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## Editorial.

### DAVID THE SECOND KING OF ISRAEL.

Long before the tragic death of King Saul, he had demonstrated the fact that as a ruler he was a dismal failure and the divine favor was taken from him. Samuel, the old prophet, had been commanded to seek out another and a more worthy person as Saul's successor, and proceeded to select David, a youthful shepherd, from the hills of Bethlehem, and anointed him King instead of Saul; though it is presumable that David was not to succeed to the throne until Saul had served out the limit of his life. At least, in the progress of events, this became a fact. David was not yet grown to manhood, and he needed a long course of training; so he was actually placed in the royal family as one of the body guard of the King. It is probable that Saul was not aware of the fact that David had been designated as his successor; nevertheless the young Prince soon sprang into notoriety for his deeds of prowess, and won the plaudits of the multitudes. This aroused Saul's suspicion and from henceforth he regarded David with a jealous concern. Notwithstanding the prudence and unobtrusiveness of the boy, and his fidelity to the King, yet he became the object of Saul's hate and envy. He tried on more than one occasion to slay him, but he always escaped and lived to show his magnanimity to the King. Finally the King's anger waxed so hot against him that he had to flee from his presence and take up his abode in the caves of the mountain. But after Saul's death at Gilboa, David came forth and assumed the rulership over a large portion of the people, and seven years later he became King over all the people. By this time he had sufficient training to fit him for this lofty place. Naturally, he was a bright, gifted and noble man; and he was generous and considerate of those under him. He was a man of letters and greatly endowed with musical talent. He could compose and sing great National songs, and he was a man of very devout and religious spirit. But he was also a man of great military gifts. He could organize armies and wield them on the field of battle with the skill of a trained tactician. No enemy could stand before him. He was also a great executive, and he administered the laws of the land with impartiality and fairness. He was a splendid judge of men. He knew whom to place in positions of civil and military trust, and he gathered those about him as his counselors who were experienced in war and statecraft. In course of time he rid the country of its enemies and established his kingdom in the respect of the nations. He instituted wholesome laws, built up great institutions and became one of the great Kings of those times. But David was not a perfect man. He was possessed of strong passions and these often wrenched him from the path of rectitude. He married a number of wives, according to the customs of his age and brought up a multitude of children. In the case of Uriah, he

committed a heinous sin in the sight of God and man and the effect of this crime followed him as an avenging genius to the end of his life. He had many and dire domestic troubles, not the least of which was the rebellion of Absalom, his handsome and favorite son. This young man organized a movement which gathered sufficient force to drive David from Jerusalem across the Jordan into the fastnesses of the mountains. Many of his trusted leaders quit him and followed the fortunes of Absalom. The wicked son publicly abused the domestic fidelity of his father and brought David's house into contempt and disrepute. But the old King rallied his forces, drew upon the spirit of his great military resources and dispatched an army after Absalom. The result was the complete overthrow of the rebellion and the ignominious death of Absalom. But the authority of the King and his triumph could not overbalance the love of the father; and the lamentation of David over the death of Absalom is the most touching and pathetic passage in the history of literature. Even to this day it is qualified to draw tears from the eyes of the reader. But with all his faults, David was a noble and true specimen of manhood. Whenever overtaken with his moral weaknesses, he never failed to repent bitterly and to make confession to God and plead for forgiveness. It was this trait in his character that commended him to God and that made him a great King. He died full of years and honors and his name stands out to-day as one of the greatest and wisest rulers in the history of the world.

### LOVE'S GREATEST SACRIFICE.

Our Savior says, "Greater love hath no man than this, that a man lay down his life for his friends," and the truth of his statement is confirmed in human experience. Such love is a great rarity. How often in the history of this life do you find a man who is willing to take the place of his friend and die in his stead? Such examples are few and far between. Damon and Pythias come to mind, for this instance is so rare that it is perpetuated in the organization of a fraternal order known as the Knights of Pythias. But the one striking example of this sort of unselfish love is found in the death of Christ. He went even further than the claims of friendship and died, not only for those whom he called his friends, but also for his enemies. "For scarcely for a righteous (that is just) man will one die, yet peradventure for a good man some would even dare to die; but God commendeth his love toward us in that while we were yet sinners Christ died for us." So that Paul makes the fact that some would even dare to die for a good man problematical; though under given circumstances it might occur. But Christ not only died for good men, he died also for wicked and bad men, even those who hated him. There is no other such an example as this of love's sacrifice. It stands out in the history of the world as the only one of the kind. Yet he voluntarily laid down his life for us, the just for the unjust. It was love that prompted it. He was willing to suffer the tortures of death if by such

suffering he could redeem men from the eternal sufferings of torment. And that love is the pledge of our redemption to-day. It comes between us and everlasting death. It is the consummation of heaven's greatest gift to the world. He died for me—poor, wretched and an undone sinner! Before that matchless sacrifice let us bow down and call upon all that is within us to praise and magnify the name of "him who loved us and gave himself for us!"

### WORDS NOT SEASONED WITH GRACE.

Col. W. A. Brubaker, of Illinois, and one of the leading organizers of the third party prohibitionists in Texas, recently visited Quinlan and in the Advance, published in this city, made the following report: "Quinlan gave me a good audience on Monday evening in spite of the active opposition of some pious old frauds who pray loud for the overthrow of the saloon and then vote for the whisky ticket. The report was circulated that I was in the pay of the liquor men. To what vile depths some sanctimonious scoundrels will stoop to defend the dear old party. But their falsehoods only stirred up the good people and they filled the house and listened with deep interest. When it came to contributing to the work, they did nobly. More such opposition, it seems, would help our cause." Whoever circulated the report, if it were circulated, that Col. Brubaker was "in the pay of the liquor men," did a very foolish thing. No one who understands the work in which he is engaged would willfully be guilty of such an act. He has nothing in common with the saloon and his whole work is in opposition to that institution. More than that, he is an accomplished speaker and a gentleman. Of course the saloon people would be glad to make the impression that he is representing the local option sentiment of the State, and thereby fix the responsibility for local option on the party that Col. Brubaker represents; for they are doing all within their power to convince the Democratic party that the local option movement has for its object the organization of a prohibition party in Texas. But this is the very point that local optionists are guarding. Local option has nothing to do with party politics, whether Democratic, Republican, Populist or Third Party Prohibition. It gathers its support from all these parties, but more strongly from the Democratic party because it is the most numerous in its voting population in the State. But aside from all this, Col. Brubaker was surely in a bad temper when he applied such language as "pious old frauds" and "sanctimonious scoundrels" to local option people at Quinlan who did not agree with him in his third party prohibition views. Such language is not becoming in a public teacher who sets himself up as the leader and expounder of great moral ideas. It is the language of the saloon, and has no place in the mouth of any one who essays to reform the abuses of society and of government. We venture the assertion that the "pious old frauds" and "the sanctimonious scoundrels" to whom he refers are

among the best and most reliable citizens in that little city, and give their support unqualifiedly to the local option movement. If that is his estimate of the local option people in Texas who do not go as far as he wants them to go in his party views of prohibition, and if he continues to thus characterize them, then much of his work in the State will be barren of results. He has not been in the State long enough to cast his vote yet, and he ought not to be too hasty in making up his mind about our people. They are not "pious old frauds" and "sanctimonious scoundrels," and he ought to have better judgment and more of a Christian spirit than to denounce them as such. They were fighting the battles of local option and temperance in Texas long before he ever dreamed of pitching his tent temporarily in this Commonwealth. They are Christians and gentlemen, his arraignment of them to the contrary notwithstanding. Therefore we advise the Colonel to temper his public and written speech with grace and courtesy instead of with expletives that have no place in the vocabulary of polite society. We have no objection to his organizing his party movement anywhere on the hustings and in the halls used for such purposes in this State, but we enter our protest to his characterization of our people as "pious old frauds" and "sanctimonious scoundrels." He will never win his way in Texas by that sort of uncalled for and unchristian form of speech.

### THE BROWNWOOD SUIT AGAINST THE EDITOR AND PUBLISHER WITHDRAWN.

The readers of the Advocate will recollect that in the issue of the Advocate of September 17, 1903, there appeared an article concerning the Mayor of Brownwood connecting his name with erecting a placard or sign on election day in the city of Brownwood; they will also remember that as a result of this publication a libel suit was filed by the Mayor of Brownwood against the Advocate.

The Mayor has now agreed to dismiss this suit and states to the Advocate that not only was he not responsible for the action criticized in said publication, but that such action was taken against his advice and contrary to his views and sympathies, and that the report that he was responsible for such action grew out of a misunderstanding of a remark made by him.

The Advocate feels, without disparaging anyone, that there was room for a misunderstanding giving rise to this report. And the Advocate now here, gladly, takes occasion to give the Mayor the full benefit of his statement to the end that any injustice that may have been done him may stand corrected.

The psalmist called on his soul to bless the Lord who healed all its diseases. How comforting is the assurance that these infirmities of the soul can be healed and that our Lord will restore spiritual health with all of its joys and blessings. The cure of the body calls forth gratitude, but what can be compared to the gratefulness that springs from the cure of the soul.



BRIEF NOTES.

H. G. H.

Both men and women are traveling throughout the country asking the use of our churches in which to advocate the interests of the Prohibition party with collections in our churches for their support. I am glad the Advocate fires now and then a center shot at these traveling politicians.

The government is spending lots of money in an effort to kill all the mosquitoes on country ranches in Webb and other counties, and yet when the spring rains come a million mosquitoes will be hatched out there were ten are now being killed.

Old Capt. Baker, buried near Stockdale a few weeks ago, was said to have been the last of the Mier prisoners. One of those old prisoners, Antonio Navarro, was the first prominent Mexican converted to Protestantism in Western Texas.

Far up in the beautiful Sabinal canyon rest the remains of old Capt. Ware, San Jacinto veteran; and not far off live the only two veterans of the famous battle now living west of the Guadalupe River, Capt. John Tom and Benjamin F. Highsmith.

These men are very old. One is blind, and the other nearly deaf. Highsmith went into the Alamo with Travis and Bowie. Travis sent him out for reinforcements, and the Alamo fell before help could reach them. The letter written by Travis is now in the State Library room at Austin.

In reading "Notes from the Field" it is pleasing to find that so many preachers discover such numbers of charming people on their new works—and the people are there, sure as you live. They simply needed a new preacher to develop their excellent qualities—a really fine feature in Methodism.

A little more about our Mexican work would be of interest in the Advocate. The West Texas Conference was the father of that great mission and also of the mission to the Germans in Texas. Facts about work being done—not prospects.

The great Indian Mission Conference is a surprise to the Church and a revelation to the world. But I remember when Bishop Pierce, accompanied by his nephew, George, traveled in his buggy through Arkansas, out to Indian Mission Conference, then back clear through Texas to Austin, and down to San Antonio, before the days of railroads.

The present drouth is alarming the farmers, merchants, everybody. Really no rain this winter. And yet strenuous efforts are being made to induce large immigration to that far-away arid Brownsville country on the Rio Grande, where our Church has not been able to do anything for forty-five years, and no other Church has done anything, unless the Mexican. Among the scattered cattle and sheep ranches are some people who live and die. How they get to heaven I do not know.

If Joe Webb will engineer some successful missions away west and south of Beville—not merely suggest them—he may immortalize himself. Here is a pointer from Bishop Hoss: "I wish it might become an obligation of honor among our best young preachers to spend some years at least on the very hardest of our circuits and missions." Hundreds in Texas are doing it, and the Bishop is here now to make more such appointments.

WHY IS THE M. E. CHURCH IN THE SOUTH?

In my former article I essayed to answer this question in reply to a statement made by Bishop Walden while holding the Austin Conference in this city. I also made answer through the Record, published in this city. To this the Bishop has made reply, and I ask to present to the readers of the Advocate the substance of the rejoinder which I prepared for the Record. I have for the M. E. Church nothing but respect and love. I respect and love good people regardless of geographical boundaries, and I allow no man to surpass me in Christian courtesy. So far from being prejudiced, if I were to settle North I would not hesitate to join the M. E. Church and identify myself with all her interests, and would form associations in her Methodist circles, with no desire to create new conditions in old established Methodist centers, and thereby inject a disturbing element. So I think when Methodist people come South they should identify themselves with the Southern Church, and thus exhibit the spirit of true fraternity of which the Bishop so ardently speaks. This would be fraternity not

in name, but in deed and in truth. Whatever may have been the occasion, or the motive prompting the statement, Bishop Walden did accuse the M. E. Church, South, of violating the Plan of Separation of 1844, which was the cause of the M. E. Church entering the Southern territory. This he does not deny in his rejoinder, but begs the question and then proceeds to make a personal statement regarding his fraternal attitude towards us. I do not question the Bishop's sincerity or his fraternal feelings. This is not germane to the question. I rejoice at the least spirit of true fraternity, and can assure the good Bishop that the "Unknown" (to him) "correspondent" stands ready at any time to accord to the representatives of the M. E. Church the most cordial Christian greeting on the basis of true Christian fraternity, but self-respect demands reciprocal recognition. The Bishop would dismiss the history of the past as effete, and would concern himself with the present relation, which is the important relation of these two great Churches." Granted, but "the present relation" is so correlated with the past relation that it cannot be separated from it, or even be understood without a knowledge of the past relation. The Church South is justly proud of her history, and does not wish to forget it. If I have wronged my brother by appropriating what is justly his, I may not with an indifferent air say to him, "Let's forget the past and be brotherly," and the meantime disregard his claims. No, I must make the amende honorable; I must carry out the Christ spirit by restoring to him what is justly his own. If the M. E. Church would foster the spirit of true fraternity, then indeed, as I sincerely believe, they should leave the Southern Church undisturbed to occupy the territory set apart to her in the Plan of Separation of 1844. This would remove all ground of friction between these two great Churches. The Bishop says: "Building altar against altar in an objectionable way is about the same in Illinois and Montana as in Georgia and Texas." I suppose that he indicates by this remark that the M. E. Church, South, has also infringed the compact of 1844. This calls for an additional historical statement of the facts involved. The attitude of the two Churches respecting the legitimate domain of the other is quite different. I shall not reiterate anything said in my former article, trusting to the memory of the reader. At the next session of the General Conference of the M. E. Church after 1844, which was in 1848, Dr. Lovie Pierce presented his credentials as a fraternal messenger from the M. E. Church, South. The conference refused to recognize him as such. So there was nothing left for him to do but depart. This he left for him to do but depart, "that if ever the M. E. Church should make the offer of fraternal relation to the M. E. Church, South, on the basis of the Plan of Separation of 1844, that the Church would cordially entertain the proposition." The only reason given by the Northern Church for refusing to receive our messenger was that there were "existing difficulties" between the two Churches. Then this conference proceeded to nullify the Plan of Separation, which they had neither moral nor legal right to do. The plea set up was that the General Conference of 1844 had no authority for dividing the Church. This brought about the litigation over our vested rights in the publishing interest. The courts decided that the General Conference did have the right to divide, and that the Plan of Separation was legal. So we secured our share of the property. After this extraordinary action on the part of the M. E. Church they could not enter our territory, because of the difference of opinion on the slavery question. But as soon as the war closed they began to make strenuous efforts to occupy the South, and this they have kept up to this day. This the Bishop does not deny. Hear him: "While I hold and assert as a fact that requires neither apology nor defense that the M. E. Church has a providential work in the South, I aim to do my part of that work in accord with the growing fact of fraternity." Please to note that the Bishop does not deny that the M. E. Church is in the South in open violation of the Plan of Separation, and that they are seeking to extend their work in defiance of the provisions of the Cape May Commission. But he is going to do his work, not as provided by the compact or the Cape May Commission, but "in accord with the growing fact of fraternity." Then he proceeds to explain how he has sought to advance the ends of fraternity, and how kindly he has acted towards our Church. This is all very well, but it brings no relief to the situation. He says, "They have a providential work to do in the South." I cannot believe that God calls any man or body of men or compact to go to any place in violation of solemn pledges. On the principle that Abraham and Lot separated (Gen. 13:1-12) so did our fathers in 1844. But, alas! for the glory of God and the good of Methodism, the covenant has been set aside! The M. E. Church, South, has ever acted in good faith, and has never

intruded upon the legitimate territory of the Church North. As to Montana, it was a vast waste. I am not advised as to whether there was a Methodist Church in all that region when the Plan of Separation was made in 1844, and so could not have been included in it. About 1866 a body of Illinois Methodists, who had organized themselves into an Independent Church, applied to our Church to be received. This was their spontaneous action, and not secured by aggression, or the outlay of missionary money on our part. The case is quite different with the M. E. Church. They have mapped out the South and make large appropriations of missionary money to carry on their work among us, right in our best cultivated fields. They establish a Church wherever it is possible for them to do so without regard to our ability to occupy the ground. The fact is, the Church South has the ability to conserve all the people of the South who have Methodist proclivities. But our brethren of the North Church have spent large sums of money and much force down here to little profit, but as I believe, not to do a providential work, but to the detriment of the Lord's kingdom. Although Bishop Walden stated while here that they had about 100,000 members in the South, it is a fact that their English-speaking white membership is small. I doubt if they are numerically as large in Texas as one of our districts, their colored and German conferences excepted. Our Church organized the colored members into a separate Church, The M. E. Church, on the other hand, holds on to the colored members, so when they speak of 100,000 members in the South let it be remembered that a large portion of these are colored people. Let no one think for one moment that the M. E. Church, South, has been indifferent to the negroes. In 1860 there were 297,000 colored members upon the register of our Church, and at the close of the Civil War we had 300 missionaries preaching the gospel to these people. From the organization of our Church in 1845 to 1864 more than \$1,800,000 has been expended in this work. After the close of the war many of these joined colored Methodist Churches, and yet, when we set up the colored Methodist Church in 1870 we started them with 80,000 members. I mention these things to show that the Southern Church has been taking care of the colored people as well as the white, so that there has been no excuse for the Church North to enter our domain. These things have been written because the occasion required it, and that the public may have some of the facts of history before them, and in the hope it will ultimate in good.

R. C. ARMSTRONG, Fort Worth, Texas.

LETTER FROM MISSOURI.

This morning, Jan. 26, the mercury rested at 15 degrees below zero. Yesterday the snow fell constantly all day, as it also did the night before, a continuous snowstorm of twenty-four hours, with the wind blowing sharply from the north and the mercury at 0. What do you Texans think of that for winter weather? We think it is cold enough, and are not anxious for any more like it. Too cold for a 75-year old preacher to go away from home in search of items for a letter, so I will send you some clippings from late papers with some reflections provoked by the same. The first one was clipped from the Arkansas Methodist, and is as follows:

What We Read. "While the people of the United States imagine that in the matter of general education no nation surpasses them, it appears that as book readers they occupy the lowest place among Christian nations, Spain only excepted. An exhibit of the number of books—that is, of new works, published annually by the different nations for every one million of inhabitants—has been prepared by Prof. Paul Otlet, Secretary of the Brussels International Biographic Institute, which stands as follows: "Germany, 354; France, 344; Switzerland, 338; Belgium, 327; Italy, 309; Sweden, 300; Norway, 175; Great Britain, 85; United States, 81; Spain, 66. "But the people of the United States are the greatest newspaper readers in the world. The number of newspapers and periodicals published in the United States is 21,000. Germany comes next with 8049; then France, with 6681; Great Britain, fourth, with 4943. There are many readers in the United States, but comparatively few students and scholars. Very few even of the comparatively wealthy have good private libraries." Solomon said: "As he (man) thinketh in his heart, so is he." If Solomon had lived in the twentieth century of our era he would have added: "And as a man readeth, so he thinketh." Newspaper readers never think consecutively. Hence never think closely nor deeply. Consequently they are not in any proper sense students, nor can they ever be scholars. Lord Bacon said: "Reading makes a ready man; writing makes a correct

man; thinking makes a great man." But it is not the surface thinking begotten by newspaper reading that makes great men, but profound, prolonged, continued, careful, close thinking provoked by reading great books. The other excerpt, which follows, is taken from the St. Louis Christian Advocate: "According to the last census report, there are 18,226 newspapers and periodicals published in the United States, an increase of 22.6 per cent from the census of 1890. Of these 2226 are dailies, 12,978 weeklies, and 1817 monthlies. The number of religious papers is 962. In this class there has been a decrease of 9.8 per cent in the last decade. The average circulation of all classes of newspapers and periodicals per issue during the year 1900 was 6271 copies, an increase from 4640 in 1890." This gives the number of newspapers in 1900. The first quotation gives the circulation for 1903. Hence there was an increase of about 2000 newspapers in three years. But the most alarming fact is that while there was an increase of 22.6 per cent of all the papers, yet there was a decrease of 9.8 per cent of religious papers. The secular press educates men away from religion, away from the Church, away from God and heaven. Those who read political and commercial papers, but do not read those of a religious tone, think more of politics and secular business than of religion, more of the State than of the Church, enthrone political and financial success above God and worship Mammon. What we think about we read, and as we read we think, and as we think we are. The worst "mired wheel" in Methodism to-day is the one that circulates religious literature. Or the wheel that did so in the days of the fathers. The hub of this wheel was the "circuit rider's" saddle-bag, a pair of which this old preacher has not seen since he sold his to a young brother preparing to "fall into ranks." Mired above the hubs. A teamster is in a bad fix when the hubs of his wagon wheels are out of sight—under mud. My theme is prolific, and other thoughts are clamoring for utterance, but as I wish this letter to be read, I must stop here.

