Lord blessed our labors in the conversion of sixty persons in the altar from within and without the Church, and thirty-four were added to our Church. Bro. J. E. Owen, an exhorter from Marysvale Circuit, was with me, and did some excellent work. He is a power in the altar.

CORVELL CITY.

F. M. Withburn, July 15. Our beautiful church here, built by Bro. Summers, came near being wrecked by a fierce gale on the 6th inst. When I came from Mosheim today, where I had been holding a meeting for several days, I found our brethren had rallied and were repairing the breach. A great comfort to a pastor to have people who will get up and do something themselves. I have seen it different. Hot and dry; even burnt up.

PEACH STREET, EMIT WORTH.

Gus Barnes, July 21. We had a fine day at Peach Street yesterday. Received eight into the Church. We have just finished papering and painting our church. She is looking as beautiful and bright as ever. We will this week pay off note and half of another on our church. Next year we want to finish up the debt and build more room. Our house is not small for our people. We will have a net gain of \$100 members by conference, and collections all up.

CROWELL.

C. E. Lindsey, The work on this charge is moving on grandly. Last Tuesday we had a prohibition election. Results: 18 pro, 12 anti. I regard this as a great victory. People can come here for Church and school privileges without the evil of the saloon. We are soon to have a rail road. Our town is steadily improving. We are suffering a great drought, but we are going to have some "big meetings," and expect all to end well. Our Home-Mission Society works like bees—every member is a queen. Our Sunday-school last two Sabbaths had the largest attendance in two years. The Margaret school and prayer-meeting are doing splendid work.

ITALY.

J. D. Osborn, July 22. We closed a very successful meeting Thursday night. Results, eighteen conversions, seventeen professions, a number of relocations and a revival of the Church. Bro. Dickenson of Palestine, preached six times, Bro. Gray of Midford, and Bro. Park of the C. F. Church, once each. The music was conducted by Bro. Joe H. Edwards, of Nash county. Bro. Willie Huff, of Blounting Grove, These brethren all rendered valuable service, which was much appreciated by our people. The meeting continued twelve days and we will close from the first service. Italy Station is in very fair condition. Our Sunday-school League and Woman's Home-Mission Society are doing splendidly. We are much encouraged.

WELLINGTON.

James Hicks, Our third Quarterly Conference is a thing of the past. It was held the 15th and 16th of this month. Our beloved came and brought his beloved, and we had a profitable time. Bro. Hardy preached us four good sermons and Sister Hardy organized a Home-Mission Society. (We are grateful to Sister Hardy for her visit. Come again.) The good ladies of Wellington gave an ice cream supper the night of the 12th; made nearly money enough to pay for our new organ. Someone took it in hand next day, and at night when I got back from conference, they handed me the money to pay for the or-

gan. These are noble people. They have responded to every call until our new church is finished, furnished and equipped, and paid for except the lamp, which will be done soon. Our bell, as it rings out, makes us want to go to church. We have painted the parsonage inside and out, put up screen doors, also a nice yard fence. We are now starting into our meetings.

HEWITT.

S. W. Turner, July 16. We closed the first meeting on this charge at this place last night. Had a fine meeting. Church greatly blessed. Fourteen professions. Parties concerned on their knees in the altar. They told it in the old style. Nine additions to our Church. Three are children of Baptist parents, and will join that Church. Two were already members of our Church. Our presiding elder, Bro. Hudson, preached one sermon. Bro. J. G. Miller one. The pastor did the rest. Continued two weeks. Organized this society December 28, with thirty-eight members. We now number sixty-four. Our Sunday-school enrolls 123. Our Epworth League organized with sixteen members. Built new church and occupied it April 22. Built good parsonage here also. To God be all the glory. Begin another meeting to-night.

TEXAS CONFERENCE.

MANCHAUA.

W. W. Horner, July 19. We began our first protracted meeting on the work at Manchagua on Wednesday night before the third Sunday in June, and continued for twelve days. The Church members who attended were considerably revived, and we had about eight conversions and relocations, and eleven additions to the Church. It was the best meeting that had been at this place for many years and we are thankful to God for his many blessings to us. We had the assistance of Bro. J. W. Harmon here, and he did some of his best preaching. He had been a former pastor here, and his old friends were delighted to see him. One special meeting was held at 10 o'clock. Here six miles south of Austin, embracing the first and second Sabbaths in this month, and lasting ten days. We were visited in this meeting by Bro. J. G. Garrett, of Austin, and he preached some of the best and most successful sermons I have heard in recent times. In account of the kindness of the Church there, and the best time, and the showery weather, the visible results were not satisfactory, but yet we believe that great good will be done, and that the seed sown will be productive in the glory of God. There were two professions and one addition to the Church at this place, and many Church members were built up and made stronger in the faith. We are seeking earnestly from the long-continued drought in the country, and the corn crop is cut short by at least half, so the farmers are having three or four meetings left to hold, and we are praying for abundant success in those meetings.

GEORGETOWN DISTRICT.

Report on Temperance.

To the Presiding Elder and Members District Conference, Georgetown District, Northwest Texas Conference.

Dear Brethren—Your Committee on Temperance beg leave to say we believe the greatest evil of our times is the liquor traffic. Its results are drunkenness, delinquency, poverty, devastation of the homes, murder and suicide. It destroys body, mind and soul, and costs more money than all the educational, moral and religious institutions combined. There are two parties responsible for all this crime—they who make and sell it, and they who vote for the perpetuation of the saloon. These voters and sellers are equally responsible for every evil growing out of it, for it is by them that the evil exists.

It is a principle of moral philosophy that a man is no better than the principles that inhere in him; that the quality of every act is determined by the motives that prompted it. Since the saloon in our State exists by the suffrage of the voters, the man who votes for the saloon is, against prohibition, is a saloonist at heart and no better morally than the man who stands behind the bar and sells it. And if the saloon voter is a Church member he ought to know that his act is condemned by the Church, and by his act he shows his alignment with the devil.

Article 215 of our Discipline says: "Let all our preachers and members abstain from the manufacture or sale of intoxicating liquors to be used as a beverage, from signing petitions for such sale, from becoming bondsmen for any person as a condition for obtaining license, and from renting property to be used for such sale. If any member shall violate any of the provisions of this paragraph he shall be deemed guilty of immorality."

The Northwest Texas Conference held at Hillsboro in 1894, adopted in its report on temperance the following:

"Resolved, That under a fair construction of the law of the Church, that any man who votes directly for the perpetuation of the saloon is equally guilty with the petitioner for a license of the sale of intoxicating liquors, and should be dealt with as this character of offenders."

It is too late in this day for Church members to render the oft-explored excuses for voting the anti ticket. The

sources of information on this subject are many. The hundreds of schools and colleges all over the land, as well as the pulpit and the press, are constantly instructing along these lines, and our people as a rule, have to excuse for not being informed on the subject.

Our General Conference in 1896 said: "We are emphatically a prohibition Church. We stand out against, and rebuke the whole world, certainly in theory, and for the most part in practice, for the complete suppression of the liquor traffic. We offer no compromise, to and seek no terms for a sabbath of this business quality. We are opposed to all forms of license of this nature, whether the same be high or low. It can not be so high that the prayers of God's people for its suppression will not rise above it, nor so low, though it makes its bed in hell, that the shrieks of the souls that through its accursed agency will not descend beneath it."

Our Church believes and declares to license the liquor traffic is a sin. Prohibition all over the world upholds the same opinion.

The Church has trailing back through her history an unbroken chain of condemnation of the liquor traffic. Year by year she is welding link to link and adding strength to strength, and as soon as the chain is completed will rise in her might and tread this arch-fiend head and foot and cast him out forever.

We heartily endorse the Anti-Saloon League movement, and recommend the adoption of the following resolutions as a part of our report.

"Whereas, The saloon men of our country are organized for the protection and the promotion of their local interests; and

"Whereas, The only successful way to defeat organized evil is to organize the good people against it; and

"Whereas, The Anti-Saloon League is an organization against the saloon and the liquor traffic; therefore,

Resolved, That we do heartily endorse the Anti-Saloon League as a most potent agency for good in our State and nation, and pledge our influence and support in its behalf."

All of which is most respectfully submitted. S. J. VAUGHAN, Chairman Committee, Marble Falls, Texas.

The report was unanimously adopted by the conference, and a copy ordered furnished the Texas Christian Advocate for publication.

SISTER SMITH SAYS A WORD.

The Advocate puts its weekly visits to our home and is read with no little degree of interest. However, I wish to make special mention of your editorial this week on "A S-hool for the Training of Wives." Now didn't Bro. Paul more set a nice trap for himself should he ever want a wife in the bounds of this article.

It was so kind and good of you to take him up and handle him as he deserves, in behalf of us wives, that I call forth from my heretofore silent pen a hearty response, and I dare say appeals to every wife who reads it and places our already appreciated opinion at least one round higher in our estimation.

We wives like such reading in our home papers, but as a rule our husbands are not fond of such reminders, because you see the "truth hurts."

Indeed, we think if there is a school of this character in existence, it should be for the prospective husband.

Truly it is said of woman, that "Love is her very existence," and I say, when she fails in her home duty there is a cause—doubtless some one has failed before her.

She is what her husband makes her; he either lifts her up or crushes her very life away by carelessness and indifference to the many little kindnesses she naturally expects, and to her so sweet and without which she drag out a miserable existence.

How many of the homes, if we could only pry into the secret recesses of some, would be found anything else but what it was intended to be a living Father's home.

Indeed, there exists a wrong that should by some means be righted, and I would suggest that the husbands of our land be what they ought to be and note the result.

I'll venture to say, that will be richly repaid for whatever sacrifice they may have made.

Your sister in Christ and a wife, AMANDA SMITH.

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Where love of Beauty holds its sway
And broken hearts weep with time
The anguish of a fearful day.
Let not thy manhood tremble at thy fate,
Nor kneel upon the altar of Despair,
When rivals, with perverted minds,
Scorn thy friendship with satire.
Why should man trenchant a poor soul
That's doomed to ashes of ill-fame?
I would rather rest beneath the tomb
Without a slab to bear my name.
Standing with a guileless soul and heart,
With all the ages to respond,
With ancient Gladness I can see
Happiness in the Great Beyond.
Happiness in the Great Beyond,
Where love of Jesus is secure,
And all carnal matters melt
Long before the morning dew.
Where pearls-plummed wings of Peace
Shall bear His children to the bar,
There receive a crown of glory,
With a brilliant morning star.

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WON A PLACE BY A WHISTLE.

He was an odd-looking little figure as he came merrily whistling down the street the morning after the big snow, says an exchange. His nose was red, his hands were bare, his feet were in shoes several times too large, and his hat was held in place by a roll of paper under the sweat-band, but he piped away like a steam whistle and carried the big snow shovel much as a marching soldier carries his rifle.
"How much?" from an imposing looking man who was asked if he wanted his walks cleaned.
"Ten cents."
"A nickel's enough."
"It would be if I couldn't do no better, but I've got to do the best I can and business is business. Good morning," and the merry whistle filled the air as the boy started away.
"Go ahead and clean 'em!" shouted the man, whose admiration and better nature had been aroused.
"Just see that little rascal make the snow fly," he laughed to his wife, who stood at the window with him. "Why, he's a regular snow-plow, and he does it well, too."
"What a little mite!" and how comical! "I wonder if he's hungry?"
She called him in as soon as he had finished, but he would not take time for more than a cup of coffee.
"Too busy," he said.
"What are you going to do with the money?" asked the man, as he insisted on settling at twenty-five cents.
"I'm going to get mother a shawl for Christmas. She's wearing one you can see through, and it ain't right."
On he went with glowing cheeks and his cheering whistle. But they had his name and address. It was the wife who took a shawl to the mother, and it was the husband who installed the sturdy little snow-shoveler as of- fice boy in a bright new uniform, and with permission to whistle when he feels like it.—Presbyterian.

THE AMERICAN SOLDIER'S BIBLE.

Gen. Toral has commented in a Spanish journal on the fact that his men during the battle of Santiago, when they had opportunity to examine the American dead, usually found a Bible or a Testament on the bodies. He is unable to reconcile this discovery with his belief that the Americans are a nation of hypocrites, dishonest, vainglorious, and bloodthirsty. He thinks it proof of the deep-rooted hypocrisy existing in the nation—so he asserts.

Perhaps if Gen. Toral could have entered thousands of American cities and farm homes at the beginning of the Cuban war, he would have noticed a gray-haired woman, or a young girl on whose bosom gleamed the badge of Social Purity, writing with trembling hands on the fly-leaf of the sacred Book, "To John. From his affectionate mother (or sister)."

And if Gen. Toral had looked closely he would have seen that on the fly-leaf, just below the writing, or perhaps immediately upon the name, there were stains as if tears had fallen from eyes which were to know no rest until the soldier boy came home. If this be hypocrisy, if it is to be no sign of a deeper and truer undercurrent of life dwelling in the great national heart, then Gen. Toral is entitled to make all that his wits can of it.

The American does not carry his religion on the sleeve of his coat. It has been said by some philosopher that the American of all nationalities, most hold his religion in reserve for a crisis—for an hour when the soul is tried upon the rack of temptation. If this be true, what a spectacle for man when on uncovering the bosom of eighty per cent of the American dead, fallen between Siboney and Santiago those who came to bury found blood-stained or bullet-pierced the Word of the Scriptures! It matters little how the truth comes to a man, so that the

truth be found with him when his battle song is at an end.

