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# EDITORIAL.

## SOME NEEDED LEGISLATION.

The relation of baptized children to the Church is involved in considerable mist in the minds of preachers and laity. There is need of a clear deliverance on the subject that will unify the thinking of our people and define the course to be pursued in reference to baptized children. It becomes of paramount importance for the reason, if the world is to be brought to Christ in the twentieth century, as many confidently expect and for which all who love the Lord Jesus in sincerity and truth should constantly pray and toil, this end is to be consummated by taking hold of the children. The old methods of looking to and depending upon annual revivals to replenish our waning ranks are inadequate. In the pioneer days, when church buildings were few and the ministerial supply limited, protracted and camp-meetings were a necessity; but that necessity is not as imperative now as it once was, and if the Church is wise it will return to the more apostolic way of bringing up children in the nurture and admonition of the Lord, and look for conversions about the home altars. The divine order given to Moses is the best ever given: "These words which I command thee shall be in thine heart, and thou shalt teach them diligently to thy children," etc.

There would be little occasion for long, exhausting meetings if this normal condition should obtain in the home; and children should be early led to a knowledge of salvation by the remission of sins. Not only would they come to this experience early, but the home environment would throw about them such salutary influences that these young disciples would be steadfast, unmovable, always abounding in the work of the Lord.

Early conversion and nurture is the only hope for a virile, fruitful Church, and the sooner this is understood and acted upon the sooner will the vision of the prophet be realized when one shall not have to say to another, "Know ye the Lord," but all shall know him, from the least to the greatest.

Our attitude to baptized children should be more clearly defined. The M. E. Church has a chapter on Baptized Children, which we think eminently wise and which we hope to see reproduced in our own Book of Discipline at the approaching General Conference. It states: "We regard all children who have been baptized as placed in covenant relation to God, and under the special care and supervision of the Church. The preacher in charge shall preserve a full and accurate register of all the baptized children within his pastoral care; the dates of their birth, baptism, their parentage and place of residence. The preacher in charge shall organize the baptized children, at the age of 19 years or younger, into classes and appoint suitable leaders (male or female), whose duty it shall be to meet them in class once a week and instruct them in the nature, design and obligations of baptisms and the truths

of religion necessary to make them wise unto salvation, urge them to give regular attendance upon the means of grace; advise, exhort and encourage them to an immediate consecration of their hearts and lives to God, and inquire into the state of their religious experience."

This article enacted would give homogeneity to the administration of pastors and enable them to answer the third question in the business of the Quarterly Conference: "What is infinitely better, it would be carrying out the Lord's commission, 'Go ye, therefore, and teach all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, the Son and the Holy Ghost.'" This would give value and significance to infant baptism. When the Church gets right on this commission and subsequent apostolic practice, then may we hope to see nations born in a day and the splendors of the millennial dawn purple the horizon, heralding the coming of the King.

Our Church is moving in the direction indicated, especially in the appointment of "Decision Day" in the Sunday-schools, at which time those who have been baptized or not should be brought to a public profession of faith and reception into the Church, not as a formality, but as a matter of conscious experience. Such members would come in with an intelligent apprehension of what is involved in such a step, and lapses into sin would be rare. There is urgent need of legislation on this subject for uniformity and spiritual results.

## THE LOCAL PREACHER AND THE SPHERE OF HIS OPERATION.

The local preacher is an official member of the Church and his relation to the preacher in charge is that of helper. He is not an assistant preacher in any technical sense; but he is under the supervision of the pastor to work in any capacity where his services may be needed. Between him and the preacher in charge there ought to be the most cordial relation, and the former ought always to be willing to work in whatever field the latter may think best. There is no necessity for conflict between them. Occasionally the pastor may find it necessary to use his local preacher in filling his regular appointment in the station or somewhere on the circuit. But as a rule the regular appointment is not the sphere of the local preacher. His work ought largely to be in the mission districts, where the regular preacher can not enter. Here he can find people who can not be reached by the pastor, and minister to them in sacred things. There is no station or circuit appointment in Texas that has not some territory and people of this character. In such places and among such people the local preacher can always find a sphere for the exercise of his ministry. As a rule, he is not needed in the organized work only occasionally, but here he is needed all the time. In this city we have an indolent, faithful local preacher, who a few years ago found a field north of town a few miles where the people had no preaching. He located two points sufficiently far apart and started regular preaching places.

He kept the congregation until he developed the necessity for two church buildings. Then he went to work and raised subscriptions and built the two houses. At the close of last year the presiding elder went out, organized the two societies into a church, dedicated two good temples of worship, and this year these people have a number more. What a wonderful work this good man of God accomplished! Now he is looking out for other unsaved people nearer the gospel. What he did, and is doing every other local preacher can do if he has a mind to do it. For all such local preachers the Church has a place. No one of them has any excuse for remaining idle in the land where so many people are without the gospel. All that they have to do is to be faithful, to give diligently and then let number one opening and the place will be found near at hand. In this way the local preacher can make himself necessary to the Church of God.

## ESTEEM THE PARSONAGE AS A SACRED TRUST.

By this time our preachers are all settled in their new homes; and fortunately for them nearly every church in Texas has prepared and furnished a home for the minister and his family. This home is viewed as Church property, and it is set apart for sacred uses. It belongs to the Church, but it is held in trust for home purposes for the preacher. It belongs to him and his home, held as long as they occupy it, and they are under strict obligation to use it carefully, thoughtfully, and religiously. Often it is furnished with carpets and heavy furniture. These ought to be, scrupulously preserved from needless injury. Beds ought to be kept at the doors and about the stove and fire places to prevent unnecessary wear and tear. The carpets ought to be thoroughly cleaned once a year, and the furniture ought to be kept free from scratches and defacement. The walls of the interior ought never to be abused, and if abuses occur, the preacher ought to feel under obligation either to have the repairs made at once at his expense, or do it himself. A dirty, defaced and badly abused parsonage is a reflection upon the minister's family, and it discourages people who are disposed to make these needed provisions for their preacher's use. The exterior of the house ought to be kept nicely pointed, and if the preacher has any taste or real refinement he will look after this feature personally. Such attention will always ensure a nice and convenient home for our pastors. He ought also to keep the premises well inclosed and never passing his card with his cow or horse; but instead let him plant out shrubbery and flowers and beautify the surroundings. When the steps get out of kilter, or a picket is knocked off the fence, he ought to make the repair immediately. If he has not the energy and self-respect to do this, then he is not worthy of the home furnished. A badly kept parsonage, with dilapidated surroundings, is a disgusting sight to the people who feel a just pride in their minister and his family. And the minister who will

accept a parsonage in this condition, and permit it to be brought to the present state, by carelessness and those things which are signs of our profligacy.

## THE IMPORTANCE OF A COMPETENT JUDICIARY.

Our judicial system is a disgrace to the state. It is a shame to have the highest court in the land composed of men who are so ignorant of the law as to be unable to understand the principles of justice. It is, therefore, an obligation upon us that we should have a more intelligent and educated judiciary. It is the duty of the people to have a more competent judiciary, and it is the duty of the legislature to provide for it. The people of this state are entitled to a more competent judiciary, and it is the duty of the legislature to provide for it. The people of this state are entitled to a more competent judiciary, and it is the duty of the legislature to provide for it.

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Conferences, Figures & Men

By Rev. E. L. Armstrong.

Having more leisure than anything else, except bodily pain, I have carefully read everything I have seen concerning the Texas Conferences held in our great State since October 31, 1901. Having been for fifty years a member of the Church and for forty four years a preacher, ranging from the Sabine River to Midland, and from the Gulf to Dallas, in official relations I know both the country and people to some extent. When I began my ministry we had in our Church in the State about 23,000 members; now, from the figures before me, I find reported about 267,000 members, including both itinerant and local preachers. There are about 500 itinerants and 802 local preachers; 70 of these are pastors supplying work, while I find 197 who are likewise engaged in thirty-three conferences in the Southern Church. Our local brethren may dismiss all their fears about the coming death of the local brotherhood.

There are 11 districts and 717 pastoral charges, if I have made no mistake in my count. An increase in membership is reported from every conference and a decided improvement in finances. In all this we rejoice and give thanks. When we look for the names of those who were in the front of the battle twenty-five and thirty years ago, we find but few who still remain. Only 25 are still with us who were in this conference twenty-four years ago, and out of the 125 members who composed the East Texas Conference when I entered the ranks forty-four years ago, I find but few remaining: Bro. J. W. Chalk, J. L. Anzell, M. H. Neely and Binkley are still living. The two first names are on the retired list, while the two last named are still active. Bro. Binkley and I roomed together at our first conference in 1857. He was for a long time a presiding elder, and ought to be one now, but alas! the men who happen to get old are sometimes pushed aside by younger men.

In the East Texas Conference only three names appear in the minutes who were there in 1857. J. S. Mathis was then strong, earnest and successful; had just come to the State from Arkansas. In those days, he brought things to pass and was received with open arms by those to whom he was sent. I rejoice to hear he is still young and yet holds a place in the conference. I. Alexander was then a young man, but was married a week after the conference adjourned. He was then (as he yet is) a strong, forceful and eloquent preacher. People were eager to hear him, and always received food for thought while he preached. He left the regular work and for years devoted his time and talent to teaching in which work he succeeded well and deserves praise for what he did for the pupils under his care. I thank God that he has kept brother Alexander in strength, and that he is yet able to fill the satisfaction of every one of the important charges to which he is assigned. Long may he live to preach the glorious gospel of Christ. The recollection of the first sermon I heard him preach is still with me. Text: "Whatsoever thy hands findeth to do," etc.

Bro. John Adams is the third name. We entered conference together and traveled adjoining charges the first year. I was his mother's pastor. We were much together during the year and became very intimate, confiding, true, loving friends, and while the sweep of time has destroyed much that is earthly, our love yet abides and will endure in the ages of eternity. His mother was a widow, with six children younger than John; for years he aided them out of his small salary and refrained from marriage until his brothers and sisters were all grown. He has been actively engaged in the itinerant ranks all these years—on circuits, stations and districts. I believe he has served longer as a presiding elder than any man in Southern Methodism. He is now engaged in his forty-fifth year in the regular work without a break, and I believe this will complete his thirty-fifth year as a presiding elder. He has been a delegate to five General Conferences, and has the confidence of all who know him—a true, pure, upright man; an ardent friend, a profound thinker; an extraordinary preacher, who still retains his strength in his pulpit ministrations and holds his place as the leader of the conference. A meek, humble, unobtrusive man, who never sought prominence, but was always ready for duty and alive to the best interest of the Church he loves. I do not think I exaggerate when I say I have never known a better man; and write this that he may know my estimate of his ability and worth while yet in the body. After we leave this world, words of commendation, praise and confidence can not inspire us. May the Lord of hosts direct us and our shadow, my dear old friend. When the Southern University conferred the doctorate (D. D.) upon him, no mistake was made, and it never conferred the degree upon any one more worthy, although his divinity needed no doctorate.