W. S. WOODARD.

SOUTHWESTERN UNIVERSITY MEDICAL COLLEGE.

In two preceding articles, in the briefest manner possible, we have sought to acquaint the readers of the Advocate with the origin of our Medical College and some of the reasons for calling it into existence. It is due to those who are interested in the growth and extension of our denominational influence that they should be made acquainted with what has been done and what is in contemplation. A mere beginning has been made, the foundations have been well laid and foundation work is the most important work, for the stability of any building depends upon it. The denomination in Texas is to be congratulated on the auspicious beginning. First, we have an excellent lot, well located and paid for through the liberality of the dean of the faculty. The lot is almost central to the city, and in close proximity to the St. Paul's Sanitarium and two other hospitals where the students can with the least possible expense attend the clinics. It is removed from business centers, where other lots can be purchased at a reasonable price for a great hospital, which will follow in due course of time. Secondly, we have the offer of two firms to donate liberally in plans and superintendence of construction of a handsome college building with all modern, up-to-date lecture rooms, etc., needed. Thirdly, the college is fairly equipped with furniture, charts, laboratory and other apparatus necessary in illustrating and exemplifying the lectures. Besides this the professors, who are practicing physicians, having work daily in the various hospitals, are prepared to demonstrate their theories in actual practice. Fourthly, the college has the utmost good will and confidence of the citizens who are contributing to the material advancement of the institution. We mention these as some of the favorable conditions of success. They are not all, but they are essential. We mention some things that must be done and must be speedily done. First, a suitable edifice must be erected on the lot recently purchased. No institution ever prospered without a domicile. The family must be housed; the Church must be domiciled. The wise and good Bishop Marvin expresses the thought, "All organizations require it as a condition of permanency and power that they shall have domiciles. They must be put between four walls and under a roof; they must not lie about loose. They must have headquarters, a definite place, where their business can be transacted and their records kept;

they must have shelter, and a place of resort, there must be a rallying point. No business can be carried on without a domicile; in a fugitive, unsheltered condition it would come to nothing. Every merchant must have his store; he cannot do so much as a commission business without at least an office. Every Masonic lodge must have its hall and so of Odd Fellows, temperance organizations, literary societies, every organization that attempts to get footing and do anything in the world." Medical education forms no exception to the rule. This building will belong to the Methodists of Texas and form a part of the corps of Southwestern University. The work at present is being carried on in a rented building, which entails a heavy expense, and is being met by the doctors composing the faculty. These gentlemen give their time without fee or reward, and this draft upon their private means is more than they ought to bear or will be able to bear for any great length of time. The building in contemplation will cost in the neighborhood of fifty thousand dollars, which is a small sum if divided among the members of the Church throughout Texas and the Indian Mission Conferences, who are to be benefited. Dallas will do its part, but cannot reasonably be expected to meet the large expense of erecting and equipping the building. The Methodists in Dallas are putting into Church enterprises a large amount of money and are willing to do their utmost in this enterprise. If each congregation would average ten dollars the happy consummation would be realized. But the stronger congregations will have to help the weaker ones. We feel we can ask the co-operation of our people in this undertaking, because, unlike the literary schools of the University, it will be self-sustaining when once it has gotten into operation. Tuition fees will not only meet current expenses, but the surplus will form a fund for enlargement of the work. Another thing can be done without expense to any one—and an invaluable service it would prove to canvass for students. Bishop Hoss, who has been in Dallas for some weeks, is deeply interested in the institution and expresses the belief by proper effort two hundred students could be gathered to the school next fall. We can take care of them and want them. Already pastors are at work and writing to us for information, and soon the new catalogues will be ready for distribution, and where they are desired we will cheerfully mail them to interested parties. May we not hope for the co-operation of our pastors and people in this great college enterprise? This is wholly a voluntary matter and is not to interfere with any conference assessment, but is commended to the wise and thoughtful men and women in and out of the Church under whose auspices this college has been projected. H. A. BOURLAND.

THE MAGICAL ISLE.

When reading Bro. Yarbrough's letter in one of the December numbers of the Advocate, I dropped the paper in my lap and took a swift journey to the magical isle up the River of Time. When my dear old father was a pioneer in the southwestern part of Arkansas, and our houses were built of hewed logs, and puncheon floors, oh, but it was a grand home, for our King and Queen dwelt in the rough abode and their Christian love and devotion glorified the roughness and the daily life of their children. Never have birds sung so sweetly or skies been so blue as when we loitered under the blooming dogwoods, among the beautiful ferns that grew in riotous profusion around the never failing spring, inhaling the breeze laden with the perfume of ten thousand flowers, and above all the fragrance of the sweet wild rose. Just for one good, long sniff of the rose of my childhood! Not one in after years ceases to remember, though the dead and gone years lie the thickness of three score and ten, yet the magical isle up the River of Time stands clear and fresh. Yea, mothers and fathers, make the little or big isle so happy that their remembrance may bring more happy smiles than tears or sighs. Well, Bro. Advocate, we have, thanks to conference, Bro. Gardner back on the Travis Circuit, and hope he may remain with us for many years of blessings as we had last year. As we are not heard for much speaking, I will close, hoping we all may make a Sabbath day's journey to where there is a river the streams whereof shall make glad the city of God. ELIZABETH SIMS.

Honor is the attribute of the noble and the excuse of the unworthy.

A man doesn't atone for his sourness to his wife by his sweetness to the world.—Ram's Horn.

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# Devotional and Spiritual

## THE COMING REVIVAL.

We have heard not a few prophecies by famous revivalists and others whose sincere prayers and ardent hopes seemed to warrant their anticipations; but we always, while giving them due credit for sincerity, doubted the propriety of publishing their predictions. God is not a moodful being who varies his purposes, at one time easily moved and at another totally indifferent. Nay, he giveth a portion of his spirit to profit withal, and if the investment is wisely and energetically employed it always brings satisfactory results. The general principle that should govern all who would promote or prepare the people for a genuine revival is that which is taught in the word of God. "It is the will of God that all men shall come to a knowledge of the truth and be saved," for God is no respecter of persons. The will of God is not a fitful thing, but is uniform and constant. So whatever our mental state, spiritual experience, or worldly condition may be, they in no case form any justifiable excuse for negligence in making our calling and election sure; and in so doing we discredit God's willingness and ability to work in us to will and to do of his good pleasure, giving us the supplementary aid required to

assist us in the accomplishment of any task he may intrust us with.

The methods we use should be such as sound reason and common sense will justify—such as are suited to the persons and to the times in which we live. That which may prove successful in one place and among a peculiar class of people may be partially or totally unfit for another class of people. The promise of a coming revival is the coming of one man in touch with his fellow-men, awakening a desire to flee the wrath to come by stepping between the man and his utter forgetfulness of God and the things of God until he makes a halt and begins to think upon his ways, and then, and not till then, will he turn his feet in the direction of God's testimonies, transferring the personal interest of his friend over to the God he has offended and with whom he must be reconciled to or be lost.

The Holy Spirit is doing his utmost to save every sinner. He convinces the sinner irresistibly of three things at some period of his life—namely, of sin, righteousness, and judgment to come. First, that he is a sinner; secondly, that he needs a Savior; thirdly, that if he will repent and believe he can then and there be saved. God never

leaves any man without the witness. He may reject, but he can never forget. The impressions are indelible. Neither time nor eternity will efface them. The fact that a portion of the spirit is given to every man to profit withal stands as a constant rebuke to every transgressor. The utter lack of personal interest in the salvation of individuals is a pretty sure token of lack of interest in that of our own. The cry of every one should be: "Create within me a clean heart; renew a right spirit within me, O God!" and for what purpose? Can it be purely a personal one, be that ever so desirable? Certainly not; but for preparation, for being ready to teach transgressors God's ways and that sinners may be converted unto him. Let us pray, labor, and wait, but never be passive but active, working while we wait; and we need not wait long before the coming revival will have come to our souls, and the fire of God's love rekindled in us will catch other souls and perhaps whole communities will come to know God in the forgiveness of their sins.—Christian Advocate.

## A PERSONAL MATTER.

Religion is a personal matter. Each individual must deal with God for himself. Others may pray for and counsel him in the things of God, but the business of adjustment between the soul and God can-

not be transacted by proxy nor by men in the mass. The psalmist proposes to relate his religious experience when he says, "Come and hear, all ye that fear the Lord, and I will declare what he has done for my soul." He sings of the providence and salvation of God as though they were his personal property. He makes liberal use of the personal pronoun. In another psalm he says: "The Lord is my Shepherd, I shall not want. He maketh me to lie down in green pastures; he leadeth me beside the still waters. He restoreth my soul. \* \* \* Thou anointest my head with oil; my cup runneth over."

In the New Testament the same note of personality sounds clear and strong. Our Lord called his disciples one by one, and when one of them went astray he did not permit him to be lost in the crowd, but singled him out and cast upon him a glance of loving rebuke, which completely broke his heart. He did not allow Peter to stray away from the company of disciples on the ground of his sense of unworthiness, but sent a special and personal invitation to him. He took Peter by himself and said, "Simon, son of Jonas, lovest thou me?" When Saul of Tarsus met the Lord in the way he was singled out from all the company, and addressed as an individual by name. When Paul told the story of his conversion he spoke in the first person

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and singular number. Thus did they all.

The invitations, the commandments, the promises of the Bible are addressed to us as individuals. We must respond as individuals. Each soul must come to God in prayer, separate and alone. Whether it be in the great congregation or in the place of private devotion, each must enter into his closet and pray to his Father who is in secret.

This is not the only way God deals with men. He speaks to nations, to families, and communities in the mass. But we may not forget that he also speaks to each one separately. We hear much at the present time about the social aspect of Christianity. We are told by certain zealous sociologists that we have dwelt too much on the salvation of society. They would make us believe that Christianity will never accomplish its purpose among men until the Church shall address itself systematically, intelligently, and scientifically to the work of redeeming society as an organism. There is some truth in this contention. Christianity is adapted and intended to reach and regenerate society. It is the divinely appointed remedy for the evils which curse society. Through the gospel, crime, poverty, oppression, and ignorance shall be banished and a new social order be created.

But this end will be accomplished, not by the reformation of society as a whole, through the change of institutions and customs, but by the regeneration of individuals who constitute society. Each one must be saved as an individual. Each redeemed sinner can look up to God and recognize him as his own Father. When he would publish to the world the story of his salvation he may speak as the psalmist, saying, "I will declare what he hath done for my soul."—The Christian Advocate.

Silently the work of our lives goes on. It proceeds without intermission, and all that has been done is the under-structure for that which is to be done. Young man and maiden, take heed to the work of your hands. That which you are doing is imperishable. You do not leave it behind you because you forget it. It passes away from you apparently, but it does not pass away in reality. Every stroke, every single element abides and there is nothing that grows as fast as character.—Selected.

The best things are nearest—breath in your nostrils, light in your eyes, flowers at your feet, duties at your hand, the path of God just before you. Then do not grasp at the stars, but do life's plain, common work as it comes, certain that daily duties and daily bread are the sweetest things of life.—Selected.

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Taken in time, the suffering of this little one would have been prevented. Her mother writes me:

"Two years ago my little girl was sick continuously for six months. We tried many doctors, and they failed, yet it took only two bottles of your remedy to cure her, and she has remained cured. You can tell others of this cure if you so desire."

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"Tis a pity she did not first write me, before the case was dangerous.

The wife of Omer Andrus, of Bayou Chicot, La., had been sick for 20 years. For 8 years could do practically no work. He writes:

"When she first started taking the Restorative she barely weighed 90 pounds; now she weighs 135, and is able easily to do all her housework."

Twenty "dark" years might have been "bright" ones.

J. G. Billingsley, of Thomasville, Ga., for three years has been crippled with disease. Now he is well. He writes:

"I spent \$250.00 for other medicines, and the \$3.00 I have spent with you have done me more good than all the rest."

Both money and suffering might have been saved.

And these are only three from over 65,000 similar cases. These letters—dozens of them—come every day to me.

How much serious illness the Restorative has prevented, I have no means of knowing, for the slightly ill and the indisposed simply get a bottle or two of their druggist, are cured, and I never hear from them.

But of 600,000 sick ones—seriously sick, mind you—who asked for my guarantee, 39 out of each 40 have paid. Paid because they got well.

If I can succeed in cases like these—fall but one time in 40, in diseases deep-seated and chronic—isn't it certain I can always cure the slightly ill?

### Why The Restorative Succeeds

You may oil and rub, adjust and repair a weak engine. It will never be stronger nor do its work better, without steam. More power—more steam is necessary.

And so with the vital organs. Doctor them as you will. That's mere repairing. Permanent cures never come save through treating the nerves that operate those organs.

And that my Restorative does.

After almost a lifetime of labor—of study at bedside and research in hospitals—I made this discovery. I found a way to treat, not the organs themselves, but the nerves—the inside nerves—that operate those organs and gives them power and strength and health. That discovery has shown me the way to cure.

It makes my offer possible.

I know the remedy. I never forget the study, all the research, the trials and tests that perfected it. I have watched its action year after year in cases difficult, discouraging. Time after time I have seen it bring back health to those poor ones whom hope had almost deserted. I know what it will do.

My only problem is to convince you.

And so I make my offer. And the bare fact that I make such an offer ought of itself to convince you that I know how to cure. Please read it again. It means exactly what I say. No catch—no misleading phrases in it. Simply this—you take the medicine and I will take the risk.

And you—not I—decide if you are to pay.

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Simply sign the above—that is all. Ask for the book you need. The offer I make is broad—is liberal. The way is easy—is simple. The Restorative is certain.

But do not misunderstand me.

This is not free treatment, with nothing ever to pay. Such an offer would be misleading—would belittle the physician who made it. But I believe in a sick one's honesty—his gratitude. That when he is cured, he will pay the cost of the treatment—and gladly.

I make this offer so that those who might doubt, may learn at my risk.

Tell of it, please, to a friend who is sick. Or send me his name. That's but a trifle to ask—a minute's time—a postal. He is your friend. You can help him. My way may be his only way to get well.

I, a stranger, offer to do all this. Won't you, his friend, his neighbor, simply write?

He will learn from my book a way to get well. Perhaps, as I say, the only way for him. His case may be serious—hopeless almost. Other physicians—other specialists, may have failed. The matter is urgent, then.

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Secular News Items.

IN THE STATE.

Much sentiment is being worked up favorable to the building of the proposed Waco-Thurber Railroad.

Appuloaire Hernandez, a Mexican accused of killing his wife, has been captured and jailed at Corpus Christi after a two weeks' chase.

A four-inch snow fell at San Angelo February 19th.

Governor Hogg says that Bryan should be nominated for President.

At a conference of the McKinney Baptist Church, resolutions were passed condemning the game of flinch, which has reached a point of craze in that city.

J. P. Cooper and C. J. Kilgore, of McGregor, arrested on complaint of Bank Examiner Logan on charges of embezzling and misappropriating funds of the Citizens' National Bank of McGregor, have been released on bond.

Will Estes, a young barber, living in Abilene, underwent a surgical operation for the removal of a stone from his right kidney.

The old Pleasant Grove Baptist Church, twenty miles southeast of Paris, at Minter, which was being used as a public school building, was destroyed by fire Sunday night.

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Detectives Cornwell and Price, of Dallas, arrested a man who had in his possession three suits of clothes, a pair of silver shears and silver valued at about \$250.

W. E. Best, a prominent groceryman of Dallas died of pneumonia last week.

In the death of Jas M. Hill, in Austin, aged 86 years, there is left but two survivors of the battle of San Jacinto. Deceased not only served in

the memorable conflict, but was a veteran of the Mexican and Civil Wars. He leaves a family of grown children and grandchildren.

Dan C. Crenshaw and Uan Peavy are in jail at Palestine, having been remanded without bond at the examining trial. The charge is the killing of Sam Bickerstaff near Elkhart in February.

While crazed by liquor J. L. Hopkins, a white city prisoner at Beaumont, cut his throat with a pocket knife recently. He will probably die.

The Continental Bank and Trust Company of Fort Worth, together with the citizens of Iredeil and community, organized a bank there to be formally opened March 10th.

Sam Brock, who was bitten by a mad dog near Tabor, Brazos County, recently, left for New Orleans to be treated in a Pasteur Institute.

Fire last week totally destroyed the Grayson College building, at White-wright, entailing a loss of \$60,000, with an insurance of but \$17,000. Prof. J. F. Anderson states that the school will be continued without interruption, all arrangements having been made for the housing of the pupils.

D. J. Woodward, of San Antonio, has about concluded the purchase of the large nail works in Monterey, and will run a large carriage factory in connection with the nail works.

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IN GENERAL.

Chefoo, Saturday, 4:30 p. m.—The following is the substance of numerous cable dispatches received here from Seoul:

"One hundred and twenty thousand Japanese troops have arrived at Seoul up to the present date, consisting of cavalry and infantry, but with no artillery. Altogether 80,000 men have passed through Seoul and 40,000 through Gensan within a fortnight, northward bound via Ping Yang. The harbor of Chemulpo and the approaches to the mouth of Han River, leading to Seoul, are filled with submerged torpedoes, the army base being thereby protected from a sea attack. Japan fully controls Korea, and the Government is rendering every assistance in the military operations. The Korean army barracks and also the disused Imperial Palace are used as quarters for Japanese troops. There is much talk, also, of offensive and defensive between Japan and Korea. Five thousand Russians, with fourteen guns, have appeared on the Korean frontier, and are now making preparations for the arrival of large reinforcements. The Japanese arrangements show great perfection of detail. The infantry is well equipped, but the cavalry is poorly mounted. The daily arrival at Chemulpo of large fleets of unprotected transports indicates Japan's absolute control of the Yellow Sea. The Japanese authorities have issued paper war currency redeemable in silver for use in Northern Korea. The Korean telegraphs are controlled by the Japanese military authorities, and a severe censorship is exercised. Absolute order is maintained here, and foreigners are in no danger. The construction of a railway from Seoul to Wija has been undertaken in connection with the Seoul-Fusan Railway, and this gives the railway system throughout the entire length of the Korean Peninsula absolutely into Japanese control."

Russian report: St. Petersburg, February 27.—A copy of a telegram from Viceroy Alexieff to the Emperor has just been given out. The place whence it is sent is not stated, but it is supposed to be Mukden. The message is as follows: "A squadron of the enemy's vessels, numbering sixteen, approached the fortress at about 11 o'clock this morning and opened a bombardment on the cruisers Askold, Bayan and Novik, which were in the outer harbor, and also on the fortress. The firing continued for half an hour. Then our cruisers went into the harbor. The enemy fired for several minutes on one of our batteries and then began to leave. They stopped within sight of the fort. First the enemy's cruisers detached themselves from the squadron and proceeded to Pigeon Bay, where they quickly opened fire on our torpedo boats that were cruising there. They directed also a strong cannonade against the shore. The commandant consequently sent troops to Pigeon Bay. The firing there lasted for thirty minutes, but no landing was made. The Japanese cruisers then departed. Suitable measures have been taken to oppose a possible effort on the part of the enemy to creep up by sea. Our losses this day were one man wounded at the battery. I respectfully report the above to your imperial majesty.—Alexieff.

Yengkow, Feb. 29.—Fifteen Japanese warships appeared at Port Arthur at 10 o'clock this morning and opened a fierce bombardment. The cruisers Novik, Askold and Bayan, with four torpedo boats, steamed out to meet the attack, but were forced to retire. The Askold was in a sinking condition and the Novik badly damaged. A torpedo boat was sunk and the Retvizan was again damaged. The bombardment lasted two hours, and the Japanese fleet then withdrew in perfect order. Some Russian artillery has proceeded to Pigeon Bay.

The new Republic of Panama starts out well. The constitutional convention has adopted a measure providing that of the \$10,000,000 to be paid by the United States for the right to use the canal zone, \$8,000,000 is to remain untouched for the future benefit of the new republic. The convention has also adopted a clause prohibiting gambling in the republic. There is something fine in this action, for heretofore Panama has received an income of \$30,000 a year for permitting games of chance in Colon and Panama. It looks as if moral influences were behind the constitutional convention delegates which were making themselves felt.

