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## Editorial.

### SO THE FACT IS NOW MADE PLAIN.

We have contended all along that the liquor forces were doing their utmost, but in a quiet way, to prepare the way for the passage of the Willacy Bill, or some measure like it, in the next Legislature. But they have strenuously protested that nothing of the sort was contemplated; that the Willacy Bill is a back number, and so on. But now comes the San Antonio Express and inadvertently gives the thing dead away. It happened in connection with the controversy sprung by the Advocate's exposure of certain schemes and tactics of that crew in a few past issues. In reply to some of the matters raised, the Express, among other things, makes the following admission: "The anti-prohibitionists could not make the Willacy measure an issue in the contest for Governor without incurring great danger to the ultimate success of that very equitable measure. The Willacy Bill will probably become a law at the next Legislature, but its friends should not permit it to be used as a stalking horse for a weak candidate for Governor." Does not the Express turn the cat out of the wallet in this statement? Up in this country where local option is very greatly in evidence the liquorites have never come forward and made bold their purpose; but down in liquordom, where local option is not strong, the Express does not fear to make known their purpose. It comes out boldly and shows that the Willacy bill is still to be put through the next Legislature, but it cautions its friends not to let it become endangered by making it the issue of a weak candidate for Governor! These people very well know that their plan to foist that vicious piece of legislation upon the people of the State is at the bottom of all of their present secret caucusings and underground methods. They are afraid to let the people know their cunningly devised schemes; but we have repeatedly uncovered their doings. Now, one of their pronounced organs incidentally comes out and reveals their hitherto star-chamber purposes. They have not yielded one jot or tittle of their determination to emasculate our local option laws. They are quietly but thoroughly organized. They have an "agent" well known in these parts who is confidentially touring all round the State, organizing associations in the centers to this end. Watch the San Antonio State Democratic Convention. It was not located there by accident, but by design. They have taken it as far from the strongholds of local option as possible, and they will try to pack it with a gang of politicians from the cities and large towns, so as to control it, if possible, in the interest of their cause. They have an idea that local option is strong in the rural districts and that at that time country people will be busy with their crops, and their delegates will not attend in large numbers, while the antis will be there in force. Even this is a part of their scheme. Let all local optionists be on their guard at every turn in the road, lest the enemy slip up on us unawares. They are ready to attempt anything within reach to gain their end. At present we are on to

all their devious methods and crooked schemes, and we must not relax our effort or call off our pursuit. Within the past few weeks we have rattled them most seriously, but they never withdraw from the fight until they are overwhelmed. Watch the precinct and county conventions; watch the candidates for the Legislature, and watch the State Conventions. The weal of our local option laws is involved. Let every true Christian and every wide-awake local optionist do his duty. The emergency is upon us.

### MORAL EFFECT OF THE TERRELL LAW.

The wisest thing that the voters of Texas ever did was to adopt, at the last State election, the amendment to the Constitution requiring a voter to pay a poll tax before the first of February each year and to procure a receipt for the same as a requisite qualification for voting. Hence under the operation of this amendment no man can vote for any officers, city, county, State or National, unless he has his receipt. Then the next wisest thing was the enactment of the Terrell election law by the last Legislature as a means of making the amendment effective in all elections. Some of the cunning politicians in the Legislature, especially in the Senate, did their best to defeat the passage of this law, and when they failed they tried to cripple it with amendments. But all these efforts largely failed, and the law was passed and is now effective. A great many local option elections have been held under it with great satisfaction, and last week nearly all the towns and cities in the State held municipal elections under it; so that we are beginning to realize what we have obtained through this law which has been so roundly abused by unscrupulous politicians and hoodlums. And it is the universal opinion of all good people that the amendment and the Terrell election law are the most perfect protection to the ballot box and the honest voter ever conceived by the people. We saw something of its efficiency in this city last week, and we are sure that it was the first honest election ever held in Dallas since we have lived here. The rag-tag element and the purchasable voters, together with the boosters, were completely eliminated. There was no disorder at the polls, no money paid for votes, no whisky peddled out in the interest of candidates, no carriages labeled running to and fro gathering up voters and driving them to the polls, and no button-holing and yelling near the voting places. Everything went on in decency and in order and the people are elated over the result. Fraud is well-nigh impossible under the present arrangement. And the same reports come from all over the State. True, it cuts down the voting strength of the city because it cuts out fraud and dishonesty, but the gain is in morals and good men for public office. It is a fine thing that we are having the opportunity to test this law, and will have opportunity to test it further, before the next Legislature can tamper with it. The men we send there will go there under its honest operation and they will know the will of their constituents

touching the matter. A few of the "hold-over Senators" may endeavor to interfere with it, but the men sent there by the people at the coming election will not lend their influence or encouragement to any scheme of that character. And so far as local option is concerned, this law is the greatest protection to our cause ever enacted. It cuts out the worthless and irresponsible class who have heretofore been bought up and voted against us like so many cattle, and it puts the question in the hands of the people who pay taxes, either poll or other taxes, and who believe in decency and order in society and in good government in the city, the county and the State. Let all the good people stand by the Terrell election law and old Texas will forge to the front in an honest ballot and in the morals of her public sentiment.

### THE BEAUTY OF SPRING TIME.

The winter is past and the lovely spring is upon us. The death which seemed to settle down upon all nature during the dreary months has changed and life has taken its place. From every by-path in the yard, the garden, the field and the woodland verdant life is springing. Buds are bursting from the trees and beauty is breaking through the flowers. The whole earth is carpeted with green and from every tree there is the sound of sylvan praise. Thus all nature is thanking God for the blessings of life. And these expressions in the revivifying fields of nature are typical of the resurrection life that will come to us in God's own good time. We ought to look upon these manifestations of illustrated truth and be glad that we live in such a beautiful world. Are you sad and despondent? Then go forth and listen to the birds and the insects, and look upon the blooming flowers and the swelling buds and rejoice. These are God's happy creatures and to behold them and commune with them as they are compassing the ends of their existence ought to make you a better man and a happier woman. They are God's voices appealing to you to look up and be joyous. If the flowers and the buds and the birds are full of cheerfulness, can you not afford to be happy?

### VITAL KNOWLEDGE OF A LIVING REDEEMER.

Our vital knowledge of a living Redeemer comes to us not through our sensuous perceptions or our intellectual processes, for man by searching can not find out God. On the contrary, we obtain this knowledge through the revelation of the Holy Spirit to our conscience. Paul says, "Eye hath not seen, ear hath not heard, neither have entered into the heart of man the things which God hath prepared for them who love him." We do not find out these spiritual things in this way; but in the next breath the apostle tells us how we obtain them: "But God hath revealed them unto us by his Spirit; for the Spirit searcheth all things, yea, the deep things of God." Hence they are revealed to us by the Spirit, and we perceive them through spiritual discernment. In this

way we ascertain the presence and favor of a living Redeemer. It was thus that Job found out God and made him his stay and comfort under the most adverse conditions. When severely tried and all things earthly had forsaken him except poverty, affliction and impending death, he could cry out with the assurance of a living faith, "I know that my Redeemer liveth." Likewise Paul could say, "I know whom I believe, and am persuaded that he is able to keep that which I have committed to him against that day." In the minds of these two great Bible characters there was not the semblance of doubt as to their personal knowledge of a living Redeemer. They had tried him, the one the great Father, the other the everlasting Christ—the two equal in all things—and nothing was able to daunt their faith or to vitiate their knowledge of the living presence of this Savior. It was not merely natural evidence or historic knowledge of which they spoke, but a conscious knowledge growing out of personal contact with the living Father. Some people have only a vague knowledge of God as a King seated upon a throne which is high and lifted up, a sort of knowledge of him from a study of nature; they look upon him as afar off and not much interested in the affairs of men. And others still look upon the Christ as having lived nineteen centuries ago; but a genuine child of God has a different view from all this; he looks upon God as a living and ever present Father, upon Christ as a mighty spiritual factor now at work in the heart and character of men as a present Savior from sin. This sort of knowledge brings our wills and our affections into rapport with God's law and into oneness of purpose and fellowship with Christ as a living, present Redeemer. And this knowledge enables us at all times to rely upon him for succor and support in all the experiences and events of life. It fills us "with all the fullness of God." He dwells in us and we in him. We know him daily as our present help in every time of trouble. He is with us "always, even unto the end of the world."

When the heart is fed upon evil suggestion it will gradually fatten upon the husks of sin, or at least fill itself with these empty delusions until all spiritual good is dwarfed. When the mind dwells upon an evil suggestion the heart will not be long in cultivating a desire for it, and then sin develops.

It is wonderful with what facility we accept the opinions of those who are in accord with our own views, and it is equally wonderful how incredulous we become when we encounter those whom we know to differ radically from our positions. But this is not always wise, for we are not infallible, and it is possible that we may be wrong. If so, those who agree with us will never bring us to a right understanding. Hence we often learn more from our opponents, if we consider closely what they say, than from our friends. The man who combats our arguments is worthy of hearing, if he is at all competent to cope with the subject he essays to handle.

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CHURCH NEWS.

In Tokio, Japan, three of the eight daily papers have Christian editors.

The South Carolina Conference has 79,982 members, an increase of about 1200 over the year before.

Bishop Galloway will dedicate a new church at Columbia, Missouri, the seat of the State University, May 15.

Prof. Borden P. Bowne, of Boston University, has been acquitted of the charge of heresy on every specification.

In Alabama last year 8,433 persons were received into the Church on profession of faith. This was an average of twenty-two persons for each charge.

The commencement sermon at Vanderbilt University will be preached June 12 by Bishop Candler. Judge Dickinson, of Chicago, will deliver the literary address, and Mr. Charles N. Burch, the alumni oration.

For the first time in the history of our Church the collections on assessments alone for foreign missions amount to more than \$200,000. But the results may be best exhibited in tabular form.

The Montgomery District Conference at its recent session presented Bishop Candler with a handsome traveling bag. We hope the Bishop will not take this as an intimation that he is not traveling enough.

Rev. James Chapman, of England, will deliver the Cole lectures at Vanderbilt for 1904, April 24 to May 1. The general theme is "The Christian Character in its Relation to the Christian View of the World."

The General Conference of the Methodist Protestant Church will meet in Washington, D. C., next month. The important question for consideration by the conference is union with the United Brethren and the Congregationalists.

Dr. Thomas B. Neely, of Philadelphia Conference M. E. Church, has been a member of each General Conference of his Church since 1884, each time has led his delegation and each succeeding election he has received a larger vote than at the preceding one.

A resolution was passed by the New Orleans Preachers' Meeting requesting our Bishops to withhold their approval of the new "Order of Worship." In this instance the Bishops are without power to act. The General Conference tied their hands by giving the Joint Commission full power in the matter—their action is final.

A charter has been recently granted to the Wesley Memorial Hospital to be located in Atlanta, Georgia, and the Trustees have been elected. Owing to the fact that the members of the Board are widely scattered, an Executive Committee has been elected. The committee consists of Bishop Candler, Dr. F. W. McRae, Merritt J. Cofer, Geo. Winship and Asa G. Candler. It will require at least a quarter of a million dollars to equip and properly maintain a Hospital and Nurse Training School that will meet the demands. A vigorous plea to Georgia Methodism has been issued by the Trustees.

The general tables and grand totals of the general minutes for 1903 have been given to the public, and the result is indeed gratifying. The total number of traveling preachers is 6,620, an increase for the year of 151. The total number of members, including local preachers is 1,555,402; an increase of 31,635. The number of infant baptisms is 27,788, and of adult baptisms 59,424. There are 18,561 congregations organized in 5,208 pastoral charges, and the number of houses of worship is 15,090. The total number of Sunday-school officers, teachers and pupils is 1,188,776. There are 123,325 Epworth Leagues and 123,325 Leaguers. The financial report makes an equally good showing. The 15,090 houses of worship are valued at \$26,604,777, being an increase in

value of \$1,401,474. The value of parsonages is \$5,164,915. The total amount raised for the support of Bishops is \$48,159,36, being an increase of \$2,356,40. The amount raised for the support of preachers in charge is \$2,652,934.83, being an increase of \$53,912.83.

SOUTHWESTERN UNIVERSITY NOTES.

We have been having a good meeting all the past week, with convictions, conversions and reclamations gladdening the hearts of the Church. Bro. Barcus has done some excellent preaching. Bro. Nelms has been ably assisting, and now that Bro. Barcus is gone, the whole burden is on him.

The following is our commencement program:

Thursday, June 2, 8:30 p. m.—Recital, music and elocution.

Friday, June 3, 10 a. m.—Declamation contest; 3:30 p. m., fitting school declamation; 5 p. m., reception and art exhibit; 8:30 p. m., alumni address by Rev. A. L. Scales, followed by a banquet and reunion.

Saturday, June 4, 10 a. m.—Literary address by Hon. J. H. Kirby; 3:30 p. m., junior orations. The following young gentlemen will speak: Messrs. Henry, Johnson, R. D. Jones, Veach, Cooper, Black, Crawford, Magee and Heartfield. 8:30 p. m., debate: subject and speakers already given.

Sunday, June 5, 11 a. m.—Commencement sermon by Dr. J. H. McLean; 8:30 p. m., sermon to undergraduates by Rev. J. R. Mood.

Monday, June 6, 9:30 a. m.—Commencement day.

The faculty have conferred the first honor upon T. R. Pierce, Jr., son of Dr. T. R. Pierce, of the North Texas Conference; and second honor has been awarded to A. W. Sanders, the second son of Prof. Sanders, whose death nearly twelve years ago was a great blow to our University. His mother is a daughter of Dr. Shipp, of South Carolina.