It may be possible that I may have failed to mention others who are living who were members of the East Texas Conference in 1857. I think Bro. Hughes and Galt came one year later. Soon the first one of these old veterans of the mustard hunt will go up on high. We have enjoyed a pleasant Christmas. At good and esteemed brother, Abe Bulkey, came early in the morning with presents and cash amounting to at least \$20, which was received with thanks by this old shut-in. When asked as to the donors, the answer came: "Your friends." Many thanks to all concerned.

We were made sad by the departure of our loved daughter to Colorado City—our home for one year at least. It seems that the powers that be might have given them a charge nearer to their invalid parents; for their pleasure and accommodation; but such was not the case, and we must submit to the long separation. We live in hope of a better land, where separations and dis-appointments never more disturb the tranquility of the soul. Until that day shall dawn, we must wait and suffer. May a happy and prosperous year be the inheritance of the Advocate and its readers.

Full consecration and ardent, confident prayer and unwavering faith in God will bring success. I read Bro. Young's weekly paper concerning local preachers. Many of his fears are, in my opinion, groundless. I have never known a faithful, earnest, spiritually-minded local preacher who failed to find work to do and people to associate with, both the preacher and his flock.

I deeply sympathize with dear Bro. Hughes in the great how he has just sustained. Only a little while until a blessed pension will take place. The boxes of cotton we are falling away, but our dust is precious in the sight of our living Redeemer, and we shall be made in joy and brightness.

E. L. ARMSTRONG, Corsicana, Texas.

THE NEW PREACHER. In a recent issue of the Advocate I noticed a short article headed as above. My experience in Methodism, for about twenty-five years, in the statements Bro. McGary makes will bear writing a good deal.

On the contrary, it is like old Dr. Jesse Baring, or some other great preacher, said—a preacher makes his circumstances. There is not one instance in ten thousand where consecrated ability does not come to the front and command, at least, the respect of all those with whom it comes in contact. Water seeks its level, and it is just as hard to keep a preacher of ability and consecration down as it is to keep water from seeking its level.

The great body of Methodists are loyal to their Church. They are Methodists because they prefer that polity to any other, and as they accept that polity, they accept with it all that the process that be shall see fit to confer upon them, confident, that the said powers will inflict nothing but what they think to be for the best.

There is a good deal of "rot" about preachers getting hard work with scant pay. That is what they join the conference for. In all the hundred thousand Methodist ministers now holding up the Christian religion, I doubt seriously if there is one so inconspicuously circumstanced as St. Paul.

And while I think the Christian ministry the noblest calling on earth, I find no patience with those who are always trying to make it appear that some of them are having a "mighty hard time."

I like the talk Uncle Dick Thompson made in the love-feast at the North-west Texas Conference at Corsicana. He had been nearly fifty years ago, he had started to preach the gospel, he had forty years of that time had been spent in the terrible agony of the war between the States, that he had ministered to men dying on the battlefield; that he had nursed wounded soldiers on his back while the blood ran out of their wounds until he was as bloody as they; but through it all he had had a good time.

I believe that he who turns his life over to God will have "a good time." What are the stripes and imprisonments of this brief existence compared to an eternity of happiness? What do the petty disappointments of this life

amount to when we have our Father's smile of approbation? Sometimes it is necessary for the free of persecution to get about us, that the cross which makes us valiant may be recognized and the name sold may claim its due recognition. H. N. DANIEL, WILSON, TEXAS.

Notes From the Field.

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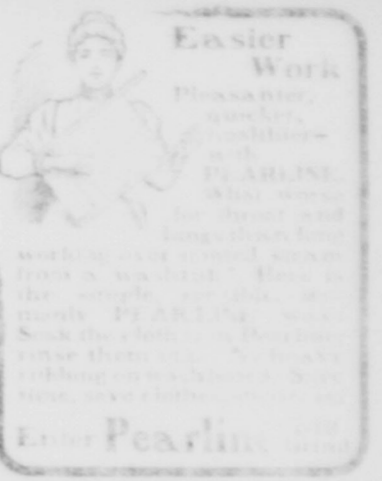
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Francis McManis, Robert Latham, of Chicago, Ill., has offered the University...

Official reports from London show that the navy...

London, Jan. 7. The British navy is now in the possession of the Victoria...

The State Department has decided to continue its efforts to grant...

Secretary of Education, of Mississippi, has been appointed...

The members of the late United States President William James...

The Legislature was convened and adjourned on Jan. 7, 1902...

Miss Alice Roberts, the oldest daughter of President James...

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Impressive funeral services were held at Washington, January 2...

It was the after-dinner oratory of Judge Charles H. Darling...

James Hamilton, the oldest Old Fellow in the United States...

George Hinson, of Cincinnati, the policeman who was publicly degraded...

Gov. Leslie M. Shaw, of Iowa, who is to succeed Hon. Lyman J. Gage...

Gov. Butler has sent a note to all Deer commission requesting them to keep on fighting...

Joseph Condit, aged 82, once a prominent figure in Missouri politics...

The municipal government of Santiago de Cuba celebrated the victory of the Nationalist party...

Gov. Savage, at Lincoln, Neb., December 2, granted an unconditional pardon to Joseph K. Barclay...

In a conversation with Ambassador White, the Emperor of Germany...

It has been determined that one of the great features of the World's Fair...

The condition of the national banks of Houston on December 11...

In an international review of the corporations of the United States...

The exports to the United States from the Berlin, Germany...

The Argentine Government has entered into contracts with the Arnoldo...

Information from Washington shows that Capt. Richard P. Leary...

into he died, but it was only when his brother-in-law, Dr. Fairfax Irwin...

John Higgins, a brakeman, who had both legs cut off in an accident...

The First National Bank reopened at Austin January 2, after having been closed five months...

The following is the comparative statement of Dallas real estate transactions...

The edifice executed at the mint of the United States during December, 1901...

The Shanghai correspondent of the London Daily Express cables that a missionary and a number of Christian converts...

The total reduction of Great Britain's military forces in South Africa...

The Negro Baptist Ministers' Conference of Boston and vicinity adopted resolutions...

The French Ambassador, M. Camille Barrere, speaking at a reception of the French colony...

Great excitement has been created at Madrid by a recent decree of the Ministry of War...

Reports to R. G. Don & Co., of New York, show that failures for the year 1901...

It cost the city of New York exactly \$2,000 to restore former Policeman Edward P. Nishwitz...

ter mechanic in a factory in Newark and began suit for reinstatement...

The Central Board of Scrutiny has made public the following returns of the elections held in Cuba...

The statement of the postal receipts at Dallas for the month ending December 2 was compiled recently...

The Imperial entourage entered the forbidden city at 1:30 o'clock in the afternoon of January 7...

The news that the brigands holding Miss Stone captive are being hunted by the inhabitants of the Turkish territory...

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The lamp with wrong chimney is like a letter without a stamp: Don't go. MACBETH. My name on every one.

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Where Do You Live? It makes no difference whether you live in the odorous atmosphere of a city...

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Notes from... M. T. Allen, Iowa... give us and good...

Notes from... Emma Hayes, Iowa... weeks of hard work...

Notes from... C. B. Smith, Iowa... the old year I was...

Notes from... F. A. Downs, Iowa... Lyndale Circuit...

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# The Acquittal of Dan Woodson

By Rev. Wm. A. Bowen.

Many dramatic and thrilling incidents occurred in the early days of Texas when the attempts were being made to suppress the use of the "lynch law" committee, a method that came from the prevalence of those days.

Of these incidents, that of the speech of James Rivers and the acquittal of Dan Woodson are especially noted with greatest pride. The speech was in behalf of a man who had betrayed an orphan and thrashed the orphan's opinion.

The fame of that speech and its effect had been echoing down the corridors of Texas history for fifty years; yet the full particulars were made known to this generation only a short time back by eye-witnesses who remembered those on Old Sertion Day in Pine Valley.

The convention against lawlessness had just set on, and a great effort was being made to make "good law." Judge Lynch and personal settlements of difficulties, impossible in face of the courts. Sometimes these efforts would receive a discouraging setback by some "little personal settlement" that appeared to settle a matter by and approval and which proved that human nature crops out in people the same way everywhere, and that no human-made law can be enforced which can counter in their operations to the higher sense of justice and humanity.

James Rivers was the orphan of a San Jacinto soldier. He was about 12 years old, but was delicate and frail and appeared to be cunning. A man by the name of Patterson had taken the boy to live with him in his childless home, and considered that he and his wife had adopted him. So they accordingly set him to work, being possessed of the idea prevailing in the minds of most people who have no children that boys need to be kept at work and from play in order to subdue real men of them. To this enormous and boy-daring notion, Patterson added, or rather had—that firm father the Mercantile patterns method and what is manner ignorant people might be "sounded" in "Patterson's" method, he considered that they have this accounted for a great deal of cruelty and evil thought, severity, and for their own condition at the same time. Patterson's manner of life, as shown by his own expressions, and his reputed treatment of Jimmie, certainly seemed to justify the rumors that he-acted regularly in the harsh treatment of "poor old Jim Riggins' orphan." And, as usual, many rumors soon became established facts in the telling by some of the neighbors.

As days passed to little surprise that within a short time there was a strong sense of the settlers of going over and "teaching Patterson a lesson he would not forget for a long time," which was the exact language of the spokesman. Dan Woodson, who was comparatively a "new comer," but whose prominence in several "little personal questions" had gained the respect of his neighbors, boldly opposed this plan. He told them that Patterson was probably doing what he thought best; was a good citizen; at least he was peaceable and industrious, even if meddling as to other folk's actions, and had been in Pine Valley almost from its settlement. The neighbors postponed their proposed visit to give Patterson his lesson, but under protest.

A few days after this two or three of these same neighbors happened to stop at Dan Woodson's for dinner. They were just finishing the meal when Jimmie Riggins came in, crying and trembling, and begged them to not let Patterson take him back.

An examination showed the boy to be covered with bruises and welts, which he said Patterson had inflicted with a heavy quilt that morning because Jimmie had expressed a wish that he might have an occasional holiday and to be allowed to play, as did other boys.

Indignation flamed high. Woodson's guests saying that they go immediately and teach Patterson as he had the defenseless boy.

But again the quiet Dan Woodson descended them. He would take it on himself to communicate with Patterson, and believed he could guarantee there would be no more complaints. The neighbors reluctantly yielded, fully expecting to have to finally attend to the matter. None of them believed Woodson would do more than make a plea for the boy, perhaps protest against Patterson's methods, and in turn get a thrashing himself for meddling. For Patterson was a stern determined man, large and strong, while Woodson was a small man, quiet and mild-mannered. Scarcely had the above arrangement been agreed upon when Patterson himself rode up to the gate and inquired, "Is my boy, Jimmie Riggins, here?"

I had occasion to correct him this morning, and the ungrateful young scoundrel ran away."

To the amazement of those present, Woodson deliberately walked out, jerked Patterson from his horse, and then and there gave him a most unmerciful beating. He then told Patterson to "mount and ride off in a hurry, and never dare even to speak to the boy again."

Courts being in session at Pineville, Patterson went straight there and had Dan Woodson indicted for assault with a deadly weapon.