Commissioner-General Alexandrovsky has announced the abandonment by Russia of the proposed participation in the St. Louis Exposition. The Russian building was to have cost \$100,000. Japan has applied for the space at the Exposition thus relinquished by Russia.

Dr. Anita Newcomb McGee has asked Consul General Uchida to be allowed to go to Japan with a corps of trained nurses and attendants for the Japanese hospital service, either in the field or wherever such service can be used to advantage. The Consul General has accepted the offer, and the volunteers will be sent as soon as they can be ready. A war fund of \$5,000,000 is being raised by Japanese residents of this country. One American firm has donated to the Japanese Red Cross Society five large field ambulances.

All European Powers are reported to be preparing for a general war if it becomes necessary. The Russian forts at Port Arthur sank three Russian torpedo boats, mistaking them for Japanese craft. The possibility of war with Great Britain is openly discussed by Russian military officials, who count on Germany's support.

It is asserted that a Russian army of 400,000 will be concentrated in Manchuria within a few weeks; Siberian trains are crowded with troops. Kogoro Takahira, Japanese Minister to the United States, says: "Japan is following the right as God gives her to see the right, and in the end justice must prevail."

Rev. George M. Rowland, missionary A. B. C. F. M., of Sapporo, Japan, says Japan has squarely ranged herself on the Anglo-Saxon side. "We may also believe that her influence (in Korea and China) will be Christian rather than anti-Christian. Japan's reply to China's request for a statement regarding Japan's intentions as to Chinese territory during and after the war distinctly disavows all intention of acquiring any part of China's territory as a result of the war. The effect of this will be that Manchuria will be returned to China if Japan should be victorious in the conflict.

In Europe the Cossacks operate conjointly with the ordinary cavalry, but in Asia they are the only mounted troops of the Muscovite Empire. In exchange for a homestead and other privileges the Cossacks are bound to military service and to furnish their horses and equipment, uniforms, etc. There are, according to the official statistics published in 1900 by the imperial commission, 150 regiments of mounted Cossacks, 3 divisions, 53 sotnias or squadrons, 18 battalions of infantry and 44 batteries of light artillery, in all 190,000 soldiers.

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Notes From the Field.

NORTHWEST TEX. CONFERENCE.

HORN HILL.

R. E. L. Stotts, Feb. 21: Everything is moving off nicely here. Our first Quarterly Conference was a success in every way. Our presiding elder, Jno. M. Barcus, was present, presiding and preaching, to the satisfaction of all present. We have five appointments and they were all represented at the first Quarterly Conference. The pastor's salary was assessed at a living rate, and everything is very encouraging. We were never more hopeful than now. We have three good Sunday-schools and they are all doing good work. Our congregations are growing all the time and we pray that the Lord will bless our labors here to the glory of God and the salvation of the people. We have not been pounded yet. However, we have been remembered kindly by our people. Many good things have found their way to the parsonage. Plenty of corn and hay have been put in the barn for our horse and cow, free of charge. We have paid our Orphanage assessment of \$9 and have a receipt for same, and we are taking collections now and then. We hope to go to conference in the fall with everything in hand. Our second Quarterly Conference is to be held at Benhur April 23 and 24. May God wonderfully bless these good people during this year.

ALMA.

W. Vincent, Feb. 24: The second Quarterly Conference for this charge was held Feb. 13 and 14, and was a profitable and pleasant occasion. Bro. Jno. Barcus, our much beloved presiding elder, came and preached Saturday and Sunday. His preaching was in demonstration of the Spirit and of power—that our faith should not stand in the wisdom of men, but in the power of God. Bro. Barcus is in high favor with my people. They say he is a star preacher and presiding officer. The stewards made a good report—49 per cent better than at this time last year. Our Church work is moving up on all lines. Bro. C. W. Byron came and preached for us ten days. The Church was blessed under his faithful preaching. We are planning for two camp-meetings this summer—Oak Grove and Porter's Bluff. Bro. Barcus has promised to help in one of these meetings. We are looking for great victory. Come and camp.

ROBERT LEE.

W. K. Simpson, Feb. 22: I was returned to the Robert Lee charge by Bishop Duncan for the third year. Many tokens of kindness have been shown us; two poundings in regular order and one Campbellite in belief gave me one fine ham during the debate and brought me a large load of wood to-day. I trust he may be converted before conference comes. Many things in a material way have come to the parsonage. I have married five couples since conference. One man paid me \$10, two others \$5 each, another \$2.50, and one we are to have pay in photos. Nothing like being a preacher; he gets a little of everything. While some love him, some dislike him, and yet he goes on

and does his work in the fear of God. The good women of Robert Lee have improved the parsonage by papering two rooms and putting down a carpet. It is very dry in country at present. I have secured some new subscribers for the Advocate; our people like the paper. January 21 was arranged for a debate by Rev. C. M. Shuffler (Methodist) and C. R. Nichols (Campbellite), who discussed the following subjects: (1) The Church of kingdom was set up or established on first Pentecost, after the death of our Lord; Nichols affirms. (2) Infant baptism is authorized by the Word of God; Shuffler affirms. (3) Immersion in water is the only act of Christian baptism; Nichols affirms. (4) The allied sinners (garden) by faith only; Shuffler affirms. The discussion lasted seven days. Rev. C. M. Shuffler wrought a grand victory for Methodism. He is an honest, earnest, up-to-date debater, and is the "colomb" for the Campbellites. He defended and answered every point of argument, driving the Campbellite to the ropes at every point. There has been a great deal of sickness in this country recently. We are hopeful of a good year.

BARRY CIRCUIT.

J. C. Carpenter, Feb. 29: To-day was Quarterly Conference. The officials and some of their wives were present from the different appointments. We had good services all the morning, and my hour of work were the most far-reaching and extensive of any set that ever crowded themselves into one day of my ministry. They reached from Texas to China and from the cradle to the grave. The circuit paid its pastor's salary and we organized a very hopeful Woman's Foreign Missionary Society with nine members. We baptized the infant girl of Bro. and Sister Collins and buried the remains of Sister White, a life-long Methodist and consistent Christian. May the blessings of God rest on the baby and His love satisfy the hearts of the relations of our sister whom God has called to her reward. Our work is growing. The W. F. M. Society at Tinkle is developing. A new Sunday-school of twenty-five members has been organized. Our League at Barry still improves; and now the Barry women have taken up the foreign work. Mrs. Nettie Sheffield was elected President, with Miss Mamie Womack Corresponding Secretary. They are well offered and have fine prospects for immediate development. I think we will be able to report some more new work undertaken soon.

MOODY.

J. T. Griswold, Feb. 1: Moody is a town of 1000 or 1200 inhabitants and is located in a rich black land country. In and about this place the Methodist Church has something over 100 members. For quite awhile we have suffered from a congregation, for the need of a church building. The 26th day of last August we broke dirt for a \$11,000 house. The work has been done and the structure stands completed, massive and beautiful on a corner lot on one of the main streets in this little city. This house is finished and furnished with the best and finest of goods and material. New carpet and new organ and lovely pews make some of the internal charms. The people have wrought well. We have paid up to date \$500 on this church and have borrowed the remaining \$200, which we expect to pay next fall. Not a few individuals, but the people have given this money in sums from 50 cents up to large amounts. They are religiously proud of the result of their contributions. In the six months, the ladies of the Church have made, not collected, \$800 for this work. All this has been done in the most perfect harmony. In this small place we have collected in the last twelve months \$10,500 for the cause of Christ. February 28 we held our first service in the main auditorium of this building with Dr. J. S. Chapman in the pulpit. It was a great day with us. His preaching is just simply fine. He stands in the front rank in pulpit and executive ability, and is delightful in social circles. Moreover his district is in splendid condition. This forward movement is telling for good in each department of Church interest. The Sunday-school is increasing all the while in attendance and interest. We are fast rising to my conception of what a Sunday-school should be. All that has just been said of the Sunday-school can truthfully be said of the Senior and Junior Leagues. The thing that I long for most is now being seen—life and power in the prayer-meeting. Thank God for a service in his name. Greater achievements do not look for during the year—spiritual growth in the Church and the regeneration of sinners. To God we ascribe all praise.

PALMER.

I. E. Hightower, Feb. 19: We are to begin work on a new church at Boyce in a few days. We expect rather to add to the old one, making it virtually new at a cost of about \$1200.

TEXAS CONFERENCE.

TYLER.

W. F. Packard: We have just closed a meeting of great power at the Methodist Church, resulting in a great revival in the Church and several bright conversions—five heads of families—twelve additions, making, since conference, twenty-eight, and in the past fourteen months 77. To God be all the glory. The meeting just closed has been one of the most satisfactory I ever held. The Spirit's presence was manifest from the beginning to the close of the two weeks. The preacher was clothed with power. Some of the people here said he ranked with George Stuart in every respect. I have been assisted in meetings by some of the best evangelists in the South, but none of them did more faithful service than Jno. E. Green, and but few equaled him in effective preaching and spiritual power. Then he is a safe man on the holiness question. If he ever was a "second blessing crank," he is not that now. He preached perfect love or holiness of heart in such a way as to make my people hunger and thirst after God. I commend Bro. Green as a powerful man of God. Live, effective and safe. He won all hearts while here and did untold good.

TROUP AND OVERTON.

L. H. McGee, Feb. 1: Our first Quarterly Conference was held at Arp last Saturday and Sunday. Our new presiding elder, Bro. E. W. Solomon, was on hand, looking after every interest of the Church. He preached two of his deep and powerful sermons. All who were present were delighted with his preaching in a manner of presiding over the conference. The conference was good in every respect. The Board of Stewards assessed \$500 for the preacher and paid \$150. This is a good work in every respect; the people are generous and appreciative, and

good to the preacher and his family, for the sake of the cause that we represent, which enables us to love them for Christ's sake. On our arrival we were cordially received and heartily pounded, for which we were glad; and for the past quarter they have been faithful to Christ and loyal to his Church and true to the pastor. The congregations are large and attentive to preaching. We have received twenty-two into the Church and are getting along well in raising our conference assessments; have no fears but what everything will be paid in full; in fact, everything is pointing to a great revival of religion. To this end we are planning and praying and working, fully believing that we will witness the wonderful display of God's grace in the hearts of the people. Our W. H. M. Society have paid all her back dues and are now standing on a firm foundation, filled with zeal for the Master's cause. Our Sunday-schools are doing good work and the prayer-meetings are also good and spiritual; in fact, we have everything to encourage us that victory will be ours in Jesus' name in the advancement of His kingdom. The Advocate is growing in favor with our people day by day.

GOSHEN.

D. F. Pulley, Feb. 25: Our first Quarterly Conference has come and gone. Our presiding elder, Bro. Solomon, on time Monday morning, 23rd, and my hour he did preach to a large congregation at 11 o'clock. Then the good sisters spread a fine dinner, after which our presiding elder called us together for the business session and dispatched the business in good order. It was that we agreed to the right man in the right place. We had a good attendance of the officials and a good report; assessed for preacher in charge and presiding elder \$200 and paid first quarter \$89.70. Take it all around, a good prospect to be the best year of my life. This year I leave appointments. We have not had a big storm or pounding as some of our preachers call it, but a great many good things find their way to the parsonage, and still they come.

TRAVIS.

D. W. Gardner, Feb. 23: Our first Quarterly Conference for the year 1904 is over. Our much loved presiding elder was in his place looking after all the departments of Church work. In the chair he can not be excelled; in the pulpit he is fine and around the fireside to know him is to love him. The truth is, Bro. Burroughs is a grand man anywhere you put him. We are starting off well in our second year. Have a splendid Board of Stewards who look well after the interests of their pastor and family. While one of our Churches was not represented at Quarterly Conference, there was almost twice as much paid in the first year this year as in the first year of the first quarter. The stewards saw fit to give us a raise of salary. In the last two years the salary for pastor has been raised from \$120 to \$150. We have fine people to serve, broad-minded, liberal and progressive. May the Lord bless them and help us all to work together for the salvation of souls.

NECHES CIRCUIT.

R. B. Jones, Feb. 23: We moved to Neches Circuit the first of January; were kindly received. Several of the good ladies were at the cottage that had been secured for ourself and family with a nice supper, and such a pouncing we never saw before—all kinds of good things! And this pouncing did not cease for a month; every day some good things found their way to our home. We serve a good people. Our first Quarterly Conference is a thing of the past. Our presiding elder, Bro. Sears, was on hand, and as usual did some fine preaching. My Board of Stewards assessed for pastor and presiding elder \$165. Neches is a new charge, but we expect, by God's grace, to make it a good one. Since we have moved here, my people have bought property and secured a new acre of land at a cost of \$120. All of this amount has not been paid yet, but will be during the year. We have four appointments and a good Sunday-school at each place. One Sunday-school and two prayer-meetings have been organized since we came on the work.

NORTH SIDE AND HARLETON.

W. W. Gollighugh, Feb. 25: We are pondering again. The pouncing was done this time by Mrs. Daisy Alexander and Miss Bertha Treadwell, evening they drove up to the parsonage gate with one of the finest loads of groceries that could have been selected by any two persons in any town in Texas or any other State. We are very thankful to Mrs. Alexander and Miss Treadwell, and all who helped in this act of kindness. Oh, that we may be able to prove to them our appreciation in terms stronger than words can express it. We have one of the best Woman's Home Mission Societies of its size in Texas. They only have 27 members and in January they raised \$62. They put in the parsonage a fine suite of furniture and a dinner set of one hundred pieces and some other improvements. They are ever on the alert to help their preacher. We have organized an Epworth League and now have thirty members. The League starts off well. We have received into the Church eighteen members and have baptized ten infants. Our Wednesday night prayer-meeting is well attended. Our Sunday-school is increasing every Sunday. Bro. A. Bradford is a fine Sunday-school superintendent, and with Bro. J. H. Crouse, a very able assistant superintendent, and a good corps of teachers, we look for great results.

CALVERT DISTRICT.

R. A. Burroughs: The first round has just been made on Calvert District, Texas Conference. The pastors are all in place and hard at work, with great hope of a very successful year. In spite of the depression in many places, caused by a failure in the cotton crop last year, the charges have held the assessments up to last year, with increase at some places. The closing of the first round of Quarterly Conference reveals the fact that as much has been paid as last year at close of first round. We have succeeded in enforcing a better financial system than we have ever had. That is to say, we are using the plan laid down in our Discipline, which is the very best plan this presiding elder has ever seen, and I believe if all our stewards would closely follow the Disciplinary plan the salary would be paid without any failure anywhere. Bro. Weeks is pulling for a new church at Marlin, which is much needed; in fact, we are suffering very much at that im-

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portant point. That Bro. Weeks and his good people may be successful is a matter that concerns us very much. Bro. Hodges and his people are soon to have the church at Calvert in new dress inside and out. Much of this is due the energy of Miss Emma Stokes. Bro. Hodges is doing a fine work here. With a good crop the district will round out the year in fine shape. This presiding elder and family received a generous pouncing from the good people of Calvert, whom we have learned to love for their work's sake. We are giving the 15th question our warmest and most earnest attention with some success. At Kossbud, after a short talk, eight subscriptions were received for the Texas Advocate which is but the beginning. I trust, at that place, for Bro. Mills has served notice on his people that a thorough canvass will be made.

WEST TEXAS CONFERENCE.

ALICE.

C. W. Perkins, Feb. 29: We have just closed a great meeting at Alice. We were assisted in the meeting by Bro. Abe Mulkey doing the preaching. Dr. T. F. Woody and wife conducted the singing; the pastor and people united their efforts by prayer and works. The merchants and saloons closed for the day services. Results: fifty additions to the Churches; incidentals over \$80 collected; free will offering to Bro. Abe \$219.75. Now I have this to say about the evangelistic work, as this is the first time I have had an evangelist during a ministry of fifteen years: That they are needed; that is, the right kind. I suppose there are two kinds of evangelists—the right kind and the wrong kind—as with pastors. Bro. Mulkey is the right kind—a regular Palangas—but awful hard, but never books. He stands by the preacher and for the Methodist Church. He is one of the best consecrated men I ever met. Although he came to us with his heart almost broken by the loss of his son, he crushed his own feelings and joked and laughed, that we might laugh, in order to lead souls to Christ. I see in him an interpretation of the text: "The joy of the Lord is thy strength." No regular pastor could do the work which he does. "Why, Bro. Perkins, is that not a discount on our ministry?" No more than a specialist is a discount on the regular practitioner. Therefore I reach this conclusion, that we ought to add to our economy the office of evangelist. The Presbyterians have it, the Baptists have it, the Methodists have the evangelist, but out of office. I receive numbers of calls every year to help in meetings to which I can not respond, neither can any regular pastor. We can not stay long enough when we go. Our own work suffers when we leave. I am about well of catarrh; suffering less than I have suffered for twenty years. This is the climate for my case.

NORTH TEXAS CONFERENCE.

BIRTHRIGHT.

C. F. McKinney, March 1: Our first Quarterly Conference was held at Dennis' Chapel Feb. 27 and 28. Our much beloved presiding elder, Bro. C. B. Fladger, was on hand and preached three heart-searching and soul-stirring sermons.

No presiding elder is held in higher esteem by the Church and people in general than Bro. Fladger. The least we could say, he is doing us good. The stewards did their part by the preacher. We are praying for a revival. The Lord will send it. We are trying to consecrate our life and concentrate our mind on the one thing needful—a spiritual uplift of the Church and the conversion of sinners.

PARIS-LAMAR AVENUE.

J. B. Guber, Feb. 27: I am in a meeting at Lamar Avenue. The weather and a great deal of sickness have hindered us much, but the good Lord has been with us at every service. Bro. J. A. Old, from Cooper, and Bros. Morris and Wright, my co-laborers here, have helped me greatly with their ministrations and presence.

FIRST CHURCH, DALLAS.

J. M. Moore, Feb. 1: First Church of this city had its first Quarterly Conference on Monday night, Feb. 25. The pastor reported seventy accessions for the three months and twenty-six dismissals, making a membership of 814. The Sunday-school has reached the attendance of 300 and increased the number of teachers from 17 to 25. The two Epworth Leagues have an attendance of about 125. The Young Ladies' Society, an organization of thirteen years' standing, with a most enviable record for charity and good works, has been changed into a Woman's Home Mission Society. A most eligible lot with a frontage of 181 feet and depth of 127 feet in the heart of the city was ordered bought for \$10,000 if the amount is raised in cash and good subscriptions within sixty days. W. C. Fenditt, L. Blaylock and W. C. Everett were appointed delegates to the Waco Missionary Meeting. The Church is in a prosperous condition.

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## The Home Circle

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Did you ever go to Put-Off Town,  
Where the houses are old and tumble-down,  
And everything tarry and everything drags,  
With dirty streets and people in rags?  
On the street of Slow, lives Old Man Wait,  
And his two little boys, named Linger and Late,  
With unclean hands and tousled hair,  
And a naughty little sister named Don't Care.

Grandmother Growl lives in this town,  
With her two little daughters, called Fret and Frown,  
And Old Man Lazy lives all alone,  
Around the corner on Street Postpone.

Did you ever go to Put-Off Town  
To play with the little girls, Fret and Frown,  
Or go to the home of Old Man Wait,  
And whistle for his boys to come to the gate?

To play all day in Tarry Street,  
Leaving your errands for other feet;  
To stop, or shirk, or linger, or frown,  
Is the nearest way to this old town.  
—Christian Observer.

### THE GIFT THAT MAKES ROOM.

"A man's gift maketh room for him," wrote Solomon the wise, adding thriftily, "and bringeth him the more obvious meaning of the proverb by one of deeper significance. For it is not alone the gift that a man brings, but the gift which he has himself received, that 'maketh room for him.'"

I knew a woman, the mother of a large family, who struggled for many years under conditions of extreme poverty. Day after day she toiled at tasks far too hard for her, and night after night she went to her rest scarcely knowing how the growing bodies of her children were to be fed and clothed on the morrow. Books, travel, social pleasures, even the small adornments which are wont to grace very humble homes—all these were utterly beyond her reach. Her life seemed but a hopeless grinding in the cramped prison-house of care.

Yet her life was in truth neither

narrow nor sordid. She had come into the world with a wonderful gift—a glorious voice, and a soul whose native tongue was the language of music. So she sang, over her kettles and tubs, songs that soared like strong-winged birds of passage. She crooned beside the cradles of her children such lullabies that, sleeping, they dreamed of angels. She lifted up her voice in the little church choir in hymns resonant with the aspirations of the heavenly chorus and over open graves translated into melody the faith of immortality.

It was thus that her gift made room for her.

I knew another woman to whose narrow means was added great physical frailty. Enjoyments which might have been of possible attainment she was not strong enough to share. She was much alone, and often in pain. But the windows of her humble home opened upon a beautiful river, flowing strongly between picturesque banks.