Gen. Bates, Col. Roosevelt, Col. Turner, all commented at the end of the late war on the companionship there appeared to be between the man in the ranks and these little volumes given to them by dear hands. There was comment, also, that the volume was rarely conspicuously displayed; that only on the transports, or in the late hours of the night, or when there were long and deadly waits in the jungles, did the books come out. Then they were handled very shyly, perhaps through fear of an idle banter, perhaps because they seemed as sacred as the name of the woman who gave them. If one were to listen to some arguments, perhaps that of Gen. Toral, it might have been thought that men going into battle would have been given a pocket volume of "Voltaire," or of latter-day poems, or a bit of the satire of Ingersoll. But singularly enough, such edifying works were not selected, and the wounded man who was brought to the hospital tent did not ask for them. He was content if the letter from home could be read to him; or, as the shadow came upon his eyes, that the old song of Israel should be repeated to him, while his soul slipped away to the sweet fields of Eden.

We are wont in our pain-free moments, when the laugh is most careless, to speak lightly of the religious faith of our fathers, to toss aside the Bible even as a volume of extraordinary literary merit. But is there not something more than the mere influence or orthodoxy of a set theology, in this death struggle of Johnson, private of the Fourth Infantry, at Siboney, who, turning and tossing, called to his nurse to read to him? In the tent there was not even a scrap of paper. That mattered nothing to him. He indicated with his head that she should go to his blouse. She did so, and found in the inner pocket an Old Testament given him by an Iowa mother. She turned page after page, wondering what he would care for, until her eyes chanced upon these lines: "As the hart panteth after the water brook, so panteth my soul after thee, O God." It was sufficient. There came to this American soldier's face one gleam of radiance, one last interblending of the sunlight of life and the hereafter, and he was without days.—H. I. Cleveland, in Chicago Times-Herald.

CULTIVATE COURAGE.

In her "Talks With Girls," in the Woman's Home Companion, Ada C. Sweet gives the following excellent advice to nervous women and to girls who believe that to pretend to fear is a feminine virtue.

"Without courage a fine, high character is impossible. Girls need to cultivate this magnificent virtue. To be afraid of nothing is enviable. It is too much the custom to excuse girls for cowardice, which is the lowest form of selfish fear. Yet it is not uncommon to hear a girl say, 'I am an abject coward.'"

"This confession should be rebuked, but out of deference to custom we only smile when we hear it from girls or women. A boy or man is ashamed of yielding to fear. He conceals his weakness if he is afraid, and in concealing it half cures it, for he is obliged to battle with his abject love of self in order to keep the respect of the people around him. In the end he asserts his own power and ceases to be ruled by fear.

Nervous, impressionable girls should cease to slander themselves by announcing that they are cowards. It is dangerous to play with the vital sources of character. The girl who thinks or says, 'Oh, I should be frightened out of my wits by a fire!' I should throw myself out of the first window, etc., will, it is more than likely, do something foolish should a fire occur where she is. The girl who thinks and says that in case of fire she will first of all strive to keep her mind steady and then do all she can practically and quickly for others and herself will probably turn out a genuine heroine when the time of trial comes.

"To assume voluntarily the attitude of a helpless weakling is dangerous. Habits of mind, of imagination, become fixed, as do those of the body. Any way, don't boast of any of your weaknesses. Courage can be cultivated if one has a determined will."

LITTLE RED MEN.

An Indian's baby's first year is spent strapped up in a tight little cradle, such as you have seen in pictures. When the little feet get out of the cradle they will soon learn to run about. Then the little red man will mount on a cornstalk and take such rides as you take on a cane or broom. He would say that his horse is much better, because it makes such a dust.

As soon as the little red woman is out of her cradle she begins to carry a doll or a puppy on her back, just as her mamma used to carry her. She

makes cunning little wigwams, too, and plays "keep house" while her little brother plays at hunting and fishing.

But the little red boys and girls do not play all the time. They learn to help their mothers, and a good Indian mother takes great pains to teach her children to be polite. She teaches them that they must never ask a person his name; they must never pass between an older person and the fire; and they must never, never speak to older people while they are talking.

When a little red man forgets these very good rules and is rude, what do you suppose his mother says to him? I am sure you can never guess. She says: "Why, you act like a little white child!" Can it be that these little red men can teach us lessons in politeness?—Selected.

FIVE-YEAR-OLD FAITH.

In the family of several children, one little five-year-old was busily watching all the rest at play. Mamma was sick and all the children were playing with rag dolls except Naddy—there wasn't one for him. Going to his mamma he asked her permission to use the telephone. After ringing he says:

"Hello, exchange!"
"Hello," came back the answer.
"Please give me heaven."
There was a great surprise in the exchange office for a moment, and then the answer was shouted back:
"All right; connected with heaven!"

Naddy then said: Dear God, please make my mamma well, and send us another rag baby for we are one short, and I can't play with the children."

This is an actual fact.—Childs Gem.

HAND-TO-HAND COMBAT.

On a cold winter evening, said Dr. T. L. Cuyler recently, I made my first call on a rich merchant in New York. As I left the door and the piercing gale swept in, I said:

"What an awful night for the poor!"
He went back and, bringing to me a roll of bank bills, said:

"Please hand these for me to the poorest people you know."

After a few days I wrote to him the grateful thanks of the poor whom his bounty had relieved, and added:

"How is it that a man so kind to his fellow creatures has always been so unkind to his Savior as to refuse him his heart?"

That sentence touched him to the core. He sent for me to come and talk with him, and speedily gave him self to Christ. He has been a most useful Christian ever since. But he told me I was the first person who had talked to him about his soul in twenty years. One hour of pastoral work did more for that man than the pulpit effort of a lifetime.

Young pastors, don't neglect the hand-to-hand and face-to-face combat. Be diligent seekers of individual souls. Watch your opportunities.—Selected.

PRAYING IN THE MORNING.

Someone told me once of a child who said to one of her playmates that she was in the habit of praying at night because she wanted God to take care of her then, but she did not say her prayers in the morning because she thought she could keep herself good all day. Was ever a little girl able to do that?

When a child awakens after a night's rest, what is more fitting than for it to utter the nursery prayer:

Now I wake and see the light,
'Tis God who kept me through the night;
To him I lift my voice and pray
That he would keep me through the day.

There is another little prayer that says:

Let me both diligently work
And duly pray;
Let me be kind in word and deed
Just for to-day.

That is a beautiful prayer for anyone to offer. We cannot expect to do right, even for an hour, unless the Lord helps us.

Miss Elizabeth Tobey, the evangelist, tells this story. She was held a meeting for children some years ago and asked all those who would give themselves to Christ to stand up. Three children from one family arose, a boy and his two sisters. "Now," said Miss Tobey, "if you are going to serve Christ you must pray every morning that the Lord will help you, for you cannot do it alone."

The boy went home and asked his mother to teach him how to pray in the morning. The mother had perhaps been so busy that she had neglected to show her children the need for morning prayer. Yet she was glad to help her son when he made his request, and from that time on he



SSS and OLD PEOPLE

Bad Circulation is the cause of most of the ills that come with old age. With advancing years there is a decline of strength and vigor—the machinery of the body moves with less speed and accuracy. Because of the weak and irregular action of the heart the blood moves more slowly, becomes impure and loses much of its life-sustaining properties, and muscles, tissues and nerves literally starve for lack of nourishment. A sluggish and polluted circulation is followed by a long train of bodily ailments. Cold feet, chilly sensations up and down the spine, poor appetite and digestion, soreness of the muscles, rheumatic pains, hard and fissured skin, face sores, chronic running ulcers on the lower limbs and other parts of the body—these and many other diseases peculiar to old people are due to a lack of healthy blood and imperfect circulation. Restoration to health must come through the building up and purification of the blood, thus adding strength and tone to the vital organs and quick, healthy action to the circulation.

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prayed in the morning. The boy, although bright in other respects, was a dull scholar, but to the surprise of his friends he suddenly began to improve and gained considerable praise for doing well in school.

"There's a little secret about that, mother," said he. "I ask Jesus every morning to help me with my lessons—and he does."

Recently Miss Tobey visited the town where the boy, now grown to be a lad of fifteen, is living. She was told that his scholarship was so good that he stood at the head of a class of fifty. His Bible, worn by faithful study and carefully marked, was shown to her, and she knew that when he began to pray for God's blessing upon his work he began to study diligently the word of God. David said: "Evening and morning and at noon will I pray and cry aloud; and He shall hear my voice." It is not enough simply to say a prayer at night.—Cons-in Lois.

A FRIGHTENED TIGER.

It was discovered by a keeper of the Clifton (England) zoo, on the morning of a children's fête, that a tiger had escaped from his cage. The superintendent maintained an absolute silence and trusted to luck. A secret search of the gardens convinced the keepers that the tiger had scaled the walls and was in the open country.

Thousands of children romped through the day and cried, "Oh!" and "Ah!" as the fireworks gleamed in the night. They played and sauntered about amid trees and shaded alleys and dark corners in the evening; and then everybody went home, tired and happy.

In the early dawn there was another search; and in the corner of a disused monkey-house was found the "monarch of the jungle," still trembling from freedom and fireworks. His keepers threw a handkerchief about his neck and led him back to the grateful safety of his cage.—London Chronicle.

THE BABY'S NURSE.

"Yes," said Mr. Hillier, as he carefully dug around my pansy bed. "Oh! yes, I've seen elephants in India many a time. I was stationed at one point, with the English army, you know, where I saw one who used to take care of the children."

"Take care of the children? How could he? What do you mean?"

"Well, he did, ma'am. It was wonderful what that elephant knew. The first time I made his acquaintance he gave me a blow that I had reason to remember. I was on duty in the yard and the colonel's little child was playing about and she kept running too near, I thought, to the elephant's feet. I was afraid he would put his great, clumsy foot on her by mistake, so I made up my mind to carry her to a safer place. I stooped to pick her up and the next thing I knew I had had a knock which sent me flat on the ground. That elephant had hit me with his trunk. One of the servants came along just then and helped me up; and when I told him about it, said he: 'I wonder the old fellow didn't kill you. It isn't safe for anybody to interfere with that baby when he has it in his charge. I'd have you to know that he's that baby's nurse.'"

"Well, I thought he was just saying it for sport, but sure enough, after a while the nurse came out with the

child fast asleep on her arms and what did she do but lay it in the elephant's trunk as though it had been a cradle! And that great fellow stood there for more than an hour, watching the baby and rocking it gently now and then.

"He was real good to the other children, too. It used to be his business to take the family out riding. The colonel's lady would come out and mount to her cushioned seat on his back; then one by one the three children would be given to the elephant and he would hand them up to the mother, nicer than any nurse or servant could you know, because he could reach and knew how to do it. Oh, an elephant is an uncommon handy nurse, when he is trained to the business; and faithful, I tell you. You can trust him every time."—Pansy.

A PRECOCIOUS YOUTH.

A popular Boston doctor tells this story of his active nine-year-old boy. Not long ago his teacher kept him after school and had a serious talk with him. Finally she said:

"I certainly shall have to ask your father to come and see me."

"Don't you do it," said the boy.

The teacher thought she made an impression.

"Yes," she repeated, "I must send for your father."

"You better not," said the boy.

"Why not?" inquired the teacher.

"'Cause he charges \$2.00 a visit."

A BOY HERO.

It might have been a mistaken idea of boyish honor that prompted him to do it, but who could but admire the spirit of the little fellow who, while he lay dying in a New York hospital the other day, refused to tell the name of the companion who had pushed him from a freight car and brought him to his death. "Don't cry, mamma," he said, after his crushed legs had been amputated. "It wouldn't be fair to tell. He didn't mean to hurt me." And with his hand clutching his mother's tightly, the boy who was true to his chum even to death, passed away.—Leslie's Weekly.

FOOD CURE.

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A man may try all sorts of drugs to help him to get well, but after all the "food cure" is the method intended by Nature.

Anyone can prove the efficacy of the food cure by making use of the following breakfast each morning for fifteen or twenty days:

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Let one meal in the day consist of an abundance of good meat, potato and one other vegetable.

This method will quickly prove the value of the selection of the right kind of food to rebuild the body and replace the lost tissue which is destroyed every day and must be made up, or disease of some sort enters in. This is an age of specialists, and the above suggestions are given by a specialist in food values, dietetics and hygiene.

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THE VICAR OF WAKEFIELD.
A Study.

Such were some of the peculiarities—such was the simplicity, charity, love and recklessness of Oliver Goldsmith, and so masterfully did he entangle his soul—his life—into the warp and woof of his literature, that it is impossible to separate them. We must let them mingle until the time of harvest. Therefore, what our author joined together, we will not attempt to put asunder.

Oliver Goldsmith was born at Pallas, County Langford, Ireland, November 10, 1728, and died in London, April 4, 1774.

His father was a poor clergyman in the Established Church; but some members of the family were in comfortable circumstances, his uncle contributing funds to defray his expenses to Dublin University, where he entered as a sizar, or charity scholar. He took his degree five years after. Returning to his home, he studied for the ministry for two years, when on presenting himself for examination he was rejected.

His uncle gave him fifty pounds to go to London to study law. He reached Dublin, where he lost all his money at the gaming table, after which he returned for a while to his home.

In 1752 his friends sent him to Edinburgh to study medicine. He squandered his money and fled to the continent. He attended lectures at Leyden, afterwards going to Paris, whence he started for a pedestrian tour of the continent.