We have now near seven thousand volumes in the library, and few duplicates. These are classified and placed on the shelves according to the Dewey Decimal system, and are being accessioned in the regular accession book arranged for an up-to-date library by the director of the Library of New York. A card catalogue of authors, titles and subjects is being made, as time permits, without which every library is handicapped. About 2,000 books have thus been catalogued. This statement, made to any one who knows about the enormity of this work, the looking carefully into details, means a very good year's work. Since school closed, in June last, our friends have been kind and sent us some valuable additions. Judge G. N. Aldredge, of Dallas, sent us Warner's Library, of forty-five volumes, also Motley's United Netherlands. Early in the fall Rev. H. B. Henry of Devine, Texas, shipped us the scientific department of the Library of Universal Literature, in 15 volumes. Mr. O. P. Staples, an alumnus, sent us Hawthorne's Literature of All Nations, in 10 volumes, to be placed in the San Jacinto alcove, where the entire student body would have access to it. And the San Jacinto Society also added 20 new volumes to their alcove, with the prize won by their commencement debaters, Messrs. Graham and Bounds. These books deal with history and sociology. Rev. C. H. Smith also recently sent us some valuable Hebrew books, which are in constant demand by the Hebrew classes. Rev. J. R. Mood recently sent us five volumes of Expositor Bible, edited by Rev. Nicoll Robertson, and with our library fees we have recently bought about 175 new books. Among these are Century Science Series, Adams' History of the United States, Encyclopedia of Social Reforms, American Men of Letters, English Men of Letters, and others too numerous to mention. And this last gift, the splendid monument to the memory of Rev. W. I. Pritchett, will make our present quarters a little crowded, so that soon our imperative need will be a library building. On the tables of the reading room are found 35 of the leading magazines, so that the most fastidious reader can find what he wants. We hope the readers of the Advocate will be as interested in reading of our growth as we were in collecting the data, and the many examples of generosity cited herein will prove an impetus to the Methodists of Texas, so that many gifts will be forthcoming.

RECOMPENSE.

Who scatters blessings—self forgot— He will be blest again, And he will get his meed of love Who loves his fellowmen; For no heart can exhaust its love By giving from its store— Love is the one thing which, when shared, Will only grow the more.

ELSIE MALONE McCOLLUM, Haskell, Texas.

MISSIONARY CONFERENCE, WACO, MAY 2-6.

The time for the great missionary feast draws near. Next Monday and Tuesday the trains will deliver their carloads of human freight into our city. Waco, especially her Methodist constituency, is astir this week getting ready for the shock of battle. We do not know just how many are coming, but in order not to be caught napping we are preparing to handle 5000 people. Our citizens appreciate the coming of the conference, and have responded to our every request to have "all things ready." F. A. Winchell, Chairman, and Rev. M. S. Hotchkiss, Secretary of the Entertainment Committee, have established headquarters for the conference at corner Austin and Eighth. This location is convenient to the tabernacle and near the business center of the city, and convenient to the depots, hotels and Citizens' Street car line. The conference will be held in a tabernacle erected for the occasion, adjoining Austin Avenue Methodist Church, corner Austin and Twelfth Street.

The meeting of the General Board of Missions and the Bishops' meetings will be held in this church, while the mid-year meetings of the Conference Boards and conference rallies will be in churches in this part of the city. All parties, including members of boards, connective officers, delegates and visitors, will report to headquarters for information concerning homes and other matters pertaining to the conference. Dr. Alonzo Monk will preach the opening sermon in the tabernacle Monday night. The conference will have the presence and ministry of a number of returned missionaries—our heroes from the foreign field. We are expecting forerunners of the Missionary Meeting to spend next Sabbath with us in Waco, firing our congregations and the city for the great occasion. Under date of April 21, Dr. Ward writes: "Bro. J. E. McCullough will also be there on Sunday. He goes in advance to get our exhibit arranged by the time the meeting opens. He has spent months in England and in New York, and has given attention to city mission work."

The Bishops advise us they will come direct to Waco from the meeting of the Church Extension Board in Louisville.

Reports from different sections of the State say the people are coming—coming from cities and cross-roads; coming from the towns and the country; coming from every direction. Let them come! Will our Zion throughout the State pray for a great baptism of the Holy Spirit upon the conference? JNO. R. NELSON.

READY FOR THE WACO CONFERENCE.

The time for the Waco Missionary Conference is almost here. The program is ready. It is a good one. If any member of any Texas Conference has failed to receive one it is the fault of the mails. The speakers are ready, or will be in due time. A treat is in store for those who attend. Instruction will be given. Conviction will be awakened. Inspiration will be stirred. The mission field and the Church's duty will be seen in clear light and bold outline. Will you be there? Every preacher, Sunday school teacher, Epworth League worker, Church member, who can possibly do so ought to attend. If you cannot be there, pray for the meeting—pray for speakers and hearers, for the Church and the work. Let's make this occasion an epoch in Texas Methodism—a time for real, solid, permanent advance along every line of Christian life and Christian work.

SETH WARD.

INTEREST INCREASING IN GREAT METHODIST MISSION RALLY.

It is little more than a week now until the great Methodist Missionary Conference will open in this city. The dates fixed for this meeting are May 2 to 6 and the local committees are working very energetically to have everything in readiness for the meeting.

Work will begin Monday on the mammoth tabernacle which is to be erected on Twelfth Street near the Austin Avenue Methodist Church, on the same lot on which the Stuart tabernacle meeting was held a year ago. This tabernacle will accommodate more than four thousand people and will be arranged with reference to comfort and convenience of the visitors. All of the general meetings will be held in the tabernacle and the local churches will be utilized for conference rallies and mid-year meetings of the Conference Mission Board.

The Cabinet of the State Epworth League will be held in the Business Men's Club rooms May 5, and there will be other important meetings held during the dates mentioned above.

The Entertainment Committee is just beginning to realize the enormity

of its undertaking. Yesterday afternoon Chairman F. A. Winchell received a letter from Rev. Horace Bishop, Secretary of the Northwest Texas Conference, enclosing the names of one thousand delegates. The names of more than one thousand have been sent by R. C. Hicks, Conference Secretary of the North Texas Conference, and other conferences are sending in large numbers.

Rev. R. C. Brown, of the Fort Worth District, arrived in the city last night from Fort Worth to assist in holding a meeting and reports that the delegates of that district are trying to get a special train, and that they will likely succeed. Reports come from the west that a special train is being arranged to come from that section and others are being talked of. Special cars are to come from many portions of the State and from all of these reports the indications are that the attendance will be very large.

The Bishops of the Church, South, as well as the connective officers, will nearly all attend and the gathering will be one of the most representative of the Church that has ever been held in the State as well as in the South.

Many prominent speakers from all over the country will be present and the local committees are straining every nerve to be prepared to entertain the thousands that will come. They say that they will have no trouble in doing this, and are letting no efforts be spared to accomplish this.

They announce that board and lodging will be reasonable and that the people of the city will throw open their homes to the people, charging reasonable prices for the same.

The Committee on Finance has been over the city this week and the business men have been very liberal in their contributions for the erection of the tabernacle and other expenses that will be necessary.

It is announced that Rev. John M. Barcus, of Corsicana, will have charge of the music for the general meetings, and Rev. W. C. Everett, manager of the Methodist Branch House at Dallas, writes that he will contribute three thousand special music books for the occasion and the musical feature will be very interesting and enlivening.

The entire meeting will be a great one in the history of Methodism and is being looked forward to with much interest all over the State.—Waco Daily Times-Herald.

PUBLICATION OF CONFERENCE MINUTES.

The editors of the minutes of some of our conference have felt that there was need of an explanation for the delay in the issuing of our annuals. The North Texas did not appear till about two months after the close of conference. The Texas is three months late in publication. The West Texas had an abundance of time. We cannot speak for the Northwest. It does seem that in these days of rapid transit and ready action we could have our minutes a little sooner after conference, and so a suggestion may be offered. In the first we should have a publisher that is equipped for doing first-class work in the quickest possible time and who would take a pride in the early issuance of these publications. Mr. L. Blaylock would fill the bill exactly. He is the one man who is prepared to do well, quickly and at least possible cost, what the conferences want done. Let the editor be appointed at the first session and at once begin the preparation of his material. On the second day he could send to the publisher the minutes of the first day with the list of boards, standing committees and other material that is liable to little change. Copy could be sent in from day to day and much of the minutes could be in type by the time the conference is closed. We believe the annuals would be ready to be sent out within two weeks from the close of the session. A limited experience in publishing minutes may be the basis of the presumption involved in these suggestions. JOHN M. MOORE. First Church, Dallas.

BOOKS RECEIVED.

"Free, Not Bound," written by Katrina Trask, and published by G. P. Putnam's Sons. This is one of the many religious novels now being issued from the press. It is a readable book with a good moral.

"From Talk to Text," by Addison Ballard, and published by Longman, Green & Co. The author says, "In general, the author aims here to point out through Nature an easy way to Faith," and the book is taken up with a discussion of this idea.

"Five Hundred Bible Studies," by Rev. H. S. Sayles, and published by the Evangelical Publishing Co. It is a compilation of texts on various themes, arranged under appropriate heads.

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In what it is and what it does—containing the best blood-purifying, alterative and tonic substances and effecting the most radical and permanent cures of all humors and all eruptions, relieving weak, tired, languid feelings, and building up the whole system—is true only of Hood's Sarsaparilla.

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Advertisement for WINE OF GARDUI. Includes text: "Dragging Pains", "2825 Keeley St., CHICAGO, ILL., Oct., 2, 1902.", "I suffered with falling and congestion of the womb, with severe pains through the groins. I suffered terribly at the time of menstruation, had blinding headaches and rushing of blood to the brain. What to try I knew not, for it seemed that I had tried all and failed, but I had never tried Wine of Cardui, that blessed remedy for sick women. I found it pleasant to take and soon knew that I had the right medicine. New blood seemed to course through my veins and after using eleven bottles I was a well woman.", "Mrs. Bush is now in perfect health because she took Wine of Cardui for menstrual disorders, bearing down pains and blinding headaches when all other remedies failed to bring her relief. Any sufferer may secure health by taking Wine of Cardui in her home. The first bottle convinces the patient she is on the road to health.", "For advice in cases requiring special directions, address, giving symptoms, 'The Ladies' Advisory Department,' The Chattanooga Medicine Co., Chattanooga, Tenn.", "WINE OF GARDUI"

The Texas Advocate (one year) and a first-class Sewing Machine for \$23.50.

Advertisement for The World's Fair. Includes text: "The World's Fair", "To see and know what money and brains have accomplished send 25c. for a 'KATY ALBUM.' Address 'Katy,' P. O. Box 620, Dept. 5, Dallas, Texas.", "KATY FLYER TO OKLAHOMA"

Advertisement for OPIUM. Includes text: "OPIUM and Whiskey Habits cured at home without pain. Book of particulars sent FREE. R. M. WOOLLEY, M.D., Atlanta, Ga. Office 104 N. Pryor St."

Advertisement for ALEX. COCKRELL. Includes text: "ALEX. COCKRELL, Candidate for SHERIFF OF DALLAS COUNTY. Your support will be appreciated. Subject to Democratic Primary Election, Saturday, July 3, 1904."

### The Sunday-School Department

Second Quarter, Lesson 6, May 8.

WATCHFULNESS.  
Luke 12:35-48.

Golden Text: "Blessed are those servants whom their Lord, when he cometh, shall find watching."—Luke 12:37.

From the World Evangelist:

This is really a lesson on personal responsibility to God, and sustained faithfulness in attention to duty. I am unable to see that it has any special bearing on the second coming of Christ, except that that fact is placed in the general background of the teachings concerning fidelity. It was intended by Jesus that the time of His return should be left wholly indefinite; indeed he declared that he did not himself know what that time should be, its secret being with the Father. And as a moral force its uncertainty is much better than a fixed time would be. Christ has not yet come now after nineteen centuries and there are no sure signs to indicate when he will come. Let us suppose that it will occur two thousand years from now, and that that fact had been definitely stated at the beginning. We can easily see that such a revelation would have been a curse instead of a blessing to the world.

In fact we can see the unfortunate influence which the conviction that Christ's coming was near at hand on those who had persuaded themselves of its nearness. It has invariably paralyzed the normal activities of life. Everything has been concentrated into intense expectancy, and effort along the usual lines of moral service has been suspended. If life had no purpose but to literally wait for the Lord's return, the more definite the expectation the better. But life is not that in any real sense at all. It is a responsibility, a charge, a work to be done, a stewardship, a divinely committed capital—one, two, or five talents—to be employed and increased, and an accounting at the end of it, and the hour of the end unknown.

There is another view of the Lord's second coming which I find more comfort in entertaining than that of those who seek to figure it out with chronological exactness. I prefer to think of it as indeterminate, as having even in the mind of God no fixed date in the future, except of course that all future events are known to omniscience; and its time being hastened or delayed by the Church of Christ. Christ's coming is not a fixed thing like an event of astronomy, as the eclipse of the moon or the transit of a planet across the face of the sun: His coming is not a physical event simply, but a moral event, and it is of the very nature of moral events that they cannot be definitely fixed, because they depend upon the exercise of the human will. I believe that Jesus will come as soon as the conditions demanded by His coming are met. If the Christian world would begin now to do His will perfectly, His coming might be brought forward many ages. If the Church does his work feebly and half-heartedly, his coming may be postponed for millenniums. There is inspiration in the thought that we may by faithfulness hasten the glorious day of our Lord's return. And so viewing it, we will not think of Christ's coming with fear, but with joy.

But the simple, practical thought in this lesson as everywhere in the New Testament is that our business here is to attend with strict and unflinching faithfulness to the duties with which we are charged. We are to do the commonest work with such conscientiousness that we would not be filled with fear or shame if at any moment our Lord should be seen standing by our side inspecting our work. That is the only kind of watching that is worth anything. A bank does not know when an inspector will come to investigate it; but if it does its business with strictest honesty, and keeps its books with such clearness that they

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can reveal no irregularity, it is in fact watching for the coming of an inspector or all the time, though its officers may not think much of this, if at all. So the Church, so each individual Christian, waits and watches for Christ's coming by continued and undeviating fidelity in doing the work he has appointed.

### The Epworth League Department

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

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#### NOTES.

Much of the program for the session of the North Texas Conference Epworth League has been completed. The literary address will be delivered by President H. A. Boaz, of Polytechnic College, and Dr. G. C. Rankin has been secured for an address on Sunday afternoon, when a great mass-meeting is to be held. We hope to have Dr. DuBose or his assistant from the central office.