"Are you not lonely?" she was asked. "You are so sadly shut in."

"You are mistaken," she answered, with the smile whose brightness, once felt, was never forgotten. "I am not shut in at all. I have only to look out on my river. It is never twice alike. I go with it everywhere. It shows me the rocks, the woods, the fields, the great lake, the limitless sea. How could I be lonely?"

A poor servant girl married her young lover. They were scarcely more than boy and girl—these two, who began the long road of life together with literally "no scrip for their journey." A few of their friends, only less poor than they, joined in the purchase of two wedding gifts—a rocking-chair, upholstered in scarlet, and a parlor lamp, having a shade gay with painted roses.

A half year later the young wife paid a visit to her former mistress.

"And how are you getting on, Maggie?" asked the lady.

"Fine, Mrs. C—, fine! Michael has got work at fifteen dollars a month, and I've found a little washing and ironing to do. We've rented a bit of a house with two rooms. When I'm tired sometimes of an evening before Michael comes home, I go in and light the lamp for a few minutes, and sit down in the rocker, and oh, ma'am!

it's all so nice that I could cry for the folks that haven't got any red plush chair or any rose lamp!"

Happy Maggie! Not for herself only had her gifts made room, but all the toiling world outside found place in her simple, loving heart.

The old myth of the good fairy at the infant's cradle is of universal application. Not one of us is without his individual gift which, rightly received and understood, may bring him into royal rooms, and set him before those who reign in the high places of the soul.—Mary A. P. Stansbury, Epworth Herald.

### THE BISHOP AND THE BRIDGE.

Bishop Nicholson, of Milwaukee, has a story of personal experience to tell those who seem swamped in worries. It happened during the first years of his ministry, when he was rector of a Philadelphia Church. The parish matters, social and financial, were in a bad way, and straightening them out was slow work. He was distinctly discouraged one day when, having gone to New York on business, he stopped to look at the Brooklyn bridge, then building. A man, covered with dirt, was working on the abutments.

"That's pretty dirty work you are engaged in," said the bishop.

"Well, yes," answered the laborer; "but somehow we don't think of the dirt, but of the beauty which is to come out of our work."

"It was the lesson I needed, and I went back to Philadelphia the better for it," said Bishop Nicholson.—Golden Penny.

### HOW TO SAVE THE BOY.

A banker of Allegan County, Michigan, voted to license the saloons, and they were brought back into the county. A few weeks ago ex-Senator Humphrey was at a hotel in Allegan, and, looking out, he saw the banker walking back and forth in front of the hotel bar-room and looking in when any one opened the door. The Senator went out and spoke to the banker.

The banker said: "Senator, I am uneasy about my boy. Do you think he may be in the saloon? Did you see anything of him?"

"Yes, I saw him in the back room of the saloon playing cards and drinking," replied Senator Humphrey.

The father seemed speechless for a moment, and then from a heart full of distress, cried out: "Oh, God! how shall I save my boy from ruin?"

"You have a grave problem to solve."

"I would give half I am worth to destroy every saloon in the country," said the banker.

"Ah! It seems cruel to remind you of it now, but you should have come to that conclusion when we wanted you to join us in the fight to keep them out of the country. Now they have your boy, and I do not know what you can do. May God help you."

Why should not the father expect his boy to fall in with what he indorses? Parents, think of that, and vote to outlaw the saloon now.

At a public meeting, where appeal was being made for funds to forward some effort in behalf of the young, the speaker declared that if but a single boy were saved the hundred thousand dollars asked for would be well expended. When a friend inquired whether he had not spoken rather hastily, he replied: "No, not if it was my boy."

Let each citizen, where the saloon is seeking entrance remember now, before it is too late, that its coming means ruin to somebody's boy, and let each father say to himself: "It may be my boy."—John F. Hill, D.D.

### ANNIE LEWIS PINFOLD.

"We can have a graphophone concert again to-night, can't we, Uncle Harry? Can't we?" reiterated Mabel, as she danced around in the hall waiting for her uncle to pull off his overcoat and muffer. "You said you had new records. Can't we hear them after supper? I want to hear them. Will you play them for us, Uncle Harry?"

Mr. Nelson waited until he was quite ready to enter the dining-room, then said:

"Yes, Mabel, I will."  
"Uncle Harry is going to play his new records by-and-by," she announced to her mother and grandmother. "You'll let us hear them all, won't you?" she kept on, as she hovered near the armchair. "Every one, Uncle Harry?"

"Every one," he promised, solemnly, yet with a queer little twinkle in his eye.

When everything was settled for the evening, he brought in the little machine that was so mysterious and so delightful, and carefully adjusted the big brass horn so that grandmother should hear it well. Mabel sat down on a hassock at her feet.

"Now!" and the concert had begun with a spirited march.

Some new songs and instrumental

pieces followed that were much appreciated by all but Mabel.

"I want a funny one," she began to tease. "I want something to laugh at, not those horrid things. Play a funny one."

"Wait, little girl," said her uncle. "I don't want to," she pouted. "Play it now."

"Well, if I must, I must," was his resigned answer. "Here is one that I think is extremely amusing; but then, you know, tastes differ. See what you think of it, Mabel."

The buzzing was soon over, and a very astonished little girl sat up straight, listening with wonder to the voice that the others recognized at once with smothered laughter.

"I want to go! I want to go to Ethel's. Can't I? I want to go to-day," it whined.

"No, it snows too fast," answered some one.

"You said I could go one day this week, and I want to go to-day. I don't care if it does snow. I want to go."

"I want to go! I want to go!" wailed the graphophone with a mournful howl. "Boo-hoo! Can't I, mamma?" But Mabel had heard enough, and she clung to her uncle's arm, begging him to stop it.

"Why, don't you like it, Mabel?" he asked. "I think it is very funny. Just hear it now."

"Boo-hoo! I want to go to Ethel's. Why can't I? Why?" came out, louder than ever.

"It's horrid. Stop it, please do!" cried Mabel, putting her fingers in her ears. "I'll never tease for anything again—never."

"What, never?" queried Uncle Harry, in tragic tones, as he took out the offending record.

"I didn't know it sounded like that," protested Mabel, in self-defense.

"That is just what I thought," he told her, drawing her up in his lap.

"How did you do it?" asked the little girl, curiosity getting the best of shame.

"I was cleaning old records in the kitchen, to use in some experiments. You were worrying your mother in this room, and I thought if you could only realize how it sounded, you would be disgusted. So I slipped in a blank record, and you have heard what it took down. I'll burn it now. Are you going to give me a chance for another like it?"

"No," said Mabel. And she kept her word.—Exchange.

### WHAT TWO GIRLS HAVE DONE.

Two girls are making in my town a rather novel success in buying and shipping eggs. I will tell you what these girls are doing, for the reason that I encouraged the undertaking, and they have a sort of daughterly respect for me.

These girls were too ambitious and too sensible to kill time at their father's expense. One day they called my attention to a groceryman packing eggs. We took in the sight without his detecting our curiosity. Old weather-beaten cases, besmeared cardboard fillers, eggs all colors, sizes and shapes, dirty eggs, clean eggs, and eggs with feathers sticking to them. The girls came to my office next day and stated their plan for my criticism. Their plan was this: They would rent a room and go to buying eggs, paying the cash, etc., and hoped that the farmers would appreciate the cash enough to induce them to bring their eggs to them instead of to the stores. The plan worked. The farmers took to the idea in no time, and the grocery stores are now compelled to get eggs for their town customers from these two girls. Not an egg goes to the stores from the farmers. Just another proof that people like to help those who try to help themselves.

We find no dirty, filthy cases or fillers around this egg establishment. Every egg is washed and wiped dry. They are assorted in four varieties—the white shelled ones, the deep brown and light brown, and a general cull grade which catches the runts of the other three grades. The runt grade catches the doubtfuls in handling. They have a market for culls at market price, because they are, on account of being clean, preferable to a mixed lot of dirty eggs. They have a fancy market for the perfect eggs in handsome cartons holding one dozen each, and a market for them in clean new cases. The three perfect lots are stamped with a rubber stamp.

They buy all the eggs that come to this town and two other towns. Yesterday they called my attention to a case of eggs that a farmer brought in. They were all one color and needed but little washing. "That's the kind that everybody should have," said they. "We can easily pay that man a cent more than we can for eggs that we have to scrub and sort. To-day they showed me a letter from a groceryman at a famous Western resort. It stated that he wanted two cases each day instead of one, and he voluntarily raised the price to encourage the girls to make an extra effort. Nice clean eggs in handsome little cartons did it. The real markets for

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eggs are the towns and cities; every city and every town of any importance has people that will have nothing short of the best, and in many instances a few cents more per dozen only makes them so much more attractive. We must figure on fads in this country, and work them. It's a fad with some people to buy nice things because some "big gun" gets the same brand, etc.

In due time these girls will buy, fatten and dress poultry, and force a fancy market for their way of fixing up dressed poultry. The plan is not fully matured, but I am confident they will make it go.—M. M. Johnson, in Country Gentleman.

### PROLONGING THE HONEY-MOON.

Most love stories come to an end when honeymoon commences, but I think it is the place where the best love story of life ought to begin. I have no sympathy with the notion that the first month of married life has the most honey in it. True love, like true religion, grows sweeter every year. If you have married the wrong woman, bear the fruit of your misjudgment like a man.

Being married, you are bound by every law to pull together; and if you are hitched wrong, pull your best anyway. You supposed she was all honey. Now you find her a jar of vinegar—but are you quite sure you are all honey? Here are some rules which, if adopted at the beginning of married life, will make every moon a honeymoon: Be absolutely true to your wife. Never give her the slightest cause to be jealous. The Bible says: "Jealously is as cruel as the grave." Some one has well said: "Take care that your hearts don't need much washing, for they may perhaps need wringing also if they do."

A husband will keep his wife's love usually if he keeps his own. Most women can say: "I loved him because he first loved me." Love is born of love, and grows with the habit of it. He who rests content with the love received at betrothal will soon lose that. If the courting keeps up, the honeymoon will never be over.—Exchange.

Some sermons soar high because they are empty as balloons.

### A DR.'S FOOD Found a Food That Lifted Him Out of Trouble.

The food experience of a doctor experimenting with himself is worth knowing. He says:

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Did not love His precious name.

Jesus lifted all my burden,  
And He carries all my load;  
Now I'm running with rejoicing  
Up the ever-brightening road;

Naught care I for earthly treasures,  
But the souls of men I'd win;  
Bring them back to Christ the Savior,  
Who can save and cleanse from sin.

Let's go forth with zeal unabated,  
Never falter in the fight;  
We'll have no regrets in heaven  
When we wear our crown so bright.

LETA S. KEELER.

THE WORK OF A PREACHER.

There has been a great deal said about a preacher being paid. We fully believe that our shepherds should be cared for, respecting temporal needs; yet we do claim also that a preacher's time is to be put into his work.

Brother, if you, as a called, set-apart, traveling minister of God, are fooling with this and that, and your people fail to pay you, don't complain.

If we understand joining the conference, it means the charge which you are to serve is to be your field and that you are to be a shepherd to lead, lift up, and help your sheep.

I have seen some of our traveling preachers go and stay all night, half a day, all day, etc. My brother, is that the way you do business? You have no time for such continued practices.

You can't preach without study. Study as if for life, with whole soul, mind and strength.

Who said, "Feed my sheep?" It means a great deal to be a shepherd. Don't take for granted that Bro. B. or Bro. D. is going to be a certain Christian.

W. P. DAVIS,  
Jonesboro, Texas.

SUPERANNUATE HOMES.

The Superannuate Home movement has a future. It had its beginning like our great Church and all of her institutions. None of our movements took organic form at first.

I know of but one conference which has recognized it. The work did not commence with the North Alabama Conference, but with a big-hearted layman in the bounds of the Tuscaloosa District.

I am praying for some one, who is able, to give a home for Bro. Palmer. If some individual does not do it I believe the hearts of many will be touched until we get enough.

our hearts are full of it. The more I think on the subject the more interested I become. I ought to state that I have never had a word with Bro. Palmer on the subject.

If the parties are willing who have subscribed I would like to publish the amounts and names, so that others may see what is being done. All of you who answer this letter with cash or subscription tell me if you will permit it published.

Sanger, Texas.

TAKING IN NEW GROUND.

For some time I have felt an inclination to write on the importance of extending Methodism to communities unoccupied by it, under the above caption.

upon the farm. Time and again I have seen my father's farm grow from a small patch to a good sized field through this process of taking in new ground.

This at least suggests to us the importance of pushing out beyond the bounds of our present organized Churches and long-worked communities and establishing religious effort in the neglected "nooks" and "corners."

To say that there are no such neglected places would betray an ignorance of the true situation, for observation gives evidence of many such places. Many of these are woefully neglected, not only by Methodism, but by all the Churches.

Methodism has a mission, not only in the world, but in "all the world." Her mission is to "spread scriptural holiness over all the land."

dist way of presenting it. Our opportunity and obligation are identical. What we can do we must do, or see our crown fade before us, or else stand idly by and see others "take our crown."

The work often suffers while we are looking for nice surroundings and an easy place in which to dig. The work of evangelizing these neglected communities will furnish local preachers and superannuates an opportunity for doing a glorious work for the Master and save themselves, in many instances, from ministerial inertia.

The way in which many of the faithful preachers are meeting this requirement is both gratifying and indicative of an increased harvest. It were a commendation should the rest of us join the ranks of these elect evangelists.

M. I. BROWN,  
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DISTRICT CONFERENCES.

Table listing district conferences with dates and locations: Fort Worth, Kennedale, Waco, West, Terrell, Garland, Beeville, Stockdale, Clewiston, Silverton, McKinney, Collins, Corsicana, Dawson, Sp. M., Guineville, Aubrey, San Antonio, Del Rio, Gatesville, Hamilton, Bowie, Beed.

After more than two weeks of illness, the editor of the Advocate is again at his post, though still slightly under the weather. He hopes soon to be fully at himself before long, but in the meantime must ask immunity from engagements out of the city until his strength has returned.

Rev. John R. Morris, of Waco, recently delivered one of the addresses in a series being given under the auspices of the Epworth League of First Church for the benefit of the Methodist young people of the city.

Rev. O. F. Sensabaugh, of the Waxahachie District, made us a pleasant call last week. He is one of the liveliest presiding elders in Texas.

Rev. C. T. Tally, one of our Texas boys, now at the Vanderbilt, was recently called home on account of the illness of his mother, and made us a pleasant visit a day or so back.

The Church work of the city is moving along finely. The preachers are all in good spirit, and they are having fine congregations. Their houses are crowded at every service.

EDITORIAL BIRDSHOT.

A well-regulated temper is a great blessing.

Wounds that hard words produce heal, but they leave scars.

Candidates are very friendly and sociable men just before the election.

No Christian character is worth much that cannot stand the pressure of a little adverse criticism.

It is pleasant to have all men speak well of you, but the good opinion of everybody is not essential to your integrity.

If there were no genuine money, there could be no counterfeits; and if there were no true Christians, hypocrites would be unknown.

The sermon that grows out of the heart and mind of the preacher, and finds its demonstration in his daily life, is capable of producing deep conviction in those who hear it.

Rev. I. W. Clark preached his second Quarterly Conference sermon at First Church last Sunday. He had a fine audience, and gave them food that was convenient for them.

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.

TEXAS PERSONALS.

Rev. R. B. Moreland, of Rinehart, made us a cheerful call this week. He is doing well on his work.

Rev. E. R. Edwards, of Collinsville, was in the city recently and made the office a cordial visit. He likes his new field.

Frank Reedy has charge of the Sunday-school of Trinity Church, this city, and it is said to be well organized and booming.

Rev. O. F. Sensabaugh, of the Waxahachie District, made us a pleasant call last week.

Rev. J. G. Putman, of Waxahachie, was in the city this week and did not fail to pay his respects to this office.

Rev. C. N. Clark, a young man and a local preacher, is the efficient Superintendent of First Church Sunday-school in this city.

Senator R. V. Davidson, of Galveston, and candidate for Attorney General of Texas, paid the Advocate a pleasant visit this week.

The buildings of the Greensboro Female College, at Greensboro, North Carolina, were destroyed by fire at 4 o'clock on the morning of February 18th.

and during this time has lived in Galveston. He says if he is elected to the position to which he aspires he will enforce the laws of the State impartially.

Uncle Sebe Crutchfield, the old war horse of the North Texas Conference, was in to see us this week.

Rev. Percy Knickerbocker, of Grace Church, has just returned from a pleasant visit to old friends in Searcy, Arkansas.

B. M. Burgher, long the popular Superintendent of First Church, is now connected with the school at Oak Lawn.

W. H. Lamar is a young layman and Superintendent of Grace Church Sunday-school in this city.

Rev. W. B. Anderson, Rev. C. R. Wright and Rev. J. H. Chambliss, of the Northwest Texas Conference, were in the city this week.

CHURCH NEWS.

Bishop Galloway will preach the commencement sermon at Wofford in June.

The total assets of Methodist Episcopal Book Concern are \$3,639,397.

Rev. Sam Jones and Dr. W. B. Riley, of Minneapolis, Minnesota, are to hold a meeting in Houston, Texas.

Bishop A. Coke Smith on January 31st preached the sermon on the reopening of the new auditorium of Central Church, Baltimore.

J. H. Gambrell, until recently pastor of the First Baptist Church of Tyler, has become joint editor of the Baptist Standard, Dallas.

The New York Book Concern reports \$74,547 increase of business last year and gross profits of \$163,328.

The Western and Central Advocates are about holding their own in circulation, and for the first time in many years both report profits for last year.

There are about 80,000 Southern Methodists in Arkansas, divided into three conferences.

The Genesee Conference of the M. E. Church has adopted a memorial to the approaching General Conference.

Bishop Candler will preach the commencement sermon for Central College, at Fayette, Missouri, next June.

"Bishop McCabe is reported as saying that 'if the Apostle Paul were on earth to-day he would be publishing the largest Church paper in the world and would turn out of the Church every official member who did not take it.'"

Bishop Wilson will deliver the baccalaureate sermon this year at Randolph Macon College, in Virginia.

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their trunks, wearing apparel, and most of their furniture. Only two out of the twenty pianos were saved.

In the Correspondent for January it is announced that the number of students in Correspondence School of our Church intended especially for young preachers, is now fully three hundred and fifty.

President Harper, in a recent address, said that the University of Chicago is no longer a Baptist Institution.

The evangelical Christians of the world gave last year to foreign missions \$19,069,509.

On the return of Chancellor Kirkland to the Vanderbilt campus, after a tour abroad of seven months, an enthusiastic reception was given him on the evening of January 25th.

The Methodist Mission rooms at New York received a cable message February 15th announcing the safety of all Methodist missionaries in Korea.

SOUTHWESTERN UNIVERSITY NOTES.

The 22d of February fell this year on Monday, and, as that is our weekly holiday, the student body feel that fate cheated them out of their usual opportunity to honor the memory of the "father of his country."

There was a new thing in athletic contests with us this week. The basket ball team at the Annex played a match game with the team of young ladies from town.

The two literary societies among the young gentlemen of the University always have a debate at our commencement, which is one of our most interesting occasions.

REV. THOMAS J. DUNCAN.

It was to be expected that he should wish to be brought back to be buried in Tennessee. He was a typical Tennessean.

The time of the Texas Missionary Conference in Waco will be May 2-8, 1904. The conference part of the program will close Friday night, the 6th.

hope to his final home, to the place prepared by our Lord for his followers. Yes, a place—that is what we crave. Jesus spoke the word we needed when he said: "I go to prepare a place for you."

THE MISSIONARY MEETING IN WACO.

The opportunity has come to Texas Methodism for years, if ever, laden with a harvest so rich and abundant as that promised in the missionary meeting to be held in Waco, May 10, in connection with the annual meeting of the General Board of Missions of our Church.

The Advocate, that has so strongly and constantly advocated the great cause of local option, will very soon begin to give forth no uncertain sound about this conference.

The spirit of exhortation is upon me. If I had the presiding elders of my own conference, the members of our Domestic Board of Missions, I would proceed. I would not object to having all our pastors with all the officials within our bounds.

THE APPROACHING MISSION CONFERENCE TO BE HELD AT WACO.

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viction, Inspiration." Everything points to an attendance of delegates and visitors running up into the thousands. Waco, accustomed to entertain great conventions, will handle the Methodist clans, though they assemble according to the promise made to Abraham. Good board can be had in private families at \$1 per day; the best hotels, of course, will charge more. The meetings of the conference will be held in a tabernacle, while the General Board of Missions will hold its sessions in Austin Avenue Methodist Church, and the conference boards their respective meetings and conference rallies in the different churches of the city. Prominence will be given to woman's work for woman; besides the connectional representatives of both the Woman's Foreign and Home Mission Societies. On the regular program, side by side with the Bishops and other dignitaries of the Church, the sisters will render a full half day program of their own under the tabernacle.