It is an established fact that he made an extended journey without means of subsistence except his flute.

He visited Padua, where he claimed to have received his medical degree.

Early in 1756 Goldsmith, now about 28 years old, made his way back to London, ragged and penniless. The two or three years following he was an apothecary's assistant and a proof-reader for Richardson, the novelist.

He was employed for a time as usher in a school, where, in consequence of his uncomely appearance and his general unkempt condition, he was subjected to all manner of indignities, until tolerance was no longer a virtue, when he quit the position.

By accident he became a hack-writer for the Monthly Review, which finally led him into literature as a profession.

In 1756 he came to London, where he attempted medical practice in an humble way, but soon discovered that scholarship was of no assistance, it being a quite general impression then, as now, that the practice of medicine was a kind of hoens-poens, legerdemain, hoo-doo or slight of hand, that if a doctor knew anything else, he was supposed not to know medicine. He accordingly gave up the practice.

In 1765 he published his poem, "The Traveller," which was partly written while abroad. He also published, in the same year, his beautiful ballad, "The Hermit." These established his reputation as a poet, which was greatly heightened by the publication of "The Deserted Village."

His comedy, "The Good-Natured Man," was produced in 1768, which, though not considered a great success, brought him considerable money, so that he was able to live in affluence and to dress with satisfactory extravagance.

"She Stoops to Conquer" was produced in 1773, and became a universal favorite.

It is not our purpose to trace his various literary productions; but we have mentioned the foregoing in order to lead up to his classic romance, "The Vicar of Wakefield."

Before taking up the study of that work, we deem it well to refer to some of the more prominent traits of his character, for it is admitted by all literateurs that this masterpiece is more or less autobiographical.

That he was guilty of gaming, and a spendthrift, is undisputed. At the same time his generosity was bounded only by the limits of his purse. On one occasion he pawned a new suit of clothes loaned him for a social occasion, and a number of valuable books entrusted to him for review, in order to assist his landlady, to whom he was in arrears and who appealed to him in distress. It was this circumstance that caused a serious rupture between himself and his publisher, Griffith, to whom the property belonged.

His passion for fun, practical jokes, the theater, and sports with children, marked him as a curiosity among men.

One of his exquisite sensibilities must certainly be deeply impressed by his surroundings; and yet, in spite of poverty, squalor and wretchedness, upon which he looked and from which he suffered for so many years, he was possessed of innate manhood and dignity to enable him to rise above it all and live and breathe in an atmosphere of the pure, the true and the sublime.

A glimpse of his surroundings in Green Arbor Court, London, as given by Irving, is so graphic that we can not resist the temptation to transcribe it. He says:

"The writer of this memoir visited it not many years since on a literary pilgrimage, and may be excused for repeating a description of it which has heretofore been inserted in another publication. It then existed in its pristine state, and was a small square of tall and miserable houses, the very intestines of which seemed turned inside out, to judge from the old garments and frippery that fluttered from every window. It appeared to be a region of washerwomen, and lines were stretched about the little square, on which clothes were dangling dry.

"Just as we entered the square, a scuffle took place between two viragos about a disputed right to a wash-tub, and immediately the whole community was in a hubbub. Heads in mob-caps popped out of every window, and such a clamor of tongues ensued that I was fain to stop my ears. Every amazon took part with one or the other of the disputants, and brandished her arns, dripping with soap-suds, and fired away from her window as from the embrasure of a fortress, while the screams of children, nestled and cradled in every procrustean chamber of this hive, waking with the noise, set up their shrill pipes to swell the general concert."

In spite of these unamiable surroundings, his poetry breathed a spirit so refined, elevated and elegant that many of his literary friends could not believe him the author of them. Even David Garrick, his constant and intimate friend, said: "He writes like an angel, but talks like poor poll."

He was known among his friends as "The Inspired Idiot."

He was considerably in arrears to his widowed landlady for rent, who gave him one of three alternatives, viz. To pay up his rent, go to prison for debt, or to marry her.

He had not the money to pay the arrears, did not want to go to prison, and would not marry the widow. In his distress he sent a note to his friend Ben Johnson, requesting him to come to him at once, as he was in distress. Johnson came, but had no money. In casting about as to the best method of raising money, Goldsmith produced the manuscript of "The Vicar of Wakefield." Johnson looked into it, approved it, and acting as Goldsmith's agent, sold it to Francis Newberry, nephew of and successor to the elder Newberry, publisher and book-seller. Johnson was paid sixty pounds for the manuscript—about three hundred dollars—which was turned over to Goldsmith, relieving his pressing wants and releasing him from the painful necessity of marrying the widow.

One or two authors whom I have consulted say that "The Vicar of Wakefield" was written while Goldsmith was in the debtor's prison; but I think this is without foundation in fact. But that he was, on several occasions, threatened with imprisonment there is no doubt.

"The Vicar of Wakefield" was sold to Newberry in 1761. John Clark Ridgely, in "Universal Literature," says that it remained unpublished for six years, owing to Newberry's doubts as to its promise of success. Irving says, in his "Life of Goldsmith," that it remained unpublished for nearly two years. Appleton's Cyclopaedia of Biography says it remained unpublished for about four years. The International Cyclopaedia is at variance with the others whom I have quoted. I am inclined to recognize Irving as correct.

It was finally brought out, with misgivings, but enriched Newberry, while its author got three hundred dollars. This is only one comment of thousands on the literary acumen and business sense of publishers.

As a literary production it has stood the test of near one hundred and forty years, having been translated into many languages, commended by all, and is still classic among romances. It will be read as long as books are printed and human nature is pleased with rural scenes and sympathizes with human suffering.

As to the plot of the story, its intricacy does not develop until the final denouement. It reads like an unvarnished narrative of rural events in an unsophisticated home, but the complications startle the reader at the last. We would caution the superficial to be on the alert all through the earlier chapters, or he will be compelled to occasionally review in order to retain the thread of the story.

The most, if not all of Goldsmith's work was done for bread. In view of this, his writings have a beauty and finish which are the more astonishing. He lived, not so much by the sweat of his brow as by the sweat of his brain. While he existed, others fattened on the product of his half-requited toil.

Strongly inclined, by nature and habit, to idleness, dissipation and social convivialities, he worked by fits and starts and without system or method, and not at all except as he

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s real good to the other chil- It used to be his business he family out riding. The lady would come out and her cushioned seat on his n one by one the three chil- l be given to the elephant and hand them up to the mother, any nurse or servant could, because he could reach and to do it. Oh, an elephant is mon handy nurse, when he to the business; and faith- l you. You can trust him Pansy.

RECOCIOUS YOUTH.

"Boston doctor tells this is active nine-year-old boy, ago his teacher kept him aft- and had a serious talk with ally she said: 'Only shall have to ask your come and see me.' 'You do it,' said the boy, 'erther thought she made an s. she repeated, 'I must send after not.' said the boy, 'ot?' inquired the teacher, he charges \$2.00 a visit."

A BOY HERO.

I have been a mistaken idea honor that prompted him to who could not admire the little fellow who, while ing in a New York hospital day, refused to tell the name apion who had pushed him eight ear and brought him to "Don't cry, mamma," he said, rushed legs had been ampa- wouldn't be fair to tell. He an to hurt me." And with clutching his mother's tight- r who was true to his chum, eath, passed away.—Leslie's

FOOD CURE.

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The story runs somewhat as follows: A vicar—under pastor or rector—in a rural district.

"And passing rich with forty pounds a year."

has two lovely daughters, Olivia and Sophia, of whom he is justly proud, but who give him immense trouble, as female-loveliness has ever done to the son of Adam.

One Burchell, a nomadic character of leisured indigence, falls in with the family in a journey of seventy miles as they remove from the old to a new parish. He rescues one of the daughters from drowning and becoming the friend of the family, makes them frequent visits. He informs them of a young seigneurie of an esquire, by the name of Thornhill, a great land owner, in the midst of whose estates the vicar's new living is situated.

He visits the family and captivates the mother, which means the conquest of the elder daughter, Olivia.

He elopes with her, has performed what he intends and understands to be a mock marriage, under the management of two villains, Baxter and Jenkinson. She is rescued and returns to her home, penitent and broken-hearted.

For non-payment of rent the vicar is, by Thornhill's orders or connivance, thrown into the debtors' prison, where he miserably languishes, having before been cheated out of his two horses by the villain Jenkinson and his rectory burned, in which calamity his family have a marvelous escape and he himself is injured.

He becomes a reformer in the prison, winning the confidence and esteem of his fellow-prisoners. In an attempt by his son, an army officer, to avenge the outrage on Olivia, he is overpowered, beaten, arrested and thrown into prison with his father, with certain prospect of death as the lawful punishment for his crime.

In the midst of these calamities, an attempt is made to kidnap and ruin Sophia, the younger daughter, by Baxter, in the interest and confidence of Thornhill. She is rescued by Burchell, and brought to her father and brother at the jail. To add to the miseries and to make his sorrow complete, news is brought to the vicar of the sickness and death of his eldest daughter, Olivia.

As a fellow-prisoner, he meets Jenkinson, who commiserates his sufferings, shows him favors, thereby winning his regards, leading him to overlook his roguery in obtaining, without an equivalent, the vicar's two horses.

When Burchell called at the jail with the rescued Sophia, Jenkinson proposed to find Baxter and arrest him, who had made the attempt to kidnap her. He was allowed to go, under guard of two officers, returning in an hour with Baxter, his old associate in crime.

Burchell now throws off disguise, standing before them in his true character as Sir William Thornhill, a commissioner of the peace, the uncle of Thornhill esquire, the rake and seducer. Sir William is one of the richest and most influential men in the kingdom. He charges his nephew, Thornhill esquire, with various crimes, who denies all, and, as he is about to marry the accomplished and beautiful Miss Wilmot, having already secured a bond for her wealth, is then and there convicted of having married Olivia, whom he had ruined, he supposing that his marriage with her was mock. But his former accomplice in crime, Jenkinson, now a prisoner in the jail, presented a genuine license and a genuine certificate of marriage from a real priest, he having deceived Thornhill, with the view to the future extortion of money.

Thoroughly humiliated, overwhelmingly convicted of crime, young Thornhill is deprived of his patrimony by his enraged uncle, Sir William, who for some time had entertained a tender passion for Sophia, he having in disguise strolled about as Burchell, in order to learn, without the favoring prejudices of wealth, the ladies' excellent qualities.

Miss Wilmot, thoroughly disgusted with young Thornhill, the very next day marries her former lover, the army officer, who, through Sir William's influence, was assured of release from all charges for which he was imprisoned.

It now also transpires that the reports of Olivia's sickness and death were unfounded, and she appears upon the scene, endowed with all the wealth which Sir William intended for young Thornhill, her betrayer, he being allowed but one servant of his own selection, and enough for the bare necessities of life.

Sir William marries Sophia, who for some time had been the object of his affections, she becoming Lady Thorn-

hill and possessed of almost equal wealth.

Released from prison, the vicar and his family return to their accustomed abode, in the midst of approaching joy.

The literary style of the romance, at times is excellent, facile and not so so quaint, elegant, simple and realistic as to charm and captivate the most critical reader.

But for the sweetness of pictures of rural life, honesty of purpose and quaintness of expression, the plot with some of the incidents, would have met with grave objections. The literary world has stamped it as classic, and we dare not raise objections to it as containing immoral features. Only those of impure minds and characters will take exceptions. "To the pure all things are pure."

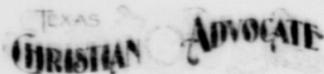
If we seek a moral purpose in the story, it will be found to teach, upon the whole, the just rewards of virtue, to present for coming generations, the most charming pictures of English rural life; frequent indiscretions of mothers of lovely daughters, pitiless depravity of life among the English aristocracy, which, also, according to George Eliot's "Daniel Deronda," and later publications, has not unaccompanied.

It also unmarks the rottenness of the laws and courts of England in a way to make us feel that a mirror is held up to us of our own vices and conditions in America, which have already culminated in rank injustice, mob law, violence and general insecurity.

Poor Goldsmith—early disposed by his countrymen, rejected by his kindred, and derided as a buffoon and "inspired idiot"—has built himself a monument which shall not crumble beneath the destroying touch of Time, but polished and brightened by storm and wave, of want and persecution, still rears its glory-crowned head above cloud and gloom, and will be known when Kipling, Du Maurier and Woodcott are forgotten.

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The man who grows in grace needs to have his seasons alone with God. Too much constant mixing with men is distracting, and it precludes the possibility of meditation upon spiritual things.

The strength that we get in retirement must be used in the active work of religious life in order to become exalting. When we come fresh from our secret retreats with God, with the fragrance of prayer and renewed purpose upon our speech and influence, it is then a propitious time to take some discouraged brother by the hand and impart courage to him.

"He maketh me to lie down in green pastures, he leadeth me beside the still waters." In the first part of this verse we find the blessings of quiet meditation.

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EDITORIAL BIRDSHOT.

"Believe your beliefs, but doubt your doubts."

But few men are as good as their moral standards.

The life of Christ is a revelation of God's heart to men.

Eyes that never look heavenward fail to see the stars that illumine the darkness.

Prosperity often obscures our spiritual vision, but adversity purifies our moral atmosphere.

It matters not how beautiful and imposing the superstructure may be, it is useless if the foundation is insecure.

It is well enough to get all of the pleasure possible out of life, but it is equally well to look also at life from a serious point of view.

