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## Editorial.

### THE POWER OF ENVIRONMENT.

One of our exchanges recently said: "Take two kernels of corn; put one in some dirt in the cellar, and it will grow, but it will be weak and yellow and will die at last; put the other out in the warm spring earth, and a stalk will grow, strong, green, and finally laden with ears of golden grain. The difference is in the surroundings. The environment of the one shuts away the kernel from God's sunshine and rain, of the other brings these influences for life upon it. Take two lives; put one in an atmosphere of doubt and irreligion, and the natural result will be a selfish and a godless life; put the other life in an atmosphere of faith and love, and the natural harvest will be a devout and useful life."

These are wise and true words, and they need to be emphasized and remembered, especially by those to whom is committed the care of children and young people. We are all largely the result of education; not education in the technical sense, but that education received by every child through the medium of personal contact with the world. Association largely determines this sort of education. Put a child into the home where there is no harmony among its inmates, where bickering and strife prevail, where God does not enter into the thought and practice of parents, and where wholesome domestic discipline is unknown, and what can you ordinarily expect of that sort of home association? If a real man or a real woman is developed under such conditions, it is the result of a miracle. The influences that operate in such home will not of themselves develop true character. But if there are good impressions made upon young life, through the medium of a good home, and the child is permitted to drop out into the world now and then and fall under the power of evil companionship, then the good that has been done in the home will be largely offset by the evils that contaminate without. "Evil communications corrupt good manners;" yes, and they will corrupt good morals. The ear can not hear impure speech, the eye can not see unholy practices, without having imparted to the heart the stain of such things. The mineral water which boils up from the spring and passes down over the clean pebbles of the channel, leaves its color on them. So it is with a tender and innocent life thrown out now and then into the world; it will absorb unconsciously something of the practices and conversation seen and heard. Parents can not be too particular as to the associations of their children. These young lives are impressible, and while passing through their formative stage they retain something of all that they hear and see among men. And these impressions enter into life and character. A boy properly trained at home and given good companionship without, until the cast of his life is fixed, will almost invariably turn out well. But bad home training and evil association in the walks of life will put any youth at a very

great disadvantage in the development of nobility of manhood. The power of environment, which is another name for associations and influences, is a wonderful factor in molding character for weal or for woe. Take up any noble man or woman to-day and trace their growth and development back to their origin, and you will locate the source in the home and in pure companionship. But take the bad and the vicious members of society, and the same process will lead you to a misguided home and to evil associates. Therefore we need to keep the environment of young life healthy and normal, in order to give to the world splendid types of fine men and pure women.

### HARMONY IN THE HOME LIFE.

If happiness is not found in the home, where does it exist anywhere else in this broad world? Yet there are many homes where happiness is a minor consideration. Life there is just about what it is in the outside world—cold, formal, shallow and unreal. There is lacking that mutual confidence which goes to make a husband and a wife one in thought, in interest and hope. There is no harmony between two such people. When they were married, the man was looking for a woman to make him comfortable, to take from him such little annoyances as come in the arrangement of his room, in the sending out and bringing in his laundry, brushing and repairing his clothes, and a hundred and one little things that a man despises to be bothered with; and at the same time she was looking for a man to give her a good time, supply her with a home, furnish her with money, servants and the like; but it did not occur to either one to make the other supremely happy. They were both intensely selfish and were not conscious of that fact. So after they were married and set up for themselves, they soon awoke to the fact they were a disappointment to each other. He did not get what he was looking for; neither did she, and little upbraidings and fault-findings began to arise between them. Years passed and these differences grew into permanent habits of domestic life; and now the father and mother, with children around them, are out of sympathy because there is no real harmony between them. He is a sort of a man-about-the-house, and she is not much more than a housekeeper for him. Their selfishness has crystallized and they are practically estranged. This is a sad state of things, not only for them, but more especially for their children. And the worst part of it is that this case is not overdrawn; there are numbers of homes all over this land thus conditioned. Selfishness projected them, and a continued lack of harmony has reduced them to an irreconcilable basis. They live together because they have to do it, but often divorcements follow. Such a husband and such a wife could have remedied this state, had they begun in time to study each other's needs and to adjust themselves to their natural and artificial differences. Harmony is the key to home happiness, because harmony is the result of mutual concessions.

### THAT ORIENTAL PILGRIMAGE.

On another page of this issue will be found a great deal of interesting literature about the proposed Oriental Pilgrimage, and we trust that those who are interested in this enterprise will read it carefully and see just what is contemplated in this undertaking. We want to make that trip one that will engage the thought and the co-operation not only of those who intend to make it with us, but especially those who will follow us through the columns of the Advocate. The trip is undertaken in their behalf, in order that they may see those countries and peoples through our eyes, and get information that will profit them during life. Therefore it is no small affair that we are launching, but one rarely ever undertaken by a Church paper. We earnestly hope that nothing will occur to interfere with it or even postpone it beyond the first of March. Our company is not yet complete, but we trust that by the time we are ready to embark we will have the requisite number to make it an absolute certainty. If any of our readers are thinking of joining us in the pilgrimage, or if they know of any persons who would like to become members of our party, we will be pleased to correspond with them and also with you. The terms are the most reasonable for the privileges offered that we have ever known, and to miss it is to let the opportunity of a lifetime pass by. We want several more than we now have booked to become traveling companions with us, and we will guarantee them that everything comprised in the contract will be carried out to the letter. Read the next page, and see what a wonderful inducement we are now submitting to you. You can not afford to let it pass without taking advantage of it.

For the benefit of any of our preachers who are thinking of making the trip, we append hereto what Bishop Duncan says to us in a private letter on this subject, and we use his letter with his consent:

"I certainly think that your plan for an Oriental trip an excellent one, and I would certainly not object to any preacher availing himself of it, when he can do so in justice to his work. If any of them can make satisfactory arrangements, I would certainly not interpose. Anyone wishing to go should be sure to consult his presiding elder. Such a trip would be invaluable to a thoughtful, observing man."

### THE SPECIOUS PLEA OF THE ANTIS.

The anti leaders are very adroit and deceptive. They tried for a long time to turn local option down at the ballot-box, but signally failed. Then they adopted the injunction racket, and that has fallen through; so now they propose to capture the next Legislature, and have the law so changed as to cripple its efficiency. They are attempting to do this on the specious plea that the law is unfair, in that it allows the pros to vote at any time in a precinct or subdivision of the county, while it forbids the antis voting in the same territory under two years after local option is carried. They now hold that if the pros can thus vote within thirty

days of an election in a given precinct, that they ought to be allowed the same privilege. On the face of this plea there is apparent claim for such a change; but on closer reflection, the question has no foundation in argument or fact. Read what the Constitution of the State says upon that subject: "The Legislature shall at its first session enact a law whereby the qualified voters of any county, justice precinct, town, city (or such subdivision of the county as may be designated by the Commissioners' Court of said county) may by a majority vote determine, from time to time, whether the sale of intoxicating liquors shall be prohibited within the prescribed limits."

This language is found in Section 20 of Article 16 of our State Constitution. Now, the present law is framed in such way as to carry out the spirit and the letter of the Constitution. It is so framed as to give to the whole county the right to vote on this question, and whether local option wins or fails, there can not be any further election held under two years in the whole county; but it gives to the people of any precinct or subdivision the right, if the county goes wet, to order another election within thirty days. This is the right of the precinct under the Constitution, because the Constitution plainly says that "The precinct, town, city or subdivision of the county" shall have the right, by a majority vote, to exclude the sale of liquor therefrom. So that after the county has voted wet as a whole, the precinct can vote dry. But there is nothing in the Constitution giving the anti any such right, because this feature of the Constitution was adopted at a time when it was legal to sell liquor anywhere in the State of Texas, and until this amendment to it was adopted, there was no legal power on earth to prevent the sale of liquor in any portion of the State. The anti had it all their way. So that the change in the law now contemplated by the liquor forces is subversive of the Constitution of Texas, and this is so held by our highest courts, both civil and criminal. But the purpose of this editorial is to call attention to the able presentation of this matter by an eminent attorney of this city, who has given to the subject the closest investigation. Read what he says, and see where there is the semblance of truth in the position of the anti, that the law as it now exists is "unfair." There is no other law that we could pass on the subject of local option, except the present one, without directly conflicting with the Constitution of the State. On with the battle!

If you are sick and need the sympathetic presence of your pastor, do not hesitate to send him word that you are ill and want to see him. He may not know that you are sick. He has others to look after as well as you, but the moment you feel that his presence will do you good, send him word and he will be there. But do not lay there sick for days and get mad at him for not coming when he has no means of knowing of your condition. You do not do your doctor that way. You send for him. Do the same by your preacher.



# The Texas Christian Advocate's Pilgrimage to the Orient.

119 Days (approximately.)

Starting February 27, 1904, by the Luxurious German Mediterranean Express Steamer, "Prinzess Irene," passing the Azores and including Gibraltar, Italy, Egypt, The Nile Valley, Palestine, Asia Minor, Smyrna, Greece, Switzerland, Paris and London.

Organized by the Texas Christian Advocate of Dallas, Texas, and accompanied throughout by the Rev. G. C. Rankin, Editor of the Texas Christian Advocate, and accompanied and superintended by the Rev. G. S. Sexton, Special Representative of the Texas Christian Advocate.

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ment, gratifying and unexceptional. The very best people of Texas and the South read the Texas Christian Advocate. No one will be allowed to join this party who is not known to the Texas Christian Advocate, either direct or through friends, and thus a cultured, refined company of fellow-travelers, with the most careful supervision and painstaking attention to all the business necessities of the tour is assured.

The object of the Texas Christian Advocate is to complete the membership in the party and make all the advance arrangements before the general run of tourist traffic; so all interested are invited to be very prompt in remitting deposits and balances so as to enjoy all the advantage from early registration.

The date chosen is about the most popular date of the year, and the steamer is one of the most popular steamers on the Mediterranean service. On receipt of deposits prospective members will be allotted the best available accommodation.

Letters of Credit, Circular Notes, or American Express Checks: R. H. Crunden & Co., as agents of the American Express Company, will be happy to supply all travelers with American Express checks, a popular way of carrying funds in the Orient; or they will supply letters of credit or circular notes for any desired amount.

Membership ticket: \$855 entitles passengers to a berth with one or more passengers in an outside or inside room, according to location, and as it may be available at date of application; consequently intending passengers are invited in their own interest to advise the Texas Christian Ad-

vertiser, whose expense involved will be furnished on application.

Neither the Texas Christian Advocate nor the business managers can be held responsible for any delays or derangements of the itinerary, growing out of conditions beyond their control, although should anything occur, the best means practicable will be used to arrange matters satisfactorily. In the unlikely and improbable conditions of war, for instance, or quarantine, or storm causing delays or difficulties, any extra expense, living or otherwise, will be chargeable to the individuals—the contractors only being responsible for the contract of the program as outlined. The equity of this arrangement will at once be apparent, and all members of the party will be carried in accordance with the usages and customs governing passenger traffic over the different lines and through the different countries traversed.

It is strongly recommended that the baggage be as compact as possible; 69 pounds of ordinary baggage will be carried free throughout the inland tours. Surplus ocean steamer wraps may be stored at Naples until the return from the Orient.

Passengers who may contemplate taking valuable jewelry and valuable baggage are invited to insure the same, as the Texas Christian Advocate and the contractors can not be held responsible for losses, etc., en route. The liability of some travelers to carry very expensive wardrobes and valuable articles of jewelry renders this cautionary paragraph wise, and in the best interest of all concerned.

Outfit: A light umbrella, suitable for sun or rain, soft hats, warm cloth-

ing, meet the steamship "Prinzess Irene" on the arrival at Naples.

A passport from the State Department is indispensable, and will be obtained on payment of \$3, which covers the cost of passport, etc., and the necessary Turkish visa. One of these passports is good for a married couple, and would also cover minor children; but otherwise a passport is necessary for each person. On the production of this passport the Turkish authorities at Jerusalem will furnish, on payment of the local fee, which must be handled by the individual, a Turkish passport, the cost of which is about 75 cents, more or less.

A souvenir list of the Texas Christian Advocate members will be printed and mailed to members of the party and their friends shortly before the departure date.

Correspondence intended for members of the party may be mailed to R. H. Crunden & Co., the business managers of the tour, at 167 Broadway, Chief American Office, and the postal department will forward it on to those points on the tour where it will meet the party.

### THE MEMBERSHIP TICKET OF THE PARTY INCLUDES

A berth in the first-class saloon with one or two other passengers, according to location, either inside or outside room, as may be available at date of application.

All necessary transportation; second class railroad on the Continent of Europe—the usual way of traveling—and first-class railroad in the Orient.

The hotel accommodation in the various countries will be full board;



RUINS, CAPERNAUM, PALESTINE.



JEWS' WAILING PLACE.

ple confirmation of the wisdom of the Texas Christian Advocate in placing the business details in charge of the present business managers. It is becoming quite a preference among those who can devote the means necessary to travel in foreign lands to patronize escorted tours, and after all, there is very little to compare in numerous foreign lands with a congenial party, which greatly surpasses any pleasure that may be derived from the most

ment, which is more or less connected with independent travel in foreign lands.

The success which has attended the preliminary announcement of the Texas Christian Advocate amply justifies the advance arrangements made.

The gifted and popular editor, Rev. Dr. Rankin, will accompany the party, and his lectures and correspondence for the Texas Christian Advocate will be a most valuable feature of this

advocate, without undue delay, of their intention to join this party, so that desirable accommodations, which at present are available, may be allotted.

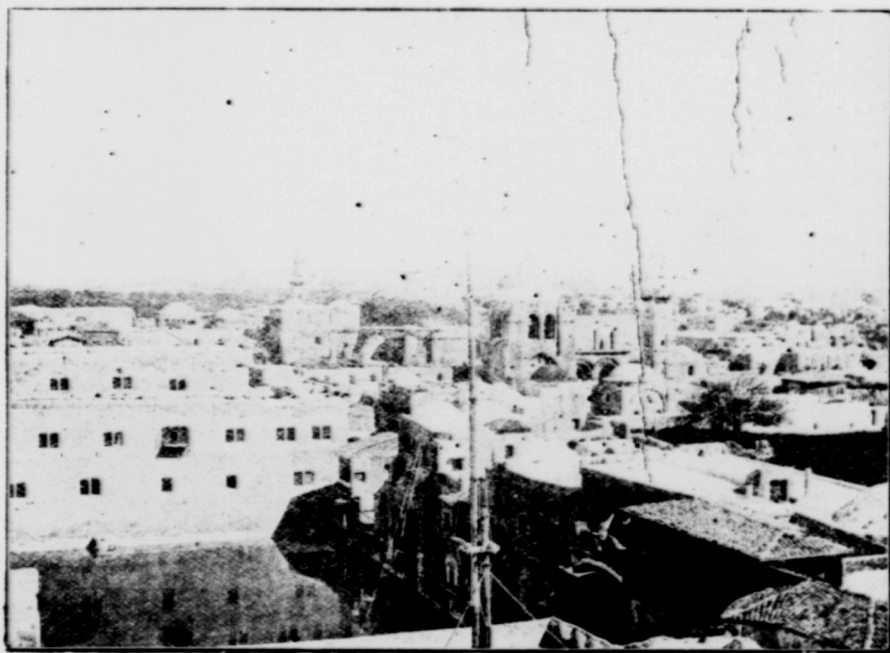
At the conclusion of the European part of the tour, passengers who desire to remain longer in Europe may do so and return at leisure; but any of the passengers deviating from the plan of the program must arrange with R. H. Crunden & Co. for any other plan desired, in order to prevent mis-

ing for the steamer outward is really necessary, but light clothing afterwards is all that is necessary; soap, a Waterman's Ideal Fountain Pen, which should be obtained of R. H. Crunden & Co., is a good thing to carry, as pens and ink in the Oriental countries are by no means of the best.

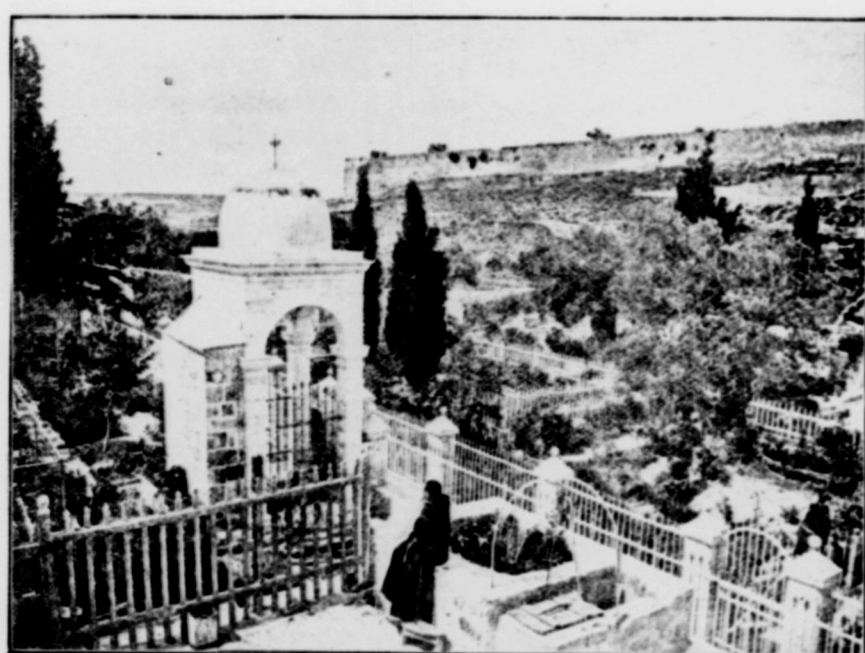
Any of the members of the party who desire steamer chairs can obtain them for the outward voyage to Italy on payment of \$1. "A Picnic in Pal-

French breakfast, meat luncheon and table d'hote dinner daily, except that between Damascus and Jerusalem, while traveling on the inland camping trip on horseback, meat breakfast as well as meat luncheon will be furnished, as the fresh morning air and pony riding, so healthful and invigorating to the higher nature, amply justifies this provision.

All necessary transfers for passengers and baggage between the depot



JERUSALEM.



GARDEN OF GETHSEMANE, SHOWING WALLS OF JERUSALEM.

independent form of travel alone, where the passenger has to make allowance for waste of time, and oftentimes entirely unnecessary worry, looking up trains and getting accommodation, and struggling for almost indispensable comforts at various stages of the journey. Indeed, there are very substantial advantages in this plan which can only be secured in

great pilgrimage; while the executive ability and practical experience of the Rev. G. S. Sexton guarantees a pleasant and successful journey. Therefore, readers of the Texas Christian Advocate and their friends, ladies or others unaccompanied, are invited to join, as special personal escort will not be necessary. The composition of the party bids fair to be in the highest degree

understanding or disappointment in location.

Passengers who may desire to leave the tour at any special point in Europe on the homeward journey, in order to extend their tour, should give notice so that the portion of the ticket not required may be canceled, if possible, and other tickets substituted; and information as to any extra ex-

estime" is a particularly interesting guide book, which is recommended to members of the Texas Christian Advocate, and can be obtained of R. H. Crunden & Co. at 25 per cent discount from the publishers' price.

Washing and laundry can be attended to very frequently en route. For information on this subject apply to the conductor of the party who will

or steamers and the hotels, as may be necessary.

Entrance fees to sightseeing named in the program.

Excursions and drives from time to time at different points on the journey, as outlined in the itinerary.

The business management of the Oriental representative of R. H. Crunden & Co.

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## Devotional and Spiritual

### THE DECEITFULNESS OF SIN.

Nothing is so deceitful as sin. The power of sin lies in its deceitfulness. If sin should appear in all its naked deformity, as it really is, it would win few conquests; perhaps none. But its victims are all deceived. Our Lord is perfectly honest and frank with men. He tells all those who are called into his service that they are called to deny themselves and take up their cross. They know the worst at the outset. No Christian who meets with hardships in the service of his Master can say he had no intimation of what was coming. But the evil one is not frank and honest. He conceals the truth and publishes a lie. He promises riches, pleasures, and honors, which he can never bestow. "Be not deceived." Be not ignorant of his devices.—Exchange.

### IMMORTALITY.

There are times in life when nothing so interests us as life after death. With earnest eyes we peer beyond the boundaries of the present world and anxiously ponder over the scenes on yonder side the flood. Man not only lives in the presence of death, but he is so constituted he cannot be satisfied with the few years with which time has bounded him. He evermore feels that, a child of years, with an earthly environment, he is also an heir of eternity, a child of the skies.