Secretary Edwin B. Doggett writes that all the records of the North Texas Conference Epworth League were destroyed in the disastrous fire which occurred in McKinney on April 12. The loss is serious, as all books, papers and data of the twelve years in which the conference has been in existence are gone.

Bonham District has organized. This leaves but two unorganized districts in North Texas, viz: Paris and Sulphur Springs. Will Bro. Gober and Bro. Old take notice?

We learn that Bro. John A. McDermitt, who has been in South Texas for some months on account of ill health, is no better. His chances for recovery are regarded as doubtful. We are deeply grieved and trust he may be spared for many years of useful service.

Have you paid your State League dues? Bro. Halsell writes that collections are coming in slowly. We know from experience what this means. Let us exhort you to pay your dues promptly. They are needed, badly indeed.

Can we not have a batch of news occasionally from the Texas Conference Epworth League and also from the West Texas? Will the Secretaries of these two conferences paste this request in a conspicuous place? The date of the Waco meeting of Epworth League forces has been definitely fixed for May 5. Let all our Leaguers bear this in mind and send delegates.

The newly appointed Secretary, Bro. Swepston, is entering upon his work like a veteran. Our Leaguers may expect to hear much of and from him during the remainder of the conference year. Suppose you surprise him by sending in your State dues without waiting for a personal notice.  
G. W. T.

#### SAN MARCOS DISTRICT.

To the Junior Superintendents of the District:

Are you coming to the District League Conference at Kyle, beginning May 19? Have you even thought about it? Come by all means. Special time will be provided for Junior workers and their work. Methods of working, problems of various sorts, ideas for new work will be brought up. There will be no addresses on Junior Leagues, but a friendly exchange of helpful experience.

Have you been a Junior superintendent for years, and doing well at it? By all means come. We need you.

Are you just beginning and at a loss sometimes what to do next and how to do it? You come too. You may have your biggest problems solved.

Please let every Junior superintendent and assistant in the district be in attendance. Junior Leagues are entitled to send a delegate each in addition to the superintendent and assistant.

The Junior work will probably be presented on the last day, May 21.

MRS. W. F. ROBERTSON,  
District Superintendent.

### AN UNPRECEDENTED RECORD.

To the Readers of the Advocate:

We take pleasure in announcing that Switzer Woman's College and Conservatory has made another satisfactory record this year. At this time, April 9, the school has lost only two boarding pupils during the whole session from September 1. One of them entered only for five months, as she was to move from the State, and did so at expiration of the time; the other on account of peculiar circumstances in her home could not go longer; both of these were special pupils.

The home has reached within one of its present boarding capacity. The fact of this small loss goes to show that the management has been very particular in receiving pupils, and has been very careful in preserving their health and interest in their studies. We have not had a single case of protracted sickness, no expulsions, no suspensions, and but little inclination on the part of pupils to disobedience. This is very gratifying to teachers, especially when they frequently hear from prominent citizens about the uniform good behavior of the girls and the great improvement which they have made.

The modern language entertainment last week was very unique. Scenes were taken from Germany, France and Spain, and discussed by the pupils of the several languages. Songs in French, German and Spanish were interspersed by the voice pupils studying the respective languages. As the teachers talk these languages the pupils soon acquire a good knowledge of them. The people were delighted with the entertainment, and were surprised to hear such fluency of speech in other tongues.

We wish to say further, that those persons who expect to send their daughters to boarding schools next session and are favorable to ours, should make arrangements early, as we shall not be able to accommodate more than ten additional to what we had this year. Rooms will be provided for this purpose.

The summer term of the conservatory will open June 6, and continue six weeks to July 15, 1904. A good time to take a special course in music.

We shall be glad to open correspondence with persons interested in the summer or fall term, and will give the necessary information for both.  
DAVID S. SWITZER.  
Itasca, Texas.

### MINISTERIAL RESPONSIBILITY.

Of all the responsibilities known to man and endured by man the responsibility of the gospel ministry is, as I view it, the greatest—greatest and loftiest the human mind can conceive of. It is indeed the highest office ever conferred upon man, because it is of divine appointment, and of heaven born origin, and a God-given mission. The command is: "Go ye into all the world and preach the gospel to every creature." I've heard of men who refused to obey this command, and afterwards became moral wrecks, and ultimately filled dishonored graves. The commission in itself is missionary to the case. Some must go and others send. "How shall they hear without a preacher, and how shall he preach except he be sent?" The divine injunction is, "Preach the word, be instant in season, out of season." Do we always do this, or do we sometimes lack the moral courage to do so, and thus shrink back with fear, that we may offend some one? "It must needs be that offenses come, but woe unto him by whom the offense cometh." Policy should have no place in the ministry. "Reprove, rebuke, exhort, with long suffering and doctrine." Do we do this as much as we should? "Be not conformed to this world." Yes, we are to differentiate ourselves from the ways and vanities of the world, with all lowliness, meekness, soberness and humility. In order to do this and be meet for the Master's use, it is very essential that we be much with the Lord in secret prayer. He says: "Pray in secret, and the Father which seeth in secret, shall reward thee openly." Again he says: "Without me, ye can do nothing." Therefore we should not go in our own strength, but in the strength of the Lord, and yield ourselves as willing instruments in his omnipotent hand to do his work and accomplish high and noble purposes, and hide behind the cross and cry, "Behold the Lamb of God that taketh away the sin of the world." There are three chapters in the Bible especially fraught with heavy responsibilities upon the ministry, viz.: Is. 50; Is. 58, Eze. 33. In the first mentioned we have a backslidden and corrupt people striving to tempt the prophet to "speak smooth things," etc. Second, the Lord tells the prophet to "cry aloud and spare not, and show my people their transgressions." And in Ezekiel 33 we have a most fearful denunciation against us who are set as watchmen on Zion's walls if we fail to warn the people of approaching danger, because of any sin we know in their indulgence. "His blood will I

require at thine hand." Brother, do you warn your people against all the popular vices and vain amusements of to-day, and say they lead astray from God, and to ultimate ruin—such as card tables, wine suppers, ballroom and dance, theater, baseball and Sabbath desecration and kindred vices? Beware, O beware, ye sacred vigils, and sound aloud the trumpet of warning to men against modern sin in high places and thus deliver your souls; but let us be patient and our ministry be in the spirit of the Master, and loving kindness to all men, avoiding harshness and abuses and unnecessary offenses, and "speak as becometh the oracles of God." Paul said: "I shunned not to declare the whole counsel of the Lord." We should do likewise. The prophets and apostles were put to death for so doing, but we may do so and be safe. After all, I'm glad I'm a preacher, and especially a Methodist preacher. It is true my name will not glitter upon historic pages with fame, but it does upon the Lamb's Book of life. When my labors are ended I'll exchange the cross for the crown and faith will end in a rich fruition and I shall have an inheritance of life eternal in heaven.  
J. B. GREGORY.  
Maysfield, Texas.

### A SUPERANNATED PREACHER BOXED.

To be placed on the superannated list is a trying ordeal in a preacher's experience, not only to the common circuit rider, but also the station pastor and presiding elder. I suppose one cause is they regret to cease from "their loved employ," and another is the generality of them have failed to lay up anything for old age, and knowing the meagerness of the apportionment to each claimant on the financial board, they fear they may lack the necessities of life in their old age.

When we read of the pastors being pounded, suited and watched, we could wish to be in the regular work again, to enjoy some of these tokens of kindness.

Last summer we received two letters the same day, one from Lubbock and the other from Amarillo, stating a box had been sent us from each of these places, sent by the W. H. M. Societies. When they reached us the one from Lubbock contained groceries to the amount of \$15 and \$18 in cash. The one from Amarillo contained clothing.

Later in the year a box was sent us from Itasca containing goods and clothing valued at \$35. These grand women will never know the joy that came to our house on receipt of these tokens of Christian love. Wife and children were very happy, and this superannate said to himself, "It is not so bad to be a superannate after all."

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CARLSBAD.

The long, long night of wind and dust is past. There was a moonlit, cloudless night about a month ago, when we walked under the bare-limbed cottonwoods and wished for the return of summer. Next morning, lo! the miracle had been wrought! For, in the fresh morning sunshine hundreds of tiny, tender, green leaves danced o'er the trees that only the day before had stood uncovered.

And now, Carlsbad, the beautiful, is at her best. One traveling through the Pecos Valley at this time would stop here and linger long to enjoy this splendid array of beauty and this salubrious climate, which is the envy of California, the boast of Eddy County, and the means of saving many precious lives. About two miles north of town is a spring which is noted all over the West for its medicinal properties in cases of stomach trouble. This spring spouts forth 5,500 gallons of water per minute. This healing, life-giving fluid was found to be very similar in mineral properties to the waters of the famous Friedrichshall Springs of Germany, where invalids from both the Old and New World seek health. This spring here being so much like the one near Carlsbad, Germany, it was decided to change the name from Eddy to Carlsbad.

Carlsbad is a thriving little city of 1500 to 2000 inhabitants and rapidly on the increase. Situated in the southeastern part of New Mexico on the Santa Fe Railroad, she has one of the finest irrigating systems in the world. In the city are two substantial banking firms, several large grocery and dry goods establishments, a public library, etc.

Coming here in summer you are compelled to call Carlsbad beautiful, with her shady drives and grassy lawns. She has thirty miles of beautiful shade trees. To construct this stretch of lovely drives required 10,000 trees. Cottonwoods were chosen on account of their quick growth and thick foliage. A limb cut from a tree and put in the ground near an irrigating ditch will in a year or two make a lovely tree, pleasing to the eye and affording shade and shelter to those who pass. This place is famed far and wide for her beautiful trees. They are indeed a "thing of beauty and a joy forever" to the Carlsbadites.

North of Carlsbad just across the Pecos River is the suburb called La Henerta. Here are found some of the finest residences to be seen anywhere. We were fortunate enough to secure one of these places. Our house is very plain and unpretentious, yet the rooms are large and airy, and the house is surrounded by grassy lawns, lovely trees, an irrigating ditch which we call a brook, and fragrant fields of alfalfa. Truly an ideal place in which to live, conveniently near town, yet away from its noise and dust, and somehow I feel that it's better to be lucky than rich. But I am rich—rich in health and all the beauties which a loving Father spreads around me continually (and here I'll wander a moment).

There is one lesson that has been impressed on my heart—a lesson I'll never learn. No matter how poor we are; no matter how unfortunate; no matter how depressed, if we have health, we should be happy. Nowhere will one learn that lesson better than here, where so many victims of the great white disease (consumption) come, "lungers," as they are called here. One sees on every hand wrecks of noble, promising lives. Often it is a young man stricken in the midst of the battle of life, perhaps as he was about to conquer, or it may be a sweet young girl deprived forever of the joys and dreams which make life promising and dear to girls.

And this great army of stricken ones come here to get well. If they come in time they often live many years apparently well. But there are so many that come too late; and many fight it to the death. And think you, after seeing all this, I could ever be ungrateful again? And to all ye who struggle and toil and are discontented and sorrowful, count this one great blessing and be happy ever afterwards.

Southwest of Carlsbad is located the Mexican suburb, San Jose. Here in the midst of dirt and poverty dwell the Mexicans, often in huts made of sticks, tin cans cut open and stuck together or rocks daubed together with mud. Often the more pretentious class will have an adobe hut, to the envy and admiration of the rest of the inhabitants. Some of them live in dug-outs in the side of the hill. And the little greasers run in and out like prairie dogs out of their holes. Often the entire family occupy the one small meagerly furnished room. In summer time the cooking is done out doors. Here the Mexican women sit on the ground by the fire, with a shawl or towel thrown over her head, surrounded by children and dogs, and

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JAMES G. GRAY, Gibson, Mo., writes about Drake's Palmetto Wine as follows: "I live in the Missouri swamps in Dunklin County and have been sick with Malarial fever, and for fifteen months a walking skeleton. One bottle of Drake's Palmetto Wine has done me more good than all the medicine I have taken in that fifteen months. I am buying two more bottles to stay cured. Drake's Palmetto Wine is the best medicine and tonic for Malarial, Kidney and Liver ailments I ever used or heard of. I feel well now after using one bottle."

A. A. FELDING, Knoxville, Tenn., writes: "I had a bad case of Sour Stomach and Indigestion. I could eat so little that I was 'falling to bones,' and could not sleep nor attend to business. I used the trial bottle and two large seventy-five-cent bottles and can truthfully say I am entirely cured. I have advised many to write for a free trial bottle."

JAMES McCARTHY, 118 Breckinridge Street, Detroit, Mich., writes: "I purchased at the drug store a bottle of Drake's Palmetto Wine, and find it unsurpassed for kidney trouble, and I am sure it will do all you claim for other complaints. I am recommending it to my friends, and wish you every success for your wonderful medicine."

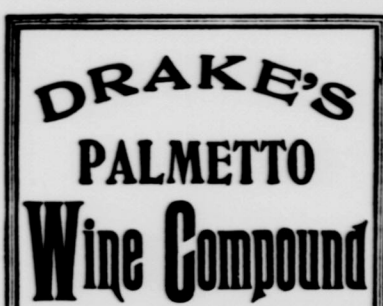
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D. MOORE, Geneva, N. Y., writes: "Obtained a bottle of your Drake's Palmetto Wine of our druggist. My wife is deriving much benefit from the Wine for obstinate constipation—indeed the most she has received from any and all other medicines. I also am helped of kidney difficulty. We regard it as an excellent remedy. It has no defects or drawbacks. It does its work quietly, kindly and sweetly, and leaves no evil effects. We take pleasure in speaking of it to others. I went a few days ago to see a sick brother, and took a bottle along, hoping it might benefit him. I am a retired minister of the gospel and 92 years old."

MRS. DANIEL W. NEWTON, Greenfield, Mass., writes: "Mrs. Mary Reese, 74 years of age, has been ill with stomach trouble over a year, and for three months was in very serious condition. I gave her the trial bottle of Drake's Palmetto Wine you sent me, and it gave her great relief. Then she purchased a bottle, and has taken two-thirds of it, and walks a mile every day; can eat anything without any distress; has fine appetite and bowels are regular and thorough."