News of the affair spread like a prairie fire, and in a few days the trial was called, an immense crowd being present. Patterson was an old citizen and had many friends. Dan Woodson was a newcomer, and very few knew him. There was only one opinion as to the result: That Woodson would be found guilty of the charge, or perhaps a less, and punished. The only speculation was how light could he get off. The District Attorney was Col. Edwin Walker, who was a regular Cato in his demands for law and order; and he was universally popular. A new lawyer had recently come to Texas, whose abilities there were many extravagant rumors—but few knew whether true or not. He volunteered to defend Dan Woodson.

When the jury took their seats it was believed to be largely in Patterson's favor. All the witnesses were for the State. Many spectators expressed indignation that the new lawyer had shown such indifference as to retain every juror unchallenged just as the State had chosen and accepted them. But in his examination of witnesses a change of opinion was manifest. He compelled such unexpected answers to startling questions as to cause a ripple of amazement to sweep over the courtroom, and murmurs of approval were readily expressed because the Sheriff, State's Attorney, and even the Judge, involuntarily joined in it.

When the witnesses had all been examined the State's Attorney said he had no speech, unless the counsel for the defense felt like "loading a forbidden horse" and taking up time in a hop-bounce; that since the defense offered no testimony, it only remained for the jury to retire and then bring in a verdict.

But James Rivers, the new attorney, said he had a few remarks to make. Also he would offer one witness—even though a little irregular to do so at this stage—but a silent one who needed no verbal examination.

Here he reached over and laid his hand on the head of the pale, thin, wasted man of the difficulty, and gently pulled the boy to a position by the side of the speaker, partly between him and the jury.

Rivers knew that all statutory law was against him, and that the only chance for his client before a legal jury lay in an appeal to the higher law of humanity and the divine rights of men. So he placed the boy where the jury could see, in his pinched face, faint red lips and wasted form the plain marks of the suffering of neglected orphanhood. Through the rent in the thin jacket Judge, jury and spectators could see the bruises, cuts and purple welts still fresh from the blows inflicted a few days before. Rivers appeared not to notice that the eyes of the jury were fixed on the boy; but, stepping towards the rule bench on which they sat, he began, in low, gentle, pathetic tones to address the jury.

He said he was there to speak for Woodson, their fellow-citizen and neighbor—their friend—the friend of any one needing help, and upon whose ear no appeal for help nor orphan's cry had ever fallen in vain. He referred to the old father of the boy as perhaps a comrade in arms of some of this very jury at San Jacinto when the Star of the young Republic blazed as the Lone Star in the firmament of nations. After old Jim Riggins had helped to win peace and establish a nation he had been, like some of the jurors, that other heavier, harder battle, more lasting and crueller than war—the battle against poverty, and want, and hardships, in a new country. Jim Riggins, unlike some of the jury, had died with this second battle unvanquished, having his old comrades to enjoy the peace and prosperity he had helped to win and make. Poor, honest, old Jim! He had married late in life, and his young wife had died when their only child was a baby. The hardest thing the old soldier and pioneer had to do was to face the future with his boy alone. But it was not for long. He soon fell and left his orphaned boy to the care of his country—his old soldier friends. For aught the speaker knew some of that very jury (looking directly at the old foreman) may have been with Jim Riggins with Sam Houston—at San Jacinto. They, like Riggins, may have married late in life and now enjoyed the sweet prattle and innocent gaiety of their children.

The speaker's voice was low and earnest, but as clear and musical as a bell, and melting with pathos. Here he had spoken fifteen minutes; spectators, jury and Judge were leaning forward to catch every word from this new and evidently masterly speaker. Stepping closer to the jury, unconsciously pulling the boy with him as if to protect him and slightly raising his voice, Rivers pointed his finger at the old foreman of the jury, and continued: "Time is fast threading silver strands in your dark locks; your feet are tottering the brink of the river that flows between you and honest leave; old Jim Riggins' son, you, must cross over. Then your little ones, like this child, will be left to your countrymen. They may neglect them as they did this friendless boy, and let them, too, fall into the hands of one who has no pity, no love for the fatherless. Then the dear, sweet arms which so often encircled your neck in an embrace of love may be stricken down as they are raised in pitiless enmity to shield the tender, quivering forms against cruel blows—such as cut and bruised this defenseless orphan. Then the dimpled cheeks whose rosy tints are such a delight may become pale and sunken from want and neglect; the eyes that lighten and sparkle now at your countenance, and kindle in your own the light of a pure love, may become red and swollen with unalleviated grief because there is no tender mother or father—hands to dry the hot tears; or then the voices that now make music in your ears by their gentle murmur and innocent laughter may be heard in wails of despair, vainly pleading for mercy—vainly tell the child's cries on the unheeding ears of the chief presiding witness."

The boy had long been sobbing as if his heart would break. And under the eloquence and pathos of the speaker's words and voice the Judge, foreman and most of the jurors were mingling their tears with little Jimmie's. Rivers hesitated a moment, as if mastering his own emotions. Then continued:

"Mr. Foreman and gentlemen of the jury, I ask you if, under such circumstances, the God of your fathers—the all-pitiful Father of the orphan—should raise up a friend to your orphaned loved ones, as he raised up Dan Woodson to befriend and protect the helpless orphan of your dear friend—would you, gentlemen, looking down even from the parsons of heaven, want that friend of your defenseless loved ones punished by the operations of a law manifestly made to punish wicked, selfish men, and not the righteous, self-forgetting friend of the helpless orphan? Whatsoever ye would that men should do to you, do ye even so unto them. Is a divine law applying even to jurors. Would you want such a friend punished? I ask you to answer that in your verdict."

The climax had been reached. The old foreman (who had married late in life and had two promising boys near Jimmie's own age, and had served with Jimmie's father in the wars) brought his huge fist down into the palm of his other hand with a resounding slap, and thundered an answer:

"No! No! A thousand times, NO!"

Rivers sat down. The painful silence that followed was broken by a loud murmur of approval and admiration. Col. Walker arose, and began:

"May it please the court and gentlemen of the jury: This is all very irregular, and we are in danger of—"

"Sit down, Ed Walker!" exclaimed a juror. "You're a good lawyer and a good man. We all love you—but don't want to hear you speak more. We know you all down; sit down!"

The judge looked out at a side window a moment, we ped something from the back of his spectacles, read the law governing the offense charged, told the jury they were to be the sole judges of evidence and law, and instructed them to retire and make up their verdict.

The old foreman drew his left hand across his eyes, stroked his long, grey beard with his right, looked at the other jurors, and received a silent shake of the head from each, and then he said, firmly and quietly:

"We've agreed on our verdict; your Honor—and one that must stand as law in Texas for all time to encourage the protection of orphans—and women. Not guilty, your Honor; not guilty!"

"So say all of you, gentlemen!" asked the Judge.

"So say we all!" exclaimed the other eleven.

The demonstration that followed was what might be called extrajudicial. The Judge hastily adjourned court, and James Rivers, Jimmie Riggins and Dan Woodson were taken on the broad shoulders of stalwart men—some of whom were future Congressmen, Governors and Judges—and paraded around

the public square to the piping treble of a life an old veteran played as he never had since he blew it to keep Sam Houston's army in step and spirits when they overthrew the tyrant Santa Anna, at San Jacinto.

As prophesied by the old foreman, the verdict acquitting Dan Woodson was stood as an unrepented, though unwritten, law in that section to this day.

## THE TROUBLES OF SANTA CLAUS.

A Soliloquy Overheard at the Christmas Tree at Brady.

By A. H. Stone.

"Here I am, here I am, here I am! A little behind time, though. But Dr. Craddock is responsible for it. His stovepipe is so small that I got stuck as I came down. I missed my calculation in its size and didn't shrink up enough; and when I did get down I found a hot fire in the stove and the door shut. Craddock's stove is a cross-ways in the stove, and I nearly blew myself before I could get out. I am generally supposed to be dropped; but even a duck-can can blow it."

"I had this doll about. It was dressed in silk, and was to be put in the stocking of little Pauline Elykin, but it got away, and before I could put it out it turned it all off. I haven't anything left but its little sister, and is obliged to go in address costume. I'll take it down to the parsonage."

I blundered around the room trying to find Craddock's little socks, and when I found them there was a hole in the toe and the sock fell through to the floor. I'd take it down to the parsonage, too, but they haven't got any boys down there—nor any socks, either. So I had to rush down here an hour ago and sweat down this cross-stove and put it on the Christmas tree. I could have come in through the door, but who ever heard of a real, alive, sure-enough Santa Claus entering a house by his own choice through anything but the chimney—if there is a chimney?"

"But some houses have no chimney; nothing but a stovepipe. I don't like 'em either. I have to shrink up so. And then there are so many crooks and snags and elbows, and curly necks to get stuck in. And lots of folks forget that Christmas is at hand and I have to come down the stovepipe, and they leave a fire in the stove and the door shut, and when I come down I can hardly get out. They needn't be surprised if I swell out my sides some of these times when I am in a stove and burst it."

"Loudly, loudly, loudly! The good old days of the wide-mouthed chimneys are getting to be things of the past. Fifty years ago all I had to do when I reached the roof was to toss the reins to my reindeer over the chimney top, grab my toy bag, spring into the chimney, and there I stood on the hearth. And when I was ready to come out I just blew a smoke ring from my pipe, set it in it, and up I came. My smoke rings are regular balloons. But now I have to work my way foot by foot, down those crooked stovepipes, and it takes a good deal longer."

"But those houses with steam heaters are my special abomination. No chimney, no fire, no stovepipe, no anything but the keyhole! And yet they expect me to come, and they raise Cain if I don't. If it gets much worse, I'm going to quit business. And then these Christmas trees! Every one knows that Sarah Hannah Jane isn't half as pretty swinging too high as she is peeping out of little Mollie's stocking, and Pete and Jim and Bob know that the candy they pull out of their socks on Christmas morning is lots sweeter than any candy that ever grew on a Christmas tree."

These dimes and stovepipes, and houses with nothing but keyholes give me a world of trouble. I've had to invent something to meet the difficulty. I take a long my box of shrinking powders, and my bottle of see-me-not. I take a dose of the see-me-not when I have to work on Christmas trees. Sometimes the folks come in before I can get through, and the see-me-not makes me invisible. When I come to a fire, or a stovepipe, or a keyhole I take a dose of shrinking powder, and it makes me shrink up so I can go through. But the trouble of it is I get so used to taking the stuff that sometimes I forget and take it when there is a chimney before me, and it makes me so light that the smoke carries me back up. Then I have to stek close to the side of the chimney and crawl down. Last Christmas I wound up at the chimney of a blasting furnace. I expected a lolly ride down it, but I forgot and took a dose of shrinking powder, and when I jumped in the blast from the furnace carried me up so high that I like not to have got back in time for this Christmas. Oh, it's lots harder than it used to be!"