Under God's blue sky the teeming millions of earth are filled with some kind of a hope that rifts shall be found in the clouds which gather around the tomb. That somehow and somewhere God has provided better things for us than we have seen here. Life with all its joys (and many do not have their share) is far from satisfying. So that, could we hold what we have, our cup would be mixed, and if the little while here was all, it would be hard for many to decide whether life was worth living. That is why skepticism and unbelief are so blighting. It takes away from man the only hope that can buoy him up—make him strong for the burdens he has to carry. When misfortunes follow each other, as they sometimes do, and the life is bereft of its natural supports and a man is driven in upon himself with all his sorrow, he not only cries with another: "I would not live away," but asks what is life worth, anyway? Is it a fearful dream, an awful delusion

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Book 3 on the Kidneys.  
Book 4 for Women.  
Book 5 for Men (weak).  
Book 6 on Rheumatism.

that I might as well end now as any time? Many have concluded they were but the sport of circumstances or the victims of blind, irresistible force from which there was no escape but in death.

It is natural, and men wish to believe in life beyond the grave. It is only the poison of philosophical unbelief that steals from man the heritage, his by birth. It was Martineau who wisely said: "Man does not believe in immortality because he has proved it, but he is ever trying to prove it, because he cannot help believing it."

The Christian religion deals specifically with this problem. The supreme end of Christ's coming was that "he might bring life and immortality to light." It is the business of his Church to prepare men for it. In doing this the present life is not minimized, but rather magnified and glorified. Only by doing well here can we do well there. We must be riddled of sin and reborn with righteousness to be ready for heaven, and only Jesus Christ, by his infinite love and grace, can do this for us. Ever since man lost the first paradise, God has been planning a second for him. All the efforts of his grace, the workings of his spirit, the teachings of his word and the labors of his Church have been that every man might be presented faultless and blameless before him at his coming.

The great and good of all ages have believed that after death there is life. The doctrine of evolution, thought by many to be destructive of this instinctive longing of our race, is in fact an added argument for it. The notion that both matter and life are eternal, without relationship to an eternal God, has no place for immortality. But if the world was made by God for man—if through a period of inconceivable duration God was at infinite pains to get this planet ready for man's habitation, was it only that he should live his few years and then perish, his dust mingling with the clods of the valley? If this globe, when God first gave it a place in space, was but incandescent fire mist, if in the cooling process it went through innumerable throes and agonies, and if only after millions of years consumed in the process, the earth was packed in her internal chambers with all sorts of mineral wealth for man's use and the soil prepared for yielding that which affords him sustenance, would God plan all this and put man at the head of creation only that he might live a few years and then perish forever?

As Professor LeConte puts it, "Without spirit immortality this beautiful world, which has been developing into increasing beauty so many millions of years, when its evolution has run its course and all is over, would be precisely as if it had never been—an idle dream, an idiot tale signifying nothing. I repeat, without spirit immortality the world has no meaning." Dr. Lyman Abbott says: "It is inconceivable that God should have spent all the ages making a Gladstone, a Lincoln, a Jefferson, a Shakespeare, only that he might make a body with which to fill a grave." Another puts it thus: "Man is nature's last and costliest work. Can it be that this last and finest product of nature, the result of intelligence and love, aimed at from the beginning and reached at a cost immeasurable, shall not be preserved in growing beauty and power forever?"

The more one ponders, the things around him and within him, the relation of mind to matter and all the wondrous force with which the universe is stored, the more is the conviction forced upon him that man is the end and goal for whom all these preparations have been made; that

he is the consummate flower of all the ages and all processes have been for the maturing and perfecting of that flower. I need not enumerate all the arguments by which our faith is supported and strengthened in its expectation of an immortal life. In every tribe and tongue and under all skies man has a faith that this life does not end all. God would not mock man by planting within him an instinctive longing never to be gratified.

"There is a part of me that knows,  
Beneath incertitude and fear,  
I shall not perish when I pass  
Beyond mortality's frontier."  
—Rev. Hugh Hay.

### WHOLESOME AND BITTER.

How many a broken heart, crying like Rachel of old "for her children who are not," and shutting out the sunshine with the dark veil behind which grief hides itself, would be startled into grateful wonder should heaven show what death had done for them! Bitter tears have fallen on many graves just closed over youth and charm and hope which would be checked as suddenly as April showers cease when the glory of sunlight conquers them could the mourners know what that quiet sleep means to the departed.

Latent or just-developing tendencies that in the course of a year or two more of added life would have become degrading habits—evil temptations in a twelvemonth later dragging into the mire a good name which until now had been free from any blot or stain, these are the hidden things from which our dear dead are often protected by the silent messenger who called them into the radiance of a sinless world. Though "the parting was so sore," could any thanksgiving be more real, more ardent than the grateful heart would utter where it realized that by its loneliness and sorrow and personal loss a beloved child had been so rescued?

Says Mrs. Browning: "Wholesome and bitter! Thou art kind and I am suited to my mind." Not one of us but could take up the strong words were we convinced that the bitter draught brought safety to those we love in those uncertain years which the future hides from us.—New York Post.

### KNOWN BY ITS FRUITS.

Fidelity to the truth naturally goes on to the second characteristic of faithfulness, namely: consecration in the life. It will be in vain for us to talk about our fidelity to truth, our loyalty to Christ, if we do not put into daily practice the truths we profess to believe. The Master said: "A tree is known by its fruits." If the tree be good the fruit will be good. An ungodly life is the evidence of an unrenewed heart, a consecrated life is the evidence of a renewed heart. An old farmer expressed it in homely fashion as follows:

"Why, I've got an apple tree on my hill-top, a good-lookin', growin' tree, that blossoms out, come spring-time, with the biggest, beautiful blossoms ever ye see; the ain't another such on the hull farm; but come to bearin' time it hain't got nothin' to show but the sneakiest kind of native apples. Now that tree ain't a good un. How do I know? Why by the use on't. Apple trees that's all blow is like folks that's all talk and per-fess-hun; you've got to see what it comes to, 'fore you know if its wuth havin'." Let us ever bear in mind that the great eternal principles of truth we have received are not dead principles, but living ones and so they ought to be manifested in the life and they will be if we permit them to fully possess and control us.

A Brahmin said to a Christian: "I have found you out. You are not as good as your Book? If you Christians were as good as your

Book you would in five years conquer India for Christ." Why are we not as good as our Book? Is it because the ideal is too high? No; God would not set this ideal before us and call us to it if he did not intend us to attain it. No; the trouble is not that the ideal is too high, but that we do not make the effort necessary to reach the ideal; we are not fully consecrated; we are not single hearted in love and service; we are not as earnest and faithful as we might be. "This one thing I do," was the motto of the Apostle Paul. May it be ours! And as we press forward in the Christian life, may we daily become more Christlike in character, and at all times give to the Lord's service our best thought and energy. In serving the Lord no new talents are needed but a special consecration of what talents we have; the giving of ourselves wholly to the Lord and his work.—F. Hutchinson.

### PRAY AND WORK.

Whatever we beg of God, let us also work for it, if the thing be matter of duty or a consequent to industry, for God loves to bless labor and to reward it. And therefore our blessed Savior joins watchfulness with prayer, for God's graces are but assistances, not new creations of the whole habit, in every instant or period of our lives. Read Scripture and then pray to God for understanding. Pray against temptation; but you must also "resist the devil," and then "he will flee from you." Ask of God competency of living; but you must also "work with your own hands" the things that are honest, that ye may have to supply in time of need. We can but do our endeavor and pray for a blessing, and then leave the success with God; and beyond this we can not deliberate, we can not take care; but so far we must.—Jeremy Taylor.

### SATISFIED WITH OURSELVES.

Nothing can be more perilous to salvation, more unworthy both of God and of ourselves, or more damaging to our comfort of heart than to rest satisfied as we are. Life is given us expressly that we may march boldly on toward our heavenly home; the world fleets by like a treacherous shadow and eternity reaches forth to us. Why should we hesitate to go forward when the light of the Father of mercies brightens our path? Let us speed onward to the kingdom of God.

All excuses for holding back from God are dealt with by the commandment: "Thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thy heart and with all thy soul and with all thy strength and with all thy mind" (Luke 10:27). Observe how many expressions the Holy Spirit gathers together to forestall all the reservation which man might make with respect to this jealous, all-pervading love. All is not too much for him; he admits of no division and he suffers no other love, save such as God himself prescribes in and through his love. How, then, is it possible to flatter ourselves that we love him if we will not study his law and diligently seek to fulfill his will?—"Fenelon's Letters to Men."

### THE HEART'S DESIRE.

A beautiful story is told of Rudyard Kipling during a serious illness a few years since. The trained nurse was sitting at his bedside on one of the anxious nights when the sick man's condition was most critical. She was watching him intently and noticed that his lips began to move. She bent over him, thinking he wished to say something to her. She heard him whisper very softly the words of the old familiar prayer of childhood, "Now I lay me down to sleep." The nurse, realizing that her patient did not require her services, and that he was praying, said in apology for having intruded upon

## Lamp-chimneys that break are not

## MACBETH'S.

If you use a wrong chimney, you lose a good deal of both light and comfort, and waste a dollar or two a year a lamp on chimneys.

Do you want the Index? Write me.  
MACBETH, Pittsburgh.

him, "I beg your pardon, Mr. Kipling; I thought you wanted something." "I do," faintly replied the sick man; "I want my heavenly Father. He only can care for me now."

In his great weakness there was nothing that human help could do, and he turned to God and crept into his bosom, seeking the blessing and the care which none but God can give. That is what we need to do in every time of danger, of trial, of sorrow—when the gentlest human love can do nothing—creep into our heavenly Father's bosom, saying, "Now I lay me down to sleep." That is the way to peace. Earth has no shelter in which it can be found, but in God the feeblest may find it.—J. R. Miller.

Believe, O soul, that art placed in this mysterious universe, that God formed thee from his spirit for no mean purpose. But for a destiny nobler than any highest aspirations have pointed to. Believe in the best thoughts and whisperings that visit thy heart. If thou dost catch at times some gleams of the divineness of charity, of the glory of sacrifice, of the grandeur of faith, of the sky-piercing power of prayer, like mountain peaks jutting through fogs, or slopes afar off on the horizon's light, believe in them with more enthusiasm than in the stupid dust of the beaten roads. Believe in them, for they are the mountain principles and altar-piles of life.—Starr King.

"Let us do the most we can to make the home a place where the children shall grow helpful, natural, happier, toward the noblest manhood and womanhood. Let us remember that it is the little things that make up the atmosphere. The kind word to the child, the little fault finding, the little nagging—it is just these little tiny things that make the comfort or discomfort of the home."

### THE WAY OUT

What to Do When Food Don't Agree.

When food don't agree sensible folks make a change.

Where all others fail Grape-Nuts, being predigested and all nourishment, succeeds, usually from the first trial.

A lady of Washington says: "My baby 19 months old had never seen a well day in her life. She had suffered from indigestion from the time of her birth and it seemed impossible to find any food to agree with her. She could keep almost nothing on her stomach and her bowels were in such a constipated condition she suffered a great deal.

"It was then that I tried Grape-Nuts for her, steeping it thoroughly and straining it, putting a small portion in each feeding and it worked like a charm. She began to improve immediately and gained half a pound the first week.

"Baby got her indigestion from me for my digestive organs have always been weak. I rely on Grape-Nuts for most of my food for there are times when I can eat nothing else at all but Grape-Nuts. I am steadily improving and know it will entirely cure me in time. I never have 'that tired feeling' anymore. I eat Grape-Nuts and I feel its effects in improved mental strength very forcibly." Name given by Postum Co., Battle Creek, Mich.

Look in each package for a copy of the famous little book, "The Road to Wellville."



Secular News Items.

TEXAS ITEMS.

It is currently reported that the Trinity and Brazos Valley Railway will extend lines to Thurber and to Primrose to a connection with the Frisco-Rock Island. Another extension from Mexia to Beaumont, it is strongly asserted, has been determined upon.

H. P. Grimes, of East Waco, will join the ranks of boll weevil exterminators, and announces that he has a process for putting these insects to sleep, which will prove a boon to farmers. His is a sprinkling plan.

Thieves entered Charles Riley's news depot and cigar stand at Sour Lake and looted the place of about \$300 worth of such things as they wanted. The heaviest loss was sustained in cigars, about \$250 worth of these being taken.

Jerome, the 3-year-old child of W. C. and Alice Hudson, of Elam, in Dallas County, was scalded to death by falling into a kettle of hot water in the yard, which had been prepared for a day's washing.

Congressman Slayden, of Texas, introduced a resolution calling on the President to use his good offices toward preventing war between Russia and Japan. The President is to be an intermediary as far as he can.

Bob Lovett, born on a farm in San Jacinto County, self educated, a member of the law firm of Baker, Botts, Baker & Lovett, of Houston, has accepted an offer to become counsel for the Southern Pacific and Union Pacific Railways, with offices in New York.

W. E. Perry is suing George C. Saur and the Armor Packing Company in the Federal Court at San Antonio for \$20,000 damages for alleged illness, the result of eating spoiled ham bought from defendants.

Citizens of Sweetwater are moving to build a first-rate hotel in that city. The new oil mill at Sweetwater commenced to grind last week. It is said by experts that this is one of the most complete and best arranged mills in Texas.

The case of the State against the Fort Worth and Denver City Railway and other railroads and the Pullman Company for penalties exceeding \$6,000,000 for violating the anti-trust law is set for January 15 in the District Court.

C. W. Brown, one of Sherman's oldest citizens, died at his home in his 84th year, after a long illness. He was a Confederate veteran and has resided in Sherman for forty years. He was the city's first Street Commissioner.

J. W. Wamble, a wealthy cattleman

THE VALUE OF CHARCOAL

Few People Know How Useful It is in Preserving Health and Beauty.

Nearly everybody knows that charcoal is the safest and most efficient disinfectant and purifier in nature, but few realize its value when taken into the human system for the same cleansing purpose.

Charcoal is a remedy that the more you take of it the better; it is not a drug at all, but simply absorbs the gases and impurities always present in the stomach and intestines and carries them out of the system.

Charcoal sweetens the breath after smoking, drinking or after eating onions and other odorous vegetables.

Charcoal effectually clears and improves the complexion, it whitens the teeth and further acts as a natural and eminently safe cathartic.

It absorbs the injurious gases which collect in the stomach and bowels; it disinfects the mouth and throat from the poison of catarrh.

All druggists sell charcoal in one form or another, but probably the best charcoal and the most for the money is in Stuart's Absorbent Lozenges; they are composed of the finest powdered Willow charcoal, and other harmless antiseptics in tablet form or rather in the form of large, pleasant tasting lozenges, the charcoal being mixed with honey.

The daily use of these lozenges will soon tell in a much improved condition of the general health, better complexion, sweeter breath and purer blood, and the beauty of it is that no possible harm can result from their continued use, but on the contrary, great benefit.

A Buffalo physician in speaking of the benefits of charcoal, says: "I advise Stuart's Absorbent Lozenges to all patients suffering from gas in stomach and bowels, and to clear the complexion and purify the breath, mouth and throat; I also believe the liver is greatly benefited by the daily use of them; they cost but twenty-five cents a box at drug stores, and although in some sense a patent preparation, yet I believe I get more and better charcoal in Stuart's Absorbent Lozenges than in any of the ordinary charcoal tablets."

and prominent citizen of Burmah, in Dewey County, was convicted at Taloga for violating the Oklahoma quarantine laws by disposing of glandered horses which has been placed in quarantine by an inspector. He was fined \$125 and costs, a total of \$250.

Mr. Carnegie has promised to make a liberal donation to a public library to be built at Gainesville.

The Williams Tailoring Company, of Denison, has decided to put in a shirt factory. The plant will be extensive.

J. E. Burnet near Justin, Denton County, raised between 600 and 700 pounds of tobacco last year, and the color and flavor are said to be excellent.

Joy Carpenter, four-year-old daughter of the Superintendent of Travis County farm, was accidentally scalded to death by having a kettle of hot water thrown on her.

At Sunday's meeting of Waco Typographical Union No. 188, it was decided to place monuments, headstones etc., over the remains of the dead members of the union resting in Oakwood Cemetery.

The consensus of opinion among Dallas millers, grain dealers and jobbers of farm machinery is that the outlook for the wheat crop is excellent. The acreage is about the same as last year and the stand is good.

Congressman Burleson will make an effort to have the general government pay to Texas several thousands of dollars' expenditure by the State for Indian defense from 1854 to 1865, and from time to time thereafter.

The McFadden Weiss Rice Milling Company, of Beaumont, received a wire order for 4000 bags of cleaned rice from San Francisco. The order is interesting in view of the Russo-Japan question.

Prof. Van Bekles, principal of the Taylor Academy, ten miles northwest of Paris, shot himself and is thought to be dangerously wounded. He was carelessly handling a pistol thought to be unloaded.

Jim Hanna, charged with killing his wife near Forney in the early spring, was tried before the District Court at Kaufman and given twenty-five years in the penitentiary.

GENERAL ITEMS.

The war matters between Japan and Russia are still pending. The outlook for peace is gloomy, but the diplomats of both countries are still at work, but preparations for war are in progress with both nations.

The Chicago authorities are still investigating the cause of the great disaster in the Iroquois Theatre awhile back. They are determined to punish whomsoever they find guilty of neglect or in any other way responsible for the great loss of life.

The Mississippi Senate instructed United States Senators Money and McLaurin to vote for the Panama. There was only one dissenting voter and he said that he did not feel competent to instruct the United States Senate.

School Committeemen have inaugurated a crusade against Boston teachers chewing gum. The Board will consider the advisability of posting a circular in all schools prohibiting the chewing of gum by either teachers or pupils.

An inmate of the Toronto jail, under the name of "Archibald Edward Stuart," has been identified as William Brown, the coachman, who, posing as a Foreign Prince in England not long ago, married the Countess Russell.

As the result of an alleged defalcation by a trusted employe the brokerage firm of Leighton and Foulke, New York, has filed a petition in bankruptcy. The liabilities are placed at \$82,000.

The steamer "Clallam," plying between Seattle and Victoria, and bound for the latter port, was overwhelmed by huge seas and sank in the Straits of Juan de Fuca last week. Some fifty passengers perished. The lifeboats were launched and filled with passengers, but they were swamped within sight of those who remained on the vessel.

Seventeen persons were killed and many were injured as the result of a head-on collision, January 6, on the Rock Island Railroad. The California and Mexico Express, running at a high rate of speed, ran into a stock-train near Willard, Kansas. The engineer of the express train apparently mistook a train standing on the siding at Willard for the stock-train which was to be passed at that point. The accident illustrates anew the danger of traveling on a single track road unprotected by block signals.

In an opinion by Chief Justice Fuller, the Supreme Court decided that citizens of Porto Rico are not aliens of the United States and that they are entitled to enter this country without obstructions.

The instances in coastwise navigation of late years in which barges have broken away from tows have been so numerous that one of the large towing

LIVER ILLS.

DR. RADWAY & CO., New York:

Dear Sirs—I have been sick for nearly two years, and have been doctoring with some of the most expert doctors of the United States. I have been bathing and drinking hot water at the Hot Springs, Ark., but it seemed everything failed to do me good. After I saw your advertisement I thought I would try your pills, and have nearly used two boxes; been taking two at bedtime and one after breakfast, and they have done me more good than anything else I have ever used. My trouble has been with the liver. My skin and eyes were all yellow; I had sleepy, drowsy feelings; felt like a drunken man; pain right above the naval, like as if it were bile on top of the stomach. My bowels were constive. My mouth and tongue sore most of the time. Appetite fair, but food would not digest, but settle heavy on my stomach, and some few mouthfuls of food come up again. I could only eat light food that digests easily. Please send Book of Advice. Respectfully,

BEN ZAUGG, Hot Springs, Ark.



Price, 25c a box. Sold by druggists or sent by mail. Send to DR. RADWAY & CO., New York, for Book of Advice.

companies has decided to equip one of its tugs with the wireless system. It is hoped that with tugs having on board such an equipment it will be possible, in case of accidents at sea, to notify the agents of the fact and to obtain assistance within a short time.

At Salt Lake City John Gleason, a motorman on a street car, was shot and instantly killed, and Thomas Brighton, conductor, fatally shot shortly after midnight by masked men who attempted to rob them.

Mrs. Mary Elizabeth Wernley Larimer, the authoress, is dead at Baltimore. She was 81 years old, and had been in feeble health for some time. The shock of the death of her husband, Randolph Brandt Larimer, on Christmas Eve, hastened her end.

Francis Wayland, formerly Dean of the Yale Law School, died in New Haven, January 10. Dean Wayland did a great work in organizing the Yale Law School, in promoting the study of social science, and in taking a leading part in Connecticut politics for upwards of thirty-five years. He was the third Francis Wayland in direct succession. He was for some time President of the American Association of Social Science.

Mayor Borah, of Tishomingo, Indian Territory, has received notice from Indian Inspector Wright that the \$50,000 Tishomingo water works and school bonds have received the approval of the Secretary of the Interior.

Mrs. Nora Dowling, of New York, is dead from what the physicians pronounce a broken heart. She fell at the side of a grave into which a casket had just been lowered containing the body of her husband.

A dispatch to the Patrie, a Paris paper, says that Russia is negotiating with Turkey to permit her Black Sea fleet, said to consist of seventy-six ships, to pass through the straits of Dardanelles.