Mrs. McDowell, the General Secretary, was in Waco last week looking after the Deaconess' Home belonging to the General Board of the Home Mission Society, and conferring with the chairman of the Executive Committee as to their part and program of the great Missionary Conference. The Executive Committee is in touch with the Conference Missionary Secretaries and General Missionary Secretaries, and so far as known everything goes well all along the line. The blank certificates of election to membership in the conference are now in the hands of the Conference Missionary Secretaries. Send at once to your respective Conference Missionary Secretaries the names of all delegates elected by your Quarterly Conferences, congregations, Epworth Leagues, Sunday-schools, Home Mission and Foreign Missionary Societies. Five thousand delegates can easily be reported within the next thirty days. Let the tides roll. The Methodist Church throughout the State is earnestly requested to make "prayers and intercessions" daily at the throne of Divine grace for the outpouring of the Holy Spirit upon the Missionary Conference, that the occasion may be another "great and notable day of the Lord."

JOHN R. NELSON,  
Chairman Executive Committee,  
Waco, Texas.

**THE NEED OF A THEOLOGICAL DEPARTMENT FOR SOUTH-WESTERN UNIVERSITY.**

Inasmuch as our Church in Texas has established a Medical Department in Dallas, the question now comes forcibly to our mind, "Why not have a Theological Department also?" Surely one of the first duties of the Church in providing education is to make the most ample provision for the best training of its ministers.

The great success of the Summer School of Theology is a suggestion of what a theological department properly provided for and maintained would doubtless become in a comparatively short time. We have at the seat of the Literary Department some forty to sixty young men looking toward the ministry. Would it not be both wise and profitable to provide an extended course of study, distinctly Biblical in its character, so that these young men might have before them the opportunity of a special preparation for the work of the ministry?

Some one might object, saying such a course would conflict with our interests at Vanderbilt University. Then, what about the Medical Department? The fact is, Texas is a large State, our Church is a large and growing Church, and it seems that the time has come for us to take care of our interests.

The Presbyterians have a good theological school at Clarksville, Tenn., yet they have thought it necessary to establish a school of theology at Austin, and they are now working together with the State University in the manner that most theological schools find it profitable to work with literary departments. The Baptists at Waco have practically the same method of work.

With such a school established many more men would in the end seek greater opportunities in special work in larger centers of education, and in this way our Church in Texas would have brought to it constantly a plentiful supply of its own men who have laid the foundation for the highest and greatest usefulness. Where there is one man who will desire to extend his work beyond that offered and who, therefore, goes East or North, there

will always be ten men who do not wish to do so, or whose circumstances are such that he cannot do so, and these must enter the work of the ministry entirely lacking in special preparation. The summer schools of theology and the correspondence schools were born out of a desire, very largely, to help just such men—men of good native ability, who would, in all probability, have taken a good deal of special work had it been offered and they had seen the necessity for it. Some work, it is true, is being done now in the Bible at the University, yet this is designed to meet the needs of students in general, and most all the work is, or can be, counted on the usual literary course.

As to the ways and means for such a department we can safely trust the efficient Commissioner of Education whom we now have in the field.

Much more might be said in favor of establishing such a department, but we forbear. NATHAN POWELL,  
Richmond, Texas.

**FROM MATADOR.**

Quite a gloom was cast over our little town on yesterday as the news went out announcing the death of our former pastor and much loved Bro. J. W. Gibbens, whom we learn died at San Antonio, Texas, Tuesday, February 16. We presume a suitable obituary notice will be furnished in due course of time.

Few pastors have ever had a stronger hold upon a people regardless of sect or denomination than Bro. Gibbens had upon the people of the Matador Circuit, which he was only permitted to serve a little more than one year, when his health failed and he had to surrender his work.

Well do we remember at our second Quarterly Conference last year when he in great physical weakness, but with a heart full of love for the Church and his brethren, in a weak and faltering voice he surrendered his work into the hands of our presiding elder, Bro. Miller.

As soon thereafter as health and circumstances would permit he took his family and started out overland for the far Southwest, with some faint hope that an outdoor life, together with the bracing winds and a change of climate, might restore him to health. But, alas! that fatal disease—consumption—had gotten such a hold upon him that it only required time to do its work.

How sad as we look back only a couple of years and think of him. A man, the very picture of health, and whose whole being seemed to be wrought up in the interest of the Church and perishing humanity, should so soon and unexpectedly be called upon to give up his work, but then we remember that God knows best. Hence we bow in submission to his will.

"Servant of God, will done;  
Rest from thy loved employ,  
The battle fought, the victory won,  
Enter thy Master's joy."

WILEY P. JONES.

**NOTES FROM CLARKSVILLE.**

I believe I have written nothing for the Advocate since coming here more than a year ago. Am glad to report that everything is in flourishing condition. We had a two weeks' meeting this winter and this gave new life to the Church. Our congregations are large—a large per cent of it being young men. We have a large, growing Sunday-school; 25 members have been added the last two Sundays. The Loyal Sunday-school Army Plan works to perfection. The beauty about this school is that we have three large classes of grown people in regular attendance. The parents do not send, but bring their children. The last first Sunday missionary day in the Sunday-school, the collection was \$7.94. We have on this day a short missionary program from one of the classes appointed in the beginning of the year. Another good thing about this school is that nearly all of the members, children and all, stay for Church. "How was that accomplished?" Last year the Sunday-school gave every child who would attend Church services 35 out of 45 Sundays, counting from the first of January until conference, keeping a record of the texts in the 11 o'clock service, a beautiful Bible. A great number of Bibles were earned in this manner, but the greatest thing of all was, that it made the child form the habit, and this year they are keeping up the practice from habit. Their staying keeps others, and so it has grown popular, hence nearly all stay. They have learned, too, that not many minutes from 12 o'clock they will be dismissed. This, we find, helps. I have dwelt at length on this subject because I know it is a serious question, this thing of the Sunday-school children leaving the Church instead of staying for preaching.

We are glad to say that we have a good Woman's Home Mission Society. It is receiving members all the time, and has almost doubled its member-

ship since conference. The Woman's Foreign Missionary Society is one of the strongest in the conference, numbering 50 members, and last year raising in dues and offerings \$170. In addition to these societies of the Church the women have a strong Ladies' Aid Society which meets regular once a month, not that the members are disloyal to the regular Church society, but they have had and have large obligations, having built the parsonage and paid for a \$500 carpet for the new church, so they feel that these obligations should be met. They now have the large amount almost clear, lacking some \$125. As auxiliaries to the Woman's Missionary Society there are two juvenile missionary societies, the Kendrick-Dye and the Rose Buds. Much interest is taken in this work by the children.

The Senior and Junior Leagues are flourishing, having taken on new life with the new year.

On the financial side our report is also encouraging. The pastor's salary was again advanced this year. We have raised \$1,300 on the church debt since conference, which puts us in such a condition that we hope to have the Church clear of debt by the first of the year. This is a kind, hospitable, religious people; no man ever served a better charge. In more ways than can be mentioned they make him feel at home and welcome among them. Complaining and fault-finding is not known among them. They love God and his ministering servants are esteemed highly for their work's sake. We are looking for and having a great year.  
L. S. BARTON.

**THE HOME AND STATE MAGAZINE.**

The March number of The Home and State Magazine is before us, and it is a readable issue. The front page covering is adorned with a good cut of Col. W. L. Prather, of the State University, at Austin. The opening article is a poem translated from the German by J. M. Green, entitled "The Maiden's Lament," and it has a striking illustration. The next is "The Grip of Honor," by Cyrus Townsend Brady. This is a very fine story, and it will run through several issues of the Magazine. "Barney's Redemption" is a fine temperance story, written by A. W. Whiteford. This story has a fine moral. "Studies in American Literature," by Professor R. S. Burkhead, continues with a splendid article on Whittier. "Questions of Law," by Judge C. L. Simpson, are helpful suggestions to all classes. "Measures and Men," by the editor, is a review of current events, and of the men producing them. "The Home Circle" treats of domestic questions. "The Progress of Reform" is to the point, but, on account of the illness of the editor, is shorter than usual. "Talks with Girls," by Mrs. Katherine A. Kidd, is a mother and teacher talking to the girls of the State. "The Good Housekeeper's Page" is very interesting. "The World's Fair" is entertaining and instructive. "The Publisher's Desk," shows the progress of Home and State with what the readers think about it. All in all, this is an excellent issue of this well-developed young Magazine. It is now four months old, and it requires an issue of 10,000 to meet the demands. The fact is, Home and State stands for something, and the people want it. Its price of fifty cents a year brings it within the reach of all.

**NORTH TEXAS FEMALE COLLEGE.**

Sherman, Tex., Feb. 15, 1904.

To the Patrons and Friends of North Texas Female College:

On Sunday night, the 20th of December, 1903, the main building, dining hall, and the largest, prettiest dormitory of our college were destroyed by fire. But our noble, courageous President, Mrs. Lucy Kidd-Key, with the assistance of the local friends of the school, secured adjacent buildings for the temporary accommodation of the young ladies, and the school opened on January the 5th, without the loss of a single scholar. But unless our buildings are replaced at once, in time for the opening of the fall session, our college will be seriously crippled, if not permanently injured. We, the Board of Managers, earnestly solicit the assistance of all the friends and patrons of the school. The city of Sherman has proposed to raise ten thousand dollars, more than half of which has been secured. We have from insurance and incidental money about eight thousand dollars. It will require thirty thousand dollars to replace the buildings, which are an imperative necessity.

Rev. C. L. Ballard has been sent out by the Board to act as Financial Agent in collecting the necessary funds. We are trusting you and the loyal friends of the college to come to our relief, and save this great institution to our Church and for our daughters. Every improvement proposed and every dollar given, becomes the property of the North Texas Conference, which will be our joy and pride in the years to come. Send any donation to Rev. J. M.

Binkley, agent at Sherman, Texas, who will receipt the same.

REV. J. M. BINKLEY, Pres.  
REV. P. C. ARCHER, Secy.

**HE WITHDREW ALSO.**

I notice a note in a recent copy of the Texas Christian Advocate to the effect that "the son of Rev. C. L. Chilton entered upon the itinerary at the same time that the father withdrew from the ministry and membership of the Methodist Church." Will you please kindly state in the columns of your paper that I was admitted on trial into the Alabama Conference in December, 1902, but discontinued my relation last December, and withdrew from the membership of the Methodist Church for substantially the same reason assigned by my father—that is, a conscientious conviction that it was my duty.

By doing so, you will greatly oblige, yours very respectfully,

C. L. CHILTON, JR.,  
Montgomery, Ala.

**TERRELL DISTRICT.**

To the Pastors and Members of Terrell District:

Dear Brethren—In looking over the minutes of the last Annual Conference I note with pleasure that there was an increase in all the work of the Church in the district over the year 1902. I know that you rejoice with me in this, for it was your faithful work and loyal support of the Church that produced this result. I note that the district paid \$1122 more for the support of the ministry than in 1902. This is due to the faithful work of the stewards and the love and loyalty of the membership of the Church for the ministry and the cause we represent. May God bless the faithful stewards and people who did this work. I also note that the district paid \$234 more on the collections ordered by the Annual Conference than in 1902. This of course is due to the faithful work of the pastors and the loyalty of the membership to the institutions of our Church. I also note with great pleasure that there were many gracious revivals, many conversions, many accessions—891—to the Church and an increase in the number of baptisms, both of adults and infants, over the preceding year. These are facts for which we ought to rejoice and be exceedingly thankful. But, my brethren, while this is true, when we come to study our resources we are forced to the conclusion that we are not, by any means, measuring up to our responsibilities and privileges. It is true, when we say we paid \$3500 to the benevolent collections, at first thought it seems that we are doing right well, but when we consider that we had 6000 members and unfolded wealth to draw from, it looks rather small—less than one dollar per member. We ought and do rejoice in the fact that there were nearly 1000 conversions last year; but again, when we look at the 5000 members and sixteen pastors to lead them with the divine promises to us given, it seems that we ought to have done better. We must do better this year in all the departments of our work. Oh, brethren of the ministry, who have been called to the leadership in this work, and upon whom rest very largely the success of the same, let us in the secret places cry mightily to God for the baptism of the Holy Ghost upon us and the people preparing us for this work; and let all the members join us in earnest prayer and thanksgiving that we may have at least 1000 conversions and every financial obligation resting upon us may be met. Brethren, it can be done. What can be done ought to be done; will be done, unless somebody, pastor or people, fails to do their duty. Who will it be that fails? You? I trust no one. I note with pleasure that in the first quarter this year there is an improvement over the first quarter of last year. Let pastors and stewards push the work this next quarter.

J. M. PETERSON, P. E.

**NOTICE.**

The minutes of the North Texas Conference show Dr. Sid Bass, of Terrell, as Treasurer of our Board of Missions. This is a mistake. Mr. A. F. Platter, of Denton, is Treasurer.

ROBERT GIBBS MOOD,  
Secy N. Tex. Conf.

**TEACHERS FOR MEXICO.**

We feel that the educational and religious character of San Antonio Female College received endorsement from a high source when Bishop Candler made choice of our graduates to become teachers in our schools in Mexico. Having notified me that he would look to this institution for teachers he associated, upon my nomination, Miss Ida Waller, daughter of Rev. I. K. Waller, and Miss Mabel Collier, daughter of Dr. G. W. Collier, of this city, to Mary Keener Institute, City of Mexico. These two young ladies have entered upon their work in the school under Miss Case with a sincere desire to do good and will illustrate by their lives loyalty to Christ in all things. There are other Christian young ladies who will be ready when the call from the Church comes.  
J. E. HARRISON.

**REV. J. W. GIBBENS.**

Rev. J. W. Gibbens, of the Northwest Texas Conference, died Tuesday, Feb. 16, at 10:20 a. m., at West End, San Antonio. The end was peaceful. The Alamo Masonic Lodge joined with the West End Church in the burial services.

J. M. ALEXANDER.

**FOR ADOPTION.**

Two beautiful children—one a little boy, about six years old; has dark hair and eyes. The other is a little baby girl, fourteen months old; has dark hair and blue eyes. Both parents were cultured, the mother highly educated. Both are dead. The children are in Louisiana.

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### The Sunday-School Department

DEATH OF JOHN THE BAPTIST.  
Mark 6:14-29.

Golden Text: "Be thou faithful unto death, and I will give thee a crown of life."—Rev. 2:10.

Topical Outline: I. Herod's Thought about Jesus. (Verses 1, 2.) II. The Arrest of John the Baptist. (Verses 3-5.) III. The Murder of John. (Verses 6-12.)

Time: The arrest of John probably took place in the year A. D. 28. His death occurred some months later. Herod's superstitious identification of Jesus with him was, of course, later still.

Place: In the gloomy castle or fort of Machaerus, which was situated on the border of Arabia, to the east of the Dead Sea.

Dr. Paul Whitehead in Sunday School Magazine:

In verse 10 of the lesson chapter is a single line of tremendous import to two souls—to John the Baptist and his murderer, Herod. The deed then committed opened heaven to God's martyred prophet; it also opened the bottomless pit to Herod. It was a climax of his other sins. Before that fatal evening he had kept clear of shedding John's blood, though much besought and sorely tempted. Now henceforth till death and eternal damnation the crime was to lie heavily upon his guilty soul.

This case is an illustration of the progress of sin. From hearing John "gladly" (on all other subjects except his own sin) and esteeming him "a just man and a holy, and resisting for a time the malicious promptings of the wanton herodias, he ended in murdering the good man in order to keep a rash oath. So the worst of men were at one time comparatively innocent. The monster of iniquity, who now scruples at nothing, was at first alarmed at the prospect of great criminality. Un-schooled in vice, his timorous heart drew back; now he rushes upon the point of eternal vengeance, unmoved by the sight of that awful weapon which shall pierce him through.

Another truth which this case furnishes is the ruinous effect of reveling and drunkenness. Satan caught Herod in his worst trap, baited with deep drinking and a high frolic. His birthday was celebrated in the style customary among Princes and magnates of his time, and alas! too often of ours as well. Wine and strong drink flowed at the feast. When men had well drunk, the young daughter of Herodias danced before them with the skill and the immodesty of a ballet girl. The men, excited by the drinking bout, praised her beauty and her gay carriage, and the King, more drunk than any perhaps, uttered the rash promise to give her whatsoever she asked. When, "before instructed of her mother," she asked John's head on a charger, the King saw his error, but too late, and he had not the moral courage to refuse her demand. So when men need the coolest head, drink and a frolic rob them of their wits and their consciences.

How unavailing is the sorrow of men like Herod, who have stepped over the line of safety and a good conscience! The evangelists record his distress. He was "sorry." Mark says "exceeding sorry." He would gladly have retraced his steps, and doubtless cursed the hour he made the rash promise. But in his position, moved by the influence about him and bound by the conventionalities of courts, he saw no retreat possible. Grieving and gloomy, he sent out the executioner to bring in the good man's head. He had witnessed many a ghastly sight unmoved. It may be questioned whether he bore this spectacle without pain and remorse. But "the sorrow of the world worketh death." Mourning of this kind makes no man better. There is

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no repentance in it, nothing which turns a man away from his iniquity. With all Herod's lamenting, he ordered John to be killed; and none of his regrets brought back to life the holy man or took out of his conscience the sting of self-condemnation. When he heard of the great deeds of Jesus he exclaimed: "It is John, whom I beheaded; he is risen from the dead." He trembled at the thought of seeing the man of whom he heard such wonderful reports, doubtless dreading to recognize in him the lineaments of his old, faithful friend, who feared not to warn him of his sins; to have that eye of fire search his heart more awfully than ever!

### The Epworth League Department

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

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Topic for Sunday, March 13th: "The Worship of God, a Source of Strength."—Ps. 29:1-11.

1. God is due our worship. He made us and we not ourselves. He redeemed us by the precious blood of his only begotten Son. He preserves us by his special Providence, and he meets all our wants, temporal and spiritual. It is then the least that we can do to render unto him our sincerest worship.

2. He is the Ruler of heaven and earth. He has all power above and beneath. He is seated upon a throne that is high and lifted up. He is the source of law in nature and in grace. The earth, the sea and sky are his. All living things depend upon him. He gave to us our breath, our intelligence, our immortality. We ought therefore to worship him with all our heart.

3. He is the guide and protector of the interests of his Church upon earth. It is the apple of his eye. Through it he manifests himself to men, and out of its resources he feeds his people spiritually.

4. He has prepared a place for the finally faithful, beyond the flight of time when we are through with the struggles of this world. And when he is through with us here, he will transport us to that better world. Now to worship him is come into contact with all strength, and to develop into all goodness. That sort of service rendered to him makes us like him in character and life. We become a part of his family, partake of his nature, and we become possessed of the inheritance which fadeth not away. The worship spirit brings us into the possession of all these spiritual blessings.

#### NOTES.

Prof. Hamil and wife and Dr. Atkins were just closing out a successful Sunday-school Institute the Sunday we were in St. Louis. It was held at Centenary Church, of which Dr. McMurry is pastor.

Former State Secretary John Ellis, now a "big injun heap," sends an interesting letter this week. A word from him is always welcomed.

Brother White sends a notice of the marriage of Miss Julia May Langley, Second Vice-President of the North Texas Conference League. Our congratulations and best wishes are extended to Mr. Chandler and his bride.

Texas now has a half interest in the Epworth Era, the date line since February 11 bearing both Nashville and Dallas. Its publication will still continue at Nashville with all other Church literature, but the joint heading makes it ours and we ought to give it a more liberal support than ever. Remember this on Forward Day and increase your Era list.

March 13 will be Forward Day in the North Texas and the West Texas Conferences. Let our Leaguers hold special services and make the occasion one of great moment.

We were at a League service recently where the members of the choir kept up a continual chatter during prayers. Of course the service of the evening was a failure. Such people ought not to be allowed in a choir. The League can get along better without them, in our opinion. G. W. T.

#### FROM DENISON.

The Epworth League of Waples' Memorial Church manifested the worth of the social department of the League Friday evening, February 12.

Give the young people of the Church an opportunity to become acquainted, make them to learn and know and to love each other; all this ought to be done, and through the third department of our League is the way these conditions should be brought about. Let us understand each other so all can rightly appreciate the individual effort of the members and the first thing we know all will be on the "active list" and moving forward as one man to accomplish the purpose of the League. Bring the young people into the League through the social department, make it the "outer gate" and see to it that one specially suited is placed in charge, leaving to all the leaders the responsibility of seeing that none ever enter therein unless they are invited to partake more abundantly of the riches of the League work. Come in, even into the "inner court." Let us know the Word, know the doctrine, know the Church and what it is doing, be more Christ-like; we can do all this through the League, and remembering that there is a time for all things, recognize the social department as a valuable means to that end.