MRS. SUE A. MAY, Laverne, Ala., writes: "I am the mother of eight children, and have been in bad health ever since I was married. I had been sick in bed for three months—had physicians every day—when I received your Drake's Palmetto Wine. After taking it for two weeks was able to be up and attend to my work. It is truly a splendid remedy. I will always thank you and my God for such relief."

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watch the pot of frioles boil. They have a plain adobe Catholic Church with a wooden cross over the door. The women take great interest in the christening robe of the infant and the bridal dress of the girl. One christening robe of an infant was made of pink silk with little pink bows tacked on it at regular intervals. The girls think they are not married if they don't have a veil. Sometimes the groom furnishes the money for his intended's trousseau. They have a school for the children with a white man for principal. As every one infers, these Mexicans are shiftless and lazy. Often one sees them plodding sleepily along with a load of mesquite roots, drawn by eight or ten burros. They work just enough to exist and no more. As one passes through the city a crowd of Mexicans may be seen on the sunny side of some building, chattering wildly. They invariably have on the tall sombreros and either a towel or piece

of bright-colored calico tied around their waists. Some of the good ladies of the Methodist Church assisted our good pastor's wife in teaching the Mexican girls plain sewing and training them so that they might be employed as servants by the white people. As usual they have a good Mexican band here. To me their music is exceedingly sweet, yet one wonders when they look on those stolid, impassive, inexpressive faces, how they get such harmonious melodies from the instruments. These Mexicans are usually very peaceable. Occasionally some get drunk and have to be fined, but otherwise they are very quiet and inoffensive. Though some may consider them a menace, yet they lend a certain picturesque air to Carlsbad which she would not otherwise have.

We have quite a number of the sons of Africa in our midst. In the last term of court one Miller Neal was tried and convicted for the murder of

his wife. On the witness stand was a negro who persisted in the statement that he didn't know what a negro was; in fact, that he had never seen one. On being asked what he saw when looking in a mirror, he replied: "A colored gentleman." It seems that some of the lighter colored citizens resented this and one night this same "colored gentleman" received an anonymous letter telling him "to seek greener fields and pastures new," and to invite all his brethren to accompany him. On that same night the negro's church was burned. Whether the burning was an accident or not, no one knows. The Sheriff, with the aid of the Commercial Club, has promised them his protection and forbidden them to leave. This is the first time the race problem has disturbed the Carlsbad people; and now all think the matter will be peaceably settled.

We have quite a number of sad-looking, slant-eyed Chinese among us.

Some of them cook, while others take in "the washee." Among the whites we have French, English, Irish, German, Swedes directly from the "old countree." At the Episcopal Church they hold a service in French for the Swedes and French of our city. A goodly portion of our citizens are from Texas, while there are any number from Illinois, Missouri, Iowa, Ohio, Indiana, Pennsylvania and New York. Most of these Northern people come South for the winter, while many are sick and stay here, where the skies are clear and the sun shines through the whole year. J. FRANKIE NABERS.

Wearry Raggles: "You won't git nothin' decent in there. Them people is vegetarians." Hungry Harry: "Is that right?" Wearry Raggles: "Yes, an' they got a dog wot ain't."—Chicago Journal.

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## The Woman's Department

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### ANNUAL MEETING.

The annual meeting of the Home Mission Society of the Northwest Texas Conference will be held in Clarendon May 31, June 1, 2 and 3. Our Transportation Committee are making arrangements for rates and we hope each society in the conference will make an extra effort to send a delegate. If you have not the funds on hand, have a special offering for this purpose and I am sure your society will be greatly benefited. We are praying this meeting will result in great, good work being projected, and we ask each individual society to help make it a success and you can contribute to this success by your presence and prayers.

MRS. A. B. HONEYCUTT,  
Claburne, Texas. Pres. Conf. So.

### IMPORTANT.

We regret to announce, through information received from Mrs. J. H. Bowman, President of the W. F. M. Society, North Texas Conference, that the engagements of Miss Hughes (our missionary from China) for visiting various points in the conference, as given two weeks since in this department of the paper, will have to be cancelled up to May 2, on account of the illness of her mother, to whose bedside she has been called. We trust our members will remember Miss Hughes and her mother with prayerful interest and we hope the latter may soon be restored to health and strength.

Notice, Woman's Home Mission Society, N. W. Tex. Conf.:

It is very important for each one who expects to attend the annual meeting to be held in Clarendon May 31 and June 1, 2 and 3, to get a certificate when they buy a ticket showing they are in attendance. When fifty are shown at this office you will get reduced rates.

Send names of delegates and visitors to Mrs. Dr. White or Mrs. J. W. Clower and homes will be assigned them. We extend a hearty welcome to all who will attend.

MRS. G. S. HARDY,  
Clarendon, Texas. Dist. Sec.

To the Members of the Woman's Home Mission Society in Texas:

Dear Sisters—We know that you are ready for any good word and work, and therefore we, the undersigned, without any official authority, presume to call your attention to and ask your co-operation in the undertaking here outlined.

There is a great enterprise for our Master in this State, the Southwestern University, for which we as a woman's organization have done nothing. Yet there is no one institution in our State in whose welfare we are more vitally interested. From it we receive now a good per cent of our pastors, and that per cent is yearly increasing. From it there comes yearly intelligent and active laymen, men and women, into the life of the Church. Many of these women are among our own most active members. We are sure that our inactivity in its affairs heretofore has not been because we do not realize our debt to the University, or are indifferent to its welfare, but because no feasible plan for our special co-operation has been devised.

Now the authorities of the University have inaugurated an enterprise that depends for its success entirely upon our enthusiastic support. It is as follows:

They have secured the services of the gifted Miss Merle Bowen, public reader, for forty recitals during this summer for the benefit of the Southwestern University. This eloquentist is a graduate of the Southwestern University, and one of the daughters of our State who has won laurels for herself at the New York Chautauqua, the Massachusetts Chautauqua, in New York City and elsewhere in the East. Prof. Clark and Mrs. Bertha Kuntz Baker speak of her in high terms. She has won great success as a reader also in our own leading cities.

They wish forty of our auxiliary societies to take hold of this movement, to secure a date for Miss Bowen in their town, to do the local advertising, to secure a hall for the recital, to scatter the advertising sent them by the management, and to put up the pictures, to sell the tickets, collect at the door and do all the local management, and take care of Miss Bowen while in their midst. They ask us to do all this out of devotion to the cause for which Miss Bowen appears; and yet they do not wish to place on us any pecuniary burden. Hence they ask the auxiliary society to retain 25 per cent of the receipts in each case to repay expenditures.

We thank the University for this op-

portunity to show our interest in it, and for this chance to hear this gifted daughter of Texas. Sisters, it gives you a chance to aid a great and needy institution, to secure innocent and helpful entertainment for your respective communities and to replenish your own treasuries. We commend the enterprise to you and urge you to cooperate.

MRS. FLORA N. HEY,  
Cor. Sec. W. H. M. S., N. W. Tex. Conf.  
MRS. T. F. SESSIONS,  
Pres. W. H. M. S., West Tex. Conf.  
MRS. GEO. CALL,  
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MRS. ALEX. WOLDERT,  
Pres. W. H. M. S., Tex. Conf.  
MRS. F. E. HOWELL,  
Ed. Woman's Dept., Tex. Advocate.

### CITY MISSION BOARD, DALLAS.

The following officers were elected at the annual election of the City Mission Board in March: Mrs. L. H. Potts, President; Mrs. Henry Dorsey, First Vice-President; Mrs. M. E. Friedrich, Second Vice-President; Miss Rama Bishop, Recording Secretary; Mrs. S. D. Thruston, Treasurer; Mrs. Walter Reid, Corresponding Secretary; Mrs. F. E. Howell, Press Reporter.

The regular monthly meeting of the City Mission Board for April was held in the Settlement Home, corner Magnolia and Collins Streets, with representatives present from the auxiliary W. H. M. Societies of the various Methodist Churches of the city. In the absence of the President, Mrs. L. H. Potts, who was detained at home by illness, the First Vice-President, Mrs. Henry Dorsey, presided.

The monthly report of the city missionary, Miss Estelle Haskin, showed that she had visited 256 families, had given out 78 garments at a nominal price to those needing such; had an average daily attendance of 35 in the kindergarten department of the Settlement Home, and an average attendance at the Sunday-school of 76. A motion was carried, unanimously, expressing gratification at the contemplated visit of Miss Haskin to the annual meeting of the Woman's Board of Home Missions, held this month in Kansas City, Mo., and making formal request of said Board for Miss Haskin's reappointment in this field of labor. This action was taken in recognition of the faithful and efficient services of the city missionary.

The report of the Treasurer, Mrs. S. D. Thruston, for month of April showed total receipts for the month, \$146.58; total amount disbursed, \$146.96. The Treasurer also reported a cash donation of \$5 from a lady of Longview, Texas, to the building fund for the erection of a commodious and permanent building for the Settlement Home.

### W. F. M. SOCIETY, NORTH TEXAS CONFERENCE.

Dear Sisters: We visited Rockwall, Texas, and found that spring in all her glory had come again—a most beautiful and picturesque city, hard by the Trinity River—a grand and lovely country. The people are kind and intelligent, and seem very active in Church work. I stopped with a nice Christian woman, Mrs. Morris. She seemed diligent and stirring in the cause of her Master. I had the extreme pleasure of organizing a Foreign Missionary Society of eleven members. Following are the names: Mrs. M. J. Sullivan, President; Mrs. E. C. Heath, Corresponding Secretary; Mrs. Joe Chisholm, Treasurer; Mrs. J. W. Morris, Mrs. Julia Goodman, Mrs. Walter Austin, Mrs. J. W. Holder (lady manager), Mrs. J. F. Carry, Mrs. J. Barringer, Mrs. J. W. Peyton.

We also organized a Juvenile Society of nineteen members. Our minister there did all he could to assist us in our great work.

MRS. R. W. THOMPSON,  
291 Ervay St., Dallas, Texas.

### W. H. M. SOCIETY, SULPHUR SPRINGS.

Our auxiliary, composed of fifty-three members, is a faithful band of women and is coming up in all departments of the work. We find the Bible study in Our Homes very helpful. We are also using the Bible studies prepared by our conference officers. The Ideal and Prayer Band cards have been distributed. The \$1 for circulating library has been forwarded. One book of Reading Course finished and the prepared questions by Mrs. Milton Ragsdale answered. We are standing by our District Secretary in the conference calendar plan and have paid up to date. We are using press items sent to us. We have eight names in the Florence McEachern Brigade and six on Baby Roll.

We expect to report great progress in this line in the next four months. Also hope to report progress in second department. We are now soliciting funds for local work. We refurnished our parsonage and have paid all but \$75. This we are raising by five ladies promising to pay \$1, and securing four others to pay each 50 cents; each paying 50 cents to get four others to pay 25 cents; each paying 25 cents to secure five dimes. We hope to report this all in at our meeting this afternoon. We have taken up the "blessing box." We have twenty-five subscribers to "Our Homes" and feel that we could not get along without it.

Our President has the Executive Committee to meet with her once a month and plan for the work. Above all we are striving not to make the mistake of counting the formalities and activities for the real growth—the growth in grace. We stress the importance of growing spiritually.

MRS. M. LAVELLE,  
Aux. Supt. Lit. and Press Work.

### FROM MEMPHIS, TEXAS.

We enjoy the reports from other auxiliaries and feel that we must contribute our part. Although at present we are weak in numbers, even this item may find sympathy in some struggling society and give encouragement also, as we have been trying to bravely "hold the fort;" and even now reinforcements are appearing and we gladly welcome some very efficient new workers. We hope to strengthen our missionary zeal and be more interested in this department of our Church work. The Bible study is found to be very beneficial and interesting.

We have a nice church building and a comfortable five-room parsonage, which our society, aided by many of the Church members, has newly furnished. We feel the need of a higher and broader knowledge and a deeper interest among the ladies of our Church in mission work, to make our auxiliary everything it should be.

The annual meeting of the Conference Society at Clarendon will be represented from our society, and thus we hope to be made more keenly alive and in closer touch with the general work of the W. H. M. Society. Our officers for the year are: Mrs. J. A. Bradford, President; Mrs. J. H. Estes, First Vice-President; Mrs. Ben Hardy, Second and Third Vice-President; Mrs. D. H. Arnold, Recording and Corresponding Secretary; Mrs. C. F. Scott, Treasurer.

We have a goodly number of subscribers to "Our Homes." It is a good paper and helps us very much.

MRS. D. H. ARNOLD, Cor. Sec.

### W. F. M. SOCIETY.

We beg to submit the following report of Auxiliary W. F. M. Society, Rockdale, Texas, from March 1, 1903, to March 1, 1904:

We have twelve members enrolled; lost three during last quarter. Bro. and Sister Bryce were enthusiastic in the work, and a strong support to our society. We regret losing them. We hope to take on new life, revise our roll, and we trust many may join our ranks and fill the vacancies. With loving support from a few outside our little band we are clothing a girl in Laredo Seminary, which to our delight is very much appreciated. We receive sweet, Christian-spirited letters from her, and Miss Holding also informs us "our girl" is making rapid progress.

We sent a delegate to last annual meeting of our Conference Society in Palestine, defrayed her expenses; also paid \$1 for printing minutes; study and distribute missionary literature; have three subscribers to Woman's Foreign Missionary Advocate.

FINANCIAL REPORT:  
Local expenses (including clothing girl) .....\$31 75  
Pledge ..... 7 00  
Conference fund ..... 3 75  
Membership dues ..... 11 85

Total .....\$54 35

MRS. C. L. YORK.

The Auxiliary W. H. M. Society, Jewett, Texas, held the annual election of officers in February which resulted as follows:

President, Mrs. F. J. Waltman; First Vice-President, Mrs. B. D. Dashfield; Second Vice-President, Mrs. H. Lagrone; Third Vice-President, Mrs. Geo. Brady; Recording Secretary, Mrs. E. I. Phifer; Corresponding Secretary, Mrs. O. Keeton; Treasurer, Mrs. J. D. Adisson; Press Reporter, Mrs. S. Patrick.