The horn of a ram is an unsightly thing, but once upon a time its hoarse blasts brought down the walls of Jericho to a dead level with the ground.

THE THING TO DO FOR SOUTHWESTERN UNIVERSITY.

The time is now upon the Methodist of Texas to undertake something upon a large scale for Southwestern University. Heretofore the demands made upon the Church by the friends of the institution have been rather mild and meager.

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with the least aspiration for learning. In addition to these we have our State and Church schools of high grade, where all of the advantages of advanced training can be gotten by those who are willing to put forth the necessary effort to acquire it.

A SUNDAY WITH FIRST CHURCH, FORT WORTH.

A few days ago Rev. E. D. Monzon, pastor of First Church, Fort Worth, found it possible to make the excursion to San Francisco with the Leaguers; and as he was very much in need of rest his people very properly arranged for him to make the trip.

METHODIST NEWS.

Bishop Fitzgerald will sail in a week or so for London, the seat of the Ecumenical Conference.

TEXAS PERSONALS.

Bro. J. I. Kelley, of Merit, made the Advocate a pleasant visit last week.

ADVOCATE AGENT ABROAD.

Pilgrimage Among People and Preachers—In Their Homes.

At Orange? This name calls up to me some of my earliest recollections. Certainly to be in the old town, and see that time has not changed some of its landmarks, especially the Sabine River landing for boats, takes me back to 1864 and 1865 when I was an 8-year-old boy.

METHODIST NEWS.

The bicentenary of Wesley's birth will occur on June 17, 1902. Methods of celebrating the occasion will be discussed at the Ecumenical Conference.

Judge E. P. Hamblin, of Houston, has already left to take a tour through Europe before the meeting of the great Ecumenical, of which he is one of our lay members.

Last Tuesday, Rev. Horace Bishop was in the city and made us a most delightful visit. He thinks his work will come up all right, notwithstanding the dry weather.

ing the dry weather. He has about a dozen church buildings in his district either projected or nearing completion.

Rev. L. P. Lively, of the North Texas Conference, was married last month to Mrs. Brandy, of Kaufman County. Bro. Lively is 80 years of age and his bride is somewhere in 60.

Regent R. S. Hyer and wife have gone North for a few days preceding their taking passage for the Ecumenical. They will also see something of the old country before and after the conference.

We were pleased the past week to have a visit from Miss Only Temple, of Glenrose, and her sister, Mrs. Dr. Knott, of this city. The former stopped over to visit the latter after the State Epworth League Conference.

President G. J. Nunn, of Polytechnic College, called to see us this week and left an advertisement which will be found in another column of this issue. He says the outlook for a good attendance next fall is flattering.

Mrs. L. H. Potts, the earnest Church worker of Gainesville, has moved to this city and located on Gaston Avenue. She has joined Floyd Street Church, and she will make an excellent addition to that working membership.

Bro. Gus Thomason, of Van Alstyne, was elected President of the State Epworth League Conference at the late conference in this city. He is an earnest and experienced Leaguer, and a good man for the place.

Rev. J. P. Lowry, of Forney, is rejoicing over the accession of a fine boy to his household. The presiding elder has already dedicated the young gentleman in baptism, and he is a member of the Church in good standing.

Rev. F. B. Sinex, Financial Agent of the Southwestern, was in the city last Tuesday, and called on the Advocate family. He is busy with his work, and speaks encouragingly of the prospects of doing something on a larger scale for the school.

Rev. E. H. Casey, of Kaufman, made us a delightful visit this week. His subscription for his new church building is growing apace, and the full amount is in sight. We are sorry to learn, however, that Sister Casey's health continues poor; but we hope for her improvement.

Recently Rev. E. W. Solomon, of Corsicana, was in the city and made the Advocate a pleasant visit. During the sitting of the late Congressional Convention we met with several leading Methodists from Corsicana, and they spoke in complimentary terms of Dr. Solomon's preaching and work.

Last Sunday we enjoyed the hospitality of Judge and Mrs. D. W. Humphreys, at Fort Worth. He is a Georgian and our kinsman, but Sister Humphreys is a native Texan. They are both born Methodists, and they make a good combination. They have an interesting family of five children.

It now turns out that it was Rev. T. F. Pierce, of the North Georgia Conference, and not Rev. T. R. Pierce, of the North Texas Conference, who received the degree of Doctor of Divinity at the recent commencement at Emory College. Well, it does not matter, as the latter was made a Doctor of Divinity several years ago by a university of as large authority as the Georgia school.

We clip with pleasure the following personal from the Los Angeles correspondent in the Pacific Methodist: "Rev. Sam. P. Wright, who came to California from Texas a few months since in search of health, has wonderfully improved, and decided to make his home here. He has settled at Santa Ana, as have many other good Texas Methodists, greatly to the delight of our people especially."

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Prof. John Fiske, the philosopher and historical writer, died very suddenly on July 4 at East Gloucester. He was born in Hartford, Conn., in 1842.

Paul T. Gilbert and Harold A. Gilbert, sons of Dr. Levi Gilbert, editor of the Western Christian Advocate, have just graduated from Yale Univer-

sity. The former has been accepted as a teacher by the United States Government, and with several other alumni of Yale is about to sail for the Philippines.

Bishop Hargrove will spend several weeks in Western North Carolina, holding District Conferences. His presence will give great joy to the preachers and add much to the interest of the District Conferences.

Dr. E. E. Hoss will sail for England August 2, where he goes to attend the Ecumenical Methodist Conference. His subject for that occasion, his subject being "The New Demands Upon Methodist Authorship."

The Rev. Hugh Price Hughes has been appointed Chaplain to the Sheriff of the city of London. Mr. Horace Brooks Marshall, Mr. Hughes is the editor and Mr. Marshall is the publisher of the Methodist Times.

Dr. W. R. Lambuth has left Nashville for New York, from whence he will sail for England. He is going in advance of the Ecumenical Conference, of which he is a delegate from the Southern Church, to study the constitution and administration of the various Mission Boards of Europe.

Dr. Josephus Anderson, editor of the Florida Christian Advocate, has announced his purpose to retire from the tripod January, 1902. Dr. Anderson's retirement will be a great loss to journalism. He has served the Church long and faithfully as one of her most intelligent and faithful servants.

The Epworth News, published at Asheville, N. C., has pleased Rev. James A. Burrow, editor of the Midland Methodist, in nomination as the successor to Dr. E. E. Hoss on the Nashville Advocate tripod, in the event that Dr. Hoss does not succeed himself. Next?

Dr. R. P. Wilson, in the last issue of his paper, the Pacific Methodist Advocate, says that the outlay made by San Francisco for the entertainment of the International Epworth League Conference is estimated at from \$1,200,000 to \$200,000,000. Doubtless the last figure was intended to be \$2,000,000, but in any event this is a wonderful waste of money. Nevertheless, the city of the Golden Gate had to lay herself out, and in doing it she evidently expected the Leaguers to leave a good sum with the different departments of the city's business.

Dr. David J. Waller, Missionary Secretary of the Wesleyan Methodist Church, and an ex-President of the Wesleyan Conference, has been honored with the degree of Doctor of Laws by Emory College, Oxford, Ga. In acknowledgment of his distinguished services in the cause of education, the Methodist Times, of London, in referring to the matter, recalls the fact that Bishop Emory was the first President of the Methodist college at Oxford, Ga., and was also the first fraternal messenger from the Methodist Episcopal Church to the British Wesleyan Conference.

ADVOCATE AGENT ABROAD.

Pilgrimage Among People and Preachers—In Their Homes.

At Orange? This name calls up to me some of my earliest recollections. Certainly to be in the old town, and see that time has not changed some of its landmarks, especially the Sabine River landing for boats, takes me back to 1864 and 1865 when I was an 8-year-old boy. My first schooling was in Orange—what time I was with my father, the late Capt. Wm. A. Bowen, who was in command of the gunboat Josiah H. Bell and the government transports in the Sabine the last year of the war. And what pleasant associations to again talk with Mrs. Oehl tree ("Mama Joe," as we all used to call her). She is the widow of Mr. Hugh Oehltree, brother to Judge William Oehltree, of pioneer days. Mr. Hugh Oehltree was uncle to Hon. Thomas P. Oehltree, ex-Congressman from the Galveston District. And the great sawmills at Orange recall the early efforts at making it a lumber and shingle manufacturing point—but the Russell shingle yards, with the cross-cut saw to make the logs into shingle lengths and the froe to "rive," or split the shingles from the cypress logs after the sap had been peeled away, and turning out 2000 to 5000 a day, and the Livingstone and Gilmer mills cutting 20,000 to 21,000 feet of pine lumber a day, were scarcely fore-runners of the great Miller shingle mill, turning out several hundred thousand shingles a day and the great Bancroft, and Lutecher, and Wingate, and Orange Company mills cutting each from 125,000 to 140,000 feet a day. Just think of mills that were thought

to be wonderful out nearly 2.5 year being shipping more usually

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always been a Methodist. She was the leading singer in the old Bastrop Church when I was first there—the time I met the little woman who later asked her life-long friend and classmate to be one of her bride's maids...

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Now a word, in closing, regarding the Huebner Circuit. The work out here is growing and spreading so rapidly that, with the forces in hand, it is not an easy task to keep pace with it.

NOTICE, TEXAS CONFERENCE LEAGUERS.

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Sunday-School Department.

THIRD QUARTER, LESSON 5, AUG. 4.

ABRAHAM AND LOT. Genesis 12:1-18.

Golden Text: "Whatsoever ye would that men should do to you, do ye even so to them."—Matt. 7:12.

The time of this lesson is perhaps two or three years after the preceding one. The place was near Bethel, twelve miles north of Jerusalem; and the country near to Sodom, not far from the Dead Sea.

Abraham came up from Egypt a rich man in cattle, and in gold and in silver. He was one to whom God could entrust riches, for he managed his affairs righteously and in the fear of his Maker. And he pitched his tents near Bethel, a place afterwards famous in the history of his posterity. He had lived there before and erected an altar; so when he returned to the spot, his altar was intact and the first thing he did was to call upon God—that is, he instituted domestic and public worship. Along with Abraham was Lot, his nephew, a man of sordid and selfish nature. He also was a man of some means. The land was not able to sustain the herds of both families, so that they could not dwell together. Besides this, the servants of the two men did not sustain pleasant relations. They quarreled and there was strife among them. This had a bad effect upon the inhabitants of the land for the Canaanites and the Perizzites still dwelt there, and such conduct would lead them to have but little fear of Abraham, and less respect for him. So he made a proposition to Lot that was very generous and magnanimous. They walked one morning in company out upon the mountain, and Abraham called Lot's attention to the fertile country lying toward Sodom and the Dead Sea, and to the less fertile country of the hill region; and told him to take his choice of the sections, and they would separate in peace. The selfish nature of Lot prompted him to take the rich lands of the valley, and he moved out and pitched his tents toward Sodom. Abraham remained in the hills. In course of time Lot was living in Sodom, and soon trouble befell him and his household, as will always be the case when sin prompts our actions. Abraham stayed in the mountains, served God and led a life of righteousness. He prospered. Lot failed in his domestic life and in his business. Men may succeed for a season without God, but in the long run it will prove a failure. The selfish and grasping man will overdo things if you will only give him unbridled liberty. He will find himself where he will have to cope with the wicked and the unscrupulous, and directly he will fall into their habits and practices. But the man who conducts his business on religious principles will avoid evil and questionable transactions and keep himself free from the taints of sin in commercial life.

This lesson teaches us the insidious encroachments of sin. At first Lot merely pitched his tent toward Sodom, but did not intend to mix with the Sodomites. But as he became familiar with their evil ways, he became less scrupulous, and by and by he located in their city and became one of them. And while he may not have indulged in all their vices, nevertheless he was in the city when God threatened it with destruction, and he was forced to run for his life, with great family and business loss. On the contrary, Abraham remained steadfast and turned neither to the right nor to the left. And when the fire and brimstone rained down upon Sodom, he was at a safe distance, and in the enjoyment of prosperity. Righteousness brings its rewards, and sin administers its own punishment.

1. They shall receive a hundredfold. If a man does keep earthly brethren and earthly love second, and makes Christ first, all the things he so gives away become more precious. Religion puts a new spirit into everything. The love of home, held in subordination to the love of Christ, and all illuminated by that love, derives a higher value and blessedness than under any other circumstances. In like manner is this true in regard to outward things. House, lands, money, occupation, held as from him and subordinated to him, used according to his will and for his sake—all become to be enjoyed with a higher appreciation and power. Better is a dinner of herbs with God there, than great revenges without him. All this is wonderfully and beautifully true, but it does not reach the full meaning of our Savior's words. We must go still deeper than what we have already reached to see what is the hundredfold compensation that the Scriptures promise us. And what is it? One name, with all its depth of meaning, with all its divine influence, with all its transforming power—Jesus Christ. It is as if Jesus said, if you will give up houses and lands for me, you will possess me, and I am a hundredfold more than you can possibly give up.

2. They shall inherit everlasting life. This language refers to the everlasting life ages inherited beyond the grave. It is true, eternal life begins now with the Christian with all its blessedness, and continues with all its reward in the heavenly place. Without question, this is the greatest possession within the possibilities of the human soul, and it is promised as the reward of giving up all for Christ. "And in the world to come—eternal life." Thus the Christian will meet again in some form all those good things which he has in heart and will, if not in deed, forsaken here. There he will find in another form the worldly wealth which he scattered in Christ's name; the much-loved ease which, to promote Christ's influence, he was content to be without; the earthly delights which it was lawful for him to enjoy, yet more for Christ's glory than he should give up. Thus finally, whatever he enjoys, it is with the delightful consciousness, never felt on earth, that "his joy no man taketh from him," that his treasure is in heaven, and can neither fade nor fall.