Apropos the season, ours was a Valentine party. Plenty of talking machines, enough to remind of Babylon's confounded tongues, and a Victor for the older folks. Of course the services of the Gypsy fortune teller were obtained, but at great expense, for she said all her stories were laden only with Cupid's crozmisses. She was awful ugly, but so good! How nice she was to speak encouragingly to that fair maiden, somewhat old and somewhat young: "Don't despair, be up and doing; 'tis leap year!"

One especially pleasing feature was the presence of a goodly number of Leaguers from First Church. Earnest members of a live League.

Thus at an hour rather late for Methodists, splendid refreshments were served, after which all wandered through the darkness of the early morn to home, having pronounced the affair eminently successful.

A. B. HARDIN.

#### FROM PONDER.

On February 18 I married Mr. Joe Chandler and Miss Julia Mae Langley at Denton. She is our First Vice-President of North Texas League, you know. Her address will be Krum, Texas. See that Leaguers have notice. Have just organized a fine League here.

L. G. WHITE.

#### FROM RISING STAR.

It is possible that some of our Leaguers here may go to the World's Fair, and should they do so, would be glad to accompany the regular Epworth League crowd. So I will greatly appreciate any information you may be disposed to furnish in regard to rates, accommodations, time of starting, etc.

Our Leaguers are not as enthusiastic as we wish they were, but still we feel that some good is being accomplished. We expect to pay \$10 or more for the cause of missions during this year. NEAL W. TURNER.

#### INDIAN MISSION CONFERENCE.

I have thought many times since I landed here that I would write something for the League column in the Advocate, but the duties of a railroad agent are very exacting and especially so in this rapidly developing country. I find time for attending Church, League and Sunday-school, but folks here wonder how I can manage it. I expect you wonder how I came to be transferred from Texas. Well it came about through a change in superintendents. My former superintendent in Texas was transferred to this division and, knowing me down in Texas, he offered me inducements to come North and I accepted. We have a good Church here with a live young pastor, a Senior League with 65 members and a Junior with about the same number. I am now President of the Seniors and Miss Annie Munroe is superintendent of the Juniors. We have an Era agent and fifteen copies of that indispensable paper are taken now, and we hope to double the list in the near future. Our League is not in line in the literary department, but some good work is being done with works of standard English authors as text-books. The M. E. Church, South, has never been so aggressive anywhere as in this country, and in a few years this will be one of our strongest conferences. I have watched the League department of the Advocate closely and have noted with pleasure the results of the Cabinet meetings at Gainesville. It seems hard to arouse again the former enthusiasm of the Leaguers for our annual gatherings, but perhaps the time is not far distant when those who love the work will turn with gladness to the annual

reunion. I sometimes think that perhaps a conference of workers would be more attractive than set speeches by even the most noted men. I noticed last year at San Antonio that there was a manifest disposition to get Harry Halsell off in a quiet corner and get him to tell how he managed his Juniors. Another thing I notice you have referred to the prohibition question in your department. I was glad to see that and wish you would repeat it often. You are certainly right in predicting that this will be a live issue in State affairs in the next election. I have positive information from counties in which I am acquainted that the liquor ring is making a quiet but general effort to carry counties enough to control the next Legislature. We have the best enforced prohibition law here I have ever lived under. Even the C. O. D. business does not obtain with us. Of course there is some smuggling, but so far as I can see, the law against whisky is enforced as well as any other. I wish to express my appreciation of the work you are doing for League in Texas by your work in editing the department for the Advocate. You do the work well and the Church is laid under a deep obligation to you thereby. I hope to attend the "Encampment" this summer, and am anxious to know where it will be.

J. T. ELLIS.

Checotah, I. T.

"Every drunkard," we read the other day, "was once an innocent child." The boys of to-day are to be the sober men, with all that that implies, or the drunkards—think of it!—of to-morrow. The time to begin to train them for the former life is now. Are we, parents, teachers, pastors, doing our whole duty in this respect?—Examiner.

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LETTER FROM BRO. STEPHENS.

After a residence of nearly thirty years in Hillsboro, it was a very trying time with me to sever my connection with those people—many of whom I had known from childhood—and say good-bye. But Bro. Duncan gave me the right-o-way at the night service on the first Sunday night in January, when I attempted to preach a farewell sermon. I read a text, but that was about all—the remainder of the service was only an informal, farewell talk, to a people that I loved and will ever love with all the capacities of an old loving heart. As I shook their hands at the close of the service, it seemed to me that I could never love another people and another pastor as I loved Hillsboro and Jerome Duncan. Two days after, I took the train for Lampasas—my future home—with a sad and heavy heart, where everybody except the family of my son were entire strangers to me. Soon after my arrival here, Rev. W. T. Renfro, the pastor, called and extended to me a warm welcome, and after an hour or more spent in social conversation we engaged in prayer. His visit was a benediction to me.

I have now spent three Sabbaths here, have met nearly every member of the Church, also many of the people generally. I am delighted with my new surroundings and am in love already with the Church here. Bro. Renfro, the pastor, is a most lovable man, a fine preacher, a fine pastor—looking carefully into all the interests of the Church—a man of one work, ably assisted by a helpmeet who is a helpmeet indeed. He is supported by a faithful Board of Stewards, noble, consecrated men. The first quarterly meeting closed last night. Bro. J. D. Scott, presiding elder on the San Angelo District, was present, looking into every interest of the Church with painstaking care. The reports, as I remember, are: Presiding elder paid in full for first quarter, pastor's salary paid in full to date, fourteen members received since conference—two on profession of faith—membership 258, pastor's salary raised \$120 over the assessment of last year. Home mission assessment paid in full, also the Orphans' Home claim paid in full, and 80 per cent of the foreign mission assessment. So, you see, the decks are about cleared for action, and all of us are looking forward to a grand victory. The two grand and incisive sermons by Bro. Scott yesterday might be properly called the signal guns of the contest, interlarded by a love feast, conducted by this scribe, in the evening, at which about one hundred or more were present, and the power of the Lord was visible in the words and utterances of the people.

Prayer-meetings well attended; the Sunday-school and Epworth League is in good shape; a new class of young people, and old as well, organized and led by Judge W. B. Abney, a new convert.

In addition to all this, there is a determination to revive the old-fashioned class-meeting, and, while this has been going on, the pastor tells me he has been pounded, heavily, with nearly everything useful in the home of a preacher.

Last, but not least, I learn that the Y. M. C. A. Summer School will be held here, and then, the irrepressible George Stuart is already engaged to come with his "stump-puller." We are expecting great things; our faith is strong and the indications are flattering.

JNO. W. STEVENS. Lampasas, Texas, Jan. 16. MRS. F. A. LANE. (A paper read before the W. H. M. Society at Quinlan, Texas.) Two weeks ago to-day we met here and enjoyed sweet fellowship as God's adopted children. As we knelt in prayer and poured out our earnest requests to our Father in heaven we little thought that we would meet, but we would miss her. We would see her vacant chair. We could not linger to caress her. No, my sisters, our Father sent his messengers to take our loved one. It comes to me o'er and o'er, and my heart cries out for the touch of a vanished hand, for the sound of a voice that is stilled. Vanished? Yes, vanished from our sight, but oh, the glorious change for her! She sees the King in his beauty. This precious body sleeps in Jesus, yes, "asleep in Jesus, blessed sleep, from which none ever wakes to weep." But the pure, loving soul is with her loved ones there and she now joins with them in singing, "Oh to listen to the music of heaven—to be one of those who sing redeeming love; to be with Jesus; to be like Jesus. There are no sorrows nor any sighing; nor any sin there, nor any dying; but love and joy and peace." She indeed believed that the chief end of man was to glorify God and enjoy him forever.

She was a blessing to us all. I loved to sit near her and see the peace of God in her beautiful eyes, because I felt that she lived so close to Jesus. Now we are here again as a Society. We thought and planned to be with her, but God's thoughts are not like our thoughts, nor his ways our ways. We would have her here, but, like Enoch, she walked with God and was not, for God took her—took her from our Society to enjoy the society of Jesus and the many who awaited her coming; took her from her loved ones here to join her loved ones there. It seems as if Jesus just lifted her from earth's activity to dwell forever with the Lord, and while we meet and miss her

and offer our love and sympathy to the dear ones she has left, we bless God for such a life as hers—a life hid with Christ in God; a life of earnest Christian work. She loved to be kind and helpful to others. Hers was a heart at leisure from itself to soothe and sympathize. Her life is ended here—with only a short time of suffering. She left us to live forever at home in the palace of God. She can not return to us, but we may go to her. Her sacred dust shall arise in God's likeness.

Dear friends, look above. Your treasure is in heaven, and oh, may the Healer of hearts teach you how to live as she would have you live. Her influence will live on in your lives to bless the world and help mankind to be better.

We who are away at school find some of the lessons very hard to learn. In the twilight our hearts turn to childhood's days and we cry, "Oh, to call back the days that are not!" But Time moves on and the great Teacher knows why things are so hard to understand. He speaks to the mourning hearts today and says, "What I do thou knowest not now, but thou shalt know hereafter." How sweet it will be to have her to be at home waiting for the loved children and grandchildren. Her work on earth is done and she has gone to receive that inheritance, incorruptible, undecayed, and that fade-th not away. Take up thy duties and live as she lived, and some sweet day God will call his children home to dwell forever with her.

Never to part. To live in a home prepared for you by Jesus himself. "If I go and prepare you a place I will come again and receive you unto myself." Yes, Jesus has been in this room since last we met and tenderly taken your loved one unto himself. It was the great desire of her heart that we as a Church might make our pastor comfortable. Let us as a Society act well our part and may our Father guide us in what we try to do.

As President of the Society I offer an earnest prayer that each and every one of our Society may imitate her beautiful life and like her may be diligent in business, fervent in spirit, serving the Lord. MRS. ED. ARNOLD.

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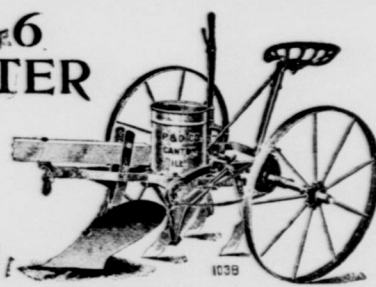
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## A NEW YEAR'S PRAYER.

By F. H. Meserve.  
Our Father, Lord, we turn to thee,  
Whose promises are true,  
Whose being is infinitely  
Both unity and trinity.  
Our hope and faith renew.

This year give us, if 'tis thy will,  
More of thy work to do;  
Thy love in all our hearts instill  
To urge us on as we fulfill  
The tasks we have in view.

If heedlessly we fall, delay  
Thy censure till again  
We know thy way, and then obey;  
To know the truth teach us to pray  
In Christ's dear name. Amen.  
—Exchange.

A letter has been received recently by the editor of this department from her friend Mrs. H. T. Steele, of Oak Cliff, North Texas Conference, who has been making an extended visit in Mexico. An extract from the letter is given here, as it will be of interest to our members, relating as it does to schools under the charge of our Woman's Board of Foreign Missions: "The Mexican Border Conference has just closed its session at this place, Monterey. Bishop Candler seemed to give entire satisfaction. He has learned some Spanish, which is quite a help to him. Miss Roberts, from Saltillo, and Misses Park and Mosely, from our Laredo Seminary, were present at the conference. Their reports were fine (so I was told, for they were read in Spanish) and were listened to very attentively. The schools at both those places are doing well. Miss Roberts has 22 pupils in the Normal Department, but there will be no graduates this session, as a new grade has been added. The twelve who graduated from the Normal last year are all employed as teachers, and the demand is greater than can be supplied. Laredo Seminary is full. It is remarkable how soon the school has filled up since the yellow fever epidemic. The Bishop made a fine speech on Christian education. Dr. Winton interpreting for him. He said many good things about our woman's work in the Republic, showing how closely connected the Woman's Board of Foreign Missions and the parent board are in all their work. The Bishop assigns our missionaries to their work just the same as he assigns the preachers to theirs, and the preachers ought to help these women, who are thus co-laborers with them in the Lord. I was disappointed in not seeing Miss Holding, principal of our Laredo Seminary, but hope to visit the seminary on our return home, and I may visit Saltillo, Miss Roberts' location, next week."

## NOTICE OF APPOINTMENT.

The removal of the Superintendent of Supplies of our Conference Society caused a vacancy in that office, which we, as your Executive Committee, feel we are now able to fill to the honor of our work and great upbuilding of that department. Mrs. Geo. Sexton, of Galveston, is hereby appointed to serve as Superintendent of Supplies for the W. H. M. S. of Texas Conference. Dear sisters, our new superintendent can do nothing without your help. Will not every Auxiliary report to her at once what has been done since December, so that she can make a full report at the annual meeting?

MRS. ALEX. WOLDERT,  
Pres. Conf. Society.  
MRS. GEO. CALL, Cor. Sec.  
MISS E. HILL, Treas.

## AUXILIARIES OF WOMAN'S HOME MISSION SOCIETY, TEXAS CONFERENCE.

Dear Sisters: Our annual meeting is fast approaching, and if we would make of it what we would have it be we all have one week to do it. Let every Auxiliary officer write to the corresponding conference officer and, if not report, do the next thing—encourage her by your words. So many letters are written and so few replies received by these faithful women of God. The Superintendent of Press Work ought to have some item of interest to send. The reading course is very important, though Mrs. Downs hears from very few. The loving, sympathetic letters you fail to write are sadly missed and much needed. Let us do better, and begin now, and I am sure our reports at our annual meeting will be far more interesting to the delegates when they feel that they had a part in them. We get out of a thing in the ratio of our investment in it, and the best investment of all is men and women, who give not only their money, but themselves, to the service of the Master. We have time now to be very helpful to every department of the

work before the annual meeting, at Cameron, of our Conference Society. Do not let the opportunity pass unheeded. I hope every President, Vice President, Secretary, Corresponding Secretary, Treasurer, Press Superintendent, etc., will write her conference President, Vice President, etc., before the week is out; and don't forget your Superintendent of Supplies, Mrs. Sexton, of Galveston; Superintendent of City Missions, Mrs. F. Chase, Rusk; Superintendent of Educational Loan Fund, Mrs. Betty Dorrugh, Tyler; Literature and Press, Dr. Emily Shedd, Brenham; Reading Course, Mrs. J. W. Downs, Henderson. Pray for our annual meeting and come feeling that it is better to give than to receive. Your sister,  
MRS. ALEX. WOLDERT.

## NEW OFFICERS OF THE W. H. M. S. OF BATESVILLE, FOR 1904.

Mrs. S. B. Pincham, President; Mrs. W. R. Hooper 1st Vice President; Mrs. Lena King, 2d Vice President; Mrs. Geo. Myers, 3d Vice President; Mrs. Jennie Smith, Recording Secretary; Miss Mollie West, Corresponding Secretary; Mrs. W. T. Childress, Treasurer; Miss Vermell Hooper, Agent for Our Homes.

In the write-up from Batesville, published the first of February, of last year's officers, Mrs. S. B. Pincham, Treasurer, was unintentionally omitted.  
MRS. W. T. CHILDRESS,  
Corresponding Secretary.

## W. F. M. SOCIETY, TERRELL, TEX.

We hope it may interest some of our readers to hear from the W. F. M. Society, of Terrell.

All of our officers have been so faithful, they were unanimously re-elected for another year. Our President, Mrs. M. A. Allen, has served us twenty-three years—ever since we were organized—and is, indeed, an inspiration to us, both spiritually and in our united study. We feel devoutly thankful to our Heavenly Father for the privilege of having this consecrated woman as our President so long.

Mrs. W. B. Dashiell has been our Treasurer seventeen years. She is an earnest worker and always at her post. Mrs. Dashiell is lady manager, also, for our Juvenile Society. While the other officers have not served so long, they have been just as faithful.

Last Sunday night the Juvenile Society held an open meeting. We felt proud of the society. The program was well arranged and admirably executed. Our pastor followed the children's exercises with an appropriate talk and then opened the barrels which had been given to each child to collect missionary money. Beatrice Harper's barrel contained three dollars and forty cents. This being more than was found in any other barrel, she received the prize which had been offered by the lady manager.

We have finished the studies "Via Christi," and "Lux Christi." Two lessons in "Rex Christus," the study for this year, make us anxious to learn more of China, for we realize the author is right when he says, "There has never been a time when a larger and fuller knowledge of what China is to be was more necessary than today."

Three new members at our last meeting. It is our earnest prayer that the women of our Church may feel that it is not only their duty, but a delightful privilege, to help in sending this message of Jesus and his love to those who have heard it not.

(MRS.) R. H. COOK.

## FROM CLEBURNE.

One Monday afternoon, as I was driving down the street, I noticed a number of vehicles hitched around the Methodist Church, so I stopped and went in to see what was going on this busy week day—and I wish I could tell you all I saw, heard and felt! There must have been at least fifty ladies present, and every one seemed glad to be there—there seemed such a current of enthusiasm, such a hearty co-operation!

I sat looking and listening—just drinking it in, as it were.

There was the President and her officers, all in their places. The scripture lesson having been read, the points were stressed so as to send the thought straight to our hearts. Then I noticed two or three different ones were called upon to read short, pointed pieces on personal influence. Then some short prayer and a song.

A sweet spirituality seemed to pervade all. 'Twas good indeed to be there—to listen as they reviewed their year's work. "Soul-winning" seemed to be their watchword, and they certainly are into the work, for in their report I found they had pledged \$350 towards supporting a pastor in another part of the town. And their labors there are being rewarded, as there have already been many conversions and additions in the new field.

Two boxes of nice, warm clothing had been sent to a minister in a sparsely settled district; boxes went to the Methodist Orphanage; the Rescue

Home was remembered, and quite a lot of local work and many other good deeds had been accomplished.

This was the Woman's Home Mission Society of Cleburne. May God bless them in their work.

A FRIEND.

## SETTLEMENT HOMES.

(Read by Mrs. Alma Yancey at meeting of Auxiliary W. H. M. Society, Tyler, Texas.)

I was assigned to Settlement Homes as a subject for a paper for this special occasion. No doubt you all understand that by Settlement Homes is meant a provision by which the inmates of the slums and poverty-stricken districts of the cities may be provided with examples of clean, attractive and pleasant surroundings or homes. It is hoped thereby to uplift, elevate and ennoble them; thereby to make them purer and better, to culture their souls. Perhaps you have all read recently of the Hull House, of Chicago, and Miss Jane Addams' work for the poor and among the poor of Chicago. As I understand it, the Hull House is a great tenement house provided for the poor, that they may be taken away from their ignorance, wretchedness and depravity—away from their filth and gloom, where so many of them live huddled together, and are put in this Hull House, where the rooms are clean and bright and attractive, where there are no suggestions of degradations. They are placed here that their surroundings may make them forget their old condition, that they may be stimulated to new life, by the cheer and beauty of their environments. Here, in this house, there lives among and works among them this Miss Jane Addams, who, it seems, has become famous by this work; and there are others, too, who have left their luxurious homes to come and live among them and by example show them how to become Christlike. As they have never known the light of the gospel, they rise to meet this nobleness of the lives of those that have come among them to set them examples of pure and holy living. In addition to these tenement houses they have Settlement Homes in the suburbs, where neat cottage homes are provided for large settlements of them. There the cottages are provided with little flower gardens and everything to cheer, and the occupants are assisted in getting work to do. If there is any one here that does not understand the condition of the slums and poverty-stricken districts, go with me in imagination to the dark and gloomy rooms, or basements where the sunlight never gleams in. See there huddled together, sometimes as many as twenty families crowded together in one room, sleeping either on the bare floor or on a pile of straw—glad of any place to lay their heads, knowing not where even a morsel of bread is coming from.

Imagine—yes picture a woman sitting on a barrel sheltering a child from a criminal she has hidden in the barrel lest the policemen suspect his whereabouts. Her feet she swings, while some boisterous song she sings. Pity her. Do not condemn her too severely. They have inherited poverty, disease, immorality, illiteracy and intemperance. Do you doubt there is work to do, to lift them from such depths?

There is a lady here in our little city who told me her personal experience when passing through the crowded tenement portion of New York; her party had just come from Greenwood Cemetery, and the little waifs, ten or twelve years of age followed after them along the sidewalks, seeing the bits of evergreen brought from Greenwood as souvenirs, and in a plaintive voice pleading, "Mister, please give me dem flowers; Mister, please give me dem flowers." These are but examples of thousands of cases in our cities. We should all be astir in this busy, beautiful world, where we have all the comforts of life. We should stir ourselves to do what we can toward helping humanity. Jesus said, "the poor you have with you always," which surely he meant as a hint to us to care for his poor. And surely it was a beautiful thought in the heart of somebody to suggest that wise means of the Settlement Home to provide for so many of God's children, to brighten their lives, to gladden their hearts, that they might know what a true Christian home means.