### THE AUXILIARY W. H. M. SOCIETY, MARFA, TEXAS.

The work of this society during the last year has been of great aid to the Church in this place. The members have shown a "willing spirit." In the first place, the auxiliary has held, without a break, a weekly prayer-meeting. This has been held at the homes of the members. The Bible

study lesson has been the theme at each meeting. In order to make this as effective as possible the lesson has been divided into three sections, and one of these sections has been taken at each meeting during the month. At the monthly meeting there has been a review of the whole lesson. The pastor sometimes gives an address (a short one) upon that lesson. This has been both interesting and profitable to all.

The Week of Prayer was observed in the month of October and the collection that was taken was sent to the General Secretary to be used as she thought best.

Methods were adopted by this auxiliary to raise money to pay for the new seats in the new church. So successful were these efforts that the seats were all paid for sometime before the expiration of the time agreed upon.

A pair of beautiful new lamps have been purchased for the rostrum. Now for the ensuing year the auxiliary has undertaken to make some much needed improvements in the ventilation of the church and also to purchase the furniture which will be needed for the new parsonage, an undertaking which must soon be entered upon. The auxiliary about doubled its membership during the current year from February to February.

The auxiliary has entered upon the new year's work in the spirit of the little article on the first page of "Our Homes" for April. The officers for the year are: President, Mrs. F. W. Mitchell; First Vice-President, Mrs. Jordan; Second Vice-President, Mrs. Guyon; Third Vice-President, Mrs. M. C. Livingston; Treasurer, Mrs. Maud Liv-

ingstone; Secretary, Miss Ada Guyon; Corresponding Secretary, Mrs. W. S. Huggett. W. S. HUGGETT, P. C.

### IN HONOR OF THEIR HUSBANDS.

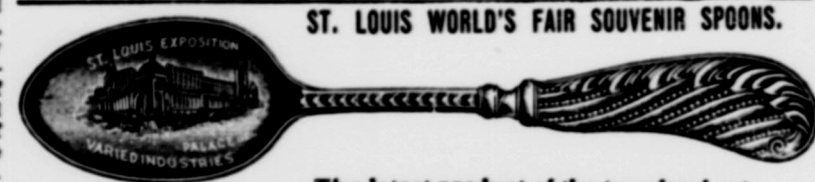
The members of the W. H. M. S. of the M. E. Church, South, at Haskell gave their annual reception in honor of their husbands on the evening of December 29, 1903.

The principal decorations in one of the parlors consisted of twelve large flags of different nations, and guessing what nation each flag represented was one of the chief amusements. A prize was awarded to the one guessing the greatest number. Another prize was given to the winner in a geographical game including the abbreviations of the names of the States mysteriously woven into some verses of poetry. Both games were interesting and the contests exciting.

Refreshments consisted of sandwiches, olives, chocolate, jell-o, whipped cream and cake.

There were sixty-one guests, and the favors were real wishbones polished with sandpaper and gilded, then tied with narrow ribbon. To each ribbon was attached also a tiny card not more than a half inch square. On one side of this card, in gilt letters, was W. H. M. S., on the other, the date (December 29, 1903). These souvenirs were unique and inexpensive; they were the wishbones of chickens and turkeys eaten, during the year, by the family of one member of the society. They varied in size from that of the tiny broiler to that of the largest turkey.

ELSIE MALONE McCOLLUM,  
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which were blessed of God and brought immediate results. Our people had heard of him before and were not disappointed, for he more than sustained his hitherto reputation as a preacher and revivalist. The Lord has surely endowed him with special talent along the line of soul-winning. May God's rich blessings rest upon both of the preachers mentioned above. They wrought us much good.

Reily Springs.

L. F. Tannery, April 25: This is our first year on this charge and only a supply at that, but we are moving up on every line. Our first Quarterly Conference was well up on financial reports. I have a fine Board of Stewards. They look well after the support of their preacher and his family. We have only four appointments and they own their houses of worship. Three Sunday-schools doing fine work. We have made ninety-five pastoral visits and have visited nineteen other families; so you see we have all we can do. Our beloved presiding elder will be with us the second Sunday in May. We are praying and looking forward to a great revival. The most of our people are enjoying religion. We have held three special services for the children. We have secured three new subscribers for the dear old Christian Advocate. Received fourteen members; dismissed by certificate thirteen.

WEST TEXAS CONFERENCE.

San Marcos.

J. E. Blair, April 24: San Marcos has just experienced an extraordinary religious upheaval. The recent meeting conducted by the Methodist Church under the leadership of Evangelist A. P. Lowery, of Waco, was the greatest religious awakening the town has known in the past ten years, and by some thought to be the greatest meeting it has ever witnessed. There were 160 conversions and reclamations. Over 50 members have been received into the Methodist Church as a result of the meeting, with others yet to join. The other Churches of the town, as is usually the case in Methodist revivals, received a number of members also. Not the least of the good results of the meeting was the awakening of the spiritual life of the Church. Family altars were re-established; increased interest in Bible reading and in public and private prayer was manifest; the Sunday-school, the Epworth League and the prayer-meeting all felt the new impulse of life and spirituality as manifest in increased attendance and greater spiritual interest and power. Bro. Lowery's preaching was not of the sensational or superficial kind; he presented with earnestness the great cardinal doctrines emphasized by the old-time Methodist revivalists: the eternal happiness of the good, the eternal punishment of the wicked, the awfulness of sin, the necessity of a deep, genuine repentance that shall reform the life, and a vital, living faith that shall link the heart to God. He presented the warnings of the gospel as well as the beauty of holiness and deep conviction for sin and a determined turning away from it was the result. The old-fashioned Methodist altar, or "mourner's bench," was employed, and the people sought it eagerly. During the last week of the meeting the presence of the Spirit's power was so manifest that preaching ceased to be necessary. All over the great congregation, which was packed into every available foot of space, were hundreds of saved boys and girls and men and women of all ages, eager to bear witness to the power of the gospel to save the lost; and following these testimonies, scores of strong young men and young women and hardened sinners as well came rushing to the altar with deep contrition pictured in their faces and with tears of penitence coursing down their cheeks, pleading for salvation. Coronal Institute was literally swept with the wave of salvation, until every boarding pupil, young man and young woman, was among the saved, to the great joy of Brothers Fisher and Crutchfield and their good wives. Many of the students of the normal were likewise brought into the kingdom. One of the striking features of the revival was the street meeting held on the public square every afternoon. Prof. Crutchfield was the great, strong, courageous leader in these meetings. Many men who seldom if ever set foot inside the Churches were interested and made to feel that the Church is really concerned about their souls. Some of them followed up their interest by coming to the meetings at the Church and seeking the Savior of lost men. The evangelist was ably assisted in the meeting by the pastor, Bro. New Harris, President Sterling Fisher and Prof. Crutchfield, of Coronal Institute. These four make a quartet that are

seldom equaled in revival work. As an indication of the permanent worth of the revival interest awakened in the meeting, at the regular Sunday night service after the close of the meeting, nine grown men and women came forward asking the prayers of the Church that they might be saved. We believe that the work done was genuine and that eternity alone can reveal the great good accomplished.

ADVOCATE AGENT ABROAD.

It was a pleasant trip indeed I took out on the San Angelo branch of the Santa Fe recently. When I first went out that way in 1882 I had to take a stage, and the thorough braces, king bolts, linch-pins, tugs, mainsprings, safety valves and such like frequently got out of order—so the driver told us—and the wheels would clog with mud. All of these things caused delays, and the passengers would have to get out and help fix things and pry the mud from between the spokes, as this was a labor too menial and undignified for a stage driver who had the United States mail in the "boot" under his feet. But this time I went in a magnificent chair car over a smooth road-bed, and polite conductors and brakemen did what was needed. Before passengers did the work, walked frequently and paid 15 to 20 cents a mile; now we rode in the style—and with more ease and speed—of an Oriental nabob, and only pay 3 cents a mile, and were waited on like a prince. I went to Lampasas first. It is a beautiful little city, with a coronet of hills around it like a diadem of splendor on the brow of one of Nature's favorite daughters. The celebrated sulphur springs possess remarkable curative and recuperative virtues and powers. Methodism is taking the lead there. Bro. Will T. Renfro is in very high favor, and his wife is a power for good among the women and young people. There is a splendid membership there, and Bro. Renfro is securing their loyal co-operation in making the Church felt as a saving power. He has such people as Bro. J. W. Stevens, a local preacher of power, intellect and loyalty and in great demand; Dr. J. E. Vernor, the Sunday-school superintendent; Judge Abney, Capt. T. H. Bowman, Secretary of State during Gov. Roberts' administration, and a true Christian gentlemen; Sister Melugin, Miss Sadie Melugin—these are those I have known for many years, are a sample of a host whom Bro. Renfro has as a rallying force. They have a model, beautiful church, and will probably soon build a much needed parsonage. Lampasas will have the annual encampment of the State Y. M. C. A. this summer. No better place could be found. Fine fishing.

At Goldthwaite Brother and Sister Linn gave me a warm welcome to the pretty, comfortable and inviting parsonage. I knew them both while they were students in Southwestern University, and Bro. Linn's career will be an inspiration to every high-minded struggling youth. I shall write it some day. It is good to hear the people of Goldthwaite speak of these two and the work they are doing. They are a model as preacher and mistress of the parsonage respectively, and Sister Linn is doing good preaching without proclaiming from the pulpit. Our Church is growing there; the people are living up to their profession as Christians more than ever; they are counting for more than so many names; the force of Christianity is being felt. Bro. Linn has an intelligent people, and they told me he was feeding them on high spiritual and mental food. At Lampasas and Goldthwaite we put in big lists of new readers of the Advocate. W. A. BOWEN.

SCHOOL OF THEOLOGY.

The management of the Summer School of Theology consider themselves most fortunate in being able to announce that they have secured Rev. Charles Cuthbert Hall, D. D., for two series of lectures, one series on "Christian Missions" and one series on "Religious Education." Dr. Hall as President of Union Theological Seminary has long held a position as one of the foremost as well as one of the most soundly evangelical and conservative of Christian educators. He has lately been chosen President of the Religious Education Association and he has already shown that he intends to spend himself freely in trying to further the cause of religious education. No man in America is more eminently fitted to speak on that theme. The Biblical World in an editorial on the second session of the Religious Education Association held in Philadelphia, March 2-4, says: "The chief interest, perhaps, centered upon 'The Annual Survey of Progress in Religious and Moral Education' presented by President Charles Cuthbert Hall on Friday morning." President Hall was last year Darrows' lecturer on the Christian Religion for India and Japan. What he has to say on Christian Missions will have unusual weight. President Hall is an attractive speaker, and his lectures will be an inspiration. R. B. McSWAIN, Sec'y.

THE POST-GRADUATE COURSES.

The post-graduate work at the Summer School of Theology will for three periods be conducted on the same plan as that used heretofore. There will be a leader, and each day a paper will be presented on some topic drawn from the book being studied. During these three periods each preacher will have to choose between the two optional courses offered at the same hour.

Perhaps it will not be out of the way here to suggest some of the reasons that influenced us in including each of the books listed in a late number of the Advocate. It was thought that we must have some book on Bible study, and as the Old Testament work had been omitted in previous sessions, it was decided to adopt Kirkpatrick's "Doctrine of the Prophets;" a conservative book written by a scholar and showing what progress has been made in Bible study in recent years. Prof. Kirkpatrick is well known as an author, thoroughly evangelical and orthodox, and he presents certain facts about the origin of the books of the Hebrew prophets that must increase their value to every student. To many the prophets are a riddle with an occasional good verse and occasional reference to historical occurrences. Prof. Kirkpatrick has intended in his book to make the prophets live men for all his readers.

From all our schools there go forth students, young men with more or less training in Greek, some of them more or less gradually come to discontinue the reading of their Greek Testament because of the press of many duties and little motive seemingly for this work, and yet all admit that this is a great loss to themselves and the people they serve. It is the purpose of the division in New Testament Greek to serve just this class, and it is requested that any preacher who has studied Greek enough to be able to read Greek with the help of grammar and lexicon, shall make his way through the four short epistles: Ephesians, Philippians, Colossians and Philemon, and if only to encourage the younger brethren, be on hand to take part in this class.

One needs no apology for including a missionary book. The book adopted this year, according to Dr. Bishop, the instructor, is the best book published along this line. It costs \$3 in the cheapest binding, and includes an atlas better than the ones for which some of us pay six or seven dollars.

Harris' "Self-Revelation of God" is regarded by both philosophers and every-day readers as one of the most helpful books that has been written in the last decade, and shows how God has been making himself known to men in nature and in human history and through our experience and Jesus Christ. To define carefully, and yet with spiritual fervor, all those different issues over which the scientific and religious world is contending and about which some hearts are almost in doubt, is no easy task, but Prof. Harris has done it well.

Of course every one is interested in Methodist history, and Tigert's Constitutional History of American Episcopal Methodism is unquestionably a standard book on this subject. For those interested in present discussions affecting our polity, it will be especially valuable to take part in the study of this book affording the real scientific basis on which all such discussions should rest.

In the theological movements of our day no error has been, perhaps, at once so persistent and more dangerous than that group of errors connected with the doctrine of the future life, and yet at the same time this is a subject of vital importance to every man. It is peculiarly interesting to many to trace the idea of a future life through the various non-Christian religions and find its consummation in Christianity. These two tasks, viz: A clear exposition of the evangelical Christian doctrine on its Biblical basis, and its presentation in the light of the beliefs of other religions, Dr. Salmond has performed with such unusual success that his book stands as the model for workers in the field of Biblical Theology.

We have been perhaps more fortunate in the selection of leaders for these sections than in the selection of books. Each man has peculiar adaptation for the work in hand. Of Harless, Solomon, Bishop, Stovall, Campbell, and Cunningham, I need not write. Their brethren know their ability. They are undertaking their work gladly, and their hearts are in it. Of the instruction in Hebrew History and the Monuments by Prof. R. B. McSwain and the Psychology of Religion by Dr. John R. Allen, further announcements will be made later. R. B. McSWAIN, Sec.

CHINA LETTER.

To Friends in the Homeland: Dear Friends—Since I last wrote you I have been transferred from the Japan to the China Conference, and some things that I have seen since my arrival in November, and which

were very interesting to me, may also interest you.