WHAT CHRIST DEMANDS? Christ mentions the most sacred and precious things of life—family ties, brother and sister, wife and children,

and all these he says we are to surrender for his sake. But think! If there is any one thing that modern Christianity does not need to be taught, it is that the New Testament is not to be translated literally. It is easier for a man outwardly to abandon than to abandon in his heart and desire. Christ explains the substance of this statement in another of his sayings, the purport of which is, if any man loves anything more than me he is not my disciple. As a man thinketh in his heart, so is he. Whatever the life is, that is the man.

1. The inward surrender of all we possess. We are willing to possess things, but to possess them subject to the direction of another. We determine to place everything we have—houses, lands, mills, factories, money, home—second, and Jesus Christ first. There is no way of getting away from the tyrannical dominion of this world except by giving ourselves to the Lord, and letting his love rise up in our souls. And then, just as the electric light in our streets makes the gas we thought to be so bright look dim and smoky, so this better light in our hearts will dwarf the beauty and dim the brightness of all other lights by reason of its purity and strength.

2. The inward surrender of all the people we love. This is as imperative as an inward surrender of the material possessions we have. A mother's tenderness; a father's care; a wife's self-sacrifice; children's love—all these are to be rigidly subordinated to the supreme love of Christ. And all these are to be put aside, gently and tenderly, with a very loving hand, but yet with a very firm one, if they in the least would cross the path along which our eye should travel towards Christ, the supreme object of trust and service. Christ will admit no rival. We must love him with all the heart and soul and mind and strength—that is, with the affections, the will, the intellect, and the activities of the outward life. Nothing must stand between the human soul and the divine Christ. The spirit of such self-surrender is conveyed in the lines:

"Take myself, and I will be Ever, only, all, for thee."

WHAT CHRIST PROMISES

We have noted what Christ demands of all his followers. Now let us think of what he promises in lieu of these demands. The promise falls into two parts: A hundredfold shall they receive; eternal life shall they inherit.

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Epworth League Department.

August 4, "Gaining by Losing."—Mark 10:28-30.

From the Canadian Era we clip the following:

One of the fundamental laws of our being is couched in the words, gaining by losing. In nature this law is evident. The seed is sown. It dies. And from its moulding ashes there shoots forth a thing of life. Here is gain by loss. In mind the same law appears. There is great mental expenditure in mastering any department of learning. But the powers of mind grow strong by the process. Gain by loss is exemplified. In spiritual acquisition the law again finds an illustration. We lose the lower, we gain the higher. We abandon one motive and adopt another, losing the product of the one, but gaining much more in the product of the other.

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tors have so often and so variously expressed their convictions of the need of such an organization and their willingness to assist the young people, and yet manifest their indifference by refusing or neglecting to attend our meetings:

Resolved, 1. That, as a District Institute of the League, we deplore the absence of so many of the pastors of our district from our session of the Institute, and hereby cordially insist upon their presence and assistance at the future meetings of our League Conference.

2. That we request that the above resolution be furnished the Texas Christian Advocate for publication. Eagle Lake, Texas.

THE TEXAS CONFERENCE EPWORTH LEAGUE AT AUSTIN.

The above Conference League convened at Tenth Street Methodist Church, Austin, July 2-4. To say that it was a success is to draw it very mildly indeed. From the sermon Tuesday night to the praise and consecration service Friday night it was a feast of good things. This writer has been a constant attendant at the District, Annual and State League meetings, but for sustained high order of papers read, of speeches made and religious fervor, he has never seen the equal.

Bro. Sam Hay, of Houston, set the keynote in a splendid sermon Tuesday night on "The Secret of Spiritual Power."

Wednesday, after the usual address of welcome and response and the enrollment of delegates, the day was entirely devoted to the "Aim, Conduct and Efficiency of the Devotional Department." It was a great discussion, and left this deep impression upon those present, viz. That this department, properly conducted, is not only a splendid agency for the promotion of personal piety and the building up of Christian character, but is also a providential agency for the salvation of the souls of the young people of the community.

Wednesday night Bro. Moore, of San Antonio, gave us an earnest and instructive missionary sermon.

Thursday morning was devoted to the work of the Charity and Help Department. Many fine papers were read, and the address of Mrs. Wilcox was touching and helpful to a very high degree.

Thursday afternoon was given to the Literary Department, and from the reports made by the delegates, it was seen that the difficulties of running this third department are being largely overcome. Successful reading circles. It was shown, can be established and the important work of this department rendered effective.

At night Dr. E. S. Smith, presiding elder of the Austin District, preached a most excellent sermon on "Consecration," after which we had a glorious praise service, and joining hands round the auditorium of the church, we sang "Blest be the tie that binds," and pledging ourselves to more efficient work, we were dismissed with prayer by Bro. Bradford.

The entertainment of the League Conference by Leaguers of the various Methodist Churches of Austin was superb. Two meals a day were spread in the basement of Tenth Street Church, the several Austin Leagues taking turns in serving them. Bro. Bradford, Garrett, McDonald and Campbell, the Austin pastors, did their best to make it pleasant for the preachers and delegates present.

We are sorry to have to say that we lose our efficient and courteous President, Prof. W. A. Palmer, who goes to reside in Dallas this fall. The North Texas Conference gains a most enthusiastic Leaguer in Bro. Palmer.

Among those present were Bro. Frank Reedy, State President, and Prof. Pritchett, of Huntsville; also Rev. H. M. Sears, presiding elder of the Calvert District. They all helped to make the occasion a notable one.

In conclusion, let me say the Texas Conference Epworth League is all right. C. J. OXLEY, Calvert, Texas.

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HASKELL COUNTY AND THE SALOONS.

About June the 20th I was called to Haskell County to assist the good people there in a local option campaign. I soon found upon my arrival that it was to be one of the hardest fights I had been in for some time and we went to work with all the power we possessed. Granville Jones, my partner, followed soon after me to meet one Col. Jake Hodges, of Paris, who was employed by the "antis" to defend their side of the question. Jones and Hodges met in a week's discussion in the county, at the close of which Hodges said he would never meet Jones in public discussion again, and from the verdict of the people he had good cause not to want to meet him again, as Jones gave him one of the worst thrashings a man ever received in Haskell County. I made ten speeches and organized the county into prohibition clubs. I now come to the sad part of my story, namely: On election day we were defeated by a small majority. Money, weak-kneed Christians and the country by their votes consented to the continuance of the nefarious business for another two years. The town of Haskell went dry by 25 votes. If all the so-called Christians of the county who voted anti and who did not vote at all, had voted as they pray, the saloon men would have been compelled to seek other quarters. But seed have been sown during this campaign that will come forth with a bountiful harvest soon, and I already see written above the saloon doors, "two years hence and we are doomed," for they hear the prohibitionists singing:

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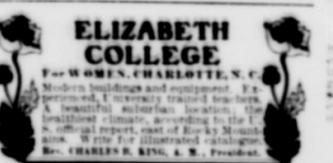
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OPEN LETTER.

To the Auxiliaries of W. H. M. S., North Texas Conference.

Dear Sisters—Our Conference Society has now entered upon the second quarter of the fiscal year. The time is passing rapidly, and if all obligations are met and all plans executed, each auxiliary must co-operate cheerfully in the plans of work recommended by the Conference Society in annual session. If you have not already done so, please have read, in your next session, the report of the Committee on Ways and Means (page 25), and also the report of the Committee on Plans of Work (page 27). These reports represent the best thought and most mature deliberations for the effective work of our society. They must not be ineffective through lack of cooperation. We would especially call attention to Resolution 3 on page 27. Many are indifferent to the privileges of this work, because they have never yet been informed concerning it. This does not speak well for our zeal. It is better for us to arouse them to a sense of their personal obligation than it is for us to do their work. You will also observe that public meetings are urged. It is necessary to bring the interests of this society before the Church. To this end public meetings are essential. Each auxiliary should have one or more during the year. We owe this to the Church and we need the increased zeal and interest which naturally results from an intelligent presentation of our work.

By reference to the report of Ways and Means you will notice a change in the contingent fee which furnished your auxiliary with a delegates fund. You will also observe a pledge of \$1500 for connectional work. The committee did not go rashly into this subject, but took as a basis for this pledge the amount raised by our Conference Society last year, after the Twentieth Century Offering and dues were deducted. When it was realized that, without special effort, and with the claims of the Thank-Offering Fund pressing upon us, we had reached this amount last year, it seemed but a reasonable thing to conclude that we could do so again this year. Instead of pro-rating the amount it was found that with the present membership a dollar and a half per member would meet the obligation, and it was deemed wisest to allow each auxiliary to determine whether it should be assumed by the auxiliary on the basis of membership or be assumed by the individual members. In either case, the amount per capita may be appreciably reduced by adding new members of organizing new auxiliaries. North Texas Conference Society has ever nobly responded to the call of opportunity to need an exhortation on this subject, but perhaps a word of explanation is allowable. Our Mission Home has for several years absorbed our interest in connectional work; even after it became the property of the Woman's Board of Home Missions, our Conference Society still pledged itself for a generous portion of the current expenses. In so doing we jeopardized to an extent the missionary spirit, which should be as broad as humanity's needs, and excluded other home mission workers from their legitimate share of responsibility in this noble institution. It is not a wise policy to centralize or localize; neither is it just and generous to exclude sympathetic workers from any of the fields God has opened to us. Hence, with every confidence in those whom we have elected to the guardianship of these institutions, we feel assured of the permanent security of our Mission Home and take pleasure in knowing that we are helping to move forward all the connectional interests of our society.

After determining your plans, will you not write to the Corresponding Secretary, Mrs. L. S. Barton, 179 Cananogal Street, Dallas, Texas? Only by mutual helpfulness and understanding will we be able to discharge the duties God has placed upon us.

- MRS. L. H. POTTS, Conference President.
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MRS. H. A. EVANS, Second Vice-President.
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MRS. G. S. SEXTON, Recording Secretary.
MRS. W. T. HENDERSON, Conference Treasurer.

BROWNWOOD DISTRICT W. F. M. SOCIETY MEETING.

The district meeting of the W. F. M. Society of the Brownwood District convened in Brownwood June 23. The District Secretary, Mrs. R. H. Overall, of Coleman, presided.

At 11 a. m., Rev. J. S. Chapman

preached from the subject of "Woman's Work in the Foreign Field."

The ladies met again at 2 p. m. Devotional exercises were opened by singing "All hail the power of Jesus' name," followed by the reading of a Scripture lesson from the fifteenth chapter of John.

The program of the afternoon was taken up. A paper on China was read by Mrs. Crawford, of Coleman. In this paper she made it very clear to our minds that there was no difference in the physical organization of the Chinaman and those of the Anglo-Saxon race, and that the former stood equally as much in need of salvation as the latter.

Then followed "Mission Work in Brazil," by Miss Hamor, of Comanche. The need of this beautiful Southland was most forcibly brought home to us. This paper was most appropriately followed by the song, "Jesus the Light of the world."

Little Miss Mildred McLelland, of the Coleman juveniles, favored us with a very profitable paper on the Korean work.

The Mexican mission work was spoken of by the Secretary, after which the choir sang "I'll go where you want me to go."

Last on the program was a paper on Cuba by Mrs. J. S. Chapman, of Brownwood. We were urged not to overlook the claims of this our latest mission field in caring for the work of the older fields.

Reports were called for from the different auxiliaries.

Mrs. McLelland reported for the Coleman Auxiliary twenty-one members, one life member and a total collection and disbursement of \$92.65.

Mrs. D. R. Blair reported for Brownwood twenty-two members, total amount collected during the year \$98.14.

Mrs. Overall reported for the Coleman juveniles: Members, 29; life members, 2; subscribers to Little Worker, 20; total collection, \$26.45.

Oswalt Chapel Auxiliary reported a membership of four, with a total collection of \$41.75. During the greater part of the year they carried a membership of eight.

Only a partial report was received from the Comanche Auxiliary. They have a membership of twelve, one life member. This auxiliary has the honor of not having missed a single meeting during the year, and raised as a centennial thank-offering \$9.50. We failed to learn the amount of the total collection for the year of this auxiliary.

After the reading of the reports we had a few short talks by some of the gentlemen present. We appreciated their kind words of encouragement and their liberal free-will offering. The following donations were made: Mr. Ellington, \$10; Mr. Bencini, \$10; Col. Milton, \$5; Dr. Abney, \$10.

The meeting closed by an address of encouragement by Bro. Chapman.

(MISS) CORA POSEY, Secretary.

THE W. H. M. SOCIETY.

The Woman's Home Mission Society for Tyler District, East Texas Conference, met at Grand Saline on Friday, July 5, 1901.

Devotional services were conducted by Mrs. G. V. Ridley, District Secretary.

The following delegates were present and made their reports: Mrs. A. Morgan Duke, adult auxiliary, Tyler, Texas; Mrs. W. W. Graham, adult and juvenile societies, Athens, Texas; Miss Ethel Watson, adult auxiliary, Lindale, Texas; Miss Beatrice Kelly, juvenile society, Lindale, Texas; Mrs. V. R. Matthews, adult auxiliary, Willis Point, Texas; and Mrs. Terry, adult auxiliary, Mincola, Texas.