Four men were killed and several injured by an explosion at the nitroglycerin department of the National explosive works, near Penzance, England. The whole district was enveloped in a cloud of black smoke, and nearly every window at St. Ives, three miles from the scene of the explosion, was shattered.

Karl Alfred von Zittel, the noted palaeontologist, President of the Academy of Sciences of Munich, died last week.

Rotary doors in hotels and buildings are no longer to be allowed in Berlin, the German capital, because of the obstacle they present in case of fire.

The Austrian Government has undertaken to exterminate malaria on the coast of Istria. Several stations have been established at which quinine

READ THIS:

Lockhart, Tex., Dec. 12, 1902.—Dr. E. W. Hall, St. Louis, Mo. Dear Sir—in 1889 I suffered from kidney and bladder troubles, and less than one bottle of your Texas Wonder, Hall's Great Discovery cured me, and can cheerfully recommend it. Yours truly, S. S. NEWTON.

A TEXAS WONDER

One small bottle of the Texas Wonder, Hall's Great Discovery, cures all kidney and bladder troubles, removes gravel, cures diabetes, seminal emissions, weak and lame backs, rheumatism and all irregularities of the kidneys and bladder in both men and women; regulates bladder troubles in children. If not sold by your druggist, it will be sent by mail on receipt of \$1. One small bottle is two months' treatment and seldom fails to perfect a cure. Dr. E. W. Hall, sole manufacturer, P. O. Box 629, St. Louis, Mo. Send for testimonials. Sold by all druggists. Office, 2861 Olive street.

is furnished free. The patients are carefully screened so as to prevent mosquitoes from spreading the infection.

A zoological and anthropological expedition to the frontiers of Peru and Bolivia, which has been arranged by Baron E. Nordenskjold, sailed from Southampton last week. The expedition will fit out at La Paz, and thence across the Andes. Baron Nordenskjold expects to spend eight months in studying the hostile forest Indians of whom little is known.

The war scare has caused a flurry in the camphor market. Japan is the source of almost all the world's supply, and lately the Japanese Government has forbidden the export of any of the precious gum.

H. L. Brinkley, for whom Brinkley, Arkansas, was named, died at Memphis, Tennessee, under an operation for appendicitis. He pushed the construction of the Memphis and Little Rock Railway to completion.

It is estimated that by the end of this month over one thousand Japanese will have gone back from California to Japan, having been called by the edict of Japanese Council Molono, of San Francisco.

Sir William Crookes has invented an instrument which he calls a "spintharoscope" for the purpose of observing the small luminous particles which radium constantly emits. The instrument is costly, however, and is used only by a few experimenters. The light emitted by a tube of radium is a faint one, simply a bluish white to a violet glow or phosphorescence, and is sufficient to produce a photograph in a few minutes. To take a photograph several hours, or even days, are necessary.

The Blackstone Memorial Library was formally presented last week to the Chicago Library Board by Mrs. T. B. Blackstone, the donor. The building is of Ionic architecture, 110 feet long and 60 feet wide. The book-stacks are of sufficient capacity to hold 30,000 volumes. The building cost \$250,000, and is given as a memorial to the late T. B. Blackstone, formerly President of the Chicago & Alton Railway.

Ice floes in the Hudson River and New York Bay are more troublesome to navigation than for many years, river crafts being swept from their moorings in numerous cases.

Russel Sage has practically abandoned Wall Street, though visiting his office once or twice and to keep in touch with the things that have made up his very active life.

It is said that the Southern Pacific has abandoned the long contemplated tunnel under the Sierras and will use an electric cog line to climb the mountains, obtaining power from the Truckee River.

Chicago has been selected as the site for the National Socialist Convention for 1904. Arrangements will be made for the accommodation of 500 delegates. The convention will meet May 1.

Charles Foster, ex-Secretary of the Treasury and ex-Governor of Ohio, died in Springfield, Ohio, Saturday, January 16. His ancestors were of New England descent. In 1889 President Harrison made him Chairman of a Commission to negotiate a treaty with the Sioux Indians.

The delay in the reception of the statue of Frederick the Great, presented by Emperor William to the United States, is due not to the indifference of the Washington authorities, but to the fact that work on the War College has not progressed far enough to permit of its safe keeping, should the statue be now set up on the grounds where the new buildings are in course of construction.

The Rev. H. B. Frissell, Principal of the school for negroes in Hampton, Virginia, says it requires \$80,000 a year for the support of the school. There are 1200 pupils living on the ground and between 2000 and 4000 coming directly under his care.

Senator Depew had just finished telling his wittiest story. He patted his wife on the cheek. "My dear," he smiled, "if you ever had the chance to marry a second time, would you marry a brainy man?" She thought a moment. "I might," she smiled back at him. "Just for the experience."

Although the late Lord Salisbury was much interested in science and was a fellow of the British Royal Society, he never approved of the extreme views of some of his associates. He was particularly opposed to the theory of evolution as taught by Herbert Spencer, and of the descent of man, as enunciated by Charles Darwin.

A railroad company which permits a car to break loose from a train on a grade and run down into collision with another car at the foot of the decline in such a way as to be hurled off of the right of way, to the injury of a bystander, is held, in West Virginia, C. and P. R. Co. vs. State, use of Fuller, (Md.) 61 L. R. A., 674, to be liable

A GREAT INVENTION

And Discovery—A Genuine Cure for CATARRH and DEAFNESS.

A great advance has been made in the successful treatment of catarrh and deafness by the discovery of Rhinol, the catarrh specific, and the invention by Dr. J. R. Blosser, of Philadelphia, of a device or appliance (to be patented), which for the first time makes it possible to apply an effective remedy to all parts of the head and the external and internal ear.

Rhinol is both a direct local and a constitutional specific for catarrh of the head, throat and lungs, and for deafness, head noises, etc. It reaches every spot and speck that is ever affected by catarrh and not only heals the local catarrh, but by its absorption into the blood, expels every taint of the disease from the system. It breaks up the habit of "always taking cold," thus removing the cause that produces and keeps up catarrh. It is the only remedy that does this and hence is the only positive radical, permanent cure for catarrh.

A sample of Rhinol, to demonstrate its splendid effect, together with full particulars as to the ear appliance, will be sent absolutely free to any sufferer who will write to Dr. J. R. Blosser, 415 Heed Bldg., Philadelphia, Pa.

for the injury thereby caused to him, unless it is shown that the accident was unavoidable.

Rudyard Kipling was 38 years old on next to the last day of last December. The London Chronicle remarks that he "is perhaps the only living poet of ours who can claim royalties that are really royal. Publishers did not find much margin for themselves when they gave Lord Tennyson \$20,000 a year for all his copyrights; but a single book, 'The Seven Seas,' yields its author, according to popular report, even richer treasure-trove."

A CARD OF THANKS.

I take this method of expressing my heartfelt thanks to the many brethren and friends who have cheered me with kind words of sympathy in this the most sad and lonely period of my life. While I feel assured that my precious companion is forever at rest and free from distressing care and excruciating pain, I cannot restrain the sadness and loneliness that comes unbidden at all hours. My heart is fixed; my trust in God is unshaken, and "though he slay me," yet will I trust in him. I will soon pass over and join the glorified who have gone before me.

Again, I thank all my friends who have aided and comforted me as I am passing under the rod and through the deep waters. Pray for me and my dear children, who devote time and strength in caring for us.

E. L. ARMSTRONG.

UNCLE DICK IS GLAD.

The good people are not all dead yet. Not only did my young friend at Marshall send me \$50 for the Methodist Orphanage located at Waco, but now comes one of Texas' noble men from Terrell with another \$50 for this home for the helpless. Poor mothers can die easier when they know that God's people will take care of their orphan children. Will not men of means serve God by helping this noble institution?

R. W. THOMPSON, 391 Ervay St., Dallas, Texas.

WORRY

A Sure Starter for Ill Health.

Useless worrying (a form of nervousness) is indirectly the result (through the nerves) of improper feeding. A furniture man of Memphis says:

"About a year ago I was afflicted with nervous spells, would worry so over trivial things.

"I went to consult one of the best physicians in Memphis and he asked among many questions if I drank coffee.

"His advice was: 'Go to some provision store and get a box of Postum, drink it in place of coffee and as you are continued to your desk to a great extent try and get out in the open air as much as possible.' I followed his instructions regarding the Postum.

"At that time my weight was 142 and I was taking all kinds of drugs and medicines to brace me up but all failed; to-day I weigh 165 and all of my old troubles are gone, and all the credit is due to having followed this wise physician's advice and cut off the coffee and using Postum in its place. "I now consider my health perfect. I am willing to go before a notary public and testify that it was all due to my having used Postum in place of coffee." Name given by Postum Co., Battle Creek, Mich.

There's a reason for quitting the drug-drink coffee, and there's a reason for drinking Postum. Trial 10 days proves them all.

Look in each package for a copy of the famous little book, "The Road to Wellville."

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Notes From the Field.

NORTHWEST TEX. CONFERENCE.

INDIAN CREEK.

C. G. Shutt, Jan. 9: Have just closed my first month's work on this charge. Eighteen members added to date. First Quarterly Conference was quite a success in spite of the blizzard. Salary of pastor advanced \$100 over last year. Two new towns just building up and new country being developed and new folks coming in, making a bright future for the Church here.

CHILDRESS CIRCUIT.

G. W. Harris: On Nov. 4 we backed our grip at Bertram, Texas, and left some of the best people I ever saw, went to the West Texas Conference, and the Bishop transferred me to my old home conference, the Northwest Texas. Then I was on the fly to two conferences by rail nearly 600 miles. Then a 400 mile move in my buggy brought me to Childress in the Panhandle. I have a good work and very fine people, and plenty of room. We have a city pastor and our town numbers nearly 4000 people. This pastor, Rev. J. T. Bloodworth, is rather close to me, but he does not get out of town. I have all the results of Childress, and part of three other counties. With these four counties I have room to spread. Sixty miles across my circuit, I am monarch of all I survey. My rights there is none to dispute. They have always craved to have young, active men in the West and we are here. My predecessor, Rev. J. H. Overstreet, put on foot three new churches; some of them nearly done; they are to finish. Many poor, unsaved people left to be converted and many Christians, some of a very high order, to lead on and on to a still higher life. My heart and hands are full. This is a great work.

AQUILLA.

R. V. Galloway, Jan. 16: We filled the fifth Sunday appointment at Ross in November; made one round on my work. My wife joined me Jan. 2. We drove twelve miles facing the north. On our arrival at the parsonage we found no wood, "no nothing." Cold reception. Behind a frowning providence God hides a smiling face. Last night the people came en masse and gave us a hearty reception, bringing their gifts. Many, many thanks. We want to do the best year's work of our life. The Lord bless these good people.

BARRY CIRCUIT.

J. C. Carpenter, Jan. 12: I am now on my second round of appointments, and have been cordially received at each of my five points. Good congregations have usually met me, and most of the people seem disposed to do their Christian duty. Evidences of kindness find their way to the parsonage. We were pounded some time ago by the people of Barry. The first Quarterly Conference was a good occasion. All points on the charge were represented, and two of them paid more than one-fourth of their assessments for the support of the ministry. Last Sunday a Woman's Foreign Missionary Society with seven members, was organized at Tinkle, with Mrs. Maggard President, and Mrs. Sallie Brown, Corresponding Secretary. They seem full of faith, and though inexperienced in such work, they are eager to do their best in this work of our women. One of them came to the pastor and reported ready and waiting to do any kind of Christian work that needed her help. There are eighteen subscribers to the Advocate and ten take our little missionary paper, "Go Forward." The prospects are good for a fine year's work on this charge, and may the Lord prosper the work of our hands.

RIVERSIDE.

W. C. Smith, Jan. 18: I am serving a good people. Riverside is a mission station, with lots of work to do. We are moving on well with a big possibility before us. I guess I am the only preacher in this conference that has not received a pounding, or anything else this year. Our first Quarterly Conference has come and gone and our big presiding elder, Bro. Campbell, came in his pleasant way and held our conference, looking well into all of the interests of the Church. The stewards made a very liberal assessment for the support of their preacher, but nothing has been done towards his sup-

port yet, but we are working, preaching and praying, trusting and obeying that the Lord will give us a great outpouring of the Holy Spirit and souls for our hire. We have a good Sunday-school and good prayer-meeting. I am giving the Advocate my individual attention. I want to put it into the homes of all my people, and I will do it, by the help of God.

KIRBY.

Mac M. Smith, Jan. 15: Kirby is an appointment on the Peoria charge, about six miles south of Hillsboro. This place has certainly made the climax "pounding." A two-horse rig filled to the brim and sent to the parsonage by Messrs. Fred Hubbard and William Job. It was ideal in every respect. Our membership here is small, but large in energy, liberality and intelligence. We do not feel worthy of such kindness, but trust we may be able to minister to them largely in spiritual things.

HOLLAND.

C. S. Cameron, Jan. 18: We are moving smoothly in Holland charge; the work is prospering. We are endeavoring to meet the demand upon us. We have part of the general collections provided for. We will soon have them all in hand. Have paid our Orphanage claims. Our first Quarterly Conference is just over. Our beloved presiding elder, Bro. Chapman, was on hand looking carefully into every detail of our Church work. The officials made a good report. They are good men and will look well after the pastor's support. The good people of Holland and Merille have patted the preacher and family with good things for the body, besides many tokens of love, in substantial, have found their way to the parsonage. We thank the good men and women for all their kindness. Blessings on them all.

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NORTH TEXAS CONFERENCE.

CHISHOLM.

J. W. Beckham, Jan. 14: We are well pleased with our new work. I went home from Dallas after the appointments were read and we packed our plunder and bade our friends on the Lake Creek Circuit good-bye, and I filled my appointment the first Sunday after conference. This is a good work and the people have been exceedingly kind; gave us a generous pouncing so we are in the succession. We hope to have a great year.

NEOLA MISSION.

S. L. Crowson, Jan. 11: Here we are, housed in a nice little parsonage among a number of choice people, who have received us so kindly, of which many little tokens of appreciation have said welcome. We were kindly remembered by our newly made friends during Christmas. Pounded? Wife says, peep in the pantry, or better, accept an humble invitation to dine with us, all of which she can better explain. God bless those good people that have helped to bring so much sunshine and pleasure to the inmates of the parsonage. We have made our rounds, preached to good, appreciative congregations, received seven into the Church by certificate; have taken some subscriptions for both our Church organ and missionary paper, Go Forward. Where they are read we find good soul-winning, thriving, energetic people. God help us to put them in the homes of all our people. We have some great spiritual feasts in our prayer-meetings where it is not infrequent to hear the old-time Methodist ring shouting God's praises. Our Quarterly Conference has not yet convened. I find these good people do not wait for those periods; they carefully see to their pastor's needs. We are praying for a great year here.

RENNER CIRCUIT.

D. J. Martin: The first Quarterly Conference on Renner Circuit for 1904 was held at Renner, embracing the second Saturday and Sunday in this month (January). All of the stewards were present; \$600 was assessed for the pastor; \$166.25 was paid. Four were received into the Church during the quarter. Thirty-one pastoral visits were made and prayers offered in nearly all of the homes visited. Have made one round and a half since the adjournment of our Annual

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Conference at Dallas, preaching twice on Sunday at each place to good-sized congregations. Rev. F. A. Rosser was present at the Quarterly Conference and presided to the delight and edification of all who were in attendance. Rosser is a strong preacher and in great favor with our people. My reception on returning to this charge for the third year has been cordial and hearty. Kindness and good treatment greet me at every place. May the blessings of God rest upon our labors during the present conference year.

RANDOLPH.

Major C. Dobbs, Jan. 16: Our elder, Dr. McLean, held the first Quarterly Conference. The meeting was well attended and very one felt the force of the sermon of the occasion, which was very helpful. The people have received us very kindly at every appointment and we are trusting the Lord for great things. We expect to meet with the Lord's help, the greatest year of our work.

KINGSTON.

J. W. Blackburn, Jan. 14: We have completed our first round on Kingston charge. Bro. Gibson, our worthy predecessor, has been a great blessing to our people. His excellent family, is a tower of spiritual strength to our community. Kingston has half our time this year. Our congregations are large and attentive. We expect to meet with the Lord's help, the greatest year of our work. We are expecting to build a new church soon at Mt. Carmel, just above the advance. Yes with great chunks of beef, pork and such like. Many things have found their way to our home. Then my wife was remembered with some nice chinaware by the Sunday-school of McCraw's Christmas. But last Friday, led by Sister Harbister and some young ladies, the McCraw Chapel people gave us a regular Methodist pouncing, including a nice purse of several dollars to Mrs. Blackburn. Such tokens of love make us feel that we want to do the best work possible. The stewards made a good assessment and the salary is more than paid up to date.

HONEY GROVE.

J. T. Bloodworth, Jan. 18: The Honey Grove Circuit is composed of three appointments—McCraw's Chapel, Rock Point and McClellan's Chapel. I have organized a Church at the last named place since conference with the following members. I am living in Honey Grove, which is the proper place for the preacher to live who serves this work, as these appointments are near town and by being here a preacher is handy to his people all the time. The average of the advance age of the schools which are very fine. The people have been very kind to us, not only my own, but Bro. Riddle's also. Before we got our furniture up Bro. Riddle and Prof. Wall would have us go to their homes for meals on many other favors they bestowed upon us for which we can never be grateful enough. Bro. and Sister Riddle are greatly beloved here. They are on their fourth year in this station and all things indicate prosperity for them and the charge. Pounded? Yes with great chunks of beef, pork and such like. Many things have found their way to our home. Then my wife was remembered with some nice chinaware by the Sunday-school of McCraw's Christmas. But last Friday, led by Sister Harbister and some young ladies, the McCraw Chapel people gave us a regular Methodist pouncing, including a nice purse of several dollars to Mrs. Blackburn. Such tokens of love make us feel that we want to do the best work possible. The stewards made a good assessment and the salary is more than paid up to date.

WOODLAND AND KANAWHA.

Walter Douglass: I am beginning my third year's work at this place. We have made some forward movements since conference. The pastor's salary has had a healthy raise, a new stove has been put in the parsonage kitchen and the warming-still, the preacher has flourished enough to last till summer time. The Kanawha congregation have a move on foot to put an organ in their new church, and of course that means a good organ, and that right away. When these people undertake to do things they do them at the right time and in the right way. Our Leagues are taking on new life. We have not yet reached the "high ideals" of perfection, but we are going on there. It is a remarkable thing to say that having been here more than two years this pastor has not made an enemy in or out of the Church. This may be a questionable compliment on the preacher's ability to combat sin, but it does speak much for the long-suffering, patient endurance, gentleness and kindness of these people. Our W. H. M. Society is an inspiration. Through the efforts of these godly women, who took into hand the overhauling of our church furniture, we have one of the neatest country churches in the connection. They have recently put in a new cooking stove and a yard fence, and now have other business in hand which will surely be attended to. If any country pastor believes a W. H. M. Society can not live let him visit us and be convinced of his folly. Our first Quarterly Conference was held Jan. 8 and 9. Bro. Casey is a good preacher and looks well after the interests of the Church. The people enjoy his visits very much, for they are an inspiration to all concerned. The spiritual state of the charge is good. The people love God and the Church and thus the good work goes on.

WEST TEXAS CONFERENCE.

BANDERA.

Benj. L. Glazner, Jan. 16: We are well into our work on Bandera and Medina circuits. Our second Quarterly Conference convened last Monday. It was somewhat of a surprise to our people. Hence a poor report. Brother Biggs preached two excellent sermons on "Infant Baptism." We have met and visited most all of our members. Never served a better week than we find here. They undertake to fatten their preacher, and if fresh meat, butter, milk and potatoes will do it, they will have to buy him a new suit soon. Prospects are bright for a good year's work. We are going to have everything in full by Annual Conference.

MASON.

J. T. Farris, Jan. 16: After a move of 150 miles by rail and forty over land, I and my family, much fatigued, found ourselves in the hospitable and home-like

town of Mason, thought by many people here to be the most delightful and healthful country in all Texas. And, if we might judge from the altitude and the topography of the country, the babbling brooks and the gushing springs, whose placid waters reflect the cloudless blue by day and the gleam of the stars by night, the genial, sunshiny days and the cooler, invigorating nights, inviting to sleep and repose, it would seem that there is much truth in the claim. We were cordially received and, thus far, have been most kindly treated by all. We have no parsonage here, but our people are gratefully furnishing us with a good home. This country is in a prosperous condition. While it is largely a stock country, the people raised a good deal of cotton also; and that means, this year, plenty of money. A large crop implies plenty of big, fat hogs, which insure quantum sufficit of spareribs, backbones, sausage and genuine "hog's head," an article very rare in some communities. While times are good we aim to try to build two churches and finish two others this year. This is a large work and somewhat onerous; but we rather like it. Never did like to be

set down as a figure-head. The work covers pretty much all Mason County and part of McCulloch. To preach three times and make two Sunday-school speeches in one day, and drive twenty-five or thirty miles, and miss one's supper to do it, smacks a little bit of the old-time Methodist itinerancy that is much more pleasant to read about than to do. Yet there is much joy in such obedience. Bro. J. D. Scott, our presiding elder, was with us last Saturday and Sunday, holding our first Quarterly Conference. He looks after the interests of the Church with a great deal of care and patience. He preached three very helpful sermons. Continued on Page 16.