When our party reached Huchow, a walled city of one hundred and eighty thousand inhabitants, and we had stepped out of our house-boat upon the landing, I was much surprised to find my vision obstructed in all directions by countless high mud and brick walls projecting far above the houses. Instead of the walls ending at the roofs, they extended in some instances fifteen or twenty feet above. These, I have since learned, are built for the purpose of obstructing the passage of evil spirits which are believed to pass only in straight lines. Walls are also built in front of doors for the same purpose, to keep out spirits coming directly toward the house, as there is nothing to fear from those passing.

After walking several yards through a narrow, dirty, ill-smelling alley, we reached the street on which the three foreign families, members of our mission, live, and soon, for the first time, I entered a Chinese house. We entered a street door, passed through several dark, damp rooms and corridors with ground and paved floors where sickly weeds and ferns were struggling up between the stones, crossed two or three small courts into which a few stray sunbeams fell and lingered only a short time as if discouraged with its attempt to brighten such gloom, and finally, with a sigh of relief from me, we reached the dwelling proper. Two sections of the wall, from floor to ceiling, opened outward into a court and served the purpose of a door. The few windows were made of small thin pieces of shell which admitted only sufficient light to reveal the gloom within. The walls and floors were of a dark, beautiful red color, and in answer to my inquiries was informed that they had been stained with hog's blood, unadulterated, and afterward oiled, and that for days after the house was uninhabitable on account of the odor.

We remained in the home of our kind friends for nearly two months, then moved into our own hired house.

I wish I could send you a picture of our home, but it is impossible to get a view of any part save the roof. We are surrounded by four high walls which extend several feet above the roof and so completely shut out the sunlight that the rooms on the ground floor are in semi-darkness, making it necessary to light the lamps in the middle of the afternoon. The house seems to have been made and dropped down into a close, tight-fitting box with only one way of egress, through a long, totally dark passage. The walls surrounding us have no windows or doors, and what the warm months will be can only be imagined, as on some nights the temperature does not fall below ninety degrees. No apertures can be made in the walls as they form the partitions between us and our Chinese neighbors. In a narrow little court between our front door and the high wall, we have four large jars, perhaps three by four feet in dimension, and which contain our supply of water. This is brought a short distance from one of the canals into which the refuse and drains (if there are any of the latter) are emptied. After the water is placed in the jars alum is thrown in to cause it to settle, after which it is boiled and filtered and is then ready for use.

It is an unwritten law that we are not to make a microscopic inspection of the sediment that remains in the jars, and it is quietly disposed of without an examination being made.

If, under such conditions, I am fortunate enough to be one of the survivors of the fittest, in a short time I will relate some of my experiences as housekeeper in this strange land. EMMA POTET PILLEY.

WEST TEXAS RALLY.

Following is the program for the West Texas Conference Missionary rally at Waco Friday, May 6, 2:30 p. m.:

1. "The West Texas Conference and the Great Commission," Rev. B. Harris, San Antonio.
2. "Our Sunday-schools and Missions," Rev. V. G. Thomas, San Marcos.
3. "Our Leagues and Missions," Rev. T. F. Sessions, Seguin.
4. "The Woman's Home Mission Society," Mrs. T. F. Sessions.
5. "The Woman's Foreign Missionary Interests," Mrs. Samuel Spears, Llano.
6. "Our Missionary Information," Rev. J. F. Webb, Beeville.
7. "Our Missionary Convictions," Rev. I. K. Waller, Floresville.
8. "Our Missionary Inspiration; or, the Abiding Missionary Spirit—Whence and Whither," Rev. J. M. Alexander, San Antonio.
9. "What We are Doing and What We Might Do," Rev. J. D. Scott, San Angelo.
10. "The Need as I See It," Rev. E. S. Smith, Austin.
11. "The Main Secret that Makes

the Difference in the Collection of Missionary Money—As to Time and Amount," Rev. Sterling Fisher, San Marcos.

12. "My Duty, My Privilege, My Delight," Rev. S. H. Werlein, Austin.

13. "My Commission, My Conviction, My Inspiration, a Missionary Poem," Rev. J. C. Wilson, Cuero.

14. Report of our conditions as to our missions, the Treasurer or Secretary.

15. "What I Mean to Do When I Get Home." One minute talks by all who will.

16. "Lest We Forget"—a Warning Lest this Enthusiasm Die After We Get Home," Rev. W. H. H. Biggs, Llano.

Note.—No talk assigned is to be over five minutes. Words must be made full and hot.

(Signed) A. L. SCARBOROUGH, Missionary Secretary.

DISTRICT CONFERENCE NOTICES.

Paris District.

The Paris District Conference will be held at Deport, Texas, June 23 to 27. The conference will convene for organization on the evening of the 23d, after a sermon by Rev. A. T. Stodgel. Opening sermon will be preached by Rev. W. J. Bludworth, Friday, the 24th, at 11 a. m. Following are the committees:

For License and Admission—J. A. Wyatt, W. B. Douglass, J. B. Gober.

For Orders—J. L. Morris, N. G. Ozment, W. K. Agee.

Secretaries of W. F. M. and H. M. Societies are requested to be present and represent their work. Pastors and delegates, come prepared to remain until the close of the conference. E. H. CASEY, P. E.

Abilene District.

To the Members of the Abilene District Conference: We are arranging to give you during the session of our conference the best possible entertainment. We take this method of extending to you a broad and sweeping invitation. We shall give you a most hearty welcome to our hearts and homes. Sweetwater will lay tribute upon her resources to provide for your comfort. I think rates on the railways will be secured. Let all the brethren who intend coming by private conveyance notify me as soon as possible, so that I may make all due arrangements for their stock. If any brother intends bringing his better half let me know. Our good women must be provided for. W. A. MANLY.

Gainesville District.

The Gainesville District will convene at Aubrey May 12, 1904, 8:30 a. m. The opening sermon will be preached Wednesday evening before by Rev. Franklin Moore, of Nocona, Texas. Let all the local preachers who can not attend send in their reports by mail. The various committees will be announced from chair the first day. Bishop Key is expected to be with us. J. A. STAFFORD, P. E.

BETTER THAN SPANKING.

Spanking does not cure children of urine difficulties. If it did there would be few children that would do it. There is a constitutional cause for this. Mrs. M. Summers, Box 181, Notre Dame, Ind., will send her home treatment to any mother. She asks no money. Write her today if your children trouble you in this way. Don't blame the child. The chances are it can be cured.

A DOCTOR'S BILL.

A good true story is told of a San Francisco woman and a doctor. The doctor performed a successful operation for a rich woman, and when asked for his bill, presented one of \$50. The lady smiled and drew a check for \$500. He handed it back, saying: "I cannot accept this. My charge is \$50." "Very well," the lady replied. "Keep the check and use the balance to help people who can't pay." Some months after she received a lengthy itemized bill, upon which were entered charges for treatment of various kinds, rendered to all sorts of humanity, male and female, black and white, who had been mended at her expense. She was so delighted at it that she immediately placed another check for \$500 to her credit on the same terms, and it is now being earned in the same way.—Woman's Journal.

PREACHER WANTED.

I want a preacher for Minco charge. This is a three-appointment work (all on the railroad). It will pay \$60 or \$70 per month. Nice three room, new, parsonage. Minco is a town of eight or nine hundred people. This is a fine opportunity for some young man who wants to join this conference. Have your P. E. and P. C. write me about you. Must have first-class man. N. L. LINEBAUGH, P. E., Duncan Dist. Ind. Miss. Conference, Duncan, I. T.

OBITUARIES.

The space allowed obituaries is twenty to twenty-five lines, or about 250 to 300 words. The privilege is reserved of condensing such notices to appear in full as written should remit money to cover excess of space to-wit: At the rate of ONE CENT PER WORD. Money should accompany all orders.

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KERR.—Dr. Thos. S. Kerr was born in Mercer County, Va., April 23, 1846, and died in his home at Salina, Texas, Feb. 23, 1904. He removed to Texas with his parents when a mere lad and attended school taught by Rev. Wm. Allen at old "Bethel" in Collins County. He graduated from the Missouri Medical College, St. Louis, Mo., in 1871. He practiced medicine and surgery successfully in North Texas for thirty-three years. He married Miss Emma Henry, of Cooke County, Texas, June 21, 1877. To this union were born eleven children—five boys and six girls—of whom three boys and four girls survive him. This his first wife died at Bowie, Texas, Feb. 10, 1891. He was again married Oct. 2, 1892, to Miss Mary Aston, sister of Rev. D. H. Aston, who survives him. He was a member of the Masonic and A. O. U. T. fraternities. He was converted when a boy and joined the M. E. Church, South, from which church he was transplanted into the triumphant Church above. He loved his Church dearly and manifested his love by his loyalty to her institutions and communion. The best he had was reserved for his pastor and the Church. In finances he always supported the Church beyond his means. His faith in God and the merits of his dear Son were unwavering. His last words distinctly uttered in a whisper were: "I should like very much to go home." The Church and the Sunday-school, the latter of which he was superintendent, will miss him greatly. The good Lord grant that his children may each rise up and fill his place. To his companion and children we would say that in our minds we can not understand why he should be taken away when we think we need him most, but we know that "God doeth all things well." "We can not call him back, but we can go to him." Children, have faith in your father's God whom he loved and served and one sweet day you will meet father again where sickness and sorrow, pain and death and parting will be no more.

G. W. WHISLER.

HARPER.—W. C. Harper was born Jan. 2, 1821, in Tennessee; moved to Louisiana in early life; from there to Alabama in 1848; thence to Texas in 1871, and located in Hopkins County, where he remained until his death, which occurred at the home of his son, I. T. Harper, where he had made his home for a number of years. He was married Nov. 19, 1845, to Miss E. J. Fisher. To this union were born eight children, four are still alive. Brother Harper was converted at about the age of thirty or thirty-one and joined the M. E. Church, South, and was a consistent member of the same for over fifty years. His last sickness was nearly three weeks, but he was never heard to complain at anything, but was quiet and patient and perfectly resigned to the will of God. In his last sickness he said to the writer that his faith was in God, and that he had been preparing for a better world for over fifty years. On January 31, when we organized the Church which Dr. Rankin dedicated for us the second Sunday in April, viz., Midway, he moved his membership from Fort Worth to this Church and became one of the charter members. His great desire was to live to see the new church dedicated, but the Lord saw best to take him to the Church not made with hands. He died without a struggle, peacefully, at the age of eighty-three years, and his was the first funeral held in the new church, April 6, 1904, in the presence of a large congregation. A good citizen and Christian has gone.

J. B. ADAIR, P. C.

RICKETTS.—Little Alice, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Will Ricketts, was but fourteen months old when, after several weeks' suffering, death came and relieved her. She was her parents' first born and the first grandchild in the home of her mother's father, Dr. I. K. Frazer. The little one tarried with her parents and in the home of her grandparents long enough to entwine her little life and cheerful ways into the hearts of all. Now she is gone and there is no little Alice to meet us at the door. No, she will never more express her love and sympathy, but she is waiting at the heavenly door. She passed away Wednesday evening, April 13, 1904, and we laid her little form to rest Thursday afternoon, April 14, in the old cemetery at Rusk, there to await the time when our hope in the promise of the resurrection will be realized.

LAWRENCE E. ELROD.

FIELDS.—Rosa E. Fields, daughter of W. M. and S. E. Ramsey was born Sept. 29, 1871, in Arkansas. She was converted when thirteen years of age and joined the M. E. Church, South, of which she remained a member until her death, which occurred at her father's home in the Indian Territory April 4, 1904. Sister Fields was preceded to the better land by her husband, Wm. Albert Fields, brother of Rev. Rafe Fields, to whom she was married in June, 1894. Their two little children, Boyce and Hessel, were left by the mother's request to the tender care of their grandparents, Bro. and Sister J. W. Fields. JOHN D. MAJOR, Van Alstyne, Texas. P. C.

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ELLINGTON.—Little Lane Ellington, son of Bro. and Sister John Ellington, was born Aug. 17, 1869, and after a few days of suffering with what the skillful hands of mamma and papa, doctors and neighbors could do to save the precious life, he left his earthly home April 5, 1904. He was a bright, smiling child and the pride of his mother's heart and grandpa's home, but he has gone to our precious Savior who cares for our loved ones. The little L. T. L. boys and girls buried him in the Queen City Cemetery. Little Lane was an interesting child. While they miss his tender prattle and listen for the patter of his little feet that they shall never more hear, they know he is treading the streets of gold and mingling his voice in praise with the throng of God's redeemed. There are no words to express the grief of the parents as they beheld the still, white form of their darling baby for the last time; yet we know 'tis best or it would not have been. They have the glorious privilege of looking from the cross to her greatly with what the parents as they beheld the still, white form of their darling baby for the last time; yet we know 'tis best or it would not have been. They have the glorious privilege of looking from the cross to her greatly with what the parents as they beheld the still, white form of their darling baby for the last time; yet we know 'tis best or it would not have been.

MRS. W. T. AYERS.

ARDIS.—Rosamond Estelle, the beloved wife of L. M. Ardis, departed this life at Lillian, Texas, April 4, 1904, at the early age of eighteen years. She leaves behind a devoted husband, a little babe, mother, sisters and a host of relatives and friends to mourn her departure, but their loss was her gain. She was converted two years ago and joined the Methodist Church, remaining to the last a devout member of the same. Weep not, dear ones; your darling is not "dead, but sleepeth," and at the last day you and awake, and her glorified spirit shall be clothed with the glorious body of the resurrection. Beloved, we shall all meet again and then shall we know why the good Lord took her so early in life. In the earlier years of youth she manifested motherhood.

RELATIVE.

RUSSELL.—Lula Russell was born July 27, 1885, and departed this life March 7, 1904. She was converted in the summer of 1891 and joined the M. E. Church, South, of which she was a consistent member till God called her. Lula was a lovely girl, just entering womanhood. To know her was to become her friend, for she was the friend of all. Her father said to me: "Lula was always a good girl. She never gave us any trouble and she had high ideals in life. She seemed to try to make the best possible out of her surroundings and to make circumstances under which she was placed conserve to her elevation. How hard it seems to us to see her, but she never gave up, but death will not yield to the pleadings of mother nor father, but all they could do was to stand helplessly and tearfully while she yielded a victim to its terrible grasp; but while they look through their tears beyond the skies they are comforted by the blessed Christ to know that Lula is safe in the mansions of God and may the Lord ever comfort them and lead them all on till at last they shall pass through the gate into the city and be an unbroken family in heaven." J. M. OWEN, P. C.