"Chubby Raif" dreamed about my sleigh, that everything shrunk up when



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**GOLDEN**  
**MEDICAL**  
**DISCOVERY.**

"I suffered for six years with constipation and indigestion, during which time I employed several physicians, but they could not reach my case," writes Mr. G. Popplewell, of Eureka Springs, Carroll Co., Ark. "I felt that there was no help for me, could not retain food on my stomach; had vertigo and would fall helpless to the floor. Two years ago I commenced taking Dr. Pierce's Golden Medical Discovery and little 'Pellets,' and improved from the start. After taking twelve bottles of the 'Discovery' I was able to do light work, and have been improving ever since. I am now in good health for one of my age—50 years. I owe it all to Doctor Pierce's medicines."

It was dropped in. He wasn't far wrong. That's the way with my carrying case. I drop in a doll a foot long and it shrinks till it's not longer than a pin.

"This business is hard on me. For about nineteen hundred years I have been rushing about the world. I used to travel altogether in a reindeer sleigh, and when I came to a river I changed it into a boat. But now reindeers are too slow, and I have to go by steam and electricity. Sometimes I ride on a telephone message—saddle it as it starts, just like a horse. But it has to be done so quick, and I mount on the way, and it's rather risky."

"Time's up. I must go. I'm due in England at midnight, and as I've got to slide down a million chimneys before I start I've got to hustle."

"More fastidious? If I didn't forget to take the drops to make me invisible before I came in here, and here I stand, with everybody looking at me! Well, well, well! But now, as you see, I want to remind you that if you don't get just what you want, before you go to grumbling about it just stop here enough to think how many people I have to provide for. Now, wishing you a merry Christmas and a happy New Year, I'll strap my saddle on a cable-car and cross the Atlantic in a twinkling."

Brady, Texas.

The importance of a thing is to be measured by its power for business rather than by its bulk.

## A LITTLE THING

Changes the Home Feeling.

Coffee blasts out the sunshine from many a home by making the mother, or some other member of the household, dyspeptic, nervous and irritable. There are thousands of cases where the proof is absolutely undeniable. Here is one.

Mrs. C. K. Larsen, Antigo, Wis., says, "I was taught to drink coffee at an early age, and also at an early age I became a victim to headaches, and as I grew to womanhood those headaches became a part of me, as I was scarcely ever free from one."

About five years ago a friend urged me to try Postum Food Coffee. I made the trial and the result was so satisfactory that we have used it ever since.

My husband and little daughter were subject to bilious attacks, but they have both been entirely free from them since we began using Postum instead of coffee. I no longer have any headaches and my health is perfect.

If some of these nervous, tired, irritable women would only leave off coffee absolutely and try Postum Food Coffee, they would find a wonderful change in their life. It would then be filled with sunshine and happiness rather than weariness and discontent. And think what an effect it would have on the family, for the mood of the mother is largely responsible for the temper of the children."

## CHRISTIAN MI FLECE

In the swift time Christmas, the year, has come throngs of men, in promiscuous, signalize the merry greetings in view of the angles and holds in it should be hallelu-mankind. It tell shining through heaven's empyre and Savior born man, who would raze age of sin and res and glories of the earth with joy from the sacred dom the bells, w and sonorous to music in ceaseless

"Hail to the happy Hail to the King born! Peace and good morn!"

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The comparison given by the of that of the Hebe interesting and thought and of portrays to life mythology, the the Gospel, the I the Everlasting Peace. The one benedict, the others that would from the count excited being, I can not propho outer depicts for on earth: the interior eye the eternally, the of the shining ran seraphim, and t those redeemed, God in the great Christ.

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In the calm s the writer we'e divine import t birth of Christ, He holds the p temptation, if t spot, in view, that has marked Providence with from the Divine pure and comy realization of u ful ambition an been enabled to and give to th the three thir-ental proverb, a success. The l pass that like mote and burni rizon of life in future, rose trie Not only this, seeking a high sought to dray star of Bethleh led the magi t shines to him t

CHRISTIAN MUSINGS AND REFLECTIONS.

In the swift and silent flight of time Christmas, the festive epoch of the year, has come again. The living throngs of men, women and children, in promiscuous route, celebrate and signalize the sacred anniversary with merry greetings and joyful sports, in view of the sublime event it chronicles and holds in perpetual memory. It should be hailed with delight by a mankind, it tells, as proclaimed by shining throng of angels sent from heaven's empyrean gate, of a Prince and Savior born to the fallen race of man, who would redeem from the bondage of sin and restore to them the hopes and glories of immortality. Well may earth with joy receive its King, and from the sacred steeples of Christendom the bells, with their vibrant lull and sonorous tones, ring sweetest music in ceaseless chime—

"Hail to the happy Christmas time! Hail to the King who on earth was born! Peace and good will on Christmas morn!"

The coming of a person of divine origin and birth, who with his benign influence and sovereign sway would soften the rough manners of men and introduce a new Age of Gold, had long been the subject of cherished hope and tradition with mankind, before the advent of Christ, the world's Redeemer. The classic Latin poet, Virgil, in his description of this exalted Personage in the fourth eclogue of his bucolics, in the spirit of ratiocination, rises almost to the heights of inspired prophecy. On examination, it will be found that there are several expressions and passages which remarkably correspond with the prophecies and predictions of the Messiah, contained in the Scriptures of the Old Testament, and particularly, with those of the Prophet Isaiah.

The comparison of the description given by the old Roman bard with that of the Hebrew prophet opens an interesting and instructive field of thought and speculation. The one portrays to life the Apollo of Greek mythology; the other the Christ of the gospel, the Incarnate Son of God, the Everlasting Father, the Prince of Peace. The one recounts the material benefits, the other the spiritual blessings that would accrue to the world from the coming of this mystical and exalted Being, the theme of inspiration and prophecy to them both. The one depicts for mankind an Messiah on earth; the other opens to faith's interior eye the mystic recesses of eternity, the eternal throne of God, the shining ranks of cherubim and seraphim, and the joys immortal that those redeemed through the grace of God in the gospel of the Lord Jesus Christ.

Though Christmas is a holiday season and calls for universal joy, yet all hearts do not rejoice at its advent. The old do not seem to relish it, because the festivities are not the same as when they were boys and girls. Alas! it is because the light and joy of youth has gone from them. As usual, there are many that permit the reverses of fortune, the afflictions and bereavements of the year, to becloud the joys of the present. Then with all there will come up in mind tender memories of friends and associates with whom in other days we gathered around the festive board, but who have passed from time and whom now called can not respond to our loving hearts and affections, that fill our bosoms with sadness. Childhood and youth, with ever-lucent spirits and no dull cares of life, find sportive glee and genuine enjoyment in the Merry Season. Those who drink of the water that Christ gives to them who spiritually thirst and fully imbibe the teachings of the gospel, will realize the joy that fills their hearts is a perennial stream and they can rejoice at all times.

In the calm spirit of joy and peace, the writer welcomes Christmas in its divine import as commemorating the birth of Christ, the world's Redeemer. He holds the past year in placid contemplation, if not in delightful retrospect, in view of the glorious future that has marked the dealings of Divine Providence with him. He has received from the Divine Hand not only health, peace and competence, but also the realization of the dream of his youthful ambition and life-purpose. He has been enabled to finish up the writing and give to the world a book, one or the three things, according to an Oriental proverb, necessary to make life a success. The hope and cherished purpose that like a star had hung in remote and burning beauty upon the horizon of life in the opening vista of the future, rose triumphantly to the zenith. Not only this, but during the year, seeking a higher spiritual life, he had sought to draw nearer to God. The star of Bethlehem, which guided and led the magi to the infant Savior, shines to him with a brighter, sweeter

and more entrancing fire, and as they laid gifts of gold, frankincense and myrrh at His feet, would the writer by his heart, his life and all his literary honors pour down, if any have accorded to him.

The book written is a precious boon to the author. It contains his thoughts, sentiments, experience in life and the reminiscences of things, persons and events of deep interest to him. The book is his living self. He has been remarkably favored in the sale and success of it. The first edition of one thousand volumes will soon be exhausted, and the outlook is still propitious. In view of its literary grace and beauty, and its Southern devotion and sentiment, it is called "The Prince of the South." The second edition is now ready for delivery. It is a beautiful volume. As the Advocate remarked in editorial comment in issue of November 28, the author finds "that this is a wonderful book-making but not a book-reading age." The latter by letters and the blessings of intellectual culture are inclined to greet for money-making. Yet, it may be truly said:

"Bright books are perspectives to our weak sights; Clear reflections to our discerning lights; Dazzling and shining thoughts, man's posthumous day; The track of feeble souls and their milky way."

J. M. GREENE.

THE FIX I AM IN.

"Perhaps the reader observed in reading the appointments of the North Texas Conference that I was appointed Conference Missionary Secretary. Of course, the appointment was made upon the recommendation of the board. But the same board somehow failed to appropriate anything to meet the expenses of the office. So I have a love job on my hands. I am expected to travel more or less throughout the bounds of the conference, but the railroad companies have declined to carry me upon my good looks. I must buy a great deal of postage, but Uncle Sam treats me just as rudely as the railroad companies; I must stationery, but the dealers seem to have entered into the combine against me; I must circulate literature, and the Secretaries at Nashville return me that they have it in great abundance, but in my order and at moderate prices, but like the railroad and all the rest of them, they seem to think I will take some money to have nothing done. I make a casual appointment as much as nature does a vicum. I really want to do something—in fact, I am anxious. And I am going to do something, too, if the brethren will help me. If any prosiding elder desires to have a District Institute, and would like to have my services, all he has to do is to ask me to come and assure me that my railroad fare will be paid. If any preacher serving a mission thinks I would help him to raise his work to the point of self-support, and we have some that ought to come to that point this year—all he has to do is to call upon me, assuring expenses, and if I can possibly get away from home I will come to help him. I want to attend every District Conference that I can, and hence I can not reach I will have some one more capable to attend, if expenses can be provided for. Anything that I can do to help the cause will be, upon my part, a labor of love and a service done willingly rendered. Please suffer me to suggest, brethren, that we begin our missionary collections early and with no other thought than paying out the entire assessments against the conference. Old North Texas can, and shall I say it?—must pay out this year. We have more worth, per capita, than any conference in the Church, perhaps, and this detest business is a reproach that we must proceed to wipe off. Let me hear from you, if you think I can help you."

R. C. HICKS.

Commerce, Texas.

Helplessness is the proper goal of human effort, and health is indispensable to its achievement.

MARRIAGES.

Nicholson - McCollum - In Lutheran Church, December 25, 1901, Mr. W. E. Nicholson, of Dallas, Texas, and Miss Lela McCollum, of Collin, Texas. Rev. G. M. Gardner officiating.

Everson-Jones - At the parsonage gate in Dallas, Texas, January 1, 1902, by Rev. G. W. Kitchel, Mr. C. E. Everson and Miss Pearl Jones.

Lavender-Toland - At the bride's home, near Brandon, Texas, January 1, 1902, at 7 o'clock p. m., Mr. C. W. Lavender and Miss Carrie Toland, both of Hill County. Rev. Mac M. Smith officiating.

Matthews-Larson - At the residence of the bride's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Jim Larson, Cleburne, Texas, December 28, 1901, Mr. L. J. Matthews and Miss Loretta Larson. Rev. Jno. M. Davern officiating.