In Atlanta, Ga., the Settlement work has made rapid progress. Here the work began with the free kindergarten, instilling into the young minds principles that will never be forgotten. Afternoon schools were organized for older children, and a night school for the benefit of the mill hands. These consecrated young people from the Churches have offered their services, Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday are given to school; Friday evening is reserved for entertainments. Parents and friends of the children are invited and entertained with music, recitations and games, or instructed by lectures, the programs being furnished by preachers, physicians and friends of the work, both Jew and Christian. The

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mill closing at twelve on Saturday gives the boys the opportunity to fall into great temptations. So a "Boys' Brigade," or military company, was organized. This meets with great favor among them, and already the good effect can be seen. The captain of this host, being a consecrated young man, is trying to inspire these boys with a desire for usefulness in life, and by relating to them the deeds of great men to impress upon them the difference between the Christian and non-Christian character. They have here, also, a hospital, the mothers bringing their sick children to be treated; and with this as an object lesson they hope to impress them with the importance of taking their sick souls to the great physician.

In our mind we can picture those neglected, forlorn mothers grasping little by little that ray of hope, that blessed promise of a home in heaven; and the little child in her arms, drinking in that inspiration, instilled by the mother's love for our dear Savior, will be like the unfolding of the rosebud before the morning sun.

I could tell you of other Settlement Homes I have read of, in New Orleans and Nashville, where great good is being accomplished—a ripe field, a working Church, and a dear Savior to pilot them through.

Nearer home—yes, here close at our door, at Dallas, a Settlement Home has been organized. A cottage was rented in the most needy district and, although an humble beginning, there is already on hand the nucleus of a fund to purchase a new and larger building. Let us all be astir in our own little city.

"Many deeds, that the angels above us, Looking down into the hearts may behold, Recorded by our Savior, who loves us, Writing names above, in letters of gold."

## PRAY YE THEREFORE THE LORD OF THE HARVEST.

Believing that the time has come when as a united company we need to entreat Him with whom all things are possible to thrust forth laborers into the harvest, we ask that all of the members of the Woman's Home Mission society observe Friday, March 11, a day of self-examination and prayer.

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Make the 11th day of March a day of entering into your closets for solemn, searching self-examination and prayer, and then pay your vows unto the Lord.

BELLE H. BENNETT,  
President W. H. M.

## SOME NOTES.

"A prudent man foreseeth the evil and hideth himself; but the simple pass on," and all the people find it out. Imagine a man of twenty-five years' experience as a public speaker allowing himself to be persuaded by the President of Polytechnic Col-

lege, to undertake to fill the places of Dr. G. C. Rankin and Bishop J. S. Key, the one to preach the sermon and the other to perform the act of dedication, and you will see the force of the above quotation. The disappointment of the preacher and the people, however, was a great pleasure to me, for to save my life while I was preaching I could not see but what I was doing a good job. The dawning came afterward. It is well we are lost in our efforts while performing.

I was not glad that Dr. Rankin and Bishop Key were sick, but was exceedingly rejoiced that I had an opportunity to go to Ponder to meet the wide-awake pastor and his faithful people. The name of Rev. L. G. White is inseparably connected with the history of Methodism in Ponder. The building of this Church, a beautiful sixteen hundred dollar modern structure, with only a membership of forty-three, shows what an earnest pushing pastor can do when assisted by a few faithful men and women. Methodism is planted to stay in Ponder. Bro. White has his Church work in fine shape. A good Sunday-school, a good League, and splendid congregations to hear him preach. He certainly has wrought well and deserves all honor. You may always expect things to happen when L. G. White is sent as the preacher in charge.

God bless the earnest, self-sacrificing people of Ponder. It was our pleasure to dine with Prof. Carrithers and wife, whom we had known elsewhere. It was a pleasure to be in their pleasant home and to partake of the well prepared viands from their loaded table. The professor and his beautiful and accomplished wife are doing fine work in the public school of the town. We also met with pleasure Miss Finley, of the public schools of Denton, and Miss Boyhn, teacher in the normal school at Denton, who rendered a most beautiful solo at the dedication service. We were glad to meet one of our former friends, Bro. Ferris, whom we knew to love at Weatherford. We will not soon forget our trip to Ponder. G. S. WYATT.

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ANDERSON.—Mrs. Paralee Jane Anderson was born in Calhoun County, Ala., Dec. 22, 1826. She was married to her husband, Wm. A. and Dey Chandler, in 1852, and located in Freestone County. She was married to James J. Anderson in August, 1862. This happy union was blessed with nine children, two of whom died in innocent childhood. In 1899 the kind husband and father passed from earth to heaven, leaving the devoted wife and children in sad bereavement. The burden was heavy to bear, but this Christian mother knew how to look to for comfort and guidance. She was converted in her girlhood days, joined the M. E. Church, South, and lived a consistent Christian life. For many years her home was in Fairfield. Her eldest son, so dutiful and self-sacrificing, took the place of father in helping to rear the children. In later years she resided in Hillsboro and Corsicana. Whether her lot was cast she wielded an influence for good, and was highly esteemed. She was energetic beyond her physical strength, and diligent in providing for the comfort and pleasure of her household. But alas! the noble career of this useful life must come to a close. It was while visiting her daughter, the wife of Judge Bell, at their quiet home in Fairfield, that the final summons came, Thursday, Nov. 3, 1895. She was confined to her bed several weeks, receiving every attention that loving hearts and willing hands could offer. A short time before dissolution, she fully realized the end was near, and while with strength to talk, called for her children. As they gathered around her bedside that saintly mother clasped each child to her bosom, imprinting the farewell kiss, saying, "Darling, don't cry, for I am going to my sweet rest and I want you to meet me in heaven." It was a supreme privilege to see her so grand and impressive, that time can never efface from sacred memory. Those precious words from the lips of mother can never be heard on earth again, but through faith, dear ones, you can see those beautiful, beckoning hands bidding these come. This sweet Christian woman also remembered her absent friends and sent them a message to meet her in heaven. Nor did she forget that faithful old man who had served the family many years. It was a supreme privilege to witness the triumphant death. She was the Lord's anointed and has won a crown in glory. God's promises are sure: "Be thou faithful unto death and I will give thee a crown of life." Funeral services were held at the Methodist Church by Rev. J. Russell. The floral offering by her kind friends was beautiful. Her remains were laid to rest beside her husband in the Fairfield Cemetery. She leaves to cherish her memory six children, all happily married, except one, the noble Christian daughter, Lillie, joined the angels two years before. The living are: A. D. and James Anderson, of Corsicana; Mrs. W. C. Streety and Charles Anderson, of DeLeon; Mrs. E. F. Carter, of Hillsboro; and Mrs. E. Bell, of Fairfield. Also six grandchildren, two sisters, one brother and a host of relatives and friends. May we all reach that haven of rest where partings and sorrows will be no more. Her loving nephew, A. R. BUCHANAN.

COATS.—A. F. Coats, son of J. A. and Adaline A. Coats, was born July 23, 1829; died Feb. 16, 1894. He professed religion under the ministry of Rev. J. C. Carter and joined the M. E. Church, South, in 1894. A sad accident was the cause of his death. As he started for church on Sunday morning, Jan. 21, he was thrown from his horse, and received injuries which caused his death. He asked the doctor if he would get well, and when told he could not, he said to his father, "All is well, I am not afraid to die." He was a noble young man, kind in disposition, loved and respected by all. He was married to Miss Rosa Eudaly July 5, 1862. Why one so noble and generous should be taken in the bloom of young manhood, we can not now understand, but we know that our heavenly Father doth all things well. He leaves a young wife, father and mother, brothers and one sister to lament his death. Dear relatives, look up through your tears and remember that loss is his eternal gain. While he can not come to us, we can go to him, and we know where to find him. J. L. CARTER, I. C. MILLS.

WELLS.—John W. Wells was born in Marshall County, Miss., Nov. 28, 1861; died in Anderson County, Texas, Jan. 28, 1894. He came to Texas with his parents in 1877, and lived in this county, near Palestine, until his death. Having very poor health, he never married, and after the death of his father, which happened several years since, he and his mother lived alone. Johnnie was a model son, devoted to his mother and her only support. And during his life of forty-two years, had never been separated from her but two weeks. He was very quiet and retiring, loved the Church, took a great interest in and supported all of her institutions. Yet strange to say, he had never united with the Church. When urged to do so, he would reply, "I believe I have been converted, but I am not ready to join the Church." This affliction falls very heavily upon his mother. She has the sympathy and prayers of a host of friends. May she be enabled to say with afflicted Job, "Though He slay me, yet will I trust in Him." May the dear Lord sustain and comfort her. A FRIEND.

MEMOIR OF DR. R. R. MULKEY. He was a young man in the prime of life, only 28 years of age. When a small boy he was converted and joined the Church. Being modest and reserved in his disposition, few knew the genuine merit of his inner life. In thought and feeling kind, in action brave, his upright life reflected the lofty principles taught him in infancy. His devotion as a son to his parents and as a husband to his companion was beautiful to behold. He was well educated, having a general intelligence unusual for one of his years. He was given every advantage for literary advancement and spent his last years as a student in Nashville, Tenn. As his business profession he chose dental surgery. Completing this study at Vanderbilt University and returning to his home in Corsicana, Texas, as a D. D. S., he at once began practice. He loved his work and felt it not only a professional duty, but a real privilege, to relieve suffering humanity. But during the long study and close application of school life, his health began to decline. In October, 1890, soon after graduation, he was married, in Asheville, N. C., to a beautiful Kentucky girl, Miss Betha Jones. With true Christian devotion she stood by him during his years of suffering, encouraging, cheering, comforting him and ministering to his every want. They had recently returned from California, where they had been engaged in a fruitless effort, to regain his health. His mother, who had been so long in the field of Christian work with her husband, Bro. Mulkey, felt it her heart's desire and duty to go to her only boy's side and serve him with loving care and comforting face. As they talked together his life grew riper and riper, biting him for the home in the skies. At the end of the last day, Jan. 25, 1894, he prayed, "Lord, I ask not for justice, but for mercy." He then took the hand of his loved one, and talked to them separately. Finally, putting his hand upon his father's head, he pronounced God's benediction upon him, turned and quietly and peacefully went to sleep. Amidst the great bank of ferns and palms in his white washbasin, while the gentle strains of "Safe in the Arms of Jesus" and "God be With You Till We Meet Again" were sung, we laid his body to rest and left him with his God. It was a great trial for this good father and mother to give up their only son, and for this young wife to part with the husband on whom she was lavishing her wealth of love, but God enabled them to say with Christian fortitude, "Thy will be done." J. SAM BARCUS.

GRAHAM.—Mrs. Tildie J. Graham was born in Fulton, Miss., June 20, 1862, and died of pneumonia at her home in Corsicana, Jan. 31, 1894. She was married to E. M. Graham in 1886, and came immediately with her husband to Texas. They were both converted and united with the Methodist Church under the pastorate of Bro. Sutherland in 1871. Coming to Corsicana at an early day, when gospel privileges were few, Sister Graham ever exemplified that firmness and fixedness of purpose that goes to make Christian character irrespective of surroundings. As a wife, mother and grandmother, her life was ideal, always of a cheerful nature. The pastor and her many friends will hold in sacred memory the many happy hours spent in this Christian home. She leaves a husband, seven children and thirteen grandchildren to mourn their loss. Two daughters and one son reached home just in time to witness the closing scenes. May the mantle of a life spent in His service fall upon the loved ones remaining. May the Holy Comforter soothe the sorrows of the lonely companion, and may we all look forward with cherished hope when we shall meet our departed friend and sister again. S. E. WILSON, P. C.

THOMAS.—Sister Nancy A. Thomas (nee Kelton) was born in Hall County, Ga., July 27, 1825; was married to Z. H. Thomas Sept. 19, 1841, and came to Texas in 1858. She died Feb. 8, 1894. She was sick several weeks, but when the end came, it was peace. She had given her heart to God and her life to His service early in life, and her religion was a stay and solace in death. Since expressed herself as being ready and willing to die. For many years she was a member of the Methodist Church. A husband and seven children are left to mourn her departure. Two infants had gone before to await her coming. May the family be unbroken in heaven. We laid her body to rest last Tuesday. Many friends attended the funeral services, manifesting a tender interest in the bereaved family. J. H. CHAMBLISS.

GRAHAM.—Another one of the Mexican War veterans has passed away. Our brother, Moses Graham, died at his home in Brazos County, Jan. 1, 1894. He survived his wife only one month and three days. Bro. Graham was born in Tennessee March 4, 1825. He moved thence to Illinois and thence to Arkansas and enlisted in the Mexican War under Capt. Smith in the First Regiment, Arkansas Cavalry. He served during the war and was wounded in the battle of Buena Vista. Bro. Graham came to Texas in 1851 and was married to Mrs. Mary J. Folks Aug. 26, 1852. Our brother began his religious life by joining the Methodist Episcopal Church, in South, in 1857. For nearly fifty years he has been a soldier of the cross. The writer was his pastor for a number of years and can testify to his promptness in attending the house of God. Often when it was a great task upon his feeble health he was in his seat in the sanctuary. I am glad I had the pleasure of numbering him among my friends. Bro. Graham's health was very feeble for a number of years. Indeed he was a frail man most of his life. During all those years of feebleness and pain he maintained his integrity. He truly possessed the fires of affliction. While passing under the rod he was not alone. His Lord had passed the same way. Bro. Graham had been waiting for the change a long while, but especially since the departure of his wife, whom he seemed to be longing for his exit. Well, the pains of life are o'er. May the heritage of his life be a boon to his children and grandchildren. G. S. SANDEL.

WIGGINS.—Eunice Wiggins, daughter of Bro. and Sister Ringo, was born Aug. 5, 1886; died Feb. 19, 1894. Sister Wiggins was converted and joined the M. E. Church, South, in her fourteenth year. She loved her Church, was true to her vows. She was an affectionate daughter, a loving wife. She was conscious to the very last; told her father that all was well. To the husband and the bereaved ones, I would say, weep not as those who have no hope. Your loved one is not dead. She is only waiting for you on the other shore. Her pastor, D. S. PEARSON.

SHAW.—About four years ago we buried little Guy, the first born, who was about six months old, of Mr. and Mrs. E. L. Shaw, of Burke, Anglin County, Texas. Again death has visited this home where love and peace so richly abounded, and the second sweet little boy, Elead, who was born July 1, 1892, died Oct. 8, 1893. Side by side these little saints rest in Ryan Chapel Cemetery. But they will not always sleep there. Little Elead was a beautiful, intelligent child, just beginning to look out with intelligence upon its beautiful surroundings, and could say papa and mamma. But, oh, where is the beautiful little Elead? There are the little shoes, his once little garments, so tastefully made, and worn by the heart idol of the home; there are numerous little toys to remind them of their baby, but he is gone and will return no more; but will not be forgotten at home. He was only a child, but a loving, lovable child; one that had entwined himself in the affections of every one connected with that family—his father, mother and grandmother. Only a child, but every parent who has passed under a similar rod knows what it means when these bereaved parents in grief cried out, "He was our child, and in our home and arms a precious treasure." Earth is enriched by every home bereft of only a child. The memory, like rare, subtle perfume, lingers around the home. Heaven is more heavenly by every child transported to the bright things for us that they without us should not be. Hence we see that heaven's perfectness depends on their going and our going there to them. The better thing for these bereaved parents—better than having their children with them here—is, they know where they are, whom they are with and in part who their associates are; know they can go to them, but they can not return to their earthly home. Nor even in their grief as they remember by their own experience the pain they have forever missed, would they want they back. Better things, bereaved parents, out of sorrows come, than could ever fruit from our joys. Bereavement this is an achievement over death's sting. Defeat of your plans for them on the benefits of their graves in Ryan Chapel only widens with scope. Now through God it includes the boundless joys of heaven in your loving calculations and "some day, some sweet day," you will understand what that means as well as the reason for the removal to the upper fold and the Shepherd's tender care. D. M. STOVALL.

CUTHBERT.—Mrs. Mary Ella Cuthbert (nee Burt), the subject of this sketch, was the daughter of Dr. William D. and Mary L. Burt. She was born in Lavaca County, Texas, July 20, 1828; was married to Chas. Cuthbert, a native of South Carolina, in December, 1858, who lived only two years after his marriage. One child, a daughter, was born to them, who survives them. Sister Cuthbert was converted at the age of fourteen years and joined the M. E. Church, South, in which she lived a consistent member to the day of her death. Having been left a widow early in life, much of her time was devoted to school teaching, in which she was a success, having by nature a fine mind and which was well cultivated. Being an invalid, she was deprived of the benefits of public schooling for quite a while before her death, but she loved God and availed herself of all the means of grace at hand, and though a great sufferer, she was patient and uncomplaining, ever leaning upon Him who is a present help in every time of need. Her earthly pilgrimage ended at the home of her sister in San Marcos, Texas, Jan. 5, 1894. Hers was a beautiful life, full of faith and consecration, and her death was triumphant. She has gone, after years of patient suffering, to her reward, where she will join the many who have preceded her. We commend the surviving daughter and loved ones to God, who is able to comfort them in their sorrow. NEW HARRIS, San Marcos, Texas.

COOK.—Mrs. Hattie Allen Cook (nee Jones) was born in Albemarle County, Va., in 1826. On April 26, 1867, she was married to Dr. H. R. Stephens. He lived only ten years. She was afterwards married to H. R. Cook in Lafayette County, Texas. She professed conversion to Christ at fifteen years of age and joined the Old School Presbyterian Church. She afterwards joined the M. E. Church, South, and moving to Falls County, Texas, and not having a Methodist Church near, she united with the Missionary Baptist Church. Her funeral was held in the Methodist Church at Oenaville, in which place she died, of paralysis, at the home of her sister, Mrs. J. P. Harris, Jan. 22, 1894. Her end was peace. She was a good woman, who wished well to all. W. H. CRAWFORD.

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**WESSON.**—Surely "in the midst of life we are in death." There is no security in this mortal sphere. Man is born to die. Death reigned from Adam to Moses, and from Moses till now. He comes as a thief in the night. No herald announces his approach; but when we least expect him he knocks at our door and we are unceremoniously ushered into eternity. No one is secure against his ravages. No home is free from the shadow of his black wing. No heart that has not felt the pang of his ruthless stroke. His agencies are legion, and there is no escape from them. They stalk about in the gray dawn; they are busy in the bright noontide. In the twilight they are often met as the curse of that happiest of all hours; while at midnight their stealthy tread is heard as that of a thief entering the home to rob it of its priceless jewels. Age, constitutional infirmities, violent disease and accidents are some of his agents. None of them can be controlled by man; but when the grim monster comes through some trivial accident the hearts of survivors are stirred with poignant grief, since it fills the mind with such thoughts as, "If it had not been for this, or that, then death could not have come. Oh! had I not done this or refused that, this great calamity would have been averted." One is thereby tantalized by remorse, as well as stricken with grief; resulting in suffering all but unbearable. Such was the agency that resulted in the death of dear little James Melvin, the bright and attractive four-year-old baby boy of our Brother and Sister W. B. Wesson, on the 28th day of December, 1903. This little fellow, while playing with his little cousin, by the thoughtless use of matches, had his clothes set on fire, and before help could reach him, was so badly burned that death ensued after a season of terrible suffering. He bore his sufferings like an aged hero. But death to the little sufferer was a sweet-faced messenger, though he darkened one of the happiest of homes. Little Melvin was the grandson of that brave soldier of the cross, Rev. J. M. Wesson, so long and so faithfully the servant of God, the Church and Texas, in the old Texas Conference, and in his childish faith was a fitting representative of so true and noble a grandfater. He was an unusually bright and religious child—just such an one, indeed, as the Savior might have set in our midst and said, "Except ye be converted and become as this little child, ye shall not enter into the kingdom of heaven." Indeed who can question but that God set him for four fleeting years in the midst of that home to enforce this important lesson? Who will call that brief life a failure if it bring father and mother, friend to more fully realize that the kingdom of heaven is a kingdom of a new heart, of faith, trust and reliance upon God as little Melvin trusted Him and knew no danger, because "I am standing on the promises of God, mamma. I am content with the beauty of such a faith! It leaves no room for defeat. It subjects everything—bodily ease, yea, and physical life itself—to the will of God. The very gates of hell are routed by such pure, simple faith. Misfortunes, reverses, sickness, pain, death, by whatever means, or at whatever time, they may come, are verily made stepping stones to eternal joys. God give us such a faith as this, and grant that this brightest star in the firmament of that home may not have shined in vain. Father, the consolation of my holy religion sustain and its grace preserve the sorrowing wife and children to a joyful reunion.