These reports show a total number of 152 members, and state that \$472.99 has been collected for various home mission purposes since last meeting.

In the afternoon of July 5, the program, as previously published in this paper, was rendered, and the enthusiasm in the work was noticeable.

The brethren of the Tyler District Conference were courteous toward us, and we hope that the members of our societies may feel encouraged and strive to accomplish a greater amount of good than previous to this time.

(MISS) ETHEL WATSON, Sec., Lindale, Texas.

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THE HUBBARD INDUSTRIAL HOMES.

There are thousands and thousands of destitute orphan children in Cuba to-day who have been cast out by Spanish rule and despotism upon the street and into the gutter, and are being reared in the lap of crime and degradation too horrible to mention.

The United States Government, in breaking the shackles of Spanish tyranny began a good work in Cuba which Christian America should gladly, quickly reach forth her hands and heart to continue. Cuba of to-morrow will be what the children of to-day make it. The helpless, homeless little ones will soon be hardened, hopeless criminals unless something is speedily done in the name of Christ and humanity to rescue them from their present condition.

To such a work Mr. Elmer E. Hubbard, formerly a missionary to Japan, is now devoting himself in Mantanzas, Cuba, where he has been thus engaged since March, 1899.

Many children have starved to death, while others eked out a miserable existence by eating roots, bits of food picked up from the gutters, and what rats they could catch. Mr. Hubbard's work is as yet conducted on a small scale, since he has no pledged support. He now has two assistants, Miss R. Nellie Cunningham, from Tennessee, and Miss Laura Weir, of Arkansas, with about fifty little ones in the two Homes, one of which is for boys and the other for girls.

These Homes are plainly, even meagerly, furnished, and the food is of necessity very simple, but withal wholesome. Yet the children are as happy and robust as any to be found in more favored homes in America. The poor little creatures' lives had been so bare and loveless that their present home, with its tenderness and love so lavishly bestowed, seems a blissful palace in comparison. To enlarge and give a substantial and permanent support to the unsectarian work of providing good Christian home advantages for the homeless children of Cuba—a work already successfully carried on by the Hubbard Industrial Home—a society of benevolent ladies of various denominations is being organized under the name of the Ladies' Auxiliary of the Cuban Orphan Aid Society.

Since with rents paid from other sources, with some contributions of clothing and with the loving labor of the devoted Christians in charge—given without money and without price—\$2.50 a month will feed, clothe, educate and train one child, it is hoped that many ladies can and will promptly become members of this Auxiliary. A member pledges either to give or to raise among her friends \$2.50 a month. To each member or circle thus formed will be sent a quarterly report of the work, and from time to time photographs of the Homes and of the children, with general items with regard to Cuba.

Those desiring to become members and thus aid in this noble work should communicate with Miss Grace Williams, Secretary, 610 Woodland Street, Nashville, Tenn.

Food cooks, to a certain point, more quickly in the open air than in a closed refrigerator.—July Ladies Home Journal.

I. & G. N. Popular Excursions.

Buffalo, N. Y.—Pan-American Exposition. Tickets on sale daily. Chicago, Ill.—July 25-28. Baptist Young People's Union. July 22-23 north and 23-24 south and west of Palestine. Louisville, Ky.—August 27-30. Triennial Conclave Knights Templar. Martin, Texas.—All-year-round tickets from I. & G. N. stations at rate of one and one-third fares. World-famous hot well, Natural Sanitarium and Health Resort. Austin—July 19-25, Texas Volunteer Guard. Detroit, Mich.—August 26-31, National Fraternal Congress. Indianapolis, Ind.—August 27-30, National Association Fire Engineers. New York, N. Y.—September 5-14, Great Council Improved Order of Red Men. Chattanooga, Tenn.—September 2-7, National Association of Letter Carriers. Gatesville, Texas—July 24-25, German Baptist Association. Terrell, Texas—August 2-10, Holiness Camp-Meeting.

Low rates will be in effect for all of the above occasions. Ask ticket agents for particulars as to rates, dates of sale, etc., or write to Gen. Pass & Ticket Agent, Palestine, Texas.

Santa Fe Special Rates.

California—Account Homeseekers' Excursions, one fare plus \$2.00, first and third Tuesdays of July, August and September, limited for return 21 days from date of sale.

Buffalo—Account of Pan-American Exposition, various rates according to limit, on sale daily.

Louisville, Ky.—Account Conclave Knights Templar, one fare plus \$2.00, Aug. 24 and 25, limited to leave Louisville Sept. 2, with privilege of extension to Sept. 15.

Indianapolis, Ind.—Account Sovereign Grand Lodge I. O. O. F., one and one-third fare, Sept. 12 and 14, limited Sept. 25, privilege of extension to Oct. 2.

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To reduce one's weight, cut off one meal a day, breakfast preferably. Take a cup of clear coffee, sipping it slowly. Live largely on lean meat. Take plenty of exercise. Avoid sugars and starchy foods.—July Ladies' Home Journal.

RESOLUTIONS.

The following resolutions were adopted by the Elm Creek Sunday-school, Throckmorton Circuit:

Inasmuch as God, in his mysterious providence, has taken from our midst our faithful and efficient Sunday-school worker, Bro. W. L. Tankersly;

Resolved, 1. That we greatly deplore our loss, and with griefed spirits we bow in humble submission to our Father's will and trust his grace to bring us safely to our brother's home.

2. That with grateful hearts we record our thanks to our Father for his holy, helpful influence, by which we have been made better men and women; by which we are made to see beauty in his unselfish Christian life, and we make a solemn covenant to be more like his Lord and ours.

3. That we commend his noble life as a worthy example to our school and community, and all that mourn his absence.

4. That we assure the bereaved family of our sincere sorrow and sympathy in this their loss and ours.

G. R. THOMAS, Superintendent. NETTIE TANKERSLY, Secretary. MRS. M. A. TANKERSLY, DAVID ALLEN, MRS. C. C. CLOUD, Teachers.

ITALIAN GIRLS AND THEIR PHOTOGRAPHS.

Italian girls, unlike most of their American sisters, are generally unwilling to have their photographs published, and even when their consent is obtained their relatives may object. In arranging, for instance, for pictures to illustrate the article on "What Girl Life in Italy Means," in The Ladies' Home Journal for August, the agent of that magazine had with much difficulty at last secured the photographs of some very pretty Italian girls.

with their permission to publish the pictures without their names, simply as types of Italian girlhood. Before the photographs had been mailed, however, a jealous lover, three still more jealous brothers, and a pair of angry fathers withdrew the young ladies' given permission, and the photographs were, of course, at once returned. After further fruitless efforts the hope of getting any pictures had almost been abandoned when, by a happy chance, the good offices of Prince Attoni, Lord Mayor of Rome and head of the municipal schools, were enlisted, and the attractive photographs that illustrate the article were finally obtained.

The American Boy would emphasize this advice. If there is any one thing that Young America wants to learn at this time it is that his country wants him—and needs him; but it does not want him if he is incompetent, or in different, or not in earnest. It takes but a few years for the world to detect these faults in him, and as soon as they are discovered he is marked for life of the commonplace—perhaps destined to fill the ranks of the discontented, the growlers and the pessimists, who spend their time prophesying evil and doing their best to bring it about.

It is far better to dine after one's day's work is over, when one can rest and digest the food, than to eat and then immediately hurry to work. People who go to bed very early should take dinner in the middle of the day and then take an hour's "nooning," as it were.—July Ladies' Home Journal.

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DALLAS, TEXAS.

Rev. A. A. Wagon, of Lufkin, Texas, orders a dozen copies of "Black Rock," and concludes by saying, "I have read it and find it a most wholesome book."

Anyone wishing a set of Ellicott's Commentaries in first-class condition should place himself in correspondence with the Dallas House at once. This set was originally listed at \$12, and will be sold at a bargain. Write at once.

The League Reading Course for the coming year will consist of the following four books: "The Christ of Our Poets," Featherston; "Self-Culture," John Stuart Blackie; "The Evangelization of the World in This Generation," John R. Mott; and "Black Rock," Ralph Connor. This course will be issued in sets, uniformly bound, and will be sold for \$2.25, postpaid.

The other Sunday afternoon, Prof. G. Alex Gray, president of the Epworth League at Aspermont, Texas, got up a club of twelve subscribers to the Era, and ordered them the next day. He said that he was "in a hurry" to have the Era introduced into his League, and we commend his haste. The young folk need the Era, and the Era needs them. There is a special clubbing price on the Era of 60 cents per year in clubs of ten or more sent to one address.

John Jay Chapman, whose essays on "Causes and Consequences," "Emerson," etc., have made for him considerable credit, is also the author of a volume entitled "Practical Agitation." This book is an attempt to follow the track of personal influence across society. The first three chapters are taken up with discussions of political reform, the fourth chapter with contemporary journalism. The results of these discussions are then summarized in the chapter called "Principles." "Practical Agitation" will be sent postpaid for \$1.10, net.

An excellent work for Sunday school teachers and students will be found in the Sunday school edition of "The Old and New Testaments for Learners," by Drs. Ott and Hoogkass. This consists of two large octavo volumes, of very acceptable binding and make-up. One must not infer from the title that this is a treatise for "beginners," but for students. It is not to be understood, however, that the work is so profound as to be difficult for an average person, but that it may be easily understood, if one applies himself. The price of the set is \$1.00, postpaid.

Few books of recent years have aroused so great a sensation as "The Martyrdom of an Empress." Its authorship has never been revealed. This same anonymous author has given us her autobiography in "The Tribulations of a Princess." This last book is a fascinating narrative, full of the most intimate personal recollections of the Austrian and Russian courts, of kings and emperors, of intrigue and of the intimate life of those whom we know only as public men. The volume is abundantly illustrated with photographs of persons and scenes. The net price is \$2.25. Postage 25 cents.

The reading public is too familiar with John R. Mott's relation to the foreign missions movement for his writings to call for any special attention at our hands. His "Strategic Points in the World's Conquest" (price \$1.00 list) has had an extensive sale, and his new book, "The Evangelization of the World in This Generation" (net \$1.00) is sure to have equally as hearty a reception. Mr. Mott's long connection with the Students' Volunteer Movement and the fact that he has visited the foreign fields and is familiar with the conditions there, render him unusually competent to deal with his subject.

Rev. J. Monroe Gibson, whose "Ages Before Moses" has given him a sure passport to the attention of the reading clergy, has written another work which possesses a peculiarly interesting theme. In his "From Fact to Faith," Dr. Gibson shows how the truths of the Scriptures are verified in human life. It is the strong conviction of the writer that if only the facts of human life are looked at earnestly, fairly, comprehensively, with an honest desire to find out what the truths of life may be, conclusions will

be reached so closely correspondent with those unfolded in the Scriptures that we shall have good reason to accept the view of life therein presented as true, and to recognize Him to whom these Scriptures bear witness as in very deed the "Prince of Life." Price, 75 cents.

In his very interesting work entitled "Myths and Fables of Today," Colonel S. A. Drake shows how our daily lives are filled with sayings and doings that have their origin in superstition, although we may not realize it. These origins he traces in a most scholarly and entertaining manner, giving many illustrations of the power of superstition in common life, and drawing large-

and gratefully by Texas preachers. The Branch House has sold a number of these books, and not a few who had previously read one or more of them have complimented the Bishop on his excellent selection. If a preacher is contemplating doing any reading he cannot do better than adopt this list.

An Opportunity for a Few.

The Dallas House has just a few sets of the Epworth League Reading Course for 1899-1900 on hand, which are going to be closed out at a great reduction. The set was originally listed at \$2.50, postage paid. The course itself was one of the best ever prescribed for our young folk, and no one, no matter how scholarly, would commit error in possessing himself of these excellent books. They are "Great Books," by Farrar; "Our Island Empire," by Morris; "Among the

A Live Book That Rouses and Melts the Reader.

The high expectations with which the intelligent and sympathetic reader begins the reading of the book, "High Living and High Lives," are not disappointed when it is gone through with. When such a writer as Bishop Warren Akin Candler talks of such

book to any sympathetic reader, it rouses like a single blast, and melts with a purpose that is nature's own. It states indisputable facts with a skill that turns them into exhortations. The hearts of the living Confederates will thrill as they read, and thank the gifted Georgian for this tribute, to the mighty dead who died for the land they loved.

The educational addresses sparkle brilliantly; they set the reader to thinking along with a deep thinker, who would have all who hear his voice to dig deep and build upon the rock of truth, the truth as it is in Jesus. The book is individualistic, and reveals the author at his best. So at least it seems to his old schoolfellow of the same town—Bishop G. P. Fitzgerald in the "Confederate Veteran."

Price \$1.00 postpaid. Order of Barbee & Smith, Agents, 296 Elm Street, Dallas, Texas.

Ernest Seton-Thompson's New Book.

Mr. Ernest Seton-Thompson is now hard at work on his book for next fall, which he will call "The Lives of the Hunted." It is his intention to make this new book, if possible, a greater and more popular work than his "Wild Animals I Have Known." It will equal that animal classic in scope and wealth of illustration, and will probably greatly excel it in quality. The nature of the undertaking is but too clearly indicated by its title. Mr. Seton-Thompson will have something of a task before him to beat his own record as made by "Wild Animals I Have Known," for that remarkable book has in several ways given proof of a popularity and stability never before shown by any book of its kind. Not the least remarkable thing about it is the fact that each season when its publication it has nearly doubled its circulation of the season before. This record is the usual fate of books of every kind.