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## The Home Circle

### FOR SOME ONE.

I wonder why I toil away?  
My heart replies: "For some one!"  
Why may I never rest a day?  
Because—because of "some one."  
I hear the tramp of many feet,  
I hear the racket of the street,  
But ever all I hear the sweet—  
Sweet little laugh of "some one."

His work is never hard to do  
Who thinks all day of some one;  
He labors well whose heart is true—  
And fondly true to some one;  
Men strive for wealth—men bravely  
Where danger is for fame, but, oh,  
The sweetest joy a man may know  
Is just to toil for some one!

—S. E. Kiser.

### WEEDS AND FLOWERS.

There is, viewed from a botanical standpoint, a vast difference between weeds and flowers. Sometimes, under the influence of the sun's rays, the rose has sprung forth, presenting to the beauty-loving eyes of mankind its God-given beauties, and spreading abroad on the winds its sweet aroma, an emblem of purity and a symbol of love from the God of Nature; and there up around it have grown tall, lank, poisonous weeds, robbers of the soil, fit only to be cut down and cast aside, fairly crowding out the beauties of nature; and indiscreet people, who do not know the difference, reach out and grasp—perhaps the flower, perhaps the weed—who can tell?

There is a father who is zealous for the welfare of his family, who spends his earnings in caring for and providing himself and family with the comforts of life, a loving husband and a protecting father; honest in business and true to his God. This is a flower.

There is another man, and he spends his money at the races or the tavern, who frequents the wine-room and spends his evenings at the club or the theater. He has "a good time" while his family is at home in want of the necessities of life; his son on the street with (other) bad boys, and his daughter at some cheap pleasure resort. That is a weed.

There is a woman of 50. Her dress is neat and becoming, her hair is combed back from a noble forehead; she demurely herself in the dignified manner becoming to herself. She is a helpmeet to her husband and children, a boon to the household, and at death is mourned by all alike. This is a flower.

There is another woman of the same age. Her hair is bleached; her face is painted; she spends her afternoons at the matinee or shopping, her evenings at dinners, her nights in the ballroom, and her mornings sleeping, while her children are left entirely in the care of ignorant, incompetent nurses. She dresses like a girl of sixteen and acts like the fool she is. That is a weed.

There is a young man who loves his sisters, honors and obeys his parents, who abstains from all uncleanness, and unrighteousness, who studies his lessons and conducts himself as you would have your brother do. This is a flower.

There is another young man who wears "loud" clothes, bolts his lessons, smokes cigarettes; who is always seeking an easy way of doing things, obtains but a superficial view of life, and then wonders why fate is unkind to him. That is a weed.

There is a young, beautiful girl; she dresses becoming and within her means; she minds her mother, tends the baby and is not above running errands, and doing chores about the place; she speaks to all respectfully, never snubs anyone, and is very careful with whom she associates. This is a flower.

There is another young girl of the same age. Her manner is loud and vulgar; she chews gum, uses slang, acts as you would not have your sister act, goes with the "smart set," and dresses in smart, mannish clothes.

Young man, beware; that is a weed.  
My dear young friend, in journeying down the rugged pathway of life, let's you and I be very careful in reaching out for friends and associates lest we grasp the poisonous, loathsome weed; lest, if it does but poison, will leave its stain upon our fingers and its mark upon our character.

LAURA PAIR.

### WHEN MOTHER IS BLUE.

"When mother is blue, I just put on my hat and run away. It takes all the sunshine out of the house, and I can't stand it."

The speaker was a girl of twenty with an apple-blossom face and merry eyes. One saw at a glance that her life had been free from the pressure of much care, just as one reads between the lines, in looking at her mother's calm countenance, that the elder woman had fought a long battle

with adversities of various kinds. In that faded face the eyes may once have been merry, but they had grown thoughtful, and it was hard to believe that the matron had ever been reposed in her youth for indiscreet and immoderate hilarity. Yet as she smiled at her daughter's impulsive speech, she said:

"I was once as gay as Gertrude ever is. In fact, I was noted for my irrepressible spirits. The discipline of experience has toned me down, but I am almost always cheerful."

"Yes, indeed," said the daughter, patting her mother's cheek, "and that is why I am so disturbed when she is out of sorts, the dear brave lady. I feel as if the bottom has dropped out of our scheme of living when mother gives up and folds her hands in melancholy."

I went on my way with a new appreciation of the mother's value to a home. Motherhood implies so much, must mean so much in every environment, and in our households what do we not expect from her who is at the helm? She manages the domestic economy, often doing most if not all of the work with her own hands. She buys the material for the children's clothing, cuts it out and makes it. The weekly mending and darning for an ordinary family is a large and enormous task, and in a majority of instances the mother undertakes and carries it on without assistance.

Mother is the confidante of the children, who bring to her their little daily troubles and trials, tell her of their school difficulties and ask her help at evening when they study the lessons for the next day. As her sons and daughters grow up, they more than ever need her counsel and support; more than ever lay their burdens at her feet, and receive from her wise and tender hands maxims and bits of advice as indispensable as daily bread.

With everything they have to do, mothers sometimes grow weary. Health fails, trials thicken, anxieties crush. The most elastic nature is not strong enough to cope with never-ceasing financial stress. Just a little more money in many an instance would so ease the machinery of the home, so lessen the load, so brighten the life, that the mother would live longer, be less irritable, be freed from nervousness, and do her best as she is never able to do, handicapped by limited means. Mother is "blue" because mother is worn out. Mother is "blue" because the rose-light of hope has turned to dull gray ash and withered brown in her pathway. The happy young things about her, effervescing with vivacity, overflowing with energy, do not comprehend mother's despondency for two reasons: one is that they are so well and so strong that they have not yet learned sympathy with ill health and feebleness, and the other that they are often in the dark as to the causes of maternal solicitude.

With a mistaken kindness parents often keep their trials to themselves and refuse to let young people share them. The life of the home goes on with "a flowing sail," nobody is warned of reefs and shoals, and not until a crash comes are any of the family except the overwrought parents aware that there were danger signals which ought to have been heeded. "I don't want to spell young lives," says the mother.

Mothers are very apt to lack variety in their lives. The younger people have the vacations, mothers stay at home and cook and sew. There is a limit to woman's power of endurance. Over many a lowly mound, bedewed by sorrowful mourners with honest tears, might be written, "Died of monotony." Change of scene is better than medicine for many a malady of body and mind. Once in a while a surprise might be carried out by which the youth of a tired woman should be renewed.—Margaret E. Sangster.

### WOMAN'S SPHERE.

Woman's power is for rule, not for battle; and her intellect is not for invention or creation, but for sweet ordering, arrangement and decision. She sees the qualities of things, their claims and their places. Her great function is praise; she enters into no contest, but infallibly judges the crown of contest. By her office and place she is protected from all danger and temptation. The man, in his rough work, in open world, must encounter all perils and trials; to him, therefore, must be the failure, the offense, the inevitable error; often he must be wounded or subdued; often mistle and always hardened. But he guards the woman from all this, within his house, as ruled by her, unless she has herself brought it, need enter no danger, no temptation, no cause of error or offense. This is the true nature of home—it is the place of peace; the shelter, not only from all injury, but from all terror, doubt and division. In so far as it is not this, it is not home; so far as the anxieties of the outer life penetrate into it and the in-

consistently minded, unknown, unloved or hostile society of the outer world is allowed by either husband or wife to cross the threshold, it ceases to be home; it is then only a part of that outer world which you have roofed over and lighted in. But so far as it is a sacred place, a vestal temple, a temple of the hearth, watched over by household gods, before whose faces none may come but those whom they can receive with love—so far as it is this and roof and fire are types only of a nobler shade and light—shade as of the rock in a weary land and light as of the Pharos in the stormy sea—so far it vindicates the name and fulfills the praise of home. And, wherever a true wife comes, this home is always round her. The stars only may be over her head, the glow-worm in the night cold grass may be the only fire at her foot, but home is yet wherever she is, and for a noble woman it stretches far round her, better than ceiled with cedar or painted with vermillion, shedding its quiet light far for those who else were homeless.—Ituskin.

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### "SOMEBODY FORGETS."

A little boy, living in the most poverty-stricken section of a great city, found his way into a mission Sunday-school and became a Christian. One day not long after, someone tried to shake the child's faith by asking him some puzzling questions: "If God really loves you, why doesn't he take better care of you? Why doesn't he tell somebody to send you a pair of shoes, or else coal enough so that you can keep warm this winter?"

The boy thought a moment and then said, as the tears rushed to his eyes: "I guess he does tell somebody, and somebody forgets."

The saddest thing about the answer is its truth. God is not unmindful of his little ones, whether they are in want of fire or food or advice or sympathy. He calls us to supply the things that are needed. He tells us that every act of kindness or helpfulness done to the least or lowest of his creatures he will count as done to him. But not all of his purposes are carried out; often because we choose our own pleasure rather than his will, often because somebody forgets.

Somebody forgets! That is one of the reasons for the pinched faces we see sometimes, and which haunt us for days after; for half-clad, shivering bodies and for cheerless homes. That is one of the reasons why there are children in this land of ours who have never heard Christ's name except in curses. It is the explanation for more than half the sin and sorrow of this world. Is it not high time for each of us to ask the question: "Am I among these who forget?"

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### TRANSFERRING TROUBLE.

Among a primitive folk who seemed to have more moral troubles than any other and to feel greater need of dismissing them by artificial means, there grew up the custom of using a curious expedient. They chose a beast of the field and upon its head symbolically piled all the moral hard-headedness of the several tribes; after which the offending brute was banished to the wilderness and the guilty multitude felt relieved.

However crude that ancient method of transferring mental and moral burdens, it had at least this redeeming feature: the early Hebrews heaped their sins upon a creature which they did not care for and sent it away. In modern times we pile our burdens upon our dearest fellow-creatures and keep them permanently near us for further use. What human being but has some other upon whom he nightly hangs his troubles as he hangs his different garments upon hooks and nails in the walls around him?

Have we ever suspected that when once the habit of transferring our troubles has become pleasant to us, we thereafter hunt for troubles in order that we may have them to transfer, that we magnify the little ones in order to win the credit of having large ones, and that we are wonderfully refreshed by making other people despondent about us? Mercifully those upon whom the burdens are hung often become the better for their loads; they may not live so long, but they are more useful. Thus in turn the weak develop the strong.—James Lane Allen, in "The Mettle of the Pasture."

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### LIVING BY THE SPIRIT.

We complain that this is a nervous, hurrying age. We find ourselves stricken with nervous prostration, dyspepsia, heart trouble and the like and consult a physician, in the belief that we have caught some disease. Yet it is our habit of life that is primarily at fault. We could change it all if we would. But we are proud and must keep up with our fellows. Money-making is an enticing game, which we enter with a rush. Thus we become slaves of our own selfish impulses. All this results from our decision to participate in life's headlong strife.



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No one need suffer these ills who lives moderately. The cure for nervous diseases is not to take medicine, but to change the life, build new habits, master self and the forces which self controls, and so remove the nervous strain. Like the experience of a child with fire, it is purely a matter of individual control. If our servitude to nervous tension be a habit of lifelong standing, it must be undermined by long and patient endeavor to build ourselves anew. Action and reaction are still equal; every effort tells.

If we live in an attitude of apprehensiveness, of self-absorption or hatred, we must continually reap as we perpetually sow. No religious or medical remedy possesses the power to spare us the consequences. It is futile to apply external remedies. The cause must first be removed, and it must be removed by the one who reared it. The only permanent remedy is self-understanding and self-development. For our entire external life is regulated by the attitudes we assume within, by our decisions, our motives or our spirit.—H. W. Dresser.

### WHAT MRS. SQUIRREL THINKS.

The old apple tree in the corner by the lane is hollow. There is a hole in the trunk of the tree near the top. Here lives a little family of squirrels.

One day Mr. Squirrel ran up the tree as fast as he could. "My dear," said he to his wife, when he was safe in the hole again, "I was afraid I should never reach home alive."

"Have those boys been throwing stones at you again?" asked Mrs. Squirrel.

"Stones?" repeated Mr. Squirrel with an angry whisk of his tail. "They were rocks! They were as big as apples!"

"Rocks are bigger than apples," said Mrs. Squirrel. "Still I must say it is a shame. You have never done anything to hurt those boys."

"They don't think of that," said Mr. Squirrel, who was really angry.

"And our dear little ones are not yet big enough to hunt nuts," said Mrs. Squirrel. "They might starve if you never came home."

"Boys don't think of that," said her husband.

"You are so little and they are so big," said Mrs. Squirrel.

"They don't think of that," said Mr. Squirrel.

"Don't they know how to think?"

asked his wife. "Perhaps they are stupid after all."

"They think it is fun to see me run," said Mr. Squirrel. "And that seems to be all the thinking that they are able to do."

"That is like a baby," said Mrs. Squirrel, gravely. "It is very sad to grow to be stupid. I am glad our children know more than that."

Mr. Squirrel whisked his tail over his head, and took up a nut from a pile in the corner. But Mrs. Squirrel was not thinking about her dinner.

"Poor boys!" said she. "How dreadful to be so stupid as not to be able to think!"—Jones' Third Reader.

### LIVE IN THE PRESENT.

Do not look at life's long sorrow;  
See how small each moment's pain;  
God will help thee for to-morrow,  
So each day begin again.  
Every hour that fleets so slowly  
Has its task to do or bear;  
Luminous the crown and holy,  
When each gem is set with care.

Do not linger with regretting,  
Or for passing hours despond;  
Nor, thy daily toll forgetting,  
Look too eagerly beyond.  
Hours are golden links, God's token,  
Reaching heaven; but, one by one,  
Take them, let the chain be broken  
Ere the pilgrimage be done.

—Adelaide A. Procter.



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**ITINERARY OF TOUR.**

New York, Gibraltar, Naples, Capri, Sorrento, Pompeii, Egypt, Alexandria, Cairo, Luxor, Karnak, Thebes, Assouan, Pyramids of Gizeh, Memphis, Heliopolis, Port Said, Jaffa, Beyrout, Mt. Lebanon, Baalbec, Damascus, Mt. Hermon, Waters of Merom, Lake of Galilee, Nazareth, Samaria, Jerusalem, the Wilderness, Jordan Valley, Hebron, Bethlehem, Smyrna, Ephesus (option), Piraeus, Athens, Eleusis, Marathon (optional), Corinth, Patras, Corfu, Brindisi, Rome, Florence, Venice, Milan, the St. Gothard Route, Righi, Lucerne, Paris, Versailles, London, Southampton, New York. 119 days (approximately), New York to New York, \$855.

**ITINERARY.**

February 27—(Saturday). The Texas Christian Advocate party has been planned to sail by the luxuriously appointed S. S. "Prinzess Irene," of the German Mediterranean Service. The steamer is planned to leave the North-German Lloyd piers, Hoboken, at 11 a. m., on Saturday morning. All interested should confirm that there has been no change in the departure or sailing hour.

(Members of the party are entitled to accommodation with one or more persons in outside or inside rooms, as may be available, according to priority of registration. It is expected that the members of this party will decide sufficiently early to take advantage of the very desirable accommodation which is available at date of going to press. Where three are located in a stateroom a larger or better located room will be furnished without extra cost; but owing to the popularity of the sailing date and steamer prospective members are invited, in their own interest, to make early application.

March 7—(Monday). Expect to call at Gibraltar. The steamer usually stops several hours, affording an opportunity of going ashore and inspecting this exceptionally attractive fortress town.

March 10—(Thursday). Passengers may expect to arrive at Naples either on the night of Wednesday or the morning of Thursday.

If the time of arrival would make it convenient a couple of hours' drive will be taken around the principal streets of Naples.

Note.—As all movements of shipping and ocean steamers are subject to change without notice, and the arrivals and departures are necessarily uncertain, and as this program is printed several months before the departure date, it might be well to mention that if it should prove, in the judgment of the contractors, wise to visit Southern Italy on the outward journey, as planned, it will be so carried out; and if it should prove wise to proceed direct to Egypt, and visit Italy on the return journey, in order to make better connections, it will be so arranged. The conductor will furnish the necessary instructions for the party.

March 11 and 12—(Friday and Saturday). These days may be spent in visits to the Island of Capri and Sorrento, time being devoted to a promenade over the deserted streets of the disintombbed city of ancient Pompeii.

March 13 to 16—(Sunday to Wednesday). Passengers may embark for Egypt. Part of the day will be spent in Alexandria. A drive will be taken from the port and landing place to the principal streets of the town, visiting the Khedive's Garden, the site of Pompey's Pillar, and the native quarter, continuing thence to the depot and proceeding to Cairo by convenient train.

Stay at the Continental Hotel or the Eden Palace Hotel.

March 17 to 30—(Thursday to Wednesday). A fortnight in Egypt and the Nile Valley.

March 17 to 19—(Thursday to Saturday).

daughter, the Nilometer, the Coptic village and the ancient Church of Sergius.

March 20 to 25—(Sunday to Friday). Will be available for the railroad trip up the Nile to Luxor (passengers wishing parlor or sleeping car accommodation must give sufficient advance notice, paying the extra cost), Karnac, Thebes and Assouan.



PYRAMIDS AND SPHINX, GIZEH, NEAR CAIRO.

day). Will be available for Cairo and enjoying the novel surroundings of Eastern life. During the stay in Cairo, either on the outward or return journey, visits will be paid to the Mosque of Sultan Hassan, the Citadel, the beautiful Alabaster Mosque of Mehemet Ali, the city of Old Cairo and the Convent of the Dervishes in order that the party may witness the weird ceremonies of the howling, whirling and dancing Dervishes. Thence to the Island of Rhoda, where Moses was found by the maids of Pharaoh's

During the stay at Luxor members of the party will have an opportunity of enjoying the pleasure of donkey rides to Karnac and Thebes.

March 26 to 30—(Saturday to Wednesday). The itinerary having been planned to reach Cairo on the Saturday p. m., time will be available for visiting any further points of interest omitted on the outward journey, and thus the Pyramids of Egypt, ancient Memphis, Heliopolis, and the great Museum of Gizeh will receive attention.

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A CORRECTION.

Last week we announced the death of the married daughter of Rev. and Mrs. J. D. Odom, of Baird. This is a mistake. She is not dead, but married. Bro. Odom in writing us the information on which the announcement was made, said: "My wife is still grieving sorely over the loss of our married daughter," and then he proceeded to write about other matters. So we inferred that she had died, and so wrote the personal. But imagine our joy when he read the announcement and immediately wrote us that she was "not dead, but only married; that the wedding occurred about the time we left Palmer for Baird, our new field of labor; and it was the separation from her that caused my wife's sorrow." We rejoice that the information was a misunderstanding by us, and that the cause of Sister Odom's grief was only a happy event in her domestic life. Moral: Better be accurate when you write personal information to this editor, or no telling what will happen!

A NIGHT AT TRENTON.

Last Friday night I was in Trenton with Rev. J. R. Atchley and his people. Trenton is a town on the M., K. and T. Road, sixty miles north of this city, and it has a population of 1200 or more. It is situated in the black land and the soil is very productive. The past year their crop conditions were fine and the people are in good circumstances. They raised an abundance of everything, and business with them is good. We have a Church organization in the town of 150, and there are four other societies connected with the church. This is Bro. Atchley's first year, and he is making a splendid start. His people are making many needed repairs on the parsonage and putting it in comfortable condition. He and his good wife gave me excellent entertainment; also one of the members would not let me pay a night's lodging and breakfast at the hotel. I went there in order to be sure of getting an early train, which turned out to be late the next morning. We have a good church structure, and the people are greatly delighted with their pastor and his family. We have no better man and no more efficient preacher than Bro. Atchley. There are not many Advocates taken there, but he is determined to put the paper in the homes of his people. At night we lectured to a good-sized audience and hope that the good women made something for their Church enterprise.