Berry-Hood-Boydston - At Fairview Church, Sunday, December 22, 1901, at 6:20 p. m., Mr. H. P. Berry and Miss Mary Hood and Mr. H. B. Boydston and

CRUTCH-BOUND

The man with the crutch never fails to arouse the deepest sympathy and awaken the tenderest emotions of his more fortunate fellow being. The haggard countenance, swollen joints and twisted and deformed limbs tell a pathetic story of suffering such as Rheumatism alone can inflict. Only those who are physically and slowly hobbling through life can fully realize what it means to be crutch-bound. They feel most keenly their helplessness and dependent condition when it dawns upon them that they are no longer workers but unwilling drones in the busy world.

Rheumatism should not be neglected because the pains at first are wandering and slight. These are only the runnings of an approaching storm of pains and aches that may transfer you from a life of activity to the ranks of the crutch-bound cripples.

Rheumatism is due to acid gritty particles being deposited in the joints, muscles and nerves by an impure and too-acid blood, and the strongest constitutions or muscles of iron and nerves of steel can long withstand these corroding poisons. They penetrate to every fibre of the body, and no liniment, lotion or other external application can reach and dislodge them.

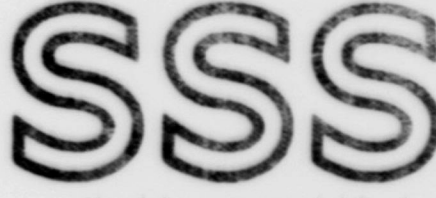
Finally the natural oils are consumed when there is a creaking, grinding noise with every movement of the limbs, the joints become locked and immovable, the muscles wither or contract, the nervous system gives way and the patient becomes a physical wreck and crutch-bound cripple. Rubbing with liniments may produce counter-irritation and afford temporary ease, but they cannot reach and destroy these corrosive particles, which are daily forming in the blood.

The correct treatment—the true cure for Rheumatism—is a remedy that will dissolve and wash out this inflammatory matter and expel it from the system, and no medicine does this so promptly and thoroughly as S. S. S. It neutralizes and eliminates from the blood current all poisonous, noxious substances and makes the blood pure and strong again, and, as it circulates through the body, all effete matter is gathered up and sent out through the proper channels. This rich new blood cools the feverish, throbbing muscles and joints and refreshes the tired nerves, and welcome relief comes to the wretched sufferer.

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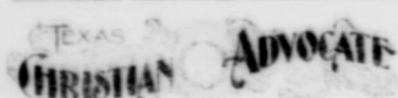


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THE MEXICO TRIP.

Last week we outlined a trip to Mexico and requested those who desired to join in such an excursion to write either to the editor, or Louis Blaylock, or W. C. Everett, and that if we got names enough we would proceed to perfect the arrangements. Already quite a number have written us saying that they would be delighted to make the trip, and it looks like the requisite number will be secured.

Rev. H. Clay Morrison, the "evangelist" was elected by the late session of the Kentucky Conference as a lay delegate to the approaching General Conference. Is it not a fact that since the last General Conference Bro. Morrison announced that he had withdrawn from the Methodist Episcopal Church, South? And did he not come to Texas with a "letter" in his pocket and on more than one occasion say from the pulpit that he was no longer a member of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South?

The editorial fraternity will be well represented in the next General Conference, beginning at Nashville, we have Doctors Hess, Atkins and Tignor, all of whom are connectional men. From the field we have Palmore, Lovett, Boswell, Burrow, Cannon, Godbey, Richardson, Ivey, Vaughan, Gross, and the Texas men.

EDITORIAL BIRDSHOT.

The earth contains more dead people than five ones.

The worst form of deception is that which one practices on himself.

When a child gets hurt, it is cruel to tell him that he got what he deserved.

The very fact that God permits some people to suffer is a strong evidence that he loves them.

The hills of life very often bring out virtues in character that would otherwise remain dormant and passive.

The woman who has suffered no misfortunes, and experienced no griefs can not truly sympathize with others of her sex who are severely smitten.

People of deep burning and ripe experience are slow to express themselves, but shallow folks with narrow minds are quick to reveal their lack of real wisdom.

The man who ridicules and sneers at God's word either has not read it carefully and wisely, or he finds so much condemnation in it of his own wicked life that he is enraged.

We are in receipt of a copy of the published minutes of the late session of the Northwest Texas Conference. This is the first of the conferences to complete and send out its minutes. The volume is gotten up in beautiful style, and it is conveniently arranged.

REV. DR. A. E. GOODWYN IS DEAD. Dr. A. E. Goodwyn, of the Texas Conference, died New Year's night, very suddenly, at his home in Marlin.

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clared that in far-reaching movement in Sunday-school teaching notable religious evidence is to be seen in any other movement. What is it and what are its motives with it is the product and praying expects Sunday-school Board Atkins, our Sunday-school expert, Dr. has been placed over "Superintendent of Southern Methodist has already more readers, if any need this man is, when he has done in as a life-long specimen is not the er Two years ago and the Sunday-school thinking upon the perplexing of all Sulems-how far has teaching of the Sun Church, and especially a crop" of teacher the years to come what all thoughts seeing-that the hope of the Church need is better equip the demands upon multiplying; that doing largely, if no gious teaching that the home and the saw, further, that responded to those vised a way of he and preparing othe its young people, never be met and of the future would worse than the first step was taken in could hope to succeed the simplest and plans of work. Th the new teacher-teach the "Bible Teach which is an apt an is the Bible that teach, hence the "C that dear old Book circle, and not a m ing course." As I have more than on not making a play right study." It is reaching fraternity lieve, of our Meth workers, every onl cludes every school in our great Church host of them-no strong. Why shou hold them all with helpful circumference books of the circle issuing from our Two of them-Cun school history," down to date of v very latest event / Sunday-school, and school Teacher," is non-sense as an e lying upon our dear third book of the "Bible Studies," through the bindi- ful little book. Th look upon, bound "Circle" symbol of the plan of study plainly stated with easy to explain, d books, averaging 1 to be sold, postage only \$1! They can or cheaper. They and small books, t without a surplus our busy workers entire range of S sure, these and the Circle will be the exposition of mo progress. Already nearly dents have enrolle books of the Supr



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SUNDAY SCHOOL FRONT LINE.

Methodism, at a single placed itself on the front... and critics alike recognize International Evangelical and school Times, both great ing papers and organs of Sunday-school work, have led significant attention to ical training movement of l, and have marked it as table step in Sunday-school more than a generation, k also made it the subject ditorial remark. The fore- d in Canada recently de-

clared that in far-reaching significance this movement in behalf of equipped Sunday-school teachers was "the most notable religious event of the times." Judged by any standards, measured by any observers within or without our Methodism, it certainly is a great movement. What is it? What is its scope and what are its methods? To begin with, it is the product of the thinking and praying especially of our General Sunday-school Board and of Dr. James Atkins, our Sunday-school editor, and last, but not least, of the Sunday-school expert, Dr. H. M. Hamill, who has been placed over the movement as "Superintendent of Training Work" of Southern Methodism. The Advocate has already more than once told its readers, if any needed to know it, who this man is, whence he came and what he has done in a Sunday-school way as a life-long specialist. The movement is not the creature of a day. Two years ago and more the board and the Sunday-school editor began thinking upon the most difficult and perplexing of all Sunday-school problems—how to improve the present teaching of the Sunday-schools of our Church, and especially how to "grow a crop" of teachers and officers for the years to come. They realized what all thoughtful Christians are seeing—that the Sunday-school is the hope of the Church; that its greatest need is better equipped teachers; that the demands upon the teachers are multiplying; that the Sunday-school is doing largely, if not wholly, the religious teaching that once was done in the home and the secular school. They saw, further, that unless the Church responded to those demands and devised a way of helping its teachers and preparing other teachers out of its young people, the demands would never be met and the Sunday-school of the future would find its "last end worse than the first." So the forward step was taken in the only way that could hope to succeed, and based upon the simplest and most reasonable plans of work. The board have named the new teacher training movement the "Bible Teachers' Study Circle," which is an apt and sensible title. It is the Bible that the teacher must teach, hence the "Circle" centers upon that dear old Book. It is a "Study" circle, and not a mere nominal "reading course." As Atkins and Hamill have more than once put it, "we are not making a play of it—it is down-right study." It is a "circle"—a far-reaching fraternity, we trust and believe, of our Methodist Sunday-school workers, ever enlarging until it includes every school and every worker in our great Church. There is a great host of them—more than 100,000 strong. Why should not the "Circle" hold them all within its benign and helpful circumference? The chosen books of the circle course are already issuing from our Publishing House. Two of them—Cunningham's "Sunday-school History," revised and brought down to date of 1902, containing the very latest event and method of the Sunday-school, and Hamill's "Sunday-school Teacher," full of practical common-sense as an egg is of meat—are lying upon our desk as we write. The third book of the course—"Dunning's Bible Studies," is now passing through the bindery, and is a masterful little book. The books are fair to look upon, bound in cloth, with the "Circle" symbol upon the covers, and the plan of study and examination plainly stated within; and, what is not easy to explain, the three handsome books, averaging 120 pages each, are to be sold, postage paid, at a cost of only \$1! They could not well be finer or cheaper. They are small books; and small books, full of marrow and without a superfluous word, are what our busy workers must have. In the entire range of Sunday-school literature, these and the other books of the Circle will be the finest and freshest exposition of modern Sunday-school progress. Already nearly one thousand students have enrolled themselves in the books of the Superintendent of Train-

ing Work at Nashville, and local Circles are forming and sending in their names and orders. This, too, in face of the fact that the movement was not set to begin until January 1, 1902. How is it with the aggressive host of Texas Sunday-school workers? Are they responding loyally and promptly to this advance movement? We have the word of Dr. Hamill, who was a hurried visitor to Dallas last week, that of all the Circles thus far reported our own five Texas conferences lead in numbers and promptness. Let the good work go on. Let every Methodist worker in our great State see to it that he or she is part of this noble movement, and take his place upon "the front line." Apropos to this, comes another matter of great interest to our Texas pastors, superintendents and teachers. Last week a Joint Conference Committee, representing the five Texas conferences, met in Dallas with Dr. Hamill, and spent two days in putting the final touches upon five Conference Institutes, one under each Conference Sunday-school Board, all to be held in the month of April, 1902, and conducted by Dr. Hamill, assisted by Mrs. Hamill, as one of the foremost of our country's primary experts. The meeting of the committee was full of interest and enthusiasm, and there was never so fine an outlook for a great year's advance in Texas Methodism along Sunday-school lines as the year just begun. Cities were chosen for the five institutes, dates were fixed upon, all details were planned, men who are hard workers and who know how to bring things to pass were appointed in each conference, and a splendid program, full of timely topics, was framed. In another column of the Advocate will be found the itinerary of the institutes, and this paper proposes to leave no stone unturned from now on to April to help in making these five great institutes the most notable Sunday-school events in the history of Texas Methodism. THE NEW MOVEMENT. A joint committee from all the Texas conferences met Dr. H. M. Hamill, from Nashville, Tenn., in the Publishing House, Dallas, Thursday, January 2, and arranged a series of Sunday-school Institutes, one to be held in each of the five Texas conferences. These institutes will be conducted by Dr. Hamill, and will have special reference to trained teachers and a fuller development of the Sunday-school idea along the newest and most advanced lines. DELEGATES. All preachers, superintendents and teachers are delegates ex-officio. Other Sunday-school workers and Bible students desiring to attend will be elected and accredited as delegates and entitled to all the privileges of the institutes. A big attendance is desired. MUSIC. The singing will be entirely congregational, under a competent leader. A sixteen-page collection of songs, selected from Young People's Hymnal Nos. 1 and 2, and furnished by our Publishing House free of charge, will be used. DATES. The following dates have been agreed upon by the Joint Committee, the first service to be held on the night of the first date, and the closing service on the night of the last date, to-wit: Waco—April 7, 8 and 9. Sherman—April 9, 10 and 11. Austin—April 14, 15 and 16. Jacksonville—April 16, 17 and 18. San Antonio—April 28, 29 and 30. ENTERTAINMENT. On all questions of entertainment or local arrangements, please write the following, writing of course to the place and name in your own conference: Rev. John R. Nelson, Waco. Rev. W. E. Boggs, Sherman. Rev. W. D. Bradford, Austin. Rev. C. F. Smith, Jacksonville. Rev. Jno. M. Moore, San Antonio.