An Excellent Course.

Rev. S. E. Wagon contributed to the Nashville Christian Advocate of the 18th inst. a very interesting review of the Seminary Institute of Biblical and Theological Study, recently held at Vanderbilt University. He refers to the course of study pursued there, and his remarks are so much to the point that we deem it timely to reprint his words on these books. His Wagon said, in part as follows:

"Dr. Clarke's Outline of Christian Theology" is a volume that will do us a larger good by further leading to the realm of dogmatism. One is sure to find in it certain positions and inferences that will be received. But for the most part it is a living and life-giving contribution to that already rich field of literature. To study such a book is to stimulate one's religious experience and strengthen the walls about the conscience.

"Dr. Hall's Social Meaning of Modern Religious Movements in England" opened to the Institute a much-needed field of thought. The issues in social life promise to demand great attention in the future. Labor and capital are organizing each in its own interest. The crisis is certain to come. What shall the preacher do? Has the Church awakened to its responsibility at this point? The most difficult question of all is the practical one: "What can we do to enlist and hold the submerged victims of poverty in our Churches?" The several papers and discussions that grew out of this study were helpful, and will prove their worth as these questions become more acute.

The study of Dr. Berdson's "Browning and the Christian Faith" yielded no small profit. The traditional environment of the Southern student foregoes the possibility of fully assenting to the author's views. Our conversation is too high supreme. The book was reviewed with great profit. It cannot be read drowsily. There is in it an intellectual exercise. The progressive thought here so emphatically causes the most ardent antagonism. But dogmas are displaced with a relief. Browning and his poetry will occupy a new place in our thought ever after its reading.

"Sanders and Kent's Messages of the Prophets" was a very fruitful study. Those sacred passages shine in a new light under this most helpful treatise. Nothing can compensate the loss of the valuable and scholarly assistance rendered the members of the Institute in the study of the book.

The reader will recall that Clarke's "Outlines of Christian Theology," and Berdson's "Browning and the Christian Faith" were two of the books recommended by Bishop Hendrix two weeks ago.

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 Round Timbers, Sat., Sun., July 27, 28
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 Altus, at Prairie Home, Thur., Aug. 8
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Gatesville District—Third Round
 Evans, 11 a. m., July 26
 Hamilton, July 27, 28
 Gatesville mts., 11 a. m., July 31
 Crawford, Aug. 3, 4
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 Brookhaven, Aug. 17, 18
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Waco District—Third Round
 Lorens, at Robbison, July 27, 28
 Bonqueville, at Evergreen, July 27, 28
 Troy, at Pendletonville, Aug. 2, 4
 Aquilla, at Elm Mott, Aug. 7, 8
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 Elm Street, Aug. 17, 18
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 Swader, at Dunn, July 27, 28
 Claiborne, at C., July 29
 Albany and Moran, at M., Aug. 3, 4
 Crystal Falls, at Griffin, Aug. 10, 11
 Buffalo Gap, at Jim Nod, Aug. 17, 18
 Merkel, at Rock Crossing, Aug. 17, 18
 Athens sta., Aug. 17, 18
 E. A. Smith, P. E.

Fort Worth District—Third Round
 Jackson, at Denton's Chapel, July 27, 28
 Fairson, at Kennedale, Aug. 3, 4
 Mansfield, at St. Paul, Aug. 10, 11
 Covington, at Philadelphia, Aug. 17, 18
 First Church, Aug. 17, 18
 Blum, at Rio Vista, Aug. 24, 25
 Jas. Campbell, P. E.

Brownwood District—Third Round
 Brownwood, July 28, 29
 Center City, at Bethel, Aug. 3, 4
 Lometa, at Bonner, Aug. 5, 6
 Comanche cr. at Mesquite, Aug. 10, 11
 Fleming, at Newburg, Aug. 17, 18
 Comanche, Aug. 17, 18
 Bangs, Aug. 24, 25
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Clarendon District—Third Round
 Canyon City, at Fairview, July 27, 28
 Clarendon sta., Aug. 3, 4
 Silverton, at Salem, Aug. 3, 4
 Higgins, at Second Creek, Aug. 10, 11
 Coldwater, Aug. 17, 18
 Catalina, at Shamrock, Aug. 24, 25
 Emma, Aug. 24, 25
 Floydada, at Estacado, Sept. 7, 8
 Channing, Sept. 14, 15
 G. S. Hardy, P. E.

Dublin District—Third Round
 Bluff Dale, at Tolar, July 20, 21
 Glen Rose, at Oak Grove, July 27, 28
 Granbury, July 28, 29
 Proctor, at Oak Grove, Aug. 3, 4
 Hoffman, at Olen's Chapel, Aug. 10, 11
 Green's Creek, at G. C., Aug. 17, 18
 Ireddell, at Ireddell, Aug. 17, 18
 Hico, at Fairly, Aug. 24, 25
 Carlton, at Gilmore, Aug. 24, 25
 Desdemona, at Victor, Aug. 31, Sept. 1
 De Leon, Sept. 1, 2
 Carbon, etc., at Romero, Sept. 7, 8
 E. F. Boone, P. E.

Ranger, Aug. 24, 25
 Ellaville, at camp-meeting at Cedar Sp., Sept. 7, 8
 Gordon, Sept. 14, 15
 Mineral Wells, Sept. 14, 15
 First Church, Sept. 14, 15
 Jno. R. Morris, P. E.

Cordeana District—Third Round
 Dawson, at Harmony, July 27, 28
 Hubbard, at Hubbard, July 28, 29
 Brandon, at Rensel, Aug. 3, 4
 Horn Hill, Aug. 10, 11
 Harry, at Love's Chapel, Aug. 17, 18
 Brecken, Aug. 24, 25
 Armour, Aug. 24, 25
 Frost, Aug. 31, Sept. 1
 E. A. Butler, P. E.

Waxahachie District—Third Round
 Milford ch. at Berry's, July 27, 28
 Ray ch. at Bethel, 11 a. m., Aug. 3
 Kniss ch. at Ennis, Aug. 3, 4
 Red Oak ch., Aug. 10, 11
 Crisp ch. at Carroll, Aug. 17, 18
 Hardwell cr., Aug. 17, 18
 Horace Bishop, P. E.

North Texas Conference
 McKinney District—Third Round
 Blue Ridge, Pleasant Grove, 4th Sun July
 Wylie, St. Pauls, 1st Sunday Aug
 Union and Roseland, at R., 2d Sun Aug
 Weston, Anna, 2d Sunday Aug
 Plano, 4th Sunday Aug
 Renner, 2d Sunday Aug
 F. A. Rooper, P. E.

Sherman District—Third Round
 Pottsboro and Preston, 4th Sun July
 Van Abtyn, 1st Sun Aug
 Tiggs, 2d Sun Aug
 Ellis, 3d Sun Aug
 Gordonville, 4th Sun Aug
 Howe, 1st Sun Sept
 Pilot Grove, 2d Sun Sept
 J. A. Stafford, P. E.

Terrill District—Third Round
 Kemp, July 27, 28
 Reinhardt, Aug. 3, 4
 Royce, Aug. 10, 11
 Rockwall, Aug. 17, 18
 Crandall, Aug. 17, 18
 Tolosa, Aug. 24, 25
 Kaufman, Aug. 31, Sept. 1
 P. O. Miller, P. E.

Paris District—Third Round
 Blossom and Reno, at Reno, June 29, 30
 Centenary, June 29, 30
 Clarksville sta., July 5, 7
 Annona, at Coleman's Spr., July 12, 14
 West Paris, July 19, 21
 Clarksville cr. at Harris Ch., July 26, 28
 Detroit, at Caton, July 26, 28
 Rosalie, at Bogota, July 26, 28
 Maxey, at Round Prairie, July 31, Aug. 1
 Emberson, at Hopewell, Aug. 1, 2
 Mar-in, at Shady Grove, Aug. 1, 2
 Woodland, at Kanabha, Aug. 1, 2
 Powderly, at West Point, Aug. 17, 18
 Report, at Milton, Sept. 7, 8
 Roxton, at Howland, Sept. 21, 22
 E. W. Alderson, P. E.

Dallas District—Third Round
 Argyle, at Chin's Chapel, July 27, 28
 Denton, July 28, 29
 Trinity, 11 a. m., Aug. 3, 4
 Grand Prairie, 3 p. m., Aug. 11, 12
 Lewisville, Aug. 17, 18
 Alford, at Smith's Chapel, Aug. 24, 25
 Caruth, Aug. 31, Sept. 1
 I. W. Clark, P. E.

Sulphur Springs District—Third Round
 Cumbly cr. at Barker's Sp., 4th Sun July
 Sulphur Bluff, at Nelta, 1st Sun Aug
 Ben Franklin, at B. F., 2d Sun Aug
 Wimbush sta., 2d Sun Aug
 County Line, at Moss Chap., 4th Sun Aug
 Cooper, 1st Sun Sept
 Hagan Port, 2d Sun Sept
 C. B. Fladger, P. E.

Bowie District—Third Round
 Bridgeport, at Mt. Zion, July 27, 28
 Decatur sta., July 28, 29
 Dewart cr. at Sweetwater, July 30
 Gibtown, at Gibtown, Aug. 2, 4
 Paradise, at Bethel, Aug. 6
 Post Oak, at Antelope, Aug. 10, 11
 Chico, at Pleasant Grove, Aug. 17, 18
 Alford, at Smith's Chapel, Aug. 17, 18
 Greenwood, at Sycamore, Aug. 24, 25
 Rhome, Aug. 31, Sept. 1
 J. M. Peterson, P. E.

Greenville District—Third Round
 Campbell, at Jones' Bethel, 4th Sun July
 Merit, at Harrell's Chapel, 1st Sun Aug
 Neola mts., 2d Sun Aug
 Wolfe City, 3d Sun Aug
 Commerce mts. at Center, Aug. 20
 Celeste, at Lane, 4th Sun Aug
 Greenville, Kavanaugh, 1st Sun Sept
 Greenville mts., 2d Sun Sept
 Leonard, Aug. 24, Sept. 1
 O. S. Thomas, P. E.

Gainesville District—Third Round
 Marysville, at Van Slyke, July 27, 28
 St. Jo, at Myra, July 28, 29
 Era and Valley View, at Spring Creek, Aug. 2, 4
 Woodbine, Aug. 3, 4
 Spanish Fort, at Prairie Mount, Aug. 10, 11
 Dexter, Aug. 17, 18
 Burns, Aug. 24, 25
 J. L. Morris, P. E.

Bonham District—Third Round
 Halley, 4th Sun July
 Honey Grove cr., 1st Sun Aug
 Honey Grove, at night, 1st Sun Aug
 Ladonia, 2d Sun Aug
 Petty, 3d Sun Aug
 Loda and Windom, 4th Sun Aug
 Trenton and Marvin, 1st Sun Sept
 Randolph, Mon after 1st Sun Sept
 Brookston and High, 2d Sun Sept
 Gober, 3d Sun Sept
 Lantus, 4th Sun Sept
 Fannin, 5th Sun Sept
 T. R. Pierce, P. E.

West Texas Conference
 Beeville District—Fourth Round
 Goliad cr. at Goliad, Aug. 3, 4
 Floresville sta., Aug. 10, 11
 Kennedy cr. at Kennedy, Aug. 17, 18
 Stockdale, at Stockdale, Aug. 24, 25
 Sutherland S., at Nocken, Aug. 31, Sept. 1
 Laverna cr. at Laverna, Sept. 7, 8
 Bianconia cr. at Bianconia, Sept. 14, 15
 Oakville cr. at Mineral, Sept. 21, 22
 Laredo sta., Sept. 28, 29
 Alice cr. at Alice, Oct. 5, 6
 Corpus cr. at Corpus, Oct. 12, 13
 Wade cr., Oct. 19, 20
 Beeville sta., Oct. 26, 27
 J. M. Alexander, P. E.

Cotulla, 3d Sun Sept
 West End, 4th Sun Sept
 Del Rio, 5th Sun Sept
 Eagle Pass, 1st Sun Oct
 Uvalde, 2d Sun Oct
 Corona and Hatesville, 2d Sun Oct
 Bexar, 4th Sun Oct
 Utopia cr., Oct. 19, 20
 Comal, Oct. 26, 27
 Prospect Hill, Oct. 26, 27
 Travis Park, Oct. 26, 27
 Sherman Street, Oct. 26, 27
 S. Heights and S. Flores Street, Oct. 26, 27
 B. Harris, P. E.

Cuero District—Third Round
 Rancho, at Sandies, 4th Sun July
 Hallettsville, at County Line, 1st Sun Aug
 Clear Creek, at Cheapside, 2d Sun Aug
 Leesville, at Hancock, 2d Sun Aug
 Ganado, at Hubler, 4th Sun Aug
 Cuero, Aug. 24, 25
 Jno. W. Stovall, P. E.

Llano District—Third Round
 Center Point sta., Aug. 3, 4
 Kerrville sta., Aug. 10, 11
 Rock Springs cr., Aug. 17, 18
 I. K. Walter, P. E.

San Marcos District—Third Round
 Kyle and Pleasant Grove, at P. G., July 27, 28
 Dripping Springs cr. at D. P., July 27, 28
 Gonzales sta., Aug. 10, 11
 Sterling Fisher, P. E.