HOW DO YOU STAND, MR. CANDIDATE

The Gainesville Signal asks the above question in a recent issue and then proceeds to make a few very wise observations as follows:

If you believe in local option, in the right of a county or precinct to prohibit the sale of liquor within its bounds, by a vote of its people as now provided by law, and you further believe our present law a good and efficient one as has been tested and proven, then ask your candidate if he is willing to let the local option law alone; if he will refrain from any effort to change, repeal or amend it in such a way as will confound confusion and emasculate it by making insolubly complex to Judge or jury? Ask him if he will cast a vote or make a speech that will cripple the efficiency of our local option law, and demand that he promise to do all in his power to thwart the combine and secret cabal now in operation to destroy that law. Tell him to sing it out. Ask the candidate how he stands on the present election law that gives voice to the best voters and forever gags and throttles the bum, the repeater, the riff-raff and all the rough and tumble element of the country. Ask him if he is willing to let this law alone until some real defect is discovered. Why these questions? Because it is well known that saloon men have a cabal formed all over the State, in every county, to secretly work men into the Legislature committed to their service. It is to be a quiet, non-committal campaign. They are going to get candidates clothed in the garments of respectability. They are going to strike at the local option law in every way they can, and if they can't harm that, they will again seek to open the flood-gates to let in all sorts of voters on election day. If there ever was a time, if there ever was a year when every voter should have his eyes wide open and be on the alert, it is the good election year of our Lord 1904. Let no man go to Austin with a muffled voice. Force your Representative to represent you. See to it that every candidate proclaims his views and pledges himself to a definite policy and platform on all questions of interest to every cross-roads and school-house in the country. Call them out. Let us have no still-born Legislators, no deaf and dumb candidates, for such begin to speak and hear when they are elected, and then it may be too late to prevent their doing harm. Again, call them out. Ask them how they stand.

JUDGE PENN'S CHARGE ON THE C. O. D. BUSINESS.

Judge R. L. Penn, of Georgetown, in opening his court recently, gave the following charge to the Grand Jury anent the C. O. D. liquor business. It is good reading, and we copy that part of it relating to this question from one of the local papers, because it is good reading:

"When liquor dealers obtain at their request from express agents names of parties in local option districts and ship to said parties liquor C. O. D., care of express agent, with instruction to said agent to get the parties to pay for same and return proceeds to shipper, it is a violation of the local option law, and the express agent and liquor dealer or shipper would be subject to indictment. The sale in such instances is made at the place of delivery and not at the point of shipment, and an express agent would be the agent of the liquor dealer and liable for violation of the local option law."

(The letter to which reference is made above was handed the Judge by the local express agent, who had received it by mail.)

LOCAL OPTION IN GRAYSON.

At last Grayson County has local option. The people voted it in up there last March, but the antis took it into all the courts, both State and Federal, and delayed all these months. But the last whack at it was by the Supreme Court at Austin last week, and it was declared valid and lawful all along the line. So last Wednesday night at 12 o'clock the saloons quietly folded their tents and stole away. Right will triumph sooner or later if you will give it time. Wrong may obtain for a season, but it has to go down in the end. We congratulate Grayson on reaping the fruits of her victory, even if she was delayed and vexed. And we venture the statement that the antis will have a sweet old time ever getting their bar-rooms back in that county. The people have had enough of their tactics, and they have closed out that sort of business once and for all. On with the battle!

BISHOP E. E. HOSS IN DALLAS.

By the time the readers of the Advocate receive their paper Bishop Hoss and family will be located in Dallas. He is to be here Friday to become a citizen of Texas and a resident Bishop of the Church. We are rejoiced to make this announcement, for we earnestly believe that the residence of Bishop Hoss here will largely enhance the value of our work and add greatly to the progress of all our enterprises. He will receive a warm welcome, and from the start will find himself at home and among a wide circle of warm friends. Thus located he will be in position to render us greater service, and we look for great things from his association with the Churches and the brethren.

ROYAL MULKEY DEAD.

It is with peculiar sadness that we announce the death of Dr. Royal Mulkey, only son of Rev. and Mrs. Abe Mulkey, of Corsicana. In fact, he was their only child, and thus they are left alone. Royal was a fine young man and well equipped for life. His parents had given him a splendid dental course at the Vanderbilt University and he had entered upon a promising career in his profession; but that dread disease, pulmonary trouble, caused him to relinquish it a couple of years ago, and after long illness he passed away at the home of his parents last Wednesday morning. All Texas will heartily sympathize with Brother and Sister Mulkey in this sad bereavement, and also with the beautiful young wife who is left to mourn her loss. But they are not without hope, for their loved one has gone to his sure rest and reward.

TO OUR CORRESPONDENTS.

Much inconvenience to the Advocate office and confusion and loss of time will be saved all parties interested if our correspondents will observe a few requests, to-wit:

1. Do not mix the business of other papers with that of the Advocate.
  2. All matter for publication should be addressed to the Texas Christian Advocate, and should be written on different sheets of paper from that intended for the business office.
  3. Orders for books, etc., should be sent to Smith & Lamar, and no Texas Christian Advocate business should be sent to them. Every day brings a mixture of our mails.
- Please bear in mind that the American Home Journal and the Home and State have no connection with the Advocate. The offices of each of the three publications are in different buildings, hence a request for a change of address, or sample copies, or any other matter, should be sent direct to the respective papers.

TEXAS PERSONALS.

We had a pleasant visit from Brother J. M. Dunn, now connected with the Comptroller's office at Austin.

We had a pleasant call the past week from Rev. W. F. Bryant, of Forney. He is starting off well on his new charge.

It is with regret that we announce the death of Mrs. M. A. Steel, of Houston. She was a prominent Church worker and a leading member of Shearn Church.

We had a delightful call this week from Rev. G. F. Winfield, of Kennedale. He is working his charge well, and he is putting the Advocate in the homes of his people.

We appreciate a brotherly letter from the Hon. John W. Robbins, our present efficient State Treasurer. He is a true man in every relation in which he has been tried, both in Church and State.

We regret to learn of the illness of Rev. K. S. Van Zandt, of the Northwest Texas Conference. His children also are indisposed. They all have the measles, but we hope for their speedy recovery.

Rev. F. L. McGehee, of Shiner, writes us that Mrs. McGehee's mother, Mrs. Ellen L. Hilliard, died a few days ago in great peace, after years of suffering. She lived and passed away in San Augustine.

In a note from Rev. Sam Hay, of Shearn Church, Houston, we learn that Rev. C. N. Morton, pastor of West End, Galveston, and Miss Bessie Warren, of Houston, were married in Shearn Church last Wednesday eve-

ning. We congratulate both of these happy people on the consummation of this delightful union.

Dr. Vere V. Hunt, of this city, and one of our most entertaining correspondents, has been quite ill for several weeks, having undergone a severe operation; but he is now better and hopes to be out soon.

Rev. C. A. Evans, of Merkel, has placed twenty-two Advocates in the families of his charge. Notice his report next conference and see the result. When a preacher lays himself out for his Church paper, the people usually take it.

CHURCH NEWS.

About \$100,000 is spent daily in the United States in church building.

Rev. Sam P. Jones recently spoke for the Y. M. C. A., of Louisville, Kentucky, and raised \$1500 on the debt.

It is said that 78 per cent of the delegates to the General Conference of the M. E. Church at Los Angeles will be new men.

Central Methodist Church, Asheville, N. C., is in the throes of a wrangle over the individual communiesetiao over the individual communion cup question.

We are glad to note that Dr. Lafferty will continue as editor of the Baltimore and Richmond Christian Advocate. For wit and wisdom the Doctor has few equals.

Roughly estimated, there are in the Boroughs of Manhattan and the Bronx 400,000 Hebrews, 800,000 Protestants, and 1,000,000 Catholics. There are in the two Boroughs 67 Methodist charges.

There was a move awhile back by the City Council, of Nashville, Tennessee, to tax our Publishing House property; but at a meeting of the Council the other day representatives of the property appeared before that body and discussed the matter with them. The result is that the Council unanimously resolved to do nothing of the kind.

OUR LOCAL OPTION LAWS.

BY AN EMINENT ATTORNEY.

It is very apparent that the saloon forces and their supporters will make a vigorous and concerted effort to elect a Legislature this year that will make certain changes in our local option laws, now advocated by the anti element, and which were contained in the Willacy bill, which was defeated in our last Legislature.

The arguments being used by the antis in support of the proposed change are ingenious and catchy, and to the unthinking may appear to have the force of logic. They claim that our present law is unjust and inequitable in that it gives a greater advantage to those favoring local option, than it does to those who oppose it. That their only purpose in the proposed change is to give each side an equal chance in the adoption or repeal of the law. In answer to these claims I will assert and endeavor to sustain the following propositions:

1. Under our Constitution the present local option law is in every respect perfectly fair, just and equal.
2. Any change in our present law would necessarily be in violation of the Constitutional provision upon the question.
3. The changes advocated and as presented in the Willacy bill, if adopted, would have the effect of completely destroying local option in Texas.
4. The purpose of those advocating the change is to destroy the law, and not to remedy any defects.
5. The adoption of the changes in the law advocated by the antis would vest the minority of voters with greater powers than the majority, and would enable a minority to repeal or annul a law called into effect and force by the majority. Hence would be undemocratic and a political absurdity.

Prior to 1876 the Legislature of this State, without a Constitutional provision authorizing it, opposed a local option measure that would permit the people of certain territory, by a majority vote, to prohibit the sale of intoxicating liquor. The Supreme Court of our State held this law unconstitutional upon the grounds that the Legislature, being clothed with all legislative powers, could not delegate to the people the right to vote upon the adoption of any law, and that the Legislature could not enact such a law without an express authority conferred by the Constitution.

To meet this decision of our Su-

preme Court the Constitutional Convention of 1876 made our present Constitution, Sec. 29, Art. 16 of which, with the amendments, now reads as follows:

"The Legislature shall, at its first session, enact a law, whereby the qualified voters of any county, justice precinct, town, city (or such subdivision of a county as may be designated by the Commissioners' Court of said county) may, by a majority vote, determine from time to time whether the sale of intoxicating liquors shall be prohibited within the prescribed limits."

When this provision was adopted there was no local option in Texas. Intoxicating liquors could be legally sold at any place in the State. The antis of that time had the right to run saloons anywhere or everywhere throughout the entire State.

This being true, the Constitution was certainly not intended to confer any rights or privileges upon those who favored the sale of intoxicating liquors, but only conferred certain rights upon those who were opposed to the sale of such liquor and provided a way whereby they might prohibit its sale.

In adopting this clause of our Constitution, all power to prohibit the sale of intoxicating liquor was taken from the Legislature, and lodged in the people of certain prescribed territory, but the power to regulate and permit the sale of such liquor is still vested in the Legislature. This construction of this Constitutional provision has been repeatedly held by our highest courts. Our local option laws were never intended to permit the sale of intoxicating liquor, and such effect cannot possibly be given them by any legal or rational construction.

Now let us see what is the legal effect and obvious intention of this clause of our Constitution.

It was intended to vest in a majority of the people a right to prohibit the sale of intoxicating liquor within certain specified territory. The power of the Constitution makers in prescribing what territory should have this privilege was unlimited. They could have begun with conferring the privilege first upon the entire State, then upon other political or designated subdivisions, as they may have thought proper. This they did not do, but they did select and designate a county as the largest political subdivision of the State that could exercise this privilege. In making a county the maximum territory which can adopt this law, it was undoubtedly intended that its adoption by a county would call into effect the law within the entire county. But should the county, as a whole, fail to adopt the law, or fail to hold an election, then the next largest subdivision designated, which is a justice precinct, might adopt the law. A justice precinct failing to adopt it, then a city, town or other subdivision might hold an election and adopt the law within its prescribed territory. So we see that the Constitution clearly intended that each portion of territory designated in the article should have equal and co-existing rights to adopt prohibition, one with the other.

In the case of ex parte Fields, 46 Southwestern Reporter, page 1127, Judge Hurt, in discussing the question in issue, says:

"Anti-prohibition is in force in every county, justice precinct, town, etc., in this State unless voted on at an election held for that purpose. It requires no act to put in force the right to sell intoxicating liquors. The right was not conferred upon the people of the counties, justice precincts, etc., by the Constitution, but the right to prohibit the sale of intoxicating liquors was conferred upon the county, justice precinct, etc. Now we state this proposition: That until the Legislature repeals the acts enforcing this right, there is no power within this State to prohibit the county from declaring by an election that the sale of intoxicating liquors shall be prohibited therein. The county cannot prevent any precinct, town or city, etc., from declaring that the sale of intoxicating liquors shall be prohibited within such precinct, city, town, etc. There is no authority in the county to do this. On the other hand, no precinct, town, city, etc., can prevent the county from declaring that the sale of intoxicating liquors shall be prohibited within the county. If the county has the right to prohibit, it has the right to prohibit the sale in every foot thereof, because the Constitution says that the county may do so. \* \* \* The county has the same right to declare prohibition as the precinct, etc. They stand exactly upon the same footing with reference to the power to declare it, but not upon the same footing with reference to the power to repeal it; for if a precinct can repeal it or defeat the county election, so far as that precinct is concerned, then the county has no right by an election to declare prohibition."

It is clear then that the majority of the people in a town have the same Constitutional right to adopt prohibi-

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hibition as the people of a county, and no more. To give effect to this Constitutional provision, it was necessary for the Legislature to frame a law which would give to each designated territory the privilege, from time to time, of calling this law into force. The rights of a city or town are in no manner connected with or dependent upon the rights of a justice precinct, or the entire county, and vice versa.

Now in order to give to each county and each subdivision of the county the right to call into effect this law our Legislature has enacted a statute providing that elections may be held in the different territories from time to time; a period of two years being the limit now fixed. When an election is held for an entire county no other election can be held within such county for a period of two years, regardless of the result of such election; and so it is with each designated subdivision. Every election held in any territory settles the question for a period of two years, within such territory.

Now suppose an election is held in an entire county, and results in the adoption of prohibition. It stands for two years, and the entire county, embracing as it does all other designated subdivisions of the county, local option is in effect in every part of the county, and the subdivisions of the county are not deprived of any rights by being debarred from holding any election for two years, because the only purpose of an election is to determine whether the sale of intoxicating liquor shall be prohibited, not permitted, and because a majority of the entire county have declared for prohibition. Therefore no election ought to be held in any subdivision of the county until the law has been repealed by a majority vote of the entire county.

Now suppose the county election results against prohibition. As to the county as a whole the question is settled for two years, by the law being not adopted. But how about the other subdivisions of the county? They have the same Constitutional rights to adopt the law that the county has. They have not yet voted upon the question. Would you deprive them of their right to vote on the question simply because a larger territory had refused to adopt the law? If so, then the Constitution which confers the right upon justice precincts, etc., has no effect. When do you permit the subdivisions of the county to hold elections? If they must wait two years after a county has defeated the adoption of the law before they can vote upon it, then by holding elections every two years and defeating its adoption, any county opposed to the law as a whole could forever preclude any subdivision of the county from adopting the law. The same reasoning would, of course, apply to a justice precinct, etc., down to the smallest subdivision.

It is therefore clearly to be seen that in order to give full force to our Constitution each county, each justice precinct, each town, each city, and each other subdivision must have the power, independently of each other, to adopt this law, or refuse to adopt it, from time to time. In no other manner can full force and effect be given to this Constitutional mandate.

We therefore see that the claims being made that the law is unequal and unjust, and that the pros are given an advantage in the holding of elections, is absurd and without the slightest foundation.

The right to hold elections in a county are equal, because an election can only be held once in two years, regardless of the result of the election. So also of an election in a justice precinct, town, city, or subdivision. Only one election can be held in each two years in any one of such territories, regardless of the result of such an election.

But it is claimed the defeat of the law by an entire county does not repeal the law in the territories in which it has been adopted by less than the entire county, and therefore the pros are here given an advantage. I deny such claim, and assert that when the law is adopted by a majority vote by

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an entire county, that in any subsequent election, should a majority vote against the law, then that the law would stand repealed in every foot of territory that was affected by the first election, and this rule applies to every possible subdivision of a county. To state the proposition more clearly: If a county that is one-half "pro" and one-half "anti" holds an election for the entire county, and it is carried pro, the effect of that election is to call the law into force in the one-half of the county that was anti, the other one-half being already pro. Now at a subsequent election, for the entire county, if the anti should carry the county, the same territory that was anti in the beginning is affected by the last election, the same as by the first. This is also the case with any subdivision of the county. But they say, why should not the one-half of the county which was pro in the beginning be also affected by the last election and also become anti? I answer, simply because the law was adopted by that part of the county by the people of a subdivision, less than the county. They having the same Constitutional rights as the county as a whole, those rights would be destroyed, if the county as a whole could repeal the law in territory less than a county in which it had been adopted, just as the rights of the county as a whole would be destroyed if the voters of less than a county could repeal the law when adopted by the entire county.

Now let us see what are the changes in the law now proposed by the anti, and what effect such changes would have, if adopted.

The provisions of the Willacy bill were to the effect that after an election held by an entire county, or any subdivision of a county, had resulted in the adoption of the law, that immediately thereafter any lesser subdivision of the county might order another election, which, if carried by the anti, would repeal the law in such subdivision. Such a measure is so ridiculously absurd as to scarcely demand analysis, yet it was passed by the Senate and reported favorably to the House. What would be the effect of such a law? The right of every county in the State to adopt local option would be absolutely destroyed, for regardless of how great a majority of voters of a county should declare in favor of prohibition, of what force would it be if a small town in the county could at once or at any time order another election and repeal the law? To illustrate: Suppose that a county of 10,000 voters holds an election in which 9749 votes were cast for and 251 against prohibition, and immediately thereafter a town with 500 voters, in which resided all of the 251 anti, immediately ordered another election, and by a vote of 251 against 249 repealed the law. Of what force or effect would the will of the majority have in that county? The insignificant minority of 251 voters could absolutely override the will of the vast majority, and the right of the county to adopt and enforce local option in the entire county would be absolutely destroyed. It would be no more absurd to contend that should the Constitution provide for a State election on the question, that the Legislature might provide that should the State carry for prohibition any county could at once order an election, and, if a majority should vote against it, repeal the law in such county. The effect of the Willacy bill was not limited to counties, but attached to and affected each subdivision, giving the power to the lesser territory and a minority of the voters to repeal a law adopted by a greater territory and a majority of the voters.

If that law was not clearly in violation of our Constitution, then the Con-

stitution is without meaning, and if its effect would not have been to absolutely destroy local option in Texas, words can have no meaning.

But, they say, if you won't give us the Willacy bill, then give us a law that will provide that the result of an election will affect the entire territory in which it is held. That is, when an election is held in an entire county, let the result affect the entire county; if in a precinct, let it affect the entire precinct, etc.

Such a law would absolutely destroy the right of subdivisions to adopt local option, and in effect would be almost identical with the Willacy bill. Suppose we had such a law, and two precincts of a county should adopt prohibition, immediately thereafter the county could repeal the law in such precincts by a county election. Or two precincts voting together could repeal the law that had been adopted by one; or seven precincts could repeal the law that had been adopted by three precincts, and so on ad infinitum, and under such a measure the only prohibition that we could possibly have would be county prohibition, and the Constitutional right giving equal privileges to a justice precinct, town, city, or other subdivision of a county to call this law into being, would be absolutely destroyed.

I therefore assert that the Willacy bill, as well as the other changes in the law now being advocated by the anti and their organs, would clearly be in violation of our Constitution. That the effect of the adoption of such changes would be to absolutely destroy local option in Texas.

Recognizing the futility of an effort to stay the onward sweep of the prohibition sentiment in this State, the saloon interests will, in my opinion, make a desperate effort to capture the next Legislature and to force the passage of the changes in our laws above discussed.

It behooves the friends of our local option laws, whether they be for or against prohibition, to prepare for the fight, and to enter into it at the proper time, with the determination to protect those laws from mutilation or destruction.

Table with election results for Corsicana District—Second Round. Columns include name, location, and date.

Table with election results for Clarendon District—Second Round. Columns include name, location, and date.

The District Conference will convene at Silverton April 28, 8 o'clock a. m. The first day will be Missionary Institute. Day and Dr. Bishop, our Conference Secretary of Missions, will conduct the Institute. We want all of the preachers and delegates present at the first service. The conference will continue through the first day of May, 1904. The following are the committees: License to Preach—G. S. Hardy, B. W. Dodson, Samuel B. Sawyers. Recommendation for Deacons and Elders' Orders—W. E. McKeown, C. E. Lindsey, M. E. Hawkins. Recommendation for Admission and Readmission—J. E. Stephens, Ben Hardy, W. W. Kiser. J. M. Sherman, P. E.

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### The Sunday-School Department

First Quarter, Lesson 5, Jan. 31.

JESUS CALLS FOUR DISCIPLES.  
Luke 5:1-11.

Golden Text: "If ye continue in my word, then are ye my disciples."—John 8:31.

Topical Outline: 1. The Draught of Fishes. (Verses 1-7.) 2. The Call of the Four Apostles. (Verses 8-11.)

Time: The summer of A. D. 28.  
Place: The Sea of Galilee, in the close neighborhood of Capernaum.