**KIRK.**—On the 13th of December, 1903, Bro. James A. Kirk passed peacefully to his reward. He was born Nov. 13, 1829, in Montgomery County, Ky., and came to Texas in 1855. Two years later he was married to Miss Eleanor J. Jones, who, with the nine children that blessed their home, survives him. Bro. Kirk's life was early turned to God, being converted at the age of eleven. From that time to the close of his life he was a member of the Methodist Church, loyal and true, one of the Lord's faithful, whom whom fell a heavy share of the burdens of the Church of which he was a member. A neighbor said of him: "I have known him for fifty years, intimately, and I never at any time doubted his Christianity." Such a consistent life, aided by the earnestness of his devoted wife, naturally led each of the nine children to Christ and into the Church their father loved; and one of them, Rev. T. M. Kirk, is an able minister of the gospel and a member of the North Texas Conference. The last three years of Bro. Kirk's life was confined to his room and much of that time he was unable to leave his bed. When the family came to Terrell I visited his bedside many times and always found him trustful and resigned to the will of God. May the consolation of my holy religion sustain and its grace preserve the sorrowing wife and children to a joyful reunion.

**PHILLIPS.**—Mrs. L. A. Phillips was born July 15, 1852; died at Kirk, Texas, Jan. 29, 1904. She was married to W. W. Phillips in Grayson County in 1872. She was happily converted and joined the M. E. Church, South, at the age of fourteen, in which she lived a consistent member twenty-five years. On Friday morning, Jan. 29, she called her daughter to her bedside and said, "Daughter, the death angel has come; don't you hear the sweet music?" Surely she heard a burst of song in the air by a multitude of the heavenly host. But still she lingered until 3 p. m., giving good advice. Then, with her husband and ten children clustered around her bedside, and an expression of deep content, she sank to rest as sweetly as a trusting child in its mother's arms. A loyal wife, a devoted mother, she gave of her best to all who touched her life. The ideal mother and a large family, she has left to her children the heritage of her godly life, her steadfast principles and her kindly charity, and such lives are an inspiration to all who are stepping heavenward. Her remains were carried to the church, where Rev. A. E. Carrington conducted the funeral services, after which with tender hands her body was consigned to its last resting place in the Kirk Cemetery, to await the resurrection morn. May God sustain her companion, children and many relatives left behind, for their loss is her eternal gain.

**DAUGHERTY.**—Fleider H. Daugherty was born in Hardin County, Ky., Aug. 8, 1832. He was married to Miss Mary Etta Calvin in Hardin County, Ky., on June 7, 1869. He died at his home near Lanauus, Texas, Feb. 12, 1904, and was laid to rest in the Dodd City Cemetery Feb. 13, 1904. The writer preached his funeral at the Methodist Church in Lanauus on date of burial. A large congregation of relatives and friends were present. About sixteen years ago Bro. Daugherty professed religion and joined the M. E. Church, South, at Lanauus, Texas. He lived a consistent Christian life. During the last few months of his life he was afflicted with consumption, yet he bore his sufferings patiently and was resigned to God's will. He often expressed himself as being willing and anxious to go if it was not the Lord's will for him to recover. He leaves a wife and grown children and other relatives, and many friends to mourn their loss; but their loss is his gain. His loved ones and friends expect to meet him again.

**MAN.**—James A. Man, son of S. C. and Sallie Man, was born Jan. 12, 1894, and died Feb. 13, 1904, aged ten years. James was a good boy; obedient to his parents and loved in the home. He was converted last August during the protracted meeting held in Crowley and would have joined the Church, but for his timidity. Now he has gone to join the Church triumphant. God has taken him. The Lord gave and the Lord hath taken away, blessed be the name of the Lord. By and by we will meet together on the other shore, where parting will be no more.

**FARELL.**—Rachel Farrell was born Dec. 29, 1833; professed religion at the age of 12 years and joined the M. E. Church, South, in which she lived till her death, which occurred Dec. 12, 1903. She was married to Ephraim Foster Sept. 23, 1869, with whom she lived happily till a few years ago when he was called to his reward. Sister Foster lived with her nephew, S. Duggin, near Macomb, in Grayson County, at the time of her death. She now rests beside her husband in the Macomb graveyard. Peace be to her ashes.

**WILLIAMS.**—Ethel Williams, daughter of Dr. John and Mrs. Josie Williams, was born Dec. 3, 1892, at Staples, Texas, and died Feb. 3, 1904. In June, 1902, Ethel was converted and joined the Church. She never missed a service from the Junior League or Sunday-school, until she was prostrated by fever last summer, from which she never fully recovered, and when she was too weak to come to the service, her little heart was there, which was indicated by her tears. She came home from school on Monday, Feb. 1, with a pain in her side. She said her time had come; she must go. On Tuesday afternoon she had them send for the children, told them good-bye; to be good and meet her in heaven. She breathed her last the next day at noon. She leaves two sisters, one brother, father and mother to mourn her departure and weep not for her, Doctor, but rejoice that you have a child in heaven; grieve not for her, Sister Williams; little Ethel, precious child, has only gone before; sorrow not, Mary, Walton and Adaline; Ethel will meet you at the beautiful gate. And head of all to me, I know she will give Bro. and Sister Perkins a hearty welcome when we come. Her former pastor, C. W. PERKINS.

**GRANTHAM.**—Louis, son of James D. and Mrs. Ella Grantham, was born Sept. 6, 1888. A strong, healthy child, he gave promise of reaching maturity and fulfilling the high hopes of his parents. But more than a year ago a childish act of his own cost the little fellow his health and made his subsequent death inevitable. Henceforth he was doubly dear to his parents who watched him with alternating hopes and fears. He held on with remarkable tenacity, but on Sunday evening, Feb. 11, release from pain came and little Louis went where accidents and pain can never be. He was a bright, interesting child, and has laid an iron hand to rest on the hearts of all who knew him. He loved the Sunday-school and often sang the favorite songs he heard there. But he is now where he will know more than we could ever teach him here, and will join in songs more beautiful than any known to mortal ear. Thank God for a heaven for little children, and to which we all may one day go. **SAM'L J. RUCKER.**

**ROGERS.**—Sister M. E. Rogers, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Harris, was born Jan. 18, 1863; converted and joined the M. E. Church, South, when 18 years of age, and lived a consistent Christian to the day of her death, which occurred Dec. 13, 1903. She was married to J. R. Rogers and leaves her husband and seven children to mourn their loss. Six of her children are members of her Church, and the seventh is scarcely more than a babe. They are good children. Sister Rogers was sick a long time and they expected her to die any day the last three months of her life. How intensely she suffered, and how deathly sick she was, can not be told in words; yet through it all she rejoiced in her Savior, talked about how gracious and good He was in assuring her of His presence, and comforting her in the midst of her greatest pain. Her aged mother reached her bedside several days before she passed away, and this seemed to give her much joy. She sines with the angels now.

**MORRIS.**—Miss Kate Morris, the subject of this sketch, was one of the sweetest of girls, gentle in disposition, devoted to the right and dutiful in the home. Kate was the daughter of C. P. and Mrs. M. E. Morris and was born July 24, 1888. She professed faith in Christ at eleven and joined the M. E. Church, South. Typhoid fever seized upon her life six weeks before she died, and during that whole time she was very sick, though she remained conscious up to just a short time before her demise, and sung, "I need thee every hour," and went away at 2:22 a. m., Dec. 21, 1903. Kate sleeps in the Anson Cemetery, where she was laid to rest after a part of the ritual was read by me and a beautiful talk by Rev. J. A. Hyder. May her bereaved father and mother, brothers and sisters ever remain faithful to Him who cheered them with this beautiful life for fourteen long years until they find Kate somewhere in a happy eternity.

**BRUNK.**—Lucinda Smiley Brunk was born Nov. 21, 1827; departed this life Dec. 24, 1903. She was born in Botetourt County, Va.; was converted in the year 1841 and united with the Methodist Episcopal Church, South, and lived a consistent Christian until God called her from labor to reward. Was married to James Brunk in the year 1853, and lived in Roanoke County, Va., until the death of her husband in 1869. Soon after his death she moved to Charleston, S. C., and spent the remainder of her life there and in the surrounding country. While placing fire in the stove to prepare dinner her clothes caught fire and burned one-third of her body very badly, causing her death. She, with her youngest son, Bro. George, who is a local preacher of the M. E. Church, South, resided at Yankee Dam for some months. She leaves five children to mourn the loss of a devoted mother.

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**PHILLIPS.**—Mrs. L. A. Phillips was born July 15, 1852; died at Kirk, Texas, Jan. 29, 1904. She was married to W. W. Phillips in Grayson County in 1872. She was happily converted and joined the M. E. Church, South, at the age of fourteen, in which she lived a consistent member twenty-five years. On Friday morning, Jan. 29, she called her daughter to her bedside and said, "Daughter, the death angel has come; don't you hear the sweet music?" Surely she heard a burst of song in the air by a multitude of the heavenly host. But still she lingered until 3 p. m., giving good advice. Then, with her husband and ten children clustered around her bedside, and an expression of deep content, she sank to rest as sweetly as a trusting child in its mother's arms. A loyal wife, a devoted mother, she gave of her best to all who touched her life. The ideal mother and a large family, she has left to her children the heritage of her godly life, her steadfast principles and her kindly charity, and such lives are an inspiration to all who are stepping heavenward. Her remains were carried to the church, where Rev. A. E. Carrington conducted the funeral services, after which with tender hands her body was consigned to its last resting place in the Kirk Cemetery, to await the resurrection morn. May God sustain her companion, children and many relatives left behind, for their loss is her eternal gain.

**DAUGHERTY.**—Fleider H. Daugherty was born in Hardin County, Ky., Aug. 8, 1832. He was married to Miss Mary Etta Calvin in Hardin County, Ky., on June 7, 1869. He died at his home near Lanauus, Texas, Feb. 12, 1904, and was laid to rest in the Dodd City Cemetery Feb. 13, 1904. The writer preached his funeral at the Methodist Church in Lanauus on date of burial. A large congregation of relatives and friends were present. About sixteen years ago Bro. Daugherty professed religion and joined the M. E. Church, South, at Lanauus, Texas. He lived a consistent Christian life. During the last few months of his life he was afflicted with consumption, yet he bore his sufferings patiently and was resigned to God's will. He often expressed himself as being willing and anxious to go if it was not the Lord's will for him to recover. He leaves a wife and grown children and other relatives, and many friends to mourn their loss; but their loss is his gain. His loved ones and friends expect to meet him again.

**MAN.**—James A. Man, son of S. C. and Sallie Man, was born Jan. 12, 1894, and died Feb. 13, 1904, aged ten years. James was a good boy; obedient to his parents and loved in the home. He was converted last August during the protracted meeting held in Crowley and would have joined the Church, but for his timidity. Now he has gone to join the Church triumphant. God has taken him. The Lord gave and the Lord hath taken away, blessed be the name of the Lord. By and by we will meet together on the other shore, where parting will be no more.

**FARELL.**—Rachel Farrell was born Dec. 29, 1833; professed religion at the age of 12 years and joined the M. E. Church, South, in which she lived till her death, which occurred Dec. 12, 1903. She was married to Ephraim Foster Sept. 23, 1869, with whom she lived happily till a few years ago when he was called to his reward. Sister Foster lived with her nephew, S. Duggin, near Macomb, in Grayson County, at the time of her death. She now rests beside her husband in the Macomb graveyard. Peace be to her ashes.

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Total, \$521.82. L. L. JESTER, Treas. Tex. Conf.

FARMERS' CO-OPERATIVE DEMONSTRATION WORK.

After a full canvass by the U. S. Department of Agriculture of the various lines of work which should be immediately undertaken for the relief of the farmers in the boll weevil infested districts of Texas and adjoining territory, it was decided that it would not be practical to establish enough general demonstration farms in Texas, the present year to meet the requirements of the people. First, To reach all the people there should be two or more such farms in every county. The Department did not have the force to give such extensive work the necessary supervision. Second, The funds voted by Congress for the boll weevil work were not sufficient to carry out such a plan. Third, Even if these general demonstration farms were to be established, it would be a simple invitation to the farmers to wait for another year and see the results; whereas, the people need immediate relief. It was further evident that the appropriation would not be sufficient to furnish seed or fertilizer for general distribution in sufficient quantity to give any wide relief. Under the above conditions the only practical and rational plan for general relief that could be adopted was co-operation. 1. Arrange to personally meet the farmers and enroll as many as possible in a general co-operative demonstration, in which each farmer agrees to cultivate ten or twenty acres of cotton under instructions given by the U. S. Department of Agriculture, which have been proven to be a success. If the progressive farmers of the State will unite in this co-operative movement, it will influence many hundreds to line up in favor of better methods, who might otherwise attempt to make a crop upon the old plan, and bring disaster to themselves and others. One of the most baneful results of the successive failure of crops is the loss of public confidence, and the ruin of private credit. This is especially disastrous where crops are made largely upon advances, as in cotton. It is only by a general co-operative effort that credit and

confidence, once destroyed, can be restored. Men capable of organizing will be sent into every district and a determined effort will be made to secure in the boll weevil sections a good crop of cotton the present year. We respectfully ask the co-operation of all Agricultural Associations, Farmers' Institutes, the Agricultural Colleges, the Executive Committee of the Texas Boll Weevil Convention, the Industrial Agents of the Railroads, the Press of Texas and Louisiana, and all practical farmers or associations that can aid in this work. It is not necessary to wait until our agent calls. Anyone is authorized to send for papers containing full information and organize for co-operation. 2. The towns are vitally interested in making a successful cotton crop, and can essentially aid this co-operative movement by establishing a special cotton demonstration farm near every town in the State. If a demonstration is necessary to convince the farmers that there must be a change in the methods of raising cotton, then it should be made possible for every farmer in the State to observe the methods pursued and note the results. The only practical way this can be accomplished is to have such a demonstration near every market town. It should be upon a tract large enough to show field results, and no larger. Ten to twenty acres adjacent to a market town, well located and managed by an energetic, practical farmer, would meet all requirements. The Department of Agriculture will undertake the full direction of such farms. We invite the citizens of any town in Texas who are interested in having such a cotton demonstration conducted in their locality to send to this office for plans and full information. S. A. KNAPP, Special Agent.

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McKinney District-Second Round. Weston cir, at Cottage Hill, Feb 27, 28. Princeton cir, at Culleoka, Meh 5, 6. Wylie cir, at Pleasant Valley, Meh 12, 13. Allen cir, at Fannie Harrington Chapel, Meh 19, 20. Renner cir, at Alpha, Meh 26, 27. Prosper cir, at Zion, Apr 2, 3. Frisco cir, at Frisco, Apr 9, 10. Plano sta, Apr 16, 17. Copeville mis, at Milam Chapel, Apr 23, 24. Celina and Roseland, at R., Apr 27. Blue Ridge and mis, at Verona, May 7, 8. Farmersville sta, May 14, 15. Nevada cir, at Josephine, May 21, 22. F. A. Rosser, P. E.

Paris District-Second Round. Centenary, Meh 5, 6. Lamar Ave, Meh 6, 7. Bonham sta, Thurs, Meh 10. Woodland and Kanawha, at K, Meh 12, 13. Detroit sta, Meh 13, 14. Roxton cir, at Howland, Meh 19, 20. Blossom and Sylvan, Meh 26, 27. Rosalie cir, at McKinzie, Apr 2, 3. Report cir, at Halesboro, Apr 9, 10. Clarksville cir, at Dimple, Apr 16, 17. Annona cir, at Coleman Spgs, Apr 23, 24. Marvin cir, at Reno, Wed, Apr 27. Clarksville sta, Apr 30, May 1. Whiterock sta, May 1, 2. May 7, 8. Bagwell mis, at Lone Star, May 14, 15. Emberson cir, at Mt. Tabor, May 21, 22. Chicota cir, at Round Prairie, May 22, 23. Albion mis, May 29, 30. E. H. Casey, P. E.

ABILENE DISTRICT.

The Abilene District Conference will convene in Sweetwater May 31, at 9 a. m. The Abilene Sunday-school and League Conference will meet in Baird June 28, at 8 a. m. The Committees of Examination are as follows: License to Preach-C. W. Irvin, G. A. Nance, I. L. Mills. Recommendation into the Traveling Connection-L. A. Webb, C. A. Evans, C. S. Field. Deacon's Orders-Z. B. Pirtle, M. H. Hudson, Sam Gay. Elder's Orders-J. A. Biggs, J. R. Hen-son, J. C. Moore. E. A. SMITH, P. E.

McKINNEY DISTRICT.

McKinney District Conference will meet at Celina April 28. Opening sermon Wed nesday night, April 27, by Rev. A. R. Nash. The following are the committees: For Admission on Trial and License to Preach-M. H. Neely, A. R. Nash, Sam'l Weaver. Deacon's and Elder's Orders-D. J. Mar-tin, J. W. Clifton, J. D. Hudgins. FRANK A. ROSSER, P. E.

Weatherford District-Second Round.

Feaster, at Agnes, Apr 27. Whitt, etc., at Salesville, Apr 30, May 1. Springtown, at Knob, May 7, 8. Farmer, at Trice, May 14, 15. Graham mis, at C. Ridge, May 20. Graham sta, May 22, 23. Eliasville, at Fish Creek, May 25. Throckmorton, at R. Point, May 28, 29. E. F. Boone, P. E.

Tyler District-Second Round.

Wills Point cir, at Clifton, Meh 12, 13. Wills Point sta, Meh 13, 14. Edom, at Holly Springs, Meh 19, 20. Canton, at Morris Chapel, Meh 26, 27. Emory, at Ford's Chapel, Meh 28, 29. Golden, at Alba, Meh 29, 30. Mineola, at Mineola, Apr 2, 3. Lindale, at Lindale, Apr 3, 4. Cedar Street, at C. S., Apr 6. Tyler, at Winona, Apr 9, 10. Big Sandy, Apr 11, 12. Mt. Sylvan, at Union Chapel, Apr 16, 17. Grand Saline, at G. S., Apr 17, 18. St. Paul's, at Chandler, Apr 23, 24. Malakoff, at Malakoff, Apr 30, May 1. Athens, at Athens, May 1, 2. White House, at Omen, May 7, 8. Troup, May 8, 9. New York, at Murchison, May 14, 15. Meredith, at Elm Grove, May 21, 22. Marvin, at Marvin, May 29, 30. E. W. Solomon, P. E.

Bonham District-Second Round.

Honey Grove sta, at H. G., Feb 29, 21. Honey Grove, at Rock Point, Feb 29, 21. White Rock, at White Rock, Feb 27, 28. Petty, at Forest Hill, Meh 5, 6. Randolph, at Edhube, Meh 12, 13. S. Bonham, at Savoy, Meh 19, 20. Brookston, at Brookston, Meh 26, 27. Ector, at Havana, Apr 2, 3. Gober, at Hall, Apr 9, 10. Lannius, at Allen's Chapel, Apr 16, 17. Dodd, at Dodd, Apr 23, 24. Trenton, at Trenton, Apr 30, May 1. Bonham, at Bonham, May 7, 8. Lamason, at Telephone, May 14, 15. Bailey, at Hickory Creek, May 21, 22. Ladonia, at Ladonia, May 28, 29. Delegates elected to the District Confer-ence this round. Jno. H. McLean, P. E.

Brenham District-Second Round.

Caldwell mis, at Deannville, Meh 12, 13. Lyons, at Somerville, Meh 19, 20. Palshear and Brookshire, Meh 26, 27. Sealy, at San Felipe, Apr 2, 3. Chas. F. Smith, P. E.

Llano District-Third Round.

Llano sta, Apr 16, 17. Kerrville, at Ingram, Apr 23, 24. Bandera, at Medina, 3 p. m., Apr 30. Bourne, at Selma, May 8, 9. Center Point sta, 3 p. m., May 11. Willow City, at Oxford, May 21, 22. Blanco, at Live Oak, June 4, 5. Johnson City, at J. C., June 11, 12. Liberty Hill, at Marvin's Ch, June 18, 19. Bertram, at Strickling, June 24, 25. Burnet and Marble Falls, at B, July 2, 3. Sunny Lane, July 9, 10. Kingsland, July 16, 17. San Saba sta, 8 p. m., July 23. San Saba mis, 9 a. m., July 25. Cherokee and Valley Springs, July 30, 31. Llano District Conference will meet at Center Point May 11, 7:30 p. m. Opening sermon will be preached by Rev. E. L. Glazner. Let the pastors see to it that their recording stewards are prompt with their records for examination and that their local preachers have their reports ready. W. H. H. Biggs, P. E.



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