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No entertainment will be provided unless notice is given in advance. THE MOVEMENT'S COMPLEXION. This new movement, which seeks to raise the standard of our teaching force and ultimately save the children, is the creation of our own General Sunday-school Board. It was planned and organized within and by and for our own M. E. Church, South, and seeks to reach and develop the latent forces of that Church. All of its work will be planned and operated by the forces within our own Church, and it will be distinctively Southern Methodist through and through and all the way round; not in any unpleasant or offensive sense, however, and all who attend any institute will be made perfectly welcome. THE BIBLE TEACHERS' STUDY CIRCLE. This course of Bible study embraces three books for the first year, as follows: "History of Sunday-schools," Cunningham; "Bible Study," Dunning; "The Teacher," Hamill. These three books, of about 150 pages each, cloth bound, well printed, will be sent postpaid, \$1 for the three. They can be had from our Publishing House. Every Sunday-school worker is expected to order at least one set. SUBJECTS. The subjects to be discussed were suggested and arranged almost entirely by Dr. H. M. Hamill, who will conduct the institutes. They are the result of the experiences and observations of a life-time, and cover the entire field of Sunday-school work. The occasions are expected to be profitable to all who attend. PREACHERS. All preachers are requested to keep these institutes in mind, and announce them to their congregations. They are urged to present them to all their Sunday-schools and see to it that there is a large attendance of superintendents and teachers, as well as preachers and other Bible students and Sunday-school workers. THE INSTITUTES. Think about them, talk about them, pray for them and attend them. We need them, and the Advocate prays God's blessing upon them and their work. TEXAS PERSONALS. Rev. Stuart Nelson, of New Boston, looked in upon us last week. He is an old East Tennessee friend. Rev. Jas. W. Downs, of Pittsburg, came over last week and made himself very agreeable in this sanctuary. Rev. J. R. B. Hall, of Oglesby, spent a few days in the city recently and made the Advocate a brotherly visit. D. J. Abernathy, of Pittsburg, one of our staunch East Texas laymen, had business in the city recently and called to see us. Bishop Key will dedicate our new church at Denison on the 12th, which will be the second Sunday. Rev. P. C. Archer, the pastor, extends a cordial invitation to all friends and former pastors to be present and take part in the service. Dr. James Campbell, of the Fort Worth District, looked in on us the other day. His work is moving off promisingly. Rev. W. B. Wilson, of McGregor, came up last week and found his way to our sanctuary. He is always a welcome visitor. We had a very pleasant visit from Brother F. Schimelpfenig, of Plano, this week. They are patrons of the Advocate at his home. Rev. J. A. Wyatt, of Annona, was in the city last week, and paid his respects to this office. He is a good friend to the Advocate. Rev. P. C. Archer, of Denison, wants to know the address of Mrs. S. Cummins, one of the claimants of the North Texas Conference fund. We are indebted to the Branch House for a beautifully illustrated calendar for 1902. It is not only useful but an adornment to our office. Mr. D. M. Morgan, of the St. Louis Southwestern Railway Company of Texas, with headquarters at Fort Worth, made the Advocate a friendly visit this week. Rev. H. M. Sears, presiding elder of the Calvert District, ran up last week and dropped in to see us. But he was called back to Marlin to attend the burial of Dr. Goodman. Rev. W. M. Lane and his good wife, of Grandview, passed through the city last week, and called to see us. They are starting off well in the beginning of their third year in this charge. Mr. W. H. Weeks, of the Cotton Belt Railway, with headquarters at Tyler, dropped into the office the other day. He is the up-to-date and progressive traveling passenger agent of that popular system. Dr. John Moore, of Travis Park Church, San Antonio, came over last week and brightened us up with a pleasant visit. He thinks his new church when finished will lay anything in Texas in the shade. We notice that our staunch old friend, R. B. Cousins, of Mexia, has announced himself a candidate for State Superintendent of Public Instruction. We have no better qualified man than he for any place of public trust. Rev. W. E. Boggs, of Sherman, came down last week and paid the office a pleasant visit. His work prospers. His people were so well pleased with his return for another year that they proceeded to increase his salary. We were delighted the other day to have a visit from Bro. G. J. Penn, of Waxahatchie. He is one of our valuable laymen. For some time he has been somewhat afflicted, but he is able to be around again, we are glad to say. We are pleased to have had a pleasant visit from Rev. M. H. Hamill, D.D., of Nashville. He was out here last week to meet the committees of the several conferences to arrange for a series of Sunday-school normal institutes to be held in the spring. Miss Kiker, the sister of Rev. O. P. Kiker, of Lampasas, has accepted a position in our hospital work in Monterey as a missionary, and she has gone to her work. She will be under the direction of Dr. U. H. Nixon, who recently entered that field from Texas. We notice in the Tyler Courier that recently a happy marriage occurred in that city in which the only son of Dr. and Mrs. John Adams, and Miss Langley Green, the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. L. M. Green, were made man and wife. The wedding, performed the ceremony. The wedding was a brilliant affair, for the two young people are exceedingly popular in Tyler. We extend congratulations to them and wish for them a happy and a prosperous future. Rev. N. B. Bennett, who was compelled on account of ill health to superannuate at the last session of the Northwest Texas Conference, is now at Santa Ana, Cal. In a private note he says: "I came here for my health, and find that I am ten pounds heavier than I was." The Bryant & Stratton College, St. Louis Mo. This school prepares young people for business, and for the best positions as bookkeepers, stenographers, telegraph operators, etc. Now is the time to begin. Write for circular.

Catarrh The cause exists in the blood, in what causes inflammation of the mucous membrane. It is therefore impossible to cure the disease by local applications. It is positively dangerous to neglect it, because it always affects the stomach and deranges the general health, and is likely to develop into consumption. Many have been radically and permanently cured by Hood's Sarsaparilla. It cleanses the blood and has a powerful purgative and laxative effect. R. Long, California Junction, Ind., writes: "I had catarrh three years, but my appetite and could not sleep. My food passed me and I felt all over. I used Hood's Sarsaparilla and now have a good appetite, sleep well, and have no catarrh of any kind." Hood's Sarsaparilla Promises to cure and keeps the promise. It is better not to put off treatment—buy Hood's today. when I left Texas. Santa Ana has quite a "star" of the Northwest Texas Conference—namely, Sam P. Wright, Geo. S. Clark, R. R. Raymond, Dr. Lowery and myself. Southern Methodism is gaining ground in Santa Ana. Mr. J. E. Leith, General Freight and Passenger Agent of the Texas Midland, has sent to us a copy of a handsome memorandum book. It contains a world of railway news, and there are other items of information, together with an excellent calendar. It has also blank space for such notes as one may wish to make. We are in receipt of an invitation to the marriage of Miss Grace Ellen Alderson to Mr. William W. Marshall, the wedding to take place at Wolfe City the 10th of this month. Miss Alderson is the daughter of Rev. and Mrs. J. P. Alderson, of the North Texas Conference. The Advocate extends congratulations to the young couple, with many wishes for their happiness and prosperity. "Uncle Buck" Hughes, who was recently called upon to suffer a severe bereavement, is held in love and confidence by all of our Texas Methodists. Hence his sorrow has become the sorrow of hundreds of his brethren and friends. Upon every hand he is receiving expressions of love and sympathy too numerous for him to reply by letter to them all. But he appreciates them and they are helping him to bear his grief, and before we give his reply to them one and all. Read what he says and continue to pray for this noble and faithful man of God. "Please permit me through your columns to acknowledge my profound gratitude to my dear friends who by letter and otherwise have given expression to their sympathy for me in this the darkest hour of my life. These evidences of regard and sympathy are as dew upon the mown grass, and while they cannot heal the broken heart they may palliate the pain. For more than a half century my good wife and I had trodden life's journey together, but now, O, how lonely and how sudden the terminus! We shall meet again." A note from Rev. H. W. Smith, of Salway, Ky., says: "Give my love to all my brethren in Texas. I am now in my eightieth year—quite tottery and a little feeble. But the Lord is good to me, blessed me much. My eyes are not yet dim. I can yet preach in good weather. God gives me power with the people."

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**WOMAN'S DEPARTMENT.**

Conducted in the Interest of the W. F. M. Society and the W. H. M. Society. Address all communications to Mrs. Florence E. Howell, 175 Masten Street, Dallas, Texas.

**HYMN FOR THE NEW YEAR.**  
I take my pilgrim's staff anew,  
Life's path, untrodden, to pursue,  
The guiding eye, my Lord, I view,  
"My times are in thy hand."

Throughout the year, my heavenly Friend,  
On thy best guidance I depend,  
From its commencement to its end,  
"My times are in thy hand."

Should comfort, health and peace be mine,  
Should hours of gladness on me shine,  
Then let me trace thy love divine,  
"My times are in thy hand."

But shouldst thou visit me again  
With loathing, sorrow, sickness, pain;  
Still let thy thought my heart sustain,  
"My times are in thy hand."

Thy smile alone makes moments bright,  
Thy smile turns darkness into light;  
This thought will soothe the grief's saddest night,  
"My times are in thy hand."

Should these this year be called away  
Who lead to life its brightest ray,  
Teach me in that dark hour to say,  
"My times are in thy hand."

A few more days, a few more years—  
Oh, then a flight reverse appears;  
Then I shall no more say with tears,  
"My times are in thy hand."

That lead my steps will gently guide  
To the dark brink of Jordan's tide,  
Then lead me to the heavenly side,  
"My times are in thy hand."  
—Charlotte Elliott.