From the Word Evangel we take the following:

We usually think of the first disciples as having been called by Jesus on his return from the temptation in the wilderness to the place where John was baptizing (John 1:35-51). At that time five men, three of whom were of the four mentioned in the present lesson—John, Andrew, Peter, Philip and Nathanael—were brought to believe in Jesus as the Messiah, and were unquestionably with Jesus during the following year as his recognized disciples. There were doubtless others not named who also united with him and journeyed with him more or less steadily. But up to the time of the present lesson there was no definite set of men who constituted a distinct body of intimate personal followers. There were those who were with him a great deal, but not all the time. But after this special call to the four lake fishermen, though in general for more than a year they had been his disciples, they were not occasional, but constant followers. We cannot doubt that at or about the same time several others of those who afterwards were ordained as apostles also became permanently attached to Jesus. The selection and ordination of "The Twelve," however, was a later matter. After the choosing of that number, they are distinguished as his apostles, though commonly they continued to be called simply his disciples. An indefinite number of disciples, in the general sense of believers, grew up; but the number of the apostles was limited.

It might be inferred from the impression which this miracle of the draught of fishes made upon the four fishermen that it was the first miracle by Jesus which they had seen. But that is wholly improbable. Some or all of them were quite certainly with Him at the time of his first miracle in Galilee, at the marriage at Cana, and, if so, they must have had knowledge of the healing of the nobleman's son, and of many of the unrecorded miracles alluded to. What was in this miracle, therefore, that so deeply impressed Peter and his companions? Why did it bring home to them the conviction with such peculiar power that Jesus was divine?

The answer I think is this, that this miracle brought Christ's supernatural power personally home to these men. It is one thing to see a miracle, and quite another to experience a miracle. It was this being made the subject of supernatural power that had amazed and convinced Nathanael (John 1:47-51). Jesus knew him with a miraculous knowledge. To have seen the evidence of such knowledge concerning a score of other people might have made but slight impression upon Nathanael. But when he perceived that Jesus had such a knowledge of him directly and personally as surpassed human knowledge, he cried out, "Thou art the Son of God; thou art the King of Israel." So with the four Galilean fishermen. When they saw their own nets, which they had reluctantly let down at Christ's command in water which, from a night of fruitless labor, they were sure contained no fish, breaking with the weight of an unprecedented catch, and their boats about to sink with the burden, it came in upon them with overwhelming force that Jesus was indeed the Son of God. That is, this miracle came to them with the peculiar evidential weight of an experience. Its effect was like the personal contact of the men of Samaria with Jesus after the woman had reported to them concerning him. After they had seen him and listened to him, they said to the woman: "Now we believe, not because of thy saying; for we have heard him ourselves, and know that this is indeed the Christ, the Savior of the World." Observation and testimony in religious matters are of great value; but an ounce of experience is worth more for the purpose of producing conviction than a ton of either testimony or observation.

The printing press has proved a powerful ally in mission work. In this regard, conditions are peculiar in China. Many more are being reached by a printed than by a preached gospel. In the last fifteen months the output of our press exceeds that of the entire three years preceding the Boxer uprising, and the demand is still universally greater than the supply.

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The purpose of Jesus in the miracle was evidently two-fold—to produce this clear and strong conviction just referred to, and to make his miracle serve as a parable for moral instruction. "I will make you fishers of men." When Jesus had said that, the meaning of it all was clear to the disciples. Then they saw that discipleship was to be not simply a receptivity but a giving, not simply a following but a going, not simply a blessing but a mission. The little lake of Galilee widened out into the great sea of humanity, into which they and their successors were to cast the net of grace and truth for the taking of men. And in the miracle just wrought by which their nets had been filled with fish, there was the plain prophecy and promise that in the higher vocation of fishers of men if obedient they would have abundant success through divine co-operation.

### The Epworth League Department

(All communications intended for this department and exchanges with articles to be commented upon, should be sent to Gus. W. Thomasson, Van Alstyne, Texas.)

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Topic for January 31: Our Mission in West China: The Field.

We take the following from the Canadian Era:

We begin this year a study of our mission work in China. It is a field of entrancing interest, and heroes are there, too, whom none braver are to be found at any post of duty or danger. The territory for the evangelization of which our Church is to be responsible is a part of the Province of Sz-Chuan. Our section is in the very heart of the province. It includes not only two large cities—Chentu and Kiating—but also a part of the famous Chentu plain, as well as rich and populous districts on both sides of the line. The population of this district is about eight or ten millions. It is one of the most densely settled, influential sections, containing the provincial capital, which is bound to play such an important part in the history of West China. Our staff of missionaries is small compared with the numbers of Chinese to be reached with the gospel. We have some fourteen mission stations, and ten missionaries, giving to each missionary a charge of over one million souls. The harvest truly is great, but the laborers are few.

There is increased interest at all levels. The people are coming every Sunday to hear the gospel story, and frequently seating accommodation cannot be found for all. Outside, there are other cities where they are waiting to welcome a missionary as soon as he can be sent. There is a unique movement in Renshou—one of the eight cities we have been asked to occupy. It is composed of the more intelligent and influential class. They have purchased a fine site with buildings thereon, suitable for Church and schools, and have passed the same over to our mission authorities at Chentu without asking or expecting a dollar from the missionary society. Thus the first Christian Church in the history of that city is soon to be dedicated to the worship of God. This has led others to go and do likewise. Delegations from some of the Churchless cities around have come offering to do the same thing, provided a missionary can be sent.

Progressive China is loudly calling for help in educational directions. Hundreds of students have been sent by the government to Japan and the West to study. Our missionaries are being urged to open schools for young men, who are willing to pay double fee. The opportunity to lift up that great nation by educational means has come. Hitherto evangelistic effort has been properly pushed ahead of the educational. It is felt, however, that the time is at hand, when these two factors must move on more abreast of each other than has been the case heretofore.

The printing press has proved a powerful ally in mission work. In this regard, conditions are peculiar in China. Many more are being reached by a printed than by a preached gospel. In the last fifteen months the output of our press exceeds that of the entire three years preceding the Boxer uprising, and the demand is still universally greater than the supply.

Our hospitals are filled. The urgent need of rendering relief to suffering China is very apparent in Sz-Chuan. Our medical work is being made tributary to that of bringing men to

Christ. The thought of every patient is at once directed to him as the Great Physician, and it is not an uncommon thing to hear the suffering one say: "I prayed to Jesus last night, and he helped me."

It is the banner province of China. Sz-Chuan means "Four Streams," from the four rivers within its borders. It is an area, of about 290,000 square miles slightly smaller than Ontario. Its population is about 50,000,000, the largest province in the Chinese Empire, containing one-eighth of all China's millions. It is a country of hills and valleys. Where not too steep, the slopes of the hills are terraced for agricultural purposes from top to bottom, one mass of vegetation. The rich soil of the plains regularly yield double crops. The mighty Yang-tse-Kiang River is the main artery with tributaries stretching out in every direction, making irrigation easy, and furnishing water highways to transfer produce from one point to another. The climate is moist and cloudy. Rains are frequent, and heavy, dull canopy of cloud covers the sky three-fourths of the time. It is fairly healthful for foreigners. Sz-Chuan excels every other province in China in the variety and extent of its products. Grain and vegetables and fruits are found in abundance.

The people of this Chinese province are industrious and peace-loving traders, comparatively well-to-do and livelier and quicker-witted than most Chinese. It is estimated that in country districts 40 per cent of the men, and 25 per cent of the women, are addicted to opium, and in the cities the percentage is greater. The people are ruining themselves body and soul with this baneful drug. The capital of Sz-Chuan is Chentu, although there are other large and important cities. The population of the capital is about 500,000 people. It has a wall, 12 miles in length, and with enough room on top for three carriages to drive abreast. There are in the province 140 walled cities, each of considerable size, and the center of a large number of market towns. It has a great trade and a bright commercial future lies before it. Western capital finding its way there. Missionary success in Sz-Chuan and Western China, means the exaltation of a pure Christian influence in Central Asia, and the erection of a barrier against Moslem fanaticism and intolerance. Missionaries found their way to Sz-Chuan in 1877, and now a large number of missionary societies are working there, the territory being divided among them in the country districts to prevent overlapping. The Canadian Methodist Mission was assigned the Heart of Sz-Chuan.

#### NOTES.

The spring conferences will soon be here.

This year will mark an epoch in State League work as the assembly plan will be given its first trial. Every loyal Leaguer in the State should plan to attend the State meeting wherever held and assist in making the first session of the State Assembly a success.

Just at the present time the State organization is without a Secretary. Brother Ragsdale having resigned some months ago. There was strong pressure brought to bear on President Halsell to appoint a Field Secretary to fill out the unexpired term, but he wisely decided, that under the San Antonio resolutions he was without authority to take such a step. Personally we favor a Field Secretary and hope to see the day when Texas may have one, but with all due respect to those of our brethren who think one should be appointed now, we think Brother Halsell's course in not appointing one eminently proper, and we endorse his action. It is very likely a Secretary will be appointed at the Gainesville meeting on the 23d, but the appointment will be on the usual basis.

Indications point very strongly to a State Prohibition election, or to the making of the prohibition question a leading factor in the coming Democratic election. Our Epworth League Conferences have at almost every session passed lengthy and strong resolutions against the liquor traffic. Out of the 30,000 members of the Epworth League in Texas there ought to be at least 10,000 voters. It ought to be said that every one of these 10,000 votes were cast in favor of prohibition. The time has come to show our faith in our resolutions. G. W. T.

#### A DEFINITE OBJECT.

Perhaps the reason why more is not accomplished in all our Church work, and especially in the League department, is a lack of a definite object before the workers.

It must be evident to every one that whatever has been accomplished of permanent value has come as the fruit of long, arduous labor for the definite thing. True, when brought to full fruition, the result may be vastly different from the worker's original idea,

but at the beginning there was something definite in mind and at every step in the work something positive was ever the object of his pointed struggles.

Haphazard work results in destruction of interest, waste of energy, dwarfing of character, softening of the mental powers, and brings little if any good to pass.

If each officer or each department of League work would undertake something definite, the work would be much more interesting and the results far more satisfactory. We have in mind a League that proposed some missionary work. For one year they brought the question of missions steadily to the attention of the Leaguers. What were the results? This much we could see: 1. An idea of missions. 2. The development of a sympathy for and the destruction of a prejudice against missions. 3. They raised \$3.12 for missions.

Do you say that is little? Yes, but it is something.

We know another League that proposed some literary work. During the year they held what they were pleased to call four literary meetings. Results? Some knowledge of the life of John Wesley; a knowledge of Wesley's hymns; a study of Sidney Lanier, and a knowledge of current issues. Little? But it was something, and all because a definite matter was undertaken.

In each of the above mentioned Leagues it was a great pleasure to note that kindred work thereafter undertaken was broader, deeper and of decidedly more character.

What is your department of work? If you would have it succeed put yourself into it and decide what you would accomplish. Then procure all the reading matter bearing on your work, you can possibly own or borrow, and study it thoroughly. Having a definite object to work for, original plans will take shape in your mind, and you must always work your plans, for with these you can better succeed than with others. Don't become discouraged or cease to study, plan and labor when seeming failure meets you. Success comes to the patient, loyal and faithful.

Will we not be undertakers of something definite this year?

T. F. SESSIONS.

**MEETING OF LEAGUE OFFICIALS.**  
To Be Held at Broadway Church Jan. 23d and 24th.

The State of Texas and the North Texas League officials will be the guests of Broadway League on the 23d and 24th. Among the prominent persons present will be Messrs. G. W. Thomasson, of Van Alstyne; H. H. Halsell, of Decatur; Prof. P. W. Horn, of Sherman, and Doggett, of McKinney; Misses Julia Mae Langley, of Denton; Clara Woods, of Van Alstyne, and Jennie Shands, of Forney. All the State officers, all the North Texas Cabinet, and all the district officers are invited and expected to be on hand. Broadway will bestir herself. These officers are coming to discuss the time for the North Texas League Conference which meets with Broadway this year, and the North Texas Cabinet will make a program for that session. On Saturday night, January 23, Broadway League will give a rousing reception to these officials and all the Leaguers in the city. Prepare yourselves for a great time. On Sunday afternoon, at Denton Street at 3 p. m., prominent officials will hold a big Junior rally. Broadway Juniors and Seniors will attend in a solid body, starting from the Church. At 7:15 State and conference officials will hold a rousing Senior League mass-meeting at Broadway. The Denton Street Seniors and Juniors will attend, the former taking part in this mass-meeting. Don't forget the time—January 23 and 24. Be sure to send your name to the pastor, J. M. Nichols, Gainesville, Texas. You will be cordially received.

#### JUNIOR WORK.

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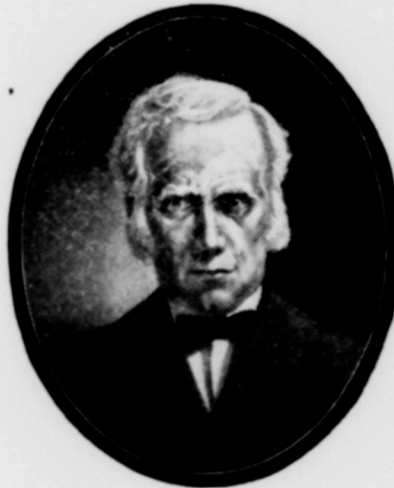
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### PILGRIMAGE TO THE ORIENT.

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It is proposed to sail from Port Said at 8 p. m. Wednesday evening.

March 31—(Thursday). Steamer calls at Jaffa.

April 1—(Friday). Expect to arrive at Beyrout, the principal city in Syria, and a large town with a population exceeding 100,000, delightfully situated at the foot of Mt. Lebanon on the Bay of St. George.

April 2 and 3—(Saturday and Sunday). At Beyrout; the American College is famous the world over. Time will be devoted to the bazaars of the glorious surroundings of Beyrout. If the weather is favorable carriages will be furnished for a drive as far as Dog River.

April 4—(Monday). At the appointed time proceed by train over Mt. Lebanon, thence by carriage to Baalbec.

April 5—(Tuesday). Returning by carriage to the depot at Muallak, the train will be taken again for the journey to Damascus.

April 6—(Wednesday). Damascus. Carriages will be furnished for a half day's drive to distant points of interest in Damascus, one of the most interesting cities of the ancient world.

April 7—(Thursday). Damascus. Rambles will be taken over the bazaars, abounding in novel Oriental curiosities, and visits will be made to the street called "Straight," the House of Judas, the House of Ananias, site of the Mosque, etc.

April 8—(Friday). On this morning the camping tour will be commenced. Any surplus baggage not required should be left at Jaffa on the way to Beyrout, in charge of the representative of R. H. Crunden & Co. in order that only indispensable baggage be carried by the mules through the interior tour.

Starting the early morning after breakfast the party will proceed to Artus, the scene of the conversion of St. Paul, thence continuing via Keft-Hauwar, the home of Nimrod the Mighty Hunter; the Pharpar is crossed and Mt. Hermon ascended to the camping ground at Mejdal.

April 9—(Saturday). Early morning start and the party will proceed to Banias, Caesarea-Philippi and the source of the river Jordan, then to the Hill of Dan, another source of the Jordan for luncheon, continuing in the afternoon to the Waters of Merom, camping at Ain-el-Mullahah, or, if time permits, to Jibyusef.

April 10—(Sunday). Short ride in the morning to the shores of the Lake of Galilee, resting for the day at Bethsaida. Religious services will be conducted on the shores of the Sea of Galilee by Rev. George S. Sexton, Rev. Dr. Rankin and other prominent ministers.

April 11—(Monday). Via Magdala to Tiberias.

N. B.—If fisher boats should be available the party will be carried from Bethsaida to Tiberias by boat.

April 12—(Tuesday). Across the Crusader Battlefields and the Horns of Hattan, passing Cana of Galilee, the home of the Prophet Jonah, reaching Nazareth for luncheon; the remainder of the day being available for the city of the Savior's youth, the Greek Church, the Latin Church, the Church of the Annunciation, the Workshop of Joseph, site of the Synagogue, will receive attention. Enterprising members of the party may possibly care to climb the hill at the back of the town for the glorious view of Galilee and Ephraim.

April 13—(Wednesday). Descending the hill and crossing the Kishon, the party will proceed to Nain. Gentlemen may go around via Endor, on giving notice to the dragoman, thence proceeding to Shunem. Gideon's Fountain, Jezreel, over the Spurs of Gilboa to Jenin, the ancient Engannin referred to in the Book of Joshua.

April 14—(Thursday). Over the Plains of Dothan and passing the mound referred to by Elisha, the route is now over the hills of Ephraim to Samaria, where lunch will be taken and time devoted to visiting the Old Crusader Church and the remains of the Colonnade of Herod, the gates of Samaria, etc. Descending to Shechem where the camp will be pitched for the night.

During the stay in Shechem arrangements will be made to visit the Synagogue of the Samaritans which contains the Pentateuch claiming an antiquity of 2,500 years, said to have been written by Abishuah, the great grandson of Aaron.

April 15—(Friday). Some of the party, good riders, may cross Gerezim, from the summit of which there is a glorious view over the country beyond Jordan. Time may be spent in inspecting the remains of the ancient Samaritan Temple, and the points connected with the annual Passover festival of the Samaritans. Continuing later to Shiloh, where the land was divided.

It is proposed to camp at Sinjil on the top of the mountain commanding the glorious view from the Mediterranean to Mt. Hermon.

April 16—(Saturday). The movements beyond Sinjil will be arranged by the dragoman in the best interest of the party, in view of the desire to camp on the slopes of Olivet during the days of the World's Sunday-school Convention at Jerusalem.

April 16, Saturday, may be spent in the journey to Bethel, and Sunday may be spent at Bethel; or, the party may continue on to the Holy City.

April 17—(Sunday). Day of rest

omitted, as far as may be practicable.

April 22 to 24—(Friday to Wednesday). After spending a few days in the Holy City the tour will be continued to the Wilderness, the Jordan Valley, Solomon's Pools, Bethlehem and Hebron.

While, on the one hand, the pony riding will be found to have its charms and grow increasingly popular, day by day, it has been thought that a



HIEROGLYPHICS, EGYPTIAN TEMPLE.

ther at Bethel or outside Jerusalem.

April 18 to 21—(Monday to Thursday). These days will be available for Jerusalem and vicinity. No time could have been chosen more auspicious for a visit to the Holy City. The World's Sunday-school Convention, bringing as it will travelers from many lands, will afford an opportunity for mingling with others with a common object, becoming acquainted with prominent and distinguished travelers, orators, divines and others from the New and Old World alike. It is hoped and believed that the stay in and around the Holy City will be healthful to all who are privileged to partake, and will leave a lasting impression on the minds and lives of all interested.

During the stay at Mount Moriah and the substructions of the Temple platform; the Mosque of Omar; the valleys and pools; the Tombs in the

plan to afford an opportunity for members of the party to go by carriage to Jericho and Bethlehem would be wise. The manager of the party will therefore arrange this matter with the dragoman, and thus ladies and others who may, for any reason prefer to drive, on giving notice may do so. It is expected, however, that the luxury of the camp outfit, and the healthful and invigorating exercises of the pony riding in the spring months, will prove extremely popular.

At the appointed time on April 27, Wednesday, the journey will be continued and the party will proceed by train to Jaffa.

April 28—(Thursday). It is proposed to embark for Asia Minor at the appointed time.

April 29 to May 4—(Friday to Wednesday). During these days the party will proceed from Syria under the



STREET IN VENICE.

Valley of Jehosaphat; the Mount of Olives and Mount Zion; Mount Acra and Mount Bezetha will receive attention. The Holy Sepulchre will be explored carefully as far as possible under efficient guidance. The place of the Last Supper, the Tombs of David and Solomon; the Tombs of the Kings and the Tomb of the Virgin Mary will claim attention. A special visit will be paid to the Garden of Gethsemane; no point of prominent Biblical interest be-

Coast of Asia Minor, with distant views of the snow-capped Cilician, Taurus and Caraminian Mountains, threading their way through the Isles of Greece to Smyrna. Some of the steamers call at Cyprus and Rhodes and some at Mersina and Tripoli. The party is expected to arrive on the early morning of Wednesday.

During the stay at Ephesus it is proposed to make an inland excursion to the remains of ancient Ephesus; the

Bazaars of Smyrna are very interesting; Polycarp, the disciple of St. John, is buried at Smyrna.

Leaving by evening boat the next stage of the tour is commenced, and on

May 5—(Thursday) the party will arrive at Piraeus and Athens, staying at the Grand Hotel or Hotel des Etrangers, delightfully situated in the center of the city on Constitution Square.

May 6 to 11—(Friday to Wednesday). The Acropolis, with its many points of interest, the Parthenon, Erechtheum, Temple of Bacchus, Theatre of Bacchus, the Comic Theatre, Odson of Herodes Atticus, the lantern of Diogenes and the Temple of Thesus are only a few of the points of interest. The party will visit the Archaeological Museum, the Tower of the Winds, etc. Half a day will be spent in a trip to Eleusis, and time devoted to explore the remains of the Temple of Ceres, associated with the Eleusinian Mysteries. If the weather is favorable an excursion will be planned and the Plains of Marathon will be visited.

May 11—(Wednesday). By early morning train proceed to Corinth, continuing to Patros where the steamer is taken for Italy.

May 12—(Thursday). Some hours will be spent at the Island of Corfu, and while the steamer is taking on freight any members of the party who desire may land and ramble over the city of Corfu, the most interesting of the Ionian Islands.