WILSON.—Louie Van Wilson was born at Field's Store, Dec. 31, 1885, and died Feb. 17, 1904; professed religion and joined the Church and was a devoted Christian until the day of his death. He was one boy that God wanted for His associates had confidence in his professions. He was an ideal son in the home. Obedient and devoted to his parents. He took heed to the admonition to "remember now thy Creator in the days of thy youth," and he honored thy father and mother. His mother had preceded him to the glory world several years before and was no doubt standing at the grandfathers gate to receive him home. His grandfather asked him a short while before he died if he wanted anything and he said yes, he wanted a prayer and song, and after that he expressed himself as being ready and willing to go. May the Lord bless the father and all his loved ones and help them to be faithful to the God who has with him may wear a crown of everlasting life. His pastor, Wailer, Texas. C. H. ADAMS.

LOVE.—Mrs. Lillie Love was born Sept. 29, 1896, and died at her home in Irene, Texas, March 31, 1904. Sister Love was converted and joined the Church in early life, and while she was not a prominent worker in the Church, she gave evidence of her love for the Master, and we believe she has gone to the land of the blest. She was married to T. J. Love Dec. 29, 1887, and there were born to their union eight children. Four of the little ones preceded her to the home above, while her husband and four children yet live to mourn her death. Her funeral service which was largely attended was held at Salem Church, after which we laid her to rest in the silent city of the dead. May her dear ones all meet her in the land of joy and song. Her pastor, IRVIN F. HARRIS.

PARKS.—Lester Parks, the little son of Brother and Sister J. L. Parks, died at his home in Irene, Texas, April 9, 1904. He was in his thirteenth year. He joined the Church last year during the summer and he gave good evidence of his love for Christ. He was affectionate, obedient and a noble little fellow. His funeral was attended by a very large number of devoted friends, and we laid his body down in the old church-yard at Salem. His father and mother and little sister will miss him much, but he will not come back again. Lee has gone to the high lands of bliss, where sickness, sorrow, pain and death are felt and feared no more. Let us meet him over there. His pastor, IRVIN F. HARRIS.

DURST.—Lacy Fern, adopted daughter of N. D. and Mrs. Mollie O. Durst, was born Oct. 9, 1893; died April 5, 1904, after a brief illness with pneumonia. This little one was left at the home of a colored woman in Waco by an unknown party that now knows not who she is. Sister Durst having no children of their own, took this baby and adopted it and gave it a Christian home. They dedicated it in baptism in March. They loved little Lacy Fern in our earthly life, their own child and mourn for her with the deepest sorrow. This little one had entwined herself about the hearts of this home, but weep not, sorrowing ones; soon you shall see her again robed in the garments of white. May the grace of our loving heavenly Father be sufficient for the sorrowing ones in this dark hour. GUS BARNES, Pastor.

SHEVIER.—Our Church in Texarkana mourns the loss of another one of its faithful members. Missouri E. Shevler (nee Wagmon), after a long Christian life, fell on sleepy Feb. 21, 1904. She was born in Carroll County, Ga., Dec. 25, 1831, and moved to Louisiana with her parents when about grown, where she married Laubazan Morrow at twenty-five years of age and moved to Texas with her husband after the war. She lived in Robertson County, where she lived till after his death, in 1872. In 1878 she married J. P. Shevler, and the following year moved to Texarkana, where she lived till called to join the loved ones who had passed on before to the rest above. She was converted at about sixteen years of age and lived a quiet, consistent life through the long years of waiting. Her faith in God, and loyalty to the Church were beautiful, and in the many trials that came to her, she found comfort and strength in her religion. Sister Shevler was feeble for several months before her death, but her condition did not become serious enough to cause anxiety, until called to join the loved ones who had passed on before to the rest above. She knew that she was drawing near to the crossing of the river, she spoke calmly of her going and felt no fear, for His rod and staff were her comfort and stay. She leaves two married daughters who minister to her in her last illness, and who wait now in blessed hope that that glad day when they shall clasp "mother's hand" again in that home just "over there." O. T. HOTCHKISS.

PULLEN.—At 5 o'clock Sunday morning, April 17, 1904, Texas Methodistism lost one of its best members; at that hour Dr. W. B. Pullen, of Jacksonville, Texas, passed to his reward. Dr. Pullen was the son of Jesse A. and Fanny Pullen (nee Wagoner) of Bedford City, Va., Sept. 28, 1861. He was educated at Bedford City and when he was a young man he graduated in medicine at Louisville, Ky. On June 15, 1889, he was married to Miss L. C. Crittenden, of Virginia. Immediately after his marriage he came to Texas and began the practice of medicine. Four years ago he came to Jacksonville, where he built him an elegant home, and, better still, built a reputation that is above reproach. The universal verdict of the community is that he was one of the purest men that ever lived in it. At an early day he joined the Methodist Church, and in it he lived consistently till the day of his death. The Jacksonville Station, of which he was an official member, will feel its loss very much. His father and mother survive him and his brother, Rev. T. G. Pullen, is a member of the Virginia Conference. He leaves his wife and one little daughter, Mrs. W. H. Greathouse, well provided for. As his pastor, I feel like I have lost a strong support and a personal friend. He was one of the most humble, unassuming men I ever knew, and loved his Church as fondly as he loved his family. We hope to see him again. B. H. GREATHOUSE.

KERR.—John Green Kerr, Jr., youngest son of Jno. G. and Martha D. Kerr, was born July 18, 1863, in Cooke County, Texas, and was instantly killed by the cruel wheels of a moving locomotive Feb. 12, 1904, at Chickasha, I. T. He was converted to the M. E. Church, South, in his youth. His parents (now in heaven) not only taught him the things that were true and holy, but lived these things before him. The religious side of his life was highly developed and he early learned to love the Church and the Lord (as we called him) was our baby brother and bore the name of our sainted father. John Green was always cheerful and happy. To-day as I write this short obituary my heart is torn from the old home place memories revert back to the childhood days when he was a bare-footed, sunny-faced boy skipping here and there gathering flowers over the hills and valleys; but, oh, what changes time has wrought since then. He is now looking up where he is sweetly resting and enjoying the smiles of the Christ who saved him, the everlasting company of the holy angels, and Bette, his dear wife, who went up several years ago, and all the eyes are turned to her in that sweet "some sweet day." But we will abide the will of the Lord. J. A. KERR.

McLESKEY.—Pauline McCleskey, the only child of C. A. and Eva McCleskey, was born in Dublin, Texas, Dec. 21, 1890, and departed this life from Cleburne, Texas, March 21, 1904. Pauline was a sweet, beautiful child and was greatly loved by all who knew her. During her short stay in this world she scattered sunshine everywhere. She went, and the world is better and brighter because she was in it. She was a true daughter of her father and mother. They loved and cared for her as only devoted parents can. In the few years she lived she bound with her own baby hands these hearts to hers with cords of love which are stronger than chains of steel. She is gone, but the cords are unbroken. They love her still. She has gone to heaven. Heaven is brighter now. Heaven is more attractive now. Dear brother and sister, Pauline is still yours. She is more beautiful than ever. She is much happier than you could have made her in this world, though you should have done more for her than you had ever dreamed. She is safe and happy. She will visit your baby, but she is out of sight now. You shall see her "some sweet day." Let us trust in God who doeth all things well. The parting is sad, but the meeting shall be full of joy. Sorrow endureth for a night, but joy cometh in the morning. Her uncle, W. H. MATTHEWS.

WILSON.—Sister Alee Wilson (nee Whaley) was born Aug. 9, 1867; converted at the age of fifteen; married to J. B. Wilson April 1, 1889, and died March 27, 1904. She was a beautiful Christian character, worthy of imitation; a loving and devoted mother, and one of the best of mothers. She leaves two little children. When situated favorably, her Church obligations took precedence. She loved God and the Church and was always the preacher's friend. She never tried to avoid any duty, or shirk a duty, and she did her work skillfully. She did faithful and successful work in the Junior Epworth League. Many of the young people in the Church here as the result of her cheerful work. The membership of the Church are sorely grieved at losing her, but most of all the children and young people. It was pathetic to see the boys and girls pass in solemn procession at her funeral, with quivering forms and eyes streaming in tears. One after another said, "She has been a great help to me." She being dead, yet speaketh. Her life is being reproduced in many lives. Immortality is hers through her influence. Her "taking off" leaves earth poorer, but heaven richer. Thank God, our people live well. De Leon, Texas. W. M. LANE.

HAMILTON.—Aunt Hulda Hamilton (nee McClain) was born in Georgia April 1, 1829; moved with her parents to Alabama when a child; was converted and joined the M. E. Church, South, in 1848; was married to Isam Hamilton in the fall of 1852; moved to Cherokee County, Texas, in the fall of 1872, where she lived till her death, March 16, 1904. Her husband preceded her to the glory world about twenty years, since which time she has lived with her only daughter, Mrs. Joe McBee. It has been my happy privilege to know her intimately since my earliest recollection. A more devoted cover of her Savior and supporter of her Church I have never known. She was a great reader the most of her life and whatever the issue, great or small, she was always on the side of right. Though not as demonstrative as some, she was one of the most religious persons I ever knew. I never saw her when she was not in a religious frame of mind and ready to talk of heaven and her hope of glory. She was within a few days of seventy-six years of age. These were years full of truth and good works. She has now entered into the inheritance of her Lord. Glorious indeed! Her last conscious moments were spent as her eternity is to be, rejoicing in God's love. She is gone, yet her influence lives with us. Friendly loved ones, let us so live that we shall meet her in heaven. Her nephew, J. T. McCLURE.

PRIDDY.—Burk (Grandpa) Priddy was born in North Carolina March 10, 1811, and died at Nocona, Texas, April 29, 1904. While a boy, his parents moved with him to Tennessee, where he grew to manhood, and where he was happily married to Miss Nerva Walker. They had ten children born to them, six of whom still survive. Early in life he moved to Missouri and then to Texas. At the time of his death he was a little more than ninety-three years of age. For a number of years he has made his home with his son-in-law and daughter, Mr. and Mrs. Pete Coe. He had every attention that a loving and dutiful children give. I have never seen greater devotion to a parent than was given him by his daughter, Mrs. Coe. His good wife, who for more than half a century had shared his joys and sorrows, preceded him to the "better land" four years ago. Of his six living children, five were present with him at his death. He frequently said, "I am reconciled to God's will, and only await his summons." On April 29, 1904, while his body lay by the side of his precious wife to await the resurrection of the just, May the grace of God strengthen and keep his sorrowing ones in the "baths of peace." A. S. BLACKWOOD, Nocona, Texas.

JINKINS.—Miss Mable Pierce Jenkins, daughter of Rev. M. G. and Mrs. Susan Jenkins, was born April 12, 1889; died April 3, 1904, her birth and death being on Easter Sunday. She came into this world and her spirit went out on the brightest day of the year; and her life was as beautiful as Easter day. She lived a Christian from childhood; was a graduate of Mansfield Female College, Tex., and added to intellectual culture, she possessed all the noble graces of a high Christian character. She leaves a devoted father, mother, one brother and one sister to deplore the loss of this pure life from their midst. She died near San Angelo, Texas; was buried at this place (Mineral Wells) where her father, once pastor and where she has a devoted sister now living. T. J. MILAM.

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WEST TEXAS CONFERENCE.

Austin District—Second Round.
Walnut cir, at Morrilltown, Apr 30, May 1
H. Memorial sta, Austin, May 1, 2
Tenth St., Austin, May 7, 8
First St., Austin, May 8, 9
E. S. Smith, P. E.

Austin District—Third Round.
LaGrange sta, May 24, 25.
West Point cir, June 18, 19.
Smithville sta, June 25, 26.
Cedar Creek cir, July 2, 3.
Egrop sta, July 16, 17.
Egrop sta, July 19, 20.
McDade cir, July 23, 24.
Manor sta, July 30, 31.
Webbville cir, Aug 6, 7.
Manchaca cir, Aug 13, 14.
South Austin sta, Aug 14, 15.
Walnut cir, Aug 20, 21.
Hotchkiss Memorial sta, Aug 21, 22.
Tenth Street sta, Austin, Aug 27, 28.
First Street sta, Austin, Aug 28, 29.
E. S. Smith, P. E.

Beeville District—Third Round.
Floresville, Apr 29, May 1.
Corpus Christi mis, 3 p. m., May 9.
Corpus Christi sta, 3 p. m., May 9.
Mathis, at Dinero, May 14, 15.
Goliad, at F., May 21, 22.
Alice, May 28, 29.
Beeville, June 1, 2.
Rockport and A. P., June 25, 26.
Lavernia, July 2, 3.
Oakville, July 9, 10.
Pleasanton, July 16, 17.
Berclair, at M., July 23, 24.
Stockdale, July 29, 31.
Kennedy, at C., Aug. 6, 7.
S. Spring, at Caddo, Aug 13, 14.
Joe F. Webb, P. E.

Llano District—Third Round.
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, 3 p. m., July 22.
San Saba mis, 3 p. m., July 23.
Cherokee and Valley Springs, July 29, 31.
W. H. H. Biggs, P. E.

San Marcos District—Second Round.
Belmont, at Oak Forest, 1st Sun May.
Gonzales, May 1, 2.
Tillman, at Harwood, 2d Sun May.
Lockhart, May 8.
Jno. W. Stovall, P. E.

San Antonio District—Second Round.
Laredo, 1st Sun May.
West End, 11 a. m., 2d Sun May.
South Heights and South Flores St., 8 p. m., 2d Sun May.
Travis Park, 11 a. m., 3d Sun May.
Sherman Street, 3 p. m., 3d Sun May.
Prospect Hill, May 18.
W. J. Johnson, P. E.