**NOTES FROM AUXILIARY W. F. M. SOCIETY—THOUGHTS ON MISSIONS.**

Amidst the holiday festivities, could we find a more fitting season to express our thoughts and in a measure acknowledge our deep gratitude to God for once more allowing us to experience the blessings attending the celebration of the anniversary of the birthday of Him whose birth first was heralded by the angels to the shepherds on the plains of Judea, singing, "Glory to God in the highest, on earth peace, and good will to men?"

During our time of prayer and self-denial, which was observed on the entire week of Thanksgiving in November, we devoted a part of one afternoon to an experience—rather, remembrance—service, in which we allowed our minds to wander backward through the vicissitudes our auxiliary has passed through since its first organization. Several of our charter members were present, and we found that our beginning dated back nearly twenty years, hence we feel that our age, if nothing else, entitles us to a hearing.

In our services, which were held each day in the church, many songs and prayers of thanksgiving were offered, petitions for strength and guidance and expressions of gratitude to our Heavenly Father for his preservation, through not only the past year, but the past twenty years, and for all the benefits of our days, and the love we bore the lowly Nazarene, only cemented the common Christian bond.

We remember a remark from one of our most devoted members, which impressed us as fittingly as being the very keynote to our own sentiments with regard to the missionary cause in general. Among other things, she said: "It is not a question with me as to whether the heathen will be converted or not, but will I be saved if I neglect my duty in furthering the great commission. 'Go ye into all the world and preach the gospel to every creature.' We may not all be, for some must abide by the staff; but we can all give as the Lord has prospered us, 'whereby a preacher may be sent.'"

We look upon the missionary enterprise as one of the greatest spiritual forces in the world, and are fully persuaded that the plan of organizing the women of this enlightened land into a band of workers for women in foreign countries, a part of His divine and unceasing design, whose consummation will extend down through the ages—the results only eternity will unfold.

Some of us have already started down the shadowy side of half a century, and can appreciate the boon granted us in being permitted to help to bear the glad tidings to the millions who bow down to idols of wood and stone. We feel strangely moved when we remember that fifty years ago this organization was not possible, and woman was too weak, timid and unhesitating to avail herself of the privilege, had it been granted her.

"We believe that every nation and people are a part of the divine plan of God, who has set to each its bounds and its sphere of service to Him and man." The perfection of that plan was only being tested, when John Wesley exclaimed, when turned from the doors of the Church of England, "The world is my parish," thus setting in motion a set of acting, living principles that Methodism will never lose sight of or grow indifferent to.

A writer in a late issue of a well-known and highly-reliable periodical, commenting on the commercial value of the missionary, said many good things, but the conclusion of his remarks was the part which gratified me most. He says:

"And last, but not least, the lady missionary takes by the hand the ill-treated, neglected, the despised girl, and transforms her into a modest, well-behaved, educated woman; and the woman doctor goes forth among her sisters and is their 'mini-string angel.'"

Coming from the source that this statement does, makes us realize that we are counted among the laborers in the Master's vineyard.

and more than this, we are surprised that any woman, and especially a Christian, should not become an active worker in the cause of Him whom we all delight to honor.

Through the power of His gospel "woman has been elevated from a condition little better than slavery to be the honored friend and companion of man," and a queen in the home and hearts of her husband and children.

Never before in the history of the world have opportunities been so auspicious for us, with Cuba—beautiful, priest-ridden Cuba—clamoring for the glad tidings. And China, almost in its last throes, is bound ere long to surrender her ancient but fast-decaying customs.

"Our mission can only be effective through a consistent moral example and combined effort on the part of the entire Church. If it be true that the 'spirit of missions has been the crowning glory of the nineteenth century,' may we not hope that the twentieth will establish peace among all the nations of the world?" "That the knowledge of God will cover the earth as the waters cover the sea?"

We are soon to enter the new year, with its duties and obligations. We cherish the hope that we shall be enabled to meet all our pledges and responsibilities. "God help us do our duty and not shrink, and trust in heaven humbly for the rest," so when we come unto the narrow brink we may look in His face and say, "Thy will be done."

Let us indulge the hopes that our imagination pictures, and is borne out by the revelations in our Book of books, that if faithful we shall greet each other around the throne of God and these banners, which perchance our weary feet have trailed here in the dust, will there radiate with glittering characters. "She hath done what she could," and together we shall "behold those who come from far, and lo, these from the north and from the west, and these from the land of Sinim," who will lay their trophies at the feet of Him who said: "Other sheep I have which are not of this fold; then also I must bring, and they shall hear my voice; and there shall be one fold, and one shepherd."

Yours for the glorious possibilities of the Woman's Board of Foreign Missions in the twentieth century.  
ROWENA T. CATES.  
Deatur, Texas.

(The foregoing excellent article reached us in ample time for last week's publication, but as there was only an abbreviated edition of the Advocate published during Christmas week, our Woman's Department matter did not appear in that issue. We hope to hear again from this sister, and from any other of our members who may feel moved to write us during the new year now opening to us.—Ed. Woman's Dept.)

**TREASURER'S REPORT.**

Report of Treasurer, Woman's Foreign Missionary Society, North Texas Conference, M. E. Church, South, 1901-1902.	
First quarter, Ending June 19, 1901.	
Dues, adult auxiliaries	\$25 15
Dues, juvenile auxiliaries	5 72
Thank offering	12 26
Conference pledge	94 79
Laura Haygood School	6 59
Eliza Bowman School	15 20
M. A. Allen scholarship	19 00
Total general fund	\$281 61
Contingent fund, from last year	\$30 15
Contingent fund, from last year	2 25
Contingent fund, this quarter	54 45
Remittances, not placed	50
Total	147 79
Total receipts	\$429 40
Expended—	
For annual meeting	\$4 75
Delegate's R. R. fare to Woman's Board meeting	35 00
Stationery, etc.	25
Balance in bank	51 29
Forwarded to Mrs. McTyre	281 61
Total	\$429 40
Second quarter, Ending Sept. 19, 1901.	
Dues (adult \$2.50, juvenile \$1.50)	\$29 41
Life member	20 00
Thank offering	2 45
M. A. Allen scholarship	1 00
Korean Girl	40 00
L. B. School	22 19
Laura Haygood School	17 26
Conference pledge	21 00
Total general fund	\$234 25
Contingent fund, from last quarter	\$51 29
Contingent fund, this quarter	29 29
Returned by delegate to Woman's Board	1 90
Total	\$325 73
Total receipts for quarter	\$554 13
Expended—	
To Mrs. R. W. Thompson, Dist Secy	\$1 00
To Miss Norwood Wynn	29 00
To printing minutes of Annual meeting	27 50
To Mrs. McTyre	281 25
Balance in bank	7 38
Total	\$346 74

Third quarter, Ending December 19, 1901.	
Dues (adult \$2.50, juvenile \$1.50)	\$24 52
Miss Roberts' School, Saltville, Mexico	30 00
Eliza Bowman School	18 80
Conference pledge	156 00
Thank offering	4 75
Life member	20 00
Total	\$264 07
Total receipts	\$818 25
Expended—	
To Miss Roberts, Saltville	\$9 00
To Mrs. McTyre	436 16
For stationery, etc.	25
Balance on hand	26 51
Total	\$531 25
MRS. G. W. GRAY, Treas.	

**W. F. M. S., NORTH TEXAS CONFERENCE.**

My Dear Sisters—We have entered upon the last quarter of our fiscal year. By adding figures of the above quarterly reports, you will see that we lack a great deal of measuring up to the \$250 our conference pledged to the Woman's Board for out-going missionaries. Our remittances to the Eliza Bowman School are small—entirely out of proportion to the import-

ance of this grand work committed to our care.

It is encouraging to us, however, that there yet remains one quarter in which much may be done. If we only put forth as great an effort in the Lord's work as we do in our secular affairs, we may, by March 19, 1902, the end of this fiscal year, raise our Conference pledge in full, send a creditable donation of \$500 to our Cuban school, and meet all other demands upon us, the Woman's Foreign Missionary Society of North Texas Conference. In looking back, we all, no doubt, see where we might have done better. Let's enter upon the New Year just dawning, with a renewed consecration of ourselves to Christ and an unquailing determination to give more and better service than ever in sending the gospel to those who have it not. We must remember, too, that Jesus demands as his tribute a consecration to him not only of our minds and hearts, but also of our temporal possessions.

The entire world is now open to the gospel, and the heathen nations are not only willing, but anxious, for Christian civilization and education. Shall not we, dear sisters, who have all our lives been the recipients of God's tender mercies and loving kindnesses, do our part to hasten the joyous day when "every knee shall bow and every tongue confess that Jesus is Lord of all?"

May God's richest blessings rest upon our every effort.  
MRS. G. W. GRAY,  
Terrell, Texas.

**WOMAN'S HOME MISSION SOCIETY OF NORTH TEXAS CONFERENCE.**

Dear Sisters—To each member of this Society I wish to speak an earnest word about a great enterprise. Our board has spared no pains in preparing a new Reading Course for the coming year. Let us enter upon this new era by setting apart January for this special work. "The Word of God is the sword of the Spirit," and the Christian who would have real success must have a working knowledge of the Bible. Hence, our course begins with helps for the study of God's Word as follows:

"Harmony of the Gospels" (Burton & Stevens), price 75 cents.  
"Life of Christ" (Stalker), price 50 cents.  
Help recommended, "How to Study the Bible" (Torrey), price 35 cents.  
As we need not only a message from God, but power to make our efforts fruitful, our committee suggests that each auxiliary devote thirty minutes to the study of the Word and prayer in their devotional exercises. By praying more we will not work any less, and will accomplish vastly more. "Ye shall receive power after that the Holy Ghost is come upon you," said Jesus to his disciples after having given them the great commission to go out and bring men to himself. The supreme condition of soul-saving power is the same to-day, "after that the Holy Ghost is come upon you." The work of the H. M. Society is soul-saving—not only ourselves and families, but our neighbors. Hence, devote about one hour a week to this work. The Home Mission Study is given as follows:

Annual Report, Our Homes, "Diseases in Europe and their Lessons for America" (Jane Bancroft Robinson), price 30 cents.  
"Friendly Visiting Among the Poor" (Mary E. Richmond), price \$1.

I would suggest as a plan of study for January: That reading circles—four or six—be formed in each auxiliary for study of the Bible helps, and devotional exercises be conducted by leader of each class during the month. For mission study, have review or talk on one topic at each meeting.

The books of the Reading Course can be ordered from the M. E. Publishing House, Dallas.

Let us devote renewed energies, dear sisters, to do more and honor our Father by making this the best year of our work. I especially request each auxiliary to send to "Woman's Department" of the Advocate, communications, giving such notes of your work and progress in taking the Reading Course as will be of general interest to societies.

Praying God's blessings to attend your every effort, I am, yours in His name,  
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My address for January and February will be 135 Peoria Street, San Antonio, Texas. I would be glad to hear from any who are interested in work of the Sunday League of America.

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BOULLEN—Marie H. Boullen was born May 17, 1878, Protestant religion and joined the Methodist Church in childhood. She was married to Shannon Boullen December 21, 1898.