May 13—(Friday). The party will proceed from Brindisi to Rome.

Note.—If, owing to any change in steamer sailing, the party should have left Naples before the planned date and returned to Brindisi earlier, the journey to Rome would be broken at Naples, and any unvisited sights receive attention.

May 14 to 22—(Saturday to Sunday). In Rome.

Carriages will be furnished on three days to many and varied points of interest and antiquity. It is impossible within the limits of this program to mention all that will come under review, but the list which follows hereunder has been planned as incorporating into a round of three days' drives practically all the more prominent features in the Eternal City and environs.

It will be observed that two days are devoted to Rome and one to the Applan Way excursion. As the program of the Texas Christian Advocate party has been planned for several days in Rome, it will be found that all the more prominent points of interest and antiquity will be visited without fatigue.

May 23—(Monday). Proceed to Florence, the Queen of the Fair Cities.

May 24 to 26—(Tuesday to Thursday). In Florence. On one of these days carriages will be furnished for three hours for a drive to the environs, including the Cascine and the Route of the Hills, the Art Galleries, the Cathedral, and the Pitti Palace, and the principal churches are within a few minutes' walk of the hotel.

Few towns can vie with Florence and the wealth of interest available to the traveler with the minimum of effort.

May 27—(Friday). Through the Apennines to Venice.

May 28 and 29—(Saturday and Sunday). These days will be spent in Venice. Gondolas will be furnished for three hours and the Grand Canal will come under review. Visits will be paid to the Cathedral of St. Mark, the Doges Palace, the Academy, the Royal Palace, the so-called Westminster Abbey of Venice, the Church of St. John and St. Paul. Few towns can compare with Venice as a resting place for the Sabbath day.

May 30—(Monday). Proceed via Verona to Milan, which is reached in the early afternoon. The principal feature of interest is the Cathedral. The view from the roof well repays the effort. In clear weather the snow-capped chain of Mont Blanc (nearly a hundred miles distant) is clearly seen.

A pleasant hour will be spent driving through the principal streets. After dinner the gallery of Victor Emanuel may be visited. This brilliantly lighted arcade teems with Malanese life, promenade to the strains of martial music.

May 31—(Tuesday). By the route of St. Gothard, skirting the shores of the Lakes of Fluelen and Lucerne and by mountain railway to the summit of the Righi, where the night will be spent in the midst of the most imposing surroundings, and thus the party will have an opportunity of viewing the beautiful effects of a sunrise and sunset on the snow-clad Alps. The view from the summit embraces a panorama of 120 miles of snow mountains, taking in no less than thirteen lakes which lie 6000 feet below the spectator, like so many glistening jewels set in green.

June 1—(Wednesday). By early morning train to Vitznau for the short boat ride over the beautiful Lake of Lucerne to Lucerne.

June 2 to 7—(Thursday to Tuesday). Proceed to Paris direct for a stay of

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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, 170 Masten Street, Dallas, Texas.

Memorial exercises were held by the auxiliary W. F. M. Society of the First Methodist Church of Dallas on Saturday afternoon, the 8th inst., in honor of Mrs. W. C. Young, who had been called to her heavenly home the preceding month. The exercises were conducted by Mrs. N. A. Searey, District Secretary of Dallas District, at the home of Mrs. H. A. Dickerson, when loving words were spoken by the members regarding the departed sister, whose memory had left behind the fragrance of a life spent in the service of her Savior whom she adored. Sweet and appropriate songs were sung, and a tribute especially prepared for the occasion was read by Mrs. Homer Price, a tender and loving testimonial to the noble life and character of the ascended one. This testimonial so fitting and appropriate will appear in the Advocate soon, with the sketch prepared by Dr. H. A. Bourland, the former pastor and valued friend of the deceased.

Mrs. J. G. Fry, 181 Live Oak Street, has been appointed Superintendent of Supplies of W. H. M. Society, North Texas Conference, to fill the vacancy caused by the death of Mrs. W. C. Young, the appointment having been made by Mrs. L. H. Potts, President of the Conference Society.

UNION MEETING.

All the auxiliaries of the Woman's Home Mission Society of Dallas District and the pastors of the Methodist Churches are invited to meet at the Oak Cliff Methodist Church Tuesday, Jan. 26. An interesting program commences at 1 p. m. Settlement Home work, Miss Haskin and Mrs. Thruston; Virginia K. Johnston Scholarship, by Mrs. Crow; Calendar Plan, Mrs. Potts; Rescue work, Mrs. Stone; Music and a Question Box, closing with a tribute of love to Mrs. W. C. Young, led by Mrs. Rankin.

MRS. HAUGHTON, MRS. WILL HENRY, MRS. TONGUE, MRS. FRY, Committee.

A NOTE OF THANKS.

We, the members of the Woman's Home Mission Society of Annona, Texas, take this method of expressing our thanks to the town and vicinity for their generous patronage of the Bazaar which was opened on Dec. 23 and 24. And we wish to thank Mr. Rust, especially, for the use of his house and the many favors shown in helping to arrange for our convenience and for the accommodation of our patrons.

In spite of the inclemency of the weather, the snug sum of \$31 was taken in. MRS. G. M. CONNELL, Sec'y.

W. F. M. SOCIETY N. W. TEXAS CONFERENCE.

"The Lord bless thee and keep thee, the Lord make his face to shine upon thee, and be gracious unto thee; the Lord lift up his countenance upon thee, and give thee peace."—Numbers 8:24-26.

A bit of Christmas holiday and visit to loved ones has delayed the December report. For the latter I ask your indulgence. We are devoutly thankful for the evidences of good work done during the quarter—one of the best being your very prompt reports. Only three adult auxiliaries—West, Lorena and Mexia—failed to report at all. Corsicana reported too late to be included. Of Juvenile Societies no reports came from Couts' Memorial, Georgetown and Temple. It is possible that some report was made to

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the Conference Treasurer, but that does not suffice for my report.

Take warning for the March report, the fourth quarter, and be in full and on time. Some culling has been necessary; the vine must be pruned and the dead branches taken away.

Adult auxiliaries, 42; adult members, 925; members added, 84; young people and juvenile societies, 21; members, 652; organized during the quarter, 1; members added, 43; total membership, 1577; life members, 53; honorary life members, 2; scholarships supported, 11; Bible women supported, 5; day schools supported, 1; subscribers to Advocate, 361; to Little Worker, 229.

The new Bible woman is Cordelia Willis, supported by the auxiliary of the First Church, Weatherford. Four new scholarships—"Lana Gordon," in Piracicaba, Brazil, supported by Granbury Auxiliary; "Mary Francis Bareus," in Saltillo, Mex., by Stanford Auxiliary; "Tennie Massie," in Piracicaba, Brazil, and "Ella Bales," in Songdo, Korea, supported by the Sunday-school of First Church, Fort Worth. The one new juvenile society organized reports from Missouri Avenue, Fort Worth, and under the able leadership of Mrs. S. C. Follin they move to the front, having already almost doubled their membership at organization. Mrs. Harper, your Conference Treasurer, writes me that the amounts received for contingent, Isabella Hendrix School and Training School Scholarship were very disappointing.

The last item demands immediate attention. Already the second payment of \$75 is past due. You will be glad to have some word from our Miss Manns. It is due you and her that I say she sent me an article for publication just after conference, adding: "If you prefer, I will send you something about Thanksgiving at the Training School." In my eagerness for the last named article I delayed sending the first for print until it was too late and Miss Mann's school work delayed the intended article. We are doubly pleased to have this from her. We regret her recent sickness, but the charms of Scarritt Hospital are irresistible and we may find her a willing victim. She has been faithful to keep me in touch with and knowledge of her school and personal work, and we rejoice in her successes. She has our prayers and blessings for the new year. Have you ordered the prayer calendar for 1904? They are splendid and may I beg you to follow in these days of prayer. Take the reading course. It will help to increase and stimulate the missionary spirit of your women.

With many of you, realizing that only one quarter of the fiscal year remains, comes a great rush, a feeling of uncertainty, hoping to collect in full. This over, you naturally give a sigh of relief, fold your hands to take a well earned rest, only to repeat the same another year. Let me quote the North Georgia Conference Corresponding Secretary on this subject: "If we could only overcome the bad habit of collecting the most of this money during the last quarter, we could claim progress and improvement on a very important question. This lesson of regular and systematic giving seems hard to learn. We have said and written enough on this one subject to fill a book, and yet the fault is not corrected, and our General Treasurer can not meet the quarterly claims from the mission fields because so many think one time will do as well as another to make their collections. Surely they would not think of it so lightly if they would remember that our brave, patient missionaries are the sufferers by this neglect to meet all our obligations quarterly."

Give your best efforts to the closing of the year, remembering, too, that March reports are the reports for the annual meeting in June. See that all reports tally for this time. Do not encroach on items for the June reports—close up with March. Get ready for Corsicana, 1904.

The kind and thoughtful remembrances for the new year are indeed gratifying. We pray for you all enlarged gifts and great peace. God trusts those of his children who have committed themselves to the highest and best things.

MRS. W. F. BARNUM, Cor. Sec'y Conf. Society, Fort Worth, Texas.

FROM WACO DISTRICT.

In a note, received today, from Mrs. Nelson, Secretary of the W. F. M. Society in Waco District, she says: "Can't you have something from your auxiliary for our Woman's Department of Texas Advocate next week? If not that, anything you may desire."

Since the division of Stanford Auxiliary last year, in organizing the Hewitt Society, the membership is small. For several months just past, the President and Treasurer have been away from home and during their absence the monthly meetings were not held regularly. Most of our members are very busy with home and children, and it requires a good deal of effort and

determination to attend the meetings. But we are not dead, nor entirely asleep, for to-day at the meeting there was good attendance, and a unanimous expression that everything must be paid up in full by the last of February, when the fiscal year closes.

I wish that every society in the conference would take for a watchword during this last quarter, "Everything paid up in full." With this desire realized, how interesting reports would be when we come together in our next annual meeting! Every heart would rejoice and the blessings of heaven would rest upon us. "For whosoever hath to him shall be given, and he shall have more abundance."

I am back at home again, after my extended visit in New York. My stay there was delightful indeed, but I am glad to be here once more, and am ready to take up my regular routine of duties, and hope to give more efficient service in our missionary society.

The various Churches in New York City are doing large things in the way of home missions. One of the most important and far-reaching enterprises of that kind is known as the "Five Points Mission." It is managed and carried on by ladies from all the Methodist Churches of the city—was started by a small band of women fifty-eight years ago. Its object is to employ missionaries to labor among the poor; to maintain a school for their education; to provide them with food and clothing, and to perform other acts of charity and benevolence. In the school, during the past year, were enrolled more than a thousand children, with an average attendance of 650, and to these dinner was served every day. On Thanksgiving Day, it was my privilege, in company with others, to visit the mission and see the thousand and more children enjoying a bountiful dinner. The long tables were beautifully decorated and loaded with all sorts of good things. Beside each plate lay a colored bag of generous size, and at the close of the meal, the bags were filled with candy, fruit and nuts, and one given to each child. The happiness expressed on faces, more accustomed to poverty than plenty, was enough to cause one to remember it for many a day.

Near by this mission, in the same locality, known as Five Points, where are to be found people of almost every nation, the lowest and poorest, is another institution called "The House of Industry." This is a home for homeless children, and with it industrial schools for children and women. Here, in the afternoon on Thanksgiving Day, we listened to a program of songs, recitations and drills, by the children—exercises that would have been creditable in any school. From noon until 8 o'clock in the evening at that House the poor were fed—hundreds of children and a thousand men.

These missions that I have mentioned are only two among the hundreds in the great city. To carry them on requires much labor and sacrifice, but reward will come when the Master's voice shall say: "Inasmuch as ye have done it unto one of the least of these, ye have done it unto me."

I attended service one Sunday at old John Street Church, the first Methodist Church built in America. The present building is the third one that has been erected on the same spot where, in 1768, the first house of worship was built, after much sacrifice and heroic faith on the part of Barbara Heck, Philip Embury and others. Embury, a carpenter by trade, did much of the work himself, and in the Sunday-school room of the present house is the same altar railing, made by him, for the first house. Other interesting relics there may be seen—the Wesley Clock, sent over here by John Wesley to the early Methodists. It gave the time of day to Coke and Asbury, and is still a reliable time-piece. The first pulpit, the old circulating library, Bishop Asbury's chair, historical engravings and a number of memorial tablets. It is an interesting place to every Methodist. On that same spot for 135 years the gospel has been preached without a break.

If the editor will excuse me this time, I promise not to intrude at such length again very soon. In my "Notes" a few weeks ago, the printer had me speak of the grand "orations" rendered each Sunday in the Churches of New York, when I was telling of the fine music enjoyed. Of course I had it "oratorios." In December I heard "The Messiah," by Handel, a great musical composition founded upon the story of Christ, beginning with prophecies concerning him, then taking up the scenes of his advent, his life, his death, his resurrection and ascension, closing with a grand hallelujah chorus. The whole wonderful event was represented in song by solos, duets, quartets and large choruses, accompanied by pipe organ and orchestra, the entire piece requiring nearly three hours for its rendering. I never heard music like that before, and to me it was thrilling indeed. But I must stop.

It will be only a short while now until we meet at Corsicana for the annual gathering of our foreign missionary societies. Let us talk of the meet-

ing, pray for it and plan to be there with full reports and ready for a good time. MARY E. BULLOCK.

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(A letter from G. S. Sexton written on his former trip abroad.)

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Dante, also Galileo and Macchiavelli, gave high caste to its literature and intellectual life.

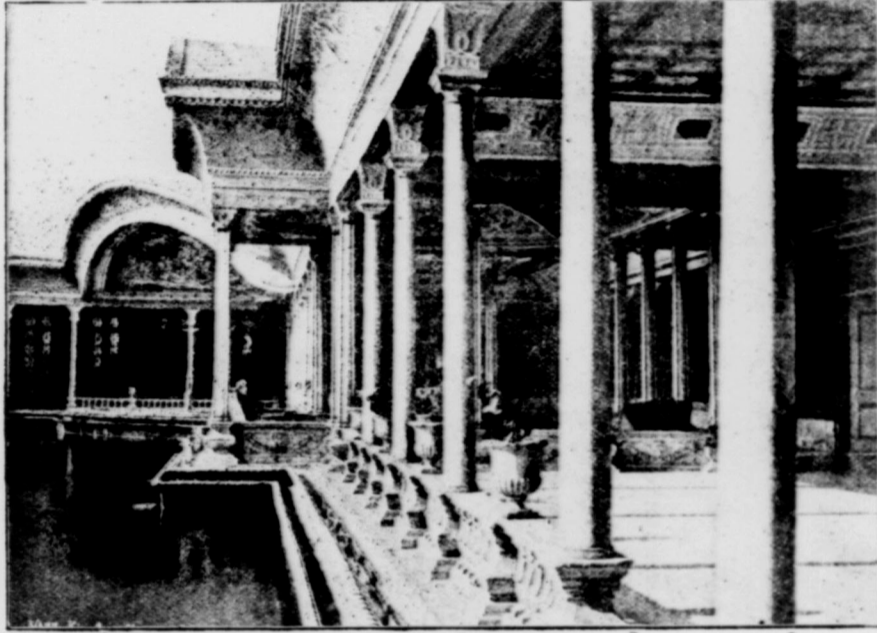
Our first visit was to the great Cathedral and Baptistry. We had special interest in the visit to the Cathedral, because it is here that Savonarola preached his sermons which can be properly styled "the very beginning of the Reformation." The Cathedral is one of the most beautiful in all Italy. Begun in 1298, it was dedicated in 1447, but was in reality not finished until early in the eighteenth century. It is in the shape of a Latin cross and, as the other churches, its main feature is a great dome, the planning of which required a meeting of the leading architects of Italy, some fifteen in number, who developed the plans for its completion, and the dome

uating his name in history as one of the greatest and noblest characters that ever lived. In the same Piazza stands the beautiful equestrian statue of Casimo the First, also Florence's great fountain of Neptune, erected in 1571. Old Neptune is entirely too large for the other figures. The four Sea Goddesses with their Tritons and horses hitched to the car, all presenting a beautifully animated appearance, stand in great contrast to the rough, rugged figure of Old Neptune.

At the entrance to one of the palaces, called the Loggia Die Lanzi, several pieces of the finest sculpture of Florence are placed. Those worthy of mention are the representation of The Rape of the Sabines, by Giambologna, done in 1583, and Perseus with the Medusa Head, by Cellini. We also

prominent places. In the Pitti Gallery is a very beautiful picture representing Mary Magdalene, by Tiziano, and also one by Guido Reni of Cleopatra. An old bachelor of our party remarked while beholding this painting, that if Cleopatra was as beautiful as the picture represents her to be, Old Mark Antony was somewhat excusable for making such a fool of himself.

In the Gallery of Ancient and Modern Arts are a number of masterpieces of sculpture and paintings of very great merit, the most important of which is David, by Michael Angelo—the world's greatest piece of sculpture. It is the work of a mere boy, for he was but a student at the time of the sculpturing. The story connected with it is quite interesting. Michael Angelo's teacher ordered him to produce



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Some idea of the extent of the sight-seeing will be gathered from the following partial list: Westminster Abbey, Thames Embankment, National Gallery, Tate Gallery, Wallace Collection, British Museum, Hyde Park, Kensington Gardens, Albert Memorial, Albert Hall, Oxford Street, the Bank, Mansion House, Royal Exchange, St. Paul's Cathedral, Guild Hall Museum, Tower of London, Kew Gardens will be visited; also City Road Chapel, Bun

the Alpine Mountains in a beautiful valley noted for its growth of lilies and many other rare flowers. It claims not age as some other cities, dating back only to the first century before Christ, yet it is thoroughly identified with the history of Italy. From 1865 to 1870 it was the capital of the United Kingdom, but when Rome was taken possession of and the civil power of the Pope taken from him, the capital was moved from Florence to Rome. It is now a city of about 190,000. As of old, so now, Florence is noted for its culture and modern literature and art. Here are stored amazing treasures of art and reminiscences of a great history perpetuated by magnificent monuments. These things, with the delightful environs of Florence, make it a place especially desired to be visited by tourists, and one which they are loath to leave. From Fiesole, an elevation overlooking the city from the east, one has a magnificent view of the city's towers and domes, with the golden background of a Western sky which makes the whole look like a paradise. Each street in Florence contains a world of art, and one speaking of the

is now the pride of the Florentines. The Baptistry in appearance, both outside and in, is somewhat like an old heathen temple, and also dates back to the twelfth century. The great doors of this building are of bronze. The bas-relief work in different panels illustrate the history of the Old Testament from creation down to Mount Sinai. Quite a good deal of fun was furnished the crowd at the expense of our guide, when pointing to the bas-relief work represented the offering of Isaac by Abraham he said: "Here, gentlemen, is Noah offering his son Isaac." In this Baptistry all the children of Florence receive baptism. At no other church or chapel is any one allowed to be christened. Great in its paintings and the decorations of its various altars, it would require a letter a great deal longer than this to describe it in all of its beauty.

Our next visit is to the Piazza Signoria, called the Florentine Forum, because it was here that the Tribunal met composed of six foreign lawyers and six of Florence, before whom were brought questions, not only relating to National affairs, but to International as well. On the 23d day of May, 1498,

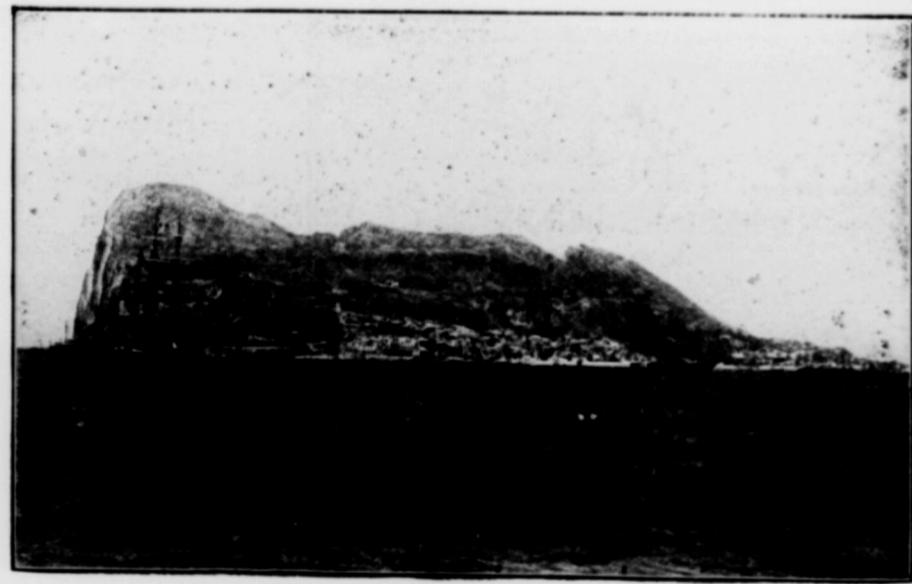
took in the Church of the Santa Croce, which is justly called the Westminster of Florence. Here are buried many of the great men of Florence and Italy. Magnificent monuments have been erected to their memory. Among those that we remember are Dante, Galileo, Donatello, Garibaldi and Macchiavelli, and a bronze slab to Savonarola, with many others too numerous to mention. This Church, like the others, is also in the form of a Latin cross.