East Texas Conference
 Bonham District—Third Round
 Woodville, at Rockland, July 27, 28
 Kountze, at Cooke Bluff, Aug. 3, 4
 Leggett mts. at Elmwood, Aug. 10, 11
 Livingston, at Corrigan, Aug. 17, 18
 Jasper and Kirbyville, Aug. 17, 18
 Burkville cr. at S. Ch., Aug. 24, 25
 Jasper mts., Aug. 24, 25
 J. W. Johnson, P. E.

Tyler District—Third Round
 Meredith, at Cottonwood, July 27, 28
 Athens, July 28, 29
 Whitehouse, Aug. 3, 4
 Troupe and Overton, Aug. 7, 8
 New York, Aug. 10, 11
 Marvin, Aug. 17, 18
 J. T. Smith, P. E.

Palestine District—Third Round
 Wells mts. at Wallace's Chap., July 27, 28
 Alto cr. at Shiloh, Aug. 3, 4
 Brushy Creek cr., Aug. 10, 11
 Jacksonville cr., Aug. 17, 18
 Hulcomb cr. at Center Hill, Aug. 24, 25
 Groveson cr., Aug. 31, Sept. 1
 Grand cr., Sept. 14, 15
 West Palestine, Sept. 21, 22
 Crockett cr., Sept. 28, 29
 W. F. Davis, P. E.

Marshall District—Third Round
 Church Hill, at Oakland, July 27, 28
 Henderson cr., Aug. 3, 4
 Henderson sta., Aug. 10, 11
 Harrison cr., Aug. 17, 18
 Arleson, at Bethel, Aug. 17, 18
 Harmony cr., Aug. 17, 18
 C. R. Lamar, P. E.

Pittsburg District—Third Round
 Leesburg, at Pleasant Grove, July 27, 28
 Naples, at Hamill Chapel, Thur., Aug. 1
 Atlanta, Aug. 4, 5
 Ithaca, at Harmony, Tues., Aug. 6
 Fairview, at Canon, Aug. 10, 11
 Fairview, Aug. 17, 18
 State Line, Aug. 17, 18
 Dalby Springs and DeKath, at DeK., Aug. 24, 25
 Redwater, at Maud, Aug. 31, Sept. 1
 Musgrove, at Bethel, Sept. 7, 8
 John Adams, P. E.

San Augustine District—Third Round
 Melrose cr., July 27, 28
 Shelbyville cr. at Oakland, Aug. 3, 4
 Timpani sta., Aug. 7, 8
 San Augustine and Chireno, at Union, Aug. 7, 8
 Nacogdoches sta., Aug. 10, 11
 Center cr. at Newbern, Aug. 17, 18
 Center sta., Aug. 17, 18
 A. J. Weeks, P. E.

Indian Mission Conference
 Oklahoma District—Third Round
 Tecumseh cr. at Oak Grove, July 27, 28
 Shawnee sta., July 28, 29
 Hittling and Enid, Aug. 3, 4
 Hennessey, Aug. 10, 11
 Byron cr., Aug. 17, 18
 Sam G. Thompson, P. E.

Weatherford District—Third Round
 Berlin, at Berlin, July 27, 28
 Cheyenne, at Cheyenne, July 27, 28
 Woodward, at Hackberry, Aug. 3, 4
 Grand, Aug. 10, 11
 Cordell, at Cordell, Aug. 17, 18
 W. A. Randle, P. E.

Ardmore District—Third Round
 Springer, at Brown, July 27, 28
 Cornish, at Hewett, July 27, 28
 W. J. Sims, P. E.

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 Moral cr., July 27, 28
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A CHAT WITH LOCAL PREACHERS.

We promised in a former issue to try to estimate the weakness of our own conditions and the strength of the intrenchments on the other side of the line, should it ever come, speaking in military parlance, to a contest for a readjustment of the relations of the two classes of the ministry in our connection. We have endeavored to be as cautious in the selection of our words in what we are about to say as if we were trying to write an epic poem or a funeral song. Our knowledge of mankind inclines us to fear that human nature is not always in a humor to listen patiently to the whole truth. Hence the care observed by our Mobeetle correspondent in determining what ought to be said at this time, and what should be left unsaid, is well taken. What could be written germane to the questions involved would fill a volume of no small proportions. In this connection we mean all we say, but do not say all we mean. We are just now dealing with a very delicate and ticklish question, and will try to seem as impersonal as the nature of the case will allow. We submit a few constantly recurring historic facts that it is hoped will induce such as it may concern to see themselves as others "think they see us."

The last number of the Texas Christian Advocate gives the reports of five District Conferences in Texas. Not one local preacher was elected a delegate to the Annual Conference, so far as the record shows; nor do the printed proceedings mention the presence of any local preacher except by inference, as their names were called in the renewal of license or for admission into the traveling connection or for deacon's or elder's orders. The presumption is that some of them were there, but it is not so stated. But in all these the pastors and lay delegates are conspicuously noted, while the local preachers are barely noticed. It seems to us that if they were conspicuously present, magnifying their office as they should, they would not have been so very nearly ignored as to be left entirely out of the delegations to the Annual Conference in the whole group of District Conferences held in one week. It may be all in our imagination, but it does seem to us an indication that the relations of the local preachers and the Church in those localities are strained. We have carefully read the reports from various parts of the connection, so far as they have come to our notice, and we observe that the average attendance of the itinerants at the District Conferences is about nine-tenths and the local preachers about one-tenth of the ministerial roll. That fact alone places us at a disadvantage in a clamor for a better and more satisfactory recognition of our real or imaginary claims. That of itself must be taken as one of the counts in the estimate of our comparative helplessness in an attempt to readjust our relations satisfactorily to all concerned. We may not so intend it, but it is construed to be in a spirit of disloyalty to the order of discipline when we so generally and persistently absent ourselves from the Quarterly and District Conferences except when we seek to accomplish something which can not be done without our personal presence. Judging from the trend of communications coming to our desk, many of which never see the light on account of their bitterness of style, there seems to be a disposition to break down and necessitate the repeal of the plan of the District Conferences in our connection at no distant time, as was done in the mother Church in 1826.

In our judgment, the plan of District Conferences has come to stay, and the sooner we realize that fact the better for us. The longer we continue to resist its force and regime, the more certain will be our discomfiture and

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loss of sympathy when the final catastrophe comes, if indeed such opposition really exists. The fact that we are adjudged in an attitude of antagonism, whether unjustly or otherwise, in our bearing towards the District Conferences, will continue to be remembered in the recollections of public opinion as another count in the sum of our comparative helplessness.

There are 5151 local preachers in the Southern Methodist Church, and yet we have no separate official organ that we can claim and control as our own, so far as this writer has been able to learn. It seems to us that there is not sufficient harmony of purpose, personal activity and financial ability in our brotherhood to commence and carry on successfully a separate newspaper of our own, dependent entirely upon our own labors, patronage and influence. Hence we are dependent upon the courtesy of our itinerant brotherhood in that matter, or else our pens must be silent. We have carefully watched the exchanges coming to this office to see where to find our friends. Outside of the Texas Christian Advocate, we have noted one of the great Advocate family that is outspoken in a friendly attitude towards the local preacher—that is the New Orleans Christian Advocate.

In one of our Southern States there are published two weekly Advocates, both edited by splendid Christian gentlemen. We have constantly read them for months to see what the brotherhood in that grand old Commonwealth is doing. Strange to say that we have not observed the slightest mention of one out of more than 200 local preachers in the State, except the obituary of a deceased brother. We may have other friends that we know not of in our editorial family, but they are slow to speak, and seemingly few and far between. That fact should be counted in the number of our helpless condition in a struggle for an equitable partition of the immunities of what the politician would call the pie-counter of the Church.

However indignantly we may resent the charge, public opinion, so far as it concerns itself with our ecclesiastical family feeds, holds it against us that we are a discontented and troublesome element in the connection. No matter how innocent we may feel in our own consciences, we are considered in an unfriendly attitude toward the itinerant brotherhood, and our bearing towards the District Conferences is construed to be a settled purpose to bring the plan into disfavor and ultimately to defeat the object for which it was instituted. To admit the correctness of that suspicion would be to dig our own untimely graves, and we repel the insinuation, so far as it implicates the brotherhood of the Local Preachers' Conference of Texas. Let the foregoing consideration be remembered with the many other comparatively helpless conditions with which we are confronted. While some one across the line may be writing the epic poem, let us, not like the fabled dying swan, indite our own funeral dirge.

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ture for either dress or confections is discouraged, and the sentiment of the school is so opposed to such indulgences as to make them exceptional.

For practical and conscientious instruction, such as our daughters need, I know of no school which is to be preferred to Chappell Hill Female College. It is to be hoped that the enrollment will be still larger next year than it was last.

Let us help Prof. Smith by our influence and by our patronage to carry on the labor which he is conducting so well, and may God ever bless this important part of His work.

T. B. GRAVES,
Manor, Texas.

THE PROHIBITION QUESTION.

Within the last month this county (Bell) has passed through the throes of another prohibition election.

Altho speeches were made on both sides of the question, and after a month's hard campaigning the anti's won by about a thousand majority out of a vote of near seven thousand.

It is not my purpose to go over any of the ground which was covered and is covered by the prohibition orator. While I voted the prohibition ticket, I did so not because I believed that it would effectually settle the liquor problem, but because I could not vote for a saloon.

The question of how to dispose of the whisky traffic is one which might well puzzle the minds of our greatest statesmen.

It has since the discovery of the method of distilling alcohol, spread over the entire civilized world, and in spite of the efforts to the contrary, it follows so close in the wake of the missionary that the approach of the two seem identical to the heathen.

It can not be denied that whisky is useful in the arts and sciences and medicine. But with its use comes abuse so fearful that it well might be a question whether it were better to dispense with its use altogether.

It is admitted that it is one of the most faithful allies of disease. It debilitates the human frame, not only of the person who degrades his body with the use of it, but it poisons his posterity and entails upon them a greater degree of suffering, perhaps, than the victim endured himself. It debases society. It encourages sensuality and vice in its most revolting forms. It chills the whole of thought, and relegates to oblivion aspirations which might have been noble. It produces a disrespect for womanhood.

Now, the question how to stop this mighty foe in his career of ruin is one which should be of vital interest to the fathers and mothers of the generation which is being born and which will receive its first inclinations from the influences of the home.

I believe that there are two means which can be employed which will effectually dispose of this problem.

These means are right living at home and Christian education.

There is no question in my mind that, as a general rule, the child is but a reflex of his parent. It may be that in some instances the child fails to live as his parent started him. He may fall into sin and lead a life altogether foreign to that which his early environments fitted him, but in most of these instances there is generally some hidden spot in the father's or mother's life which, though hidden to the world, the boy knows, and with his lack of confidence in the father's life comes a recklessness which helps him to find the path to ruin.

But if the parents of the coming generation could only realize what it means to be responsible for the life of a child, how different would they live.

There are certain kinds of faithfulness to a trust—voluntary and imposed. There is the faithfulness of the soldier on duty as a sentry. He knows that upon him rests the responsibility of guarding the camp from danger. His trust is imposed, and death would be the result of failure.

There is the trust of the pilot as he guides the ship laden with a hundred lives, through the tortuous channels, amid the rocks, safely to the harbor.

There are other trusts, there are other degrees of faithfulness, but there are some comparable to the voluntary trust which a parent takes upon him when he undertakes to raise a boy.

He is not dealing with a machine. He is not shaping some mass of clay. He is not painting a picture. He is dealing with a human being, endowed with God-like attributes. He is dealing with a being of perhaps greater intelligence than himself, and the way he deals with this creature nearly always decides what kind of a man he is going to make out of his boy.

If the boy is weak in body, the wise parent will seek to fortify the weak places. If he is weak in mind, he will undertake to build up his faculties. And he is weak in his moral strength, it is the duty of the parent to assist the boy with a life so hid in Christ that the light may shine and illuminate the pathway of the child.

Merely throw out these hints as suggestions. The advocates of temperance have as allies nearly one-half the population. Nearly every woman, or at least the great majority of the women, are total abstainers from strong drink.

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As we trace the fall of man to the woman, so I believe that Christ is using woman as the principal means to redeem mankind. And while there is a fearful responsibility upon the fathers, there is a greater responsibility resting upon the mothers.

It is from them that the child-life draws its first impulse. Into the eyes of the mother the babe looks up as though looking into the eyes of God.

It imposes implicit faith in the protecting care of those arms which encircle it so tenderly. It believes whatever its mother does is right. I am glad to say that the mothers come a great deal nearer fulfilling their duty than the fathers do.

After the home-life comes the school. I do not think that religion should be made a hobby in our common schools, but I do think that we should choose our educators from men of God, who see something else in a boy than mere superficial embellishments. I think that soul-culture should take precedence to all other, and that when our educators realize that this life is but a preparatory existence for a complete life beyond this, that the temperance question will be solved. How to attain this end; let us live better than we have ever lived; let us instill into our children right living, and let us set the right kind of example to them.

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- July 18—Zoro B. Pirtle, sub. S. M. O'any, sub. G. M. Gardner, sub. A. J. Anderson, sub.
- July 19—H. G. Summers, sub. J. A. Phillips, sub. A. L. Scales, sub.
- July 20—W. H. McKeown, sub. C. W. Glanville, sub.
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- July 22—H. B. Urquhart, samples sent W. C. Hiburn, sub.
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