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DEWITT—On December 19, 1901, the death angel entered the home of Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Dewitt and took from them their infant daughter, born June 2, 1901.

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SMITH—On Christmas day, at about 4:30 p. m., December 25, 1901, the pure spirit of Mrs. Zenaida Smith went home to her home above.

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MYERS—Aunt Winnie, as she was known, the old colored woman who lived with Aunt Jennie Hawkins' family for about fifty-six years, has gone to her reward.

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MARTIN—Miss Annie Martin fell dead while walking along the street, in the town of Baytown, Matagorda county, Texas, October 16, 1901.

JNO. C. R. BAIRD.

WILSON—Mrs. May Ella Wilson (nee Hildreth) was born August 31, 1826, at Hildreth, Texas; was married June 2, 1868, to J. H. Wilson of Grandbury, Texas, and died December 29, 1901.

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COLSTON—Nella K. Colston (nee Kirkpatrick) was born August 4, 1862, in Preston, Miss. She came to Texas with her parents in 1882 and lived in several years at San Antonio and Austin.

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KENNEDY—J. M. Kennedy was born in Alabama, November 21, 1836, was happily married to Miss M. J. Feltz July 2, 1863. He served in the army during the war.

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FUGITT—Orville Younger, son of Dr. and Mrs. E. Fugitt, was born June 2, 1882, and died in Houston November 28, 1901.

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SCOTT—John McElroy Scott was born in Arkansas County, Arkansas, September 25, 1862, was married to Miss Elizabeth J. Scott, in Dallas, Texas, in 1885.

J. C. WEAVER.

YARVER—Thomas B. Yarver, son of W. K. and M. E. Yarver, was born in Archa County, Mississippi, June 10, 1868.

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WALKER—Mrs. Amy Walker (nee Hudson) died in Jewett, Texas, December 21, 1901.

G. H. COLLINS, Pastor.

ARMSTRONG—Marion Armstrong was born in Casson County, Tenn., March 25, 1877, has been a member of the M. E. Church, South, for a good many years.

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EVANS—Mrs. W. A. Evans was born February 15, 1846, in Davidson County, Tenn. Her father, Thomas Evans, was a member of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South.

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PHELPS—John E. Phelps was born April 10, 1821. His professional relation to medicine was in the fall of 1850. He was married to H. E. Evans, in Texas, December 21, 1850.

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WILSON—Miss E. A. Wilson, wife of W. W. Wilson, was born in Florida County, Texas, June 15, 1856, and died October 25, 1901.

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Palentine District-First Round. Rush, at Rush, Jan. 11, 12. Jacksonville, at Jacksonville, Jan. 15, 16.

West Texas Conference. San Antonio District-First Round. San Antonio, at San Antonio, 24 Sun. Jan. 12.

San Marcos District-First Round. Kyle and Pleasant Grove, at P. G., Jan. 11, 12.

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**CHURCH NEWS.**

The African Methodist Church has twelve active bishops. Their residences are scattered all the way from "Bishop's Court," New York to Florida. And they have less than one million communicants. But they believe in bishops many.

The Wesleyan and the New Orleans Advocates are giving much editorial space to the late "Report" of the Book Agents. The Wesleyan contends that the report is not sufficiently full, and the New Orleans claims that the report is all that discipline requires. Even doctors will sometimes disagree.

Governor Leslie Shaw, of Iowa, who is to succeed Secretary Gage in the cabinet of President Roosevelt as the custodian of the United States treasury, is an ardent Methodist, and his northern Methodist exchanges speak in very high terms of his ability and character as a Christian statesman. He is a fine Sunday-school worker.

Some of our papers are giving prominence to what they style "The Deacons Movement" in our Church. Such a movement, so far, has not yet reached Texas, except in the way explained by Bishop Keener at the General Conference in 1899 at St. Louis. "We marry our deacons to good wives and in this we have all the deacons we need."

The wife of a Methodist minister in West Virginia has been married three times. Her maiden name was Partridge, her first husband was named Robin the second Sparrow and the present one Quaxie. There are now two young robins, one sparrow and three little quaxes, and the family lives on Jay Street. The lady surely is a bird. Peninsula Methodist.

Dr. James G. Morris, pastor of First Church, Memphis, is beginning his new year with a personal canvass for subscribers to the Nashville Advocate. And he is the first preacher in his conference and a most successful city pastor. Nevertheless, he does not esteem it apart from his duty to place a religious paper in the homes of his people. Many preachers of less note than Dr. Morris might learn a lesson from his example.

The Alabama Conference violated a precedent by electing Dr. J. P. McFerrin of the First Church in Birmingham, a delegate to the General Conference. The Doctor is a recent transfer to that conference, and according to an unwritten rule, was not expected to have a place on that delegation. Those brethren are to be commended for their magnanimity. They saw in Dr. McFerrin a representative man and they elected him, notwithstanding he was a new member of their conference.

Dr. John Bond, of the Wesleyan Church, was quoted some time back in the Winepress, a liquor paper, as saying that John Wesley was not a teetotaler. The Michigan Advocate wrote Mr. Bond down as a slanderer of Wesley. Now Dr. Bond writes a note to the Michigan paper saying in so many words that Mr. Wesley was not a "total abstainer." This the Michigan Advocate takes as a text, and proceeds to give Dr. Bond some needed information. Strange to say, our English brethren believe in occasionally taking a "little wine for the stomach's sake."

The Methodist Episcopal Church has nineteen effective bishops and three non-effective. These live all over the United States and in Europe and Asia. They hold semi-annual meetings and assign themselves to the various fields of the Church work, and from the point of their meeting the Associated Press dispatches give extended re-

ports of their doings. They make it a duty to visit as far as possible the large centers and preach to the people. Bishops Joyce and McCabe have preached at their small Church here in Dallas for the past year. There are so many of them that they can do this, and their Church gets the benefit of their presence and ministry.

**EAST TEXAS CONFERENCE MINUTES.**

The minutes of the East Texas Conference will be out in a few days. We have been able, with the means in hand, to make only two thousand copies, which means an average of about twenty to each charge. There are about seventy-five of the members whose pictures are in them, besides some other cuts procured for the work. We have done the best we could to send out a neat and correct minute. I am sure many more copies will be called for than can be furnished with the number to be sent out. If the brethren wish more than can be sent them from the first edition, and will write me at once, stating the number of copies desired, I will get out another edition, provided enough are ordered to make one thousand or more. They can be sent postpaid for about 8 cents per copy; or, if it can be done for less, it will be. Let me know at once. The cuts for the minutes are very fine.

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**SEVERAL MISTAKES.**

In the report of the Committee on "Bible Cause," Northwest Texas Conference, as read by its Secretary, C. G. Shurt, and published in the journal of the conference, there are a number of mistakes. Without going any further than the Cleburn District, I find the report says there are ten charges that make no report, when as a matter of fact the minutes show only five. Cataline, Higgins, Channing, Colquhoun, Flinck, Adams, and Watson, that the committee say made no report, all report something paid for Bible cause. In the rush of the last day's work the report of the committee in most of these instances went unchallenged, while as pastors of these places we of course know they had reported. It seems to me that our committee, before they publicly brand pastors and places, ought at least to be particular enough to advertise the right ones.

REN HARDY,  
Childress, Texas.

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**POLYTECHNIC COLLEGE.**

I have a few friends to whom I would like to say a few words. I am now at Polytechnic College for the education of my children.

I am perfectly resigned to my fate, and as happy as I well can be unless I had more grace. I am not altogether like a fish out of water, for I am busy every day.

But what I started out to say was about Polytechnic College. In the first place, this is a fine place to live—a good place for a boy or girl. We have all the advantages of a religious, refined, intelligent community, free from all the vices and bad influences of the city, and yet all the good that it offers. We have a good preacher and pastor in the person of Rev. E. P. Williams, who ministers to us twice every Sabbath, with prayer-meeting, Epworth League, the usual number of missionary societies. We have on this hill ten preachers, five of them pastors, and as many young preachers attending school. Now when we get together, with about eighty boys and a great number of girls and hill folks, in a prayer-meeting, don't you know we make the walking ring? Who does not know this is a place to be? Furthermore, here is a faithful, hard-working faculty, with Dr. Nunn at its head, and any boy or girl can get an education here that will half try.

The girls get board at the girls' seminary at \$12 per month, and the boys have the cooperative plan, well organized, under the direction of Prof. Seliger, and this is altogether the cheapest school I know anything about. I know this is not just what a great many people want, but it is just what a great many other people need, and what I needed when a young man. You understand, I am writing to my friends. There are many other things I may say privately to you if you want to correspond with me as an outsider. I will do this much for you.

The second term will open next Tuesday, January 15, with the outlook most promising. The faculty are greatly encouraged.

C. S. McCARVER,  
Fort Worth, Texas.

**FORT WORTH DISTRICT—NOTICE.**

Rev. T. V. Ellzey, President of the Fort Worth District Epworth League Conference, having removed out of the district, and on that account resigned the office of President, I have appointed to the vacancy Prof. P. N. Ingraham, of Polytechnic College. I trust that all League officers and workers will give him their hearty co-operation. He will, I am sure, make a faithful and an efficient officer.

JAS. CAMPBELL, P. E.,  
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Dr. J. M. Willis, a specialist of Crawfordsville, Indiana, will send free by mail to all who send him their address, a package of Fanny Compound, which is two weeks' treatment, with printed instructions, and is a positive cure for constipation, biliousness, dyspepsia, rheumatism, neuralgia, nervous or sick headache, the grippe and blood poison.

**PERSONAL.**

Bro. A. H. Mitchell, of Greenville, has been for the past week the special guest of Rev. W. C. Luther, at 182 Noble Avenue, Dallas, while visiting on business and pleasure among other friends in the city. Bro. Mitchell came from Atlanta, Ga., some eight years ago to the pastorate of the Washington Avenue Baptist Church. From here he was called to and accepted the pastorate of the First Baptist Church at Austin. After several years as pastor at Austin and evangelist in Texas, he accepted, some four years ago, for the second time, a call to the pastorate of the First Baptist Church at Greenville. Within a year after his settlement in Greenville, where he now resides, Bro. Mitchell's health broke utterly down, and even his life was despaired of. For about three years he was under special treatment, only returning home some three or four months ago. His restoration to health has been little less than marvelous. He does not feel justified, as yet, in entering again upon his loved life-work of preaching the gospel. Meanwhile, under the advice of his family physician and of his pastor, he is engaged in certain lines of work which have and will call him to the principal towns and cities in Texas, and will bring him into communication with the ministry and members of all denominations. Bro. Mitchell feels very sensibly and gratefully the manifold tokens of kindness shown him and his family by the Christian and general public.

**FROM WOODVILLE, FLA.**

I have rounded-up a good year's work The Lord has been with us all this year. Finances on this charge are 50 per cent ahead of last year. They are good people, and want us back, but the Bishop has given us a better place, and of course we are willing to go.

I desire to send fraternal greetings to all the brethren and the good people and friends of my several former charges in Texas. Many of them are warmly remembered by myself and wife.

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G. M. Lafferty, Covington, Ky., writes:

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