The galleries visited were The Pitti, Uffizi and Ancient and Modern Arts. The first two mentioned are connected by a covered bridge-way, both walls of which are lined with the finest paintings, and, in fact, no gallery in all Europe contains more of the masterpieces than the Pitti and the Uffizi. The buildings which are used for the art gallery were formerly a palace, one of the greatest in the world, and the very finest that money and skill could erect in the days of the Medici. Many of the paintings are beautiful, indeed. While we did not look through the eye of a trained artist, the Virgin of the Goldfinch, by Rafael, was declared to be worthy of special men-

this David with given proportions out of a piece of marble which he himself had selected. The marble had been rejected by other sculptors and so, not only was Michael Angelo's subject selected for him, but it must be wrought out of a piece of marble which was considered worthless and rejected by others. It but calls our attention to life as it really is; for as Michael Angelo out of a rejected piece of marble produced one of the world's greatest pieces of sculpture, so can any man, who is willing to try, take that which was rejected by those who have gone before him, and carve for himself a name and character that shall bless the world and live when he is dead. It is worth the cost of a trip to Italy to have the pleasure of sitting down in front of this magnificent masterpiece and study it in all of its scope and grand expression. The face has a look of determined scorn, representing David as he is getting ready to throw the stone at Goliath. The brow is deeply knit, the lips pressed together, a magnificent poise, the fire of nobility seems to flash from the eye, while the noblest impulses direct him. As one sits and



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city says, "that it is the richest gem in the diadem with which the Italian people have adorned the world." The citizens of Florence are distinguishable from the other people of Italy, both in dress and manners; and as in the days of the Medici, so now, the wealthy people of the city have employed their great treasures for the benefit of art and science. It has had connected with it some of the greatest men of history. Michael Angelo wrought here, and during one of the wars in which Florence was engaged against the other provinces of Italy, before the days of the United Kingdom, he became known as a civil engineer, planning the defense of the city.

Savonarola was burned in this square under the charge of being a religious heretic. Near by is the palace, the second floor of which is a great hall, where Savonarola preached twice of three times setting forth his position before the court that tried him, and in this hall all the leading documents and things concerning his trial were read. There now stands in the hall a fine statue of Savonarola commemorating the man and illustrating the changeableness of human nature. The very Church and people who condemned him to die and set on fire the faggots lying at his feet, have erected this great monument and inscribed his name on tablet and tower, perpet-

tion. It represents Mary and Jesus with Saint John. In John's hand there is a little bird, and the child Jesus is gently playing with it. The background represents a very natural scene in Palestine, rich in color; one never tires looking at it. The Flight into Egypt, by Correggio, and the Holy Family, by Michael Angelo, also the Holy Virgin, by the same artist, attracted a great deal of attention, and my note book says of the painting last mentioned, "surpassingly beautiful." Most of the pictures are religious in their nature; however, many phases of human life are represented by the various painters. The works of Van Dyke, Reubens and Guido Reni occupy

looks at this piece of cold stone, one can imagine that he sees the very quivering of a muscle, the throbbing of the heart, as with great desire and expectancy he stands ready to make the fatal throw.

Whatever may be said of Michael Angelo as a man, in him was a noble heart, and in life he saw its highest and noblest ideals, for a man possessing anything less than these could not have imparted so great a character to a piece of marble.

One of the most delightful things in our visit was a carriage ride up to Fiesole, mentioned above, from which such a magnificent view of Florence is had. The very road which we trav-

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eled making the ascent was the result of the engineering skill of Michael Angelo, and, like a spiral stairway, climbs the mountain side passing many magnificent palaces; the guide pointing out one in which Queen Victoria slept on her visit to Florence. At the top of the mountain are the remains of an old Roman theatre, and the barracks where once encamped the noble Roman Legion who selected this place for its fine view of the surrounding country so that the approach of an enemy might be readily discovered.

Our stay in Florence was short, being only three days and nights. No visit to other cities gave us more pleasure than to this one, and after driving through its parks and under many triumphal arches and around historic monuments, we took our leave for Venice, the Bride of the Adriatic and the fairyland of the world.

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**McABEE.**—Mrs. Lula Frances McAbee was born in Georgia in 1867; died Nov. 27, 1903, and was buried in the Peoria Cemetery. She had been a member of the Methodist Church for a number of years and died in the faith of the Son of God. She leaves a husband and six children in bereavement to weep. May they trust Him who leads with unseen hands and the way will get brighter and brighter to the perfect day.

MAC M. SMITH, P. C.

**SMITH.**—Sister Militia Smith was born in Mississippi June 6, 1859; died at Rodgers, Tex. Oct. 27, 1903. She was married to W. H. Smith Oct. 9, 1879. To them were born two children, who, with their father, still live to mourn the loss of a devoted mother and faithful wife. She was converted and joined the M. E. Church, South, early in life, and lived a consistent Christian until the day of her death. Let her many friends here at Rodgers and at Milano, Texas, where she lived for many years, pray for her heart-broken husband and children. Our loss is her gain. We will meet her again.

C. E. GALLAGHER.

**BROWN.**—Dr. J. W. Brown was born in Birmingham, Ala., May 20, 1847. He was a son of Bro. Isaac Brown, a local preacher of the M. E. Church, South. Though converted in young manhood, he never joined the Church until 1889, while living at Bailey, Texas. March 13, 1883, he was married to Miss M. A. Biggerstaff, who, with two children, Winnie and Jewel, survive him. One little girl preceded him to the home beyond. He has a brother in the ministry of the M. E. Church, South, in Alabama. Oct. 7, 1903, at Bailey, Texas, surrounded by friends and loved ones, he left us for the life above. The funeral was conducted by Revs. Bayless, Bloodworth and Webb, and by the Odd Fellows, a great crowd attending. Dr. Brown was a warm friend of the preachers, all of whom held him in high esteem. He loved the Church devotedly, and stood by it with his means. A big-hearted, high-minded man, he possessed many good qualities that endeared him to the community. As a practicing physician he had few equals in his section of the country. The physicians, as well as the people, learned to rely much on his judgment in a case. The Church, the community and the medical fraternity will miss Dr. Brown. The writer feels a great personal loss. We pray God's blessings on Sister Brown, Winnie and Jewel. May our blessed Lord verify to them his promises to be a husband to the widow and a father to the fatherless.

ATTICUS WEBB.

**SHEGOG.**—Dr. Jas. M. Shegog was born in North Carolina March 2, 1827. He came to Texas with his parents in 1860. He was married to Miss Nannie C. Dixon in Navarro County, Texas, Oct. 11, 1861. He was converted in Burnam, Ellis County, Texas, under the ministry of his pastor, Rev. T. W. Hines, June, 1871, and joined the Methodist Episcopal Church, South. For many years he lived in Ennis, where he died in great peace Dec. 30, 1903. He was an invalid for several years before his death, and bore his afflictions with remarkable patience to the last. He was anxious to live and be a comfort to his faithful companion, but had an abiding faith in Jesus, and his saved relations to him. He was greatly beloved. He had been indeed a

kind physician. White and black bore testimony to his goodness of heart. He was a trustee in our Church and loved her services, though kept away by the peculiarity of his afflictions. He was an educated, refined gentleman of the old school; an up-to-date reader and thinker. He was retired in his manner, gentle as a woman in spirit. He was drawn to his beloved companion with a deeply touching tenderness as the time of his departure drew near. For more than forty-two years they had journeyed together in mutual love and sympathy; no wonder that the home going was amid the snapping of heart strings. His kindred ones lay very near his heart, and all will miss him here. But in a few brief years all will be joined again. Jesus will be the central figure in that grand scene of eternal joy and blessedness. Until that glorious change let us all stand in our lot. Heaven's blessing on the bereaved.

T. J. DUNCAN.

**BROWN.**—Wm. Ernest Brown, son of Brother and Sister I. D. Brown, of Lake Creek, Texas, was born Aug. 29, 1884; professed religion and joined the M. E. Church, South, in 1899, and died Nov. 28, 1901. He was a good boy, dutiful and obedient to his parents, and affectionate to the younger children. Reared by godly parents, he learned early to love the Church, and was always in his place in the Sunday-school. Just entering what promised to be a useful and happy life, he sickened and died. Our Father knows best. One by one in the sweet-by-and-by the family may join him on the other shore to live with God and the angels forever more. MRS. J. N. HUNTER, Lake Creek, Texas.

**JETTON.**—Died at her home near Mallard, Montague County, Texas, December 18, 1903. Rachel Jetton (nee Booth), she was born in Mississippi in 1838; professed faith in Christ and united with the Methodist Church, South, in early life, and lived a true life to the end. She was married to S. B. Jetton Sept. 18, 1873. She was a friend to all and the joy at home. She leaves a husband and three children—two boys married and one little girl, Mertie, at home with her father in sorrow—to mourn their loss. Ah! what a void her death has made. How desolate the once happy home where all was aglow with the love and affection of a faithful wife and a kind mother; but God hath called her from the Church triumphant, therefore let us not sorrow as those who have no hope, for far beyond mortal sight dwells her immortal spirit encircled with a halo of heavenly glory.

S. B. JETTON.

**MUCKLEROF.**—On Feb. 25, 1819, Bro. Anthony Mucklerof was born in Franklin County, Tennessee; was married Jan. 9, 1840, to Sarah McMichael in Benton County, Alabama; came to Texas in 1850; joined the Methodist Church in 1852; fell on sleep at Beeville, Texas, Dec. 6, 1903. Thus it will be seen that Bro. Mucklerof was 84 years old at the time of his death. He served in the Indian war of 1838, and in the militia of the Confederate Army. Who of the preachers that ever served the Black Land Circuit in Bell County can forget the hospitable home of that dear old couple, Brother and Sister Mucklerof? How he loved the Church and how zealous he was for the maintenance of her doctrines. The tenderness of his character shone most brightly in the home circle. His words were so kind and his care so diligent at the bedside of his invalid wife. No wonder that when he neared the crossing he said he was ready and anxious to go. After journeying by the side of her husband for nearly sixty-three years Sister Mucklerof still lingers on the shore, waiting the Master's call. Six children living. Farewell, father in Israel. We'll meet you again.

J. W. DICKSON.

**PATE.**—Elmorah Pate was born November 20, 1872; died November 13, 1903; was buried at Grove Hill, ten miles southeast of Bonham. The day of her burial would have been her thirty-first birthday. She professed religion in August, 1889. Soon after this she joined the Methodist Church, and lived a devout Christian till the day of her death. She was a faithful worker in the Church as her health would allow. Her last sickness was for several months, yet amid it all there was shown the beautiful spirit of resignation and of trust in God. A few nights before her release, she felt the crossing must be near, and calling the family, father, mother, sister and brother-in-law to her, she told them that she was ready to go; that the Lord was with her, and that she had no fears. Then she urged them all to meet her in heaven. She was a kind and dutiful daughter, and an affectionate sister, always ready to deny herself for the good and pleasure of others. May her prayers for her loved ones be answered, and may they meet her again in heaven. "Blessed are the dead which die in the Lord; yea, saith the Spirit, that they may rest from their labors, and their works do follow them." T. W. LOVELL.

**CARR.**—Little Gladys departed this life Dec. 10, 1903, aged 3 years. She was sick about nine months, and fell asleep (as it were) in the arms of Him who said, "Suffer little children to come unto me, for of such is the kingdom of heaven." She is gone, but we know where to find her. Her seat is vacant and can never be filled; but there is a tie in heaven to draw papa and mamma and Willie and Ellie nearer to the precious Savior. Her grandpapa is an old Methodist preacher out on the plains of Texas, and of course she will be able to greet a number (and we hope all) of her loved ones and friends at the beautiful gate. May God bless, comfort and console all of her loved ones.

O. C. SWINNEY, P. C.

**PRESLAR.**—Mrs. Elizabeth M. Preslar (nee Gray) was born in Mecklenburg County, North Carolina, Jan. 1, 1822, and departed this life at her daughter's, Mrs. T. Rutledge, near Moran, Shackelford County, Texas, Jan. 1, 1904, being just 82 years old. She was married to Mr. Parker Preslar in Anson County, North Carolina, Jan. 19, 1841; moved with her husband to Texas in 1851, and settled at Lockhart, which was then on the frontier. Twenty-seven years ago she moved to the community where she was living at the time of her death. About eleven years ago her husband went home to God, and since then she has been awaiting the summons to join him. For over three-quarters of a century she moved among men as an example of the Christ life. She was a good woman and a true mother. Sister Preslar joined the Old School Presbyterian Church while young, and remained a member of that Church until twelve or fourteen years ago, when she joined the M. E. Church, South, with her husband, who had been a life-long Methodist. She leaves nine living children, forty-nine grandchildren, forty-seven great-grandchildren, and a host of friends to mourn their loss. Truly a mother in Israel has fallen, but we know where to find her.

R. S. HEIZER.

**PARKS.**—Mrs. Rebecca Parks (nee Allen) was born in Lowndes County, Ala., May 6, 1835. She came with her parents to Washington County, Texas, in 1839, where she grew to young womanhood and was married to J. C. Parks May 10, 1860. In 1870 they moved to Williamson County, settling on the Austin and Lampasas road three and one-half miles north from Liberty Hill. Here they built a substantial home, where hundreds of travelers have found shelter and genuine hospitality. They were prosperous and happy in their new home, and in a short while had made many life-long friends in this then sparsely settled country. In 1886 the husband and father died, leaving to his wife and children a large estate. For seventeen years the widowed mother directed the management of the estate and the interests of the home, so that it has continued to be one of the prosperous and happy homes of this country. Sister Parks was a member of the Presbyterian Church for more than fifty years. There being no organization of her faith near her present home, however, she has generally worshiped with the Methodists. She was a generous, large-hearted Christian lady and the Church had no stronger friend or more staunch supporter than she has been. And she has trained her children to appreciate and honor the Church. She leaves behind five children, all grown to man and womanhood, four of whom are devoted members of the M. E. Church, South. Four children have preceded her to the eternal world. She has suffered much for five years, and for more than a year was an invalid. During the last year I visited her a number of times, and I found her to be a remarkable character. She was a cultured, intellectual, saintly woman. She read the best books, especially in biography and religion, and she was exceedingly pleasant and entertaining in conversation. She had implicit faith in Christ and his gospel. She must surely have walked and talked often with Jesus. She displayed a Christian fortitude which was marvelous and beautiful. To her heaven was a blessed reality, and ever near. She had no fear of death. She often said so, and that "victory" was hers even here, and she would rejoice in her hope anchored safe within the veil. One of the most remarkable instances of which I have ever known: On the Sunday, one week prior to her departure, she had all her children gather around her bedside, and with perfect rationality and tranquillity said: "Children, before another Sabbath ends I shall enter heaven." The next Sabbath afternoon, Nov. 22, 1903, in the presence of a number of relatives and intimate friends, she took them one by one by the hand, and after having them all promise to meet her in heaven, at 9:00 p. m., "before the Sabbath ended," she quietly and peacefully entered into the beyond. May the gospel she loved and believed guide all her loved ones homeward.

Z. V. LILES.

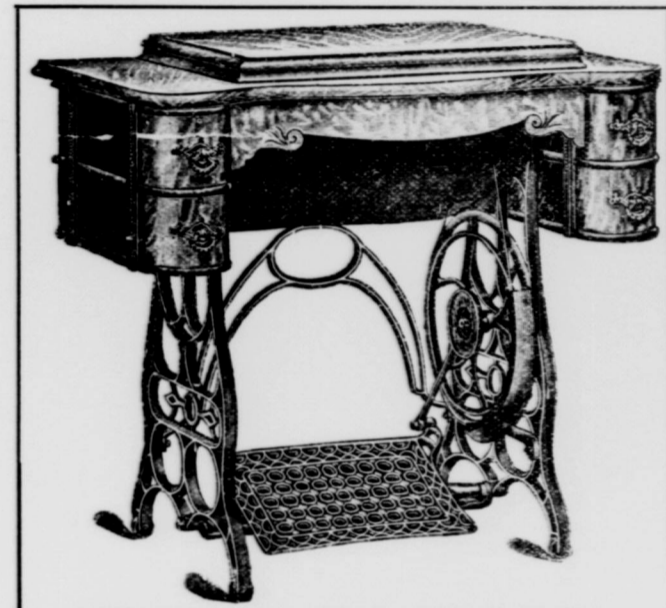


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### NOTES FROM THE FIELD.

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ful sermons, and endeared himself to our people very much. His preaching was intensely practical, painfully heart-searching, and fearlessly down-right. Our stewards made liberal provisions for the preacher in charge and the presiding elder. They raised the assessments considerably above the usual amount estimated for the support of the ministry. The W. H. M. Society is doing some good and faithful work for the Church here. They are putting new pews, pulpit and chancel in our church at Mason, which will greatly enhance its appearance and add to its comfort. Yes, we were the recipients of a nice and much-needed "pounding" about Christmas, which was revived again on New Year's by many tokens of regard and friendship. Blessings on a people so generous! May we prove worthy of such confidence and esteem.

### TEXAS CONFERENCE.

#### TRAVIS.

D. W. Gardner, Jan. 11: We are on the Travis Circuit for another year. We are glad, for we have one of the best circuits in the conference, and some of the best people in the world to serve. They know how to treat their pastor and family. Many have said, "We are glad to have you with us for another year." We have proof of this, for on Dec. 18, after prayer-meeting they gathered at the parsonage and simply took charge, loading the dining table with good things too numerous to mention. Our hearts were too full to say much, but will do our best to merit this token of appreciation. This pounding was from Travis, with a few from Cedar Springs. Since then we have received many nice things from Terry's, including a beautiful jacket and set of knives and forks for wife. May the dear Lord bless them all, is our prayer. We have a fine set of stewards, all broad-minded, liberal-hearted men, consecrated to the service of the Lord.

#### MT. SELMAN CIRCUIT.

A. A. Wagon, Jan. 11: We have made our first round on Mt. Selman Circuit and find many evidences of spiritual life. I have been agreeably surprised in finding so many families united in the faith, and a number of new ones have been erected. We have already sent in a good list of subscribers for the grand old Advocate. Have had two conversions at the family altar in one home. The new church at Ballard is progressing nicely, and is a gem of beauty and meet a long-felt want. This enterprise was put on foot by Rev. E. W. Potter last year, who raised nearly all the money for it, and had the contract let when we came to take his place. He did a great work all over the circuit and the people hold him in very high esteem. And then he did something on leaving the work that some preachers fail to do. He did everything in his power to help his successor. New Year's day brought us a large, well-filled box containing many nice things from the people of Mt. Selman. The elect ladies of this beautiful little town did this to let the preacher's wife know that they esteem her for her work's sake.

#### CAMERON CIRCUIT.

A. T. Walker, Jan. 18: We were glad when our name was read out for Cameron Circuit. Our first Quarterly Conference was held last Saturday and Sunday. Bro. C. F. Smith, our presiding elder, did some good preaching. As one of our stewards said, he is at home in the pulpit. We have a good Board of Stewards. They love the Church and stand by their pastor. We have one steward, Bro. J. W. Reeder, who has not failed to be present at Quarterly Conference for thirty-five years. I wonder if there is another steward in Texas who has made such a record. It is a good people and the outlook is bright for a good year. We love the Advocate and would be glad if we could get all of our people to read it.

#### NAPLES.

Winston H. Vance, Jan. 19: Our elder, Rev. J. T. Smith, came to us last Friday and held our first Quarterly Conference. At 11 a. m. he preached an excellent sermon which was highly appreciated by all present. While we regret to lose Bro. Downs, we rejoice that the conference saw fit to send Bro. Smith to preside over the Pittsburg District. He is at home in the Quarterly Conference and looks well into all the best interests of the Church. My people are delighted with him and we hope and trust that he will be enabled, by the help of God, to lead us in great things this year. The stewards made nice reports in answer to question 8 and we think there need be no fears, for Naples Circuit will certainly look after the preachers. We hereby express our sincere thanks to the good women of the Home Mission Society of this place for the new well, which was greatly needed.

### INDIAN MISSION CONFERENCE.

#### LEBANON, I. T.

J. A. Grimes, Jan. 19: The Texas Advocate is a pleasant visitor in our home. We read of the many tokens of kindness given to our beloved brethren from their people. We want to remind you of the fact that the good people of Lebanon, I. T., show us the same respect. We have just returned from a trip to Tennessee to see my mother, who is now in her 84th year. It was a great pleasure to me to see her again. I also had the honor of preaching at my home Church, Mount Zion. What a joy that service was to me! Everything is moving along very well on the Lebanon Circuit.

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