Cuero District—Third Round.
Platonia, 1st Sun May.
Luna, at Cabesa, 3d Sun May.
Edna, 4th Sun May.
Haltomville, at H., 5th Sun May.
Nursery, at Terryville, 1st Sun June.
Yokum on night, 1st Sun June.
Shiner, at Sweet Home, 3d Sun June.
Port Lavaca, at Traylor C., 4th Sun June.
Victoria, Wed. night, June 29.
El Campo, at Louise, 1st Sun July.
Palacios, at Dew Br., 2d Sun July.
Leesville, at Union Camp, 3d Sun July.
Rancho, at R., 4th Sun July.
Clear Creek, at Seal's C., 5th Sun July.
Cuero, Wed., Aug. 4.
J. C. Wilson, P. E.

NORTHWEST TEX. CONFERENCE.

Weatherford District—Second Round.
Whitt, etc., at Salesville, Apr 30, May 1.
Springtown, at Knob, May 8.
Farmer, at Frisco, 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.

Waco District—Second Round.
Abbott, at Willow, Apr 30, May 1.
Elm Street, May 8, 9.
Isosqueville, May 14, 15.
Mart, at Kiesel, May 21, 22.
Aquila, at Wesley Chapel, May 28, 29.
E. S. Smith, P. E.

Georgetown District—Second Round.
North Georgetown cir, at G., Apr 30, May 1.
Troy cir, at Onaville, May 7, 8.
Temple sta, Seventh Street, May 6, 8.
Granger cir, at Jonah, May 14, 15.
Hutto cir, at Round Rock, May 21, 22.
Taylor Bohemian mis, May 25.
Pendletonville cir, at New Hope, May 28, 29.
Moody sta, May 27, 28.
J. S. Chapman, P. E.

Dublin District—Second Round.
Desdemona, at New Hope, Apr 30, May 1.
Iredell, at Iredell, May 7, 8.
Carlton, May 14, 15.
Fairly and Lanham, at Fairly, May 21, 22.
Huckabay, at Corinth, May 28, 29.
Granbury, at Granbury, p. m., May 30.
Glen Rose, June 1, 2.
Bluffdale, June 4, 5.
E. A. Bailey, P. E.

Clarendon District—Second Round.
Rowe, at Summerfield, May 7, 8.
Hereford mis, at Summerfield, May 14, 15.
Hereford sta, at Summerfield, May 15, 16.
J. M. Sherman, P. E.

Fort Worth District—Second Round.
Blum, Apr 30, May 1.
Cieburne and Mission Chapel, May 8, 9.
Jas. Campbell, P. E.

Waxahachie District—Second Round.
Ovilla, at Sardis, Apr 30, May 1.
Midlothian, at Sardis, May 7, 8.
Ennis, at Sardis, May 14, 15.
Alvarado, at Sardis, May 21, 22.
Grandview, at Sardis, May 28, 29.
Waxahachie, at Sardis, May 28, 29.
O. F. Sensabaugh, P. E.

Coriscana District—Third Round.
(In Part.)
Rice, at Rice, May 7, 8.
Almo, at Sans Chapel, May 14, 15.
N. Coriscana, at Tupelo, May 15, 16.
Barry, at Love's Chapel, May 21, 22.
Blooming Grove sta, May 28, 29.
Brandon, at Brandon, June 11, 12.
Frost, at Salem, June 18, 19.
Dawson, at Harmony, June 25, 26.

Blooming G. cir, at Dresden, July 2, 3.
Thornton, at Locust Grove, July 9, 10.
Cotton Gin, at Cedar Island, July 16, 17.
Camp-meeting at Porter's Bluff, July 15-24.
Kerens, at Bazette, July 24, 25.
Pleasant G., at Long Prairie, July 28.
Jno. M. Barcus, P. E.

Brownwood District—Second Round.
Sipe Springs, at Sand Hill, Apr 29, May 1.
Gustine, at Energy, Apr 30, May 1.
Comanche cir, at Mesquite, May 7, 8.
Proctor, at Downing, May 14, 15.
Coleman mis, at Indian Creek, May 21, 22.
Coleman sta, at Indian Creek, May 28, 29.
Blanket, at Indian Creek, June 4, 5.
Brownwood, at Indian Creek, June 11, 12.
W. H. Matthews, P. E.

Abilene District—Second Round.
Roley, at Dowell, Apr 28.
Merkel cir, at Tebo, Apr 30.
Abilene, May 1.
Baird, May 7, 8.
Truby, May 14, 15.
Lynn and Terry, May 14, 15.
Midland, May 21, 22.
Sweetwater and Roscoe, at S., May 28, 29.
E. A. Smith, P. E.

Abilene District—Third Round.
Albany and Moran, at M., June 4, 5.
Aspermont mis, at Hiltson, June 10.
Clairemont mis, at Jayton, June 12, 13.
Haskell mis, at Marcy, June 16.
Anson, at A. Ch., June 18, 19.
Spring Creek, at Fairview, June 19, 20.
Stamford, June 25, 26.
Putnam, at Pisgah, July 2, 3.
Big Springs, July 9, 10.
Colorado mis, at Iatan, July 12.
Haskell sta, July 16, 17.
Merkel and Cays, July 21.
Buffalo Gap, July 23, 24.
Gail, at Light, July 28.
Snyder and Dunn, July 30, 31.
Colorado sta, July 31, Aug 1.
Midland, Aug 2.
Truby, at Nugent, Aug 6, 7.
Sweetwater and Roscoe, Aug 11.
Roby cir, Aug 13, 14.
Sweetwater mis, Aug 16.
Merkel cir, Aug 19.
Baird, Aug 20, 21.
Clyde cir, Aug 23.
Abilene, Aug 27, 28.
Lynn and Terry mis, Aug 30, 31.
E. A. Smith, P. E.

TEXAS CONFERENCE.

Calvert District—Second Round.
Calvert sta, May 1, 2.
Travis, May 7, 8.
Rosebud sta, May 8, 9.
Durango, May 13.
Lott and Chilton, at C., May 14, 15.
Marlin sta, May 21, 22.
Peteway, May 28, 29.
R. A. Burroughs, P. E.

Tyler District—Second Round.
Malakoff, at Malakoff, Apr 30, May 1.
Athens, at Athens, May 1, 2.
White House, at Omen, May 7, 8.
Trout, May 8, 9.
New York, at Murchison, May 14, 15.
Meredit, at Elm Grove, May 21, 22.
Marvin, at Marvin, May 28, 30.
E. W. Solomon, P. E.

Brenham District—Second Round.
Davilla, at Tracy, Apr 30, May 1.
Brenham, May 8, 9.
Belleville, at Sempronius, May 14, 15.
Lexington, at Center Point, May 21, 22.
Caldwell mis, at Deenville, May 28, 29.
Caldwell sta, May 28, 29.
Milano, at Gause, June 4, 5.
Rockdale, June 8.
Maysfield, June 18, 19.
Chas. F. Smith, P. E.

Pittsburg District—Second Round.
Quitman, Apr 30, May 1.
Cason mis, May 7, 8.
Queen's City, May 7, 8.
Redwater mis, May 14, 15.
Daiby Springs, May 21, 22.
Daingerfield, May 28, 29.
J. T. Smith, P. E.

Marshall District—Second Round.
Harrison, at Rock Springs, Apr 30, May 1.
Arliston, at Mt. Zion, May 7, 8.
Hailville, at LaGrone's Chapel, May 14, 15.
Longview, Kelly Memorial, May 15, 16.
Beckville, at Allison's Ch, May 21, 22.
Church Hill, May 28, 29.
Jas. W. Downs, P. E.

Beaumont District—Second Round.
First Church, Apr 25.
Liberty, at Smith's Ch, Apr 30, May 1.
Waldville, May 7, 8.
Burkville, May 14, 15.
Sisbee, May 21, 22.
J. B. Cochran, P. E.

Huntsville District—Second Round.
Willis and Conroe, at W., Apr 30, May 1.
Montgomery, at Plantersville, May 7, 8.
Zion, at Cotton, May 14, 15.
Midway, May 15.
Cold Springs, at Shepherd, May 21, 22.
Prairie Plains, May 28, 29.
Madisonville, June 4, 5.
Dodge, at Oakhurst, June 18, 19.
Chas. A. Hooper, P. E.

San Augustine District—Second Round.
Melrose, at Chreno, Apr 30, May 1.
Burk, at Dilboil, May 7, 8.
Hemphill, at Bronson, Thur., May 12.
Geneva, at McMahan, May 14, 15.
Cushing, at Sacul, Fri., May 20.
Appleby, at Bonita, May 21, 22.
San Augustine, May 28, 29.
Clayton cir, June 4, 5.
Minden cir, June 11, 12.
Carthage sta, June 18, 19.
C. A. Tower, P. E.

Houston District—Second Round.
Bay City, at Matagorda, Apr 30, May 1.
Sandy Point, at Missoudi City, May 2.
League City, at Pasadena, May 5.
White Oaks, at Crosby, May 7, 8.
Washington Street, Houston, May 8.
Angleton, at Velasco, May 14, 15.
Columbia, at Brazoria, May 15, 16.
Alvin, May 21, 22.
McAnahan, May 22.
Richmond, May 23.
Wharton, May 29, 30.
Cedar Bayou, June 4, 5.
District Conference at Richmond May 23-27. Opening sermon Monday night, May 23, by Rev. H. E. Urquhart. The following are the committees: License to Preach—Geo. S. Sexton, Ellis Smith, G. H. Collins. Elder's and Deacon's Orders—S. R. Hay, S. W. Thomas, S. H. Chambers. Admission on Trial—B. W. Allen, A. Methvin, Nathan Powell. C. R. Lamar, P. E.

Palestine District—Second Round.
Beaver Valley cir, at Beck's Chapel, Apr 30, May 1.
Willard cir, at Carmona, May 7, 8.
Groveton sta, May 14, 15.
Trinity and Lovelady, at T., May 21, 22.
Kennard cir, at Tadmor, May 28, 29.

Augusta cir, at Pleasant Grove, June 4, 5.
Mt. Selman cir, at Myrtle, June 11, 12.
Alto cir, at Adams Ch, June 18, 19.
Rusk sta, June 19, 20.
Jacksonville cir, June 25, 26.
J. S. Sears, P. E.

NORTH TEXAS CONFERENCE.

Greenville District—Second Round.
Campbell, at Friendship, Apr 30.
Floyd, at Floyd, Wed, May 11.
Kingston, at Ballard Grove, May 14, 15.
Fairlie, at Wesley Chapel, May 21, 22.
Merit, at Dulaney, May 28, 29.
Greenville mis, at Kellogg, June 11, 12.
Neola mis, at Vansickle, Wed, June 15.
Quinlan, June 18, 19.
Wolfe City, Wed, June 22.
Lone Oak, June 25, 26.
O. S. Thomas, P. E.

Sulphur Springs District—Second Round.
Winnboro sta, 1st Sun May.
Rely Springs cir, at Prairie Valley, 2d Sun May.
Ben Franklin cir, at B. F., 3d Sun May.
Birthright cir, at Mahoney, 4th Sun May.
Cooper sta, 5th Sun May.
Purkey cir, at Clifton, 1st Sun June.
Sulphur Bluff, at Collier's Ch, 2d Sun June.
Yowell, 3d Sun June.
Lake Creek, 1st Sun July.
Lananza, 2d Sun July.
Klondike, 3d Sun July.
C. H. Fladger, P. E.

Sherman District—Second Round.
Pottoboro and Preston, at Preston, Apr 30, May 1.
Gunter, at Ethel, May 7, 8.
Trinity and Messenger, at M., May 14, 15.
Waples Memorial, May 15, 16.
Sherman cir, at Hope Ch, May 21, 22.
Van Alstyne, May 28, 29.
E. W. Alderson, P. E.

Dallas District—Second Round.
Denton, Apr 30, May 1.
Argyle, at Chis's Chapel, May 7, 8.
Grace Church, 11 a. m., May 15.
Trinity, 3 p. m., May 15.
Ervey Street, 11 a. m., May 22.
Oak Lawn, 8 p. m., May 22.
First Church, 11 a. m., May 29.
Oak Cliff, 8 p. m., May 29.
Cochran and Caruth, June 4, 5.
Clark's Chapel, 8 p. m., June 5.
I. W. Clark, P. E.

McKinney District—Second Round.
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.

Bonham District—Second Round.
Trenton, at Trenton, Apr 30, May 1.
Bonham, at Bonham, May 7, 8.
Lamasco, at Telephone, May 14, 15.
Balfour, at Hickory Creek, May 21, 22.
Ladonia, at Ladonia, May 28, 29.
Jno. H. McLean, P. E.

Gainesville District—Second Round.
Marysville, 1st Sun May.
Greenwood, at Sildell, May 7, 8.
District Conf., at Aubrey, May 12.
Rosston, May 21, 22.
Woodbine, May 28, 29.
Montague, 1st Sun June.
J. A. Stafford, P. E.

Terrell District—Second Round.
Mabank, at Bethel, Apr 30, May 1.
Kemp, at Beckley, May 7, 8.
Terrell sta, May 15, 16.
Chisholm, at Lawrence, May 21, 22.
College Mound and Elmo, at E., May 28, 29.
Crandall, at Crandall, June 4, 5.
J. M. Peterson, P. E.

Paris District—Second Round.
Clarksville sta, Apr 30, May 1.
Whiterock sta, May 1, 2.
Douglass mis, at Avery, May 7, 8.
Bagwell mis, at Lone Star, May 14, 15.
Emberson cir, at Mt. Tabor, May 21, 22.
Chicoita cir, at Round Prairie, May 28, 29.
Albion mis, May 28, 29.
E. H. Casey, P. E.

Bowie District—Second Round.
Archer City, Apr 30, May 1.
Holiday, May 1, 2.
Crafton, May 7, 8.
Gibtown, May 14, 15.
Decatur cir, May 21, 22.
Decatur sta, May 28, 29.
T. R. Pierce, P. E.

Gatesville District—Second Round.
Pearl, at Pearl, Apr 30, May 1.
Jonesboro, at Union, May 7, 8.
China Springs, Tues., May 10.
Killebrew, at Nolanville, May 14, 15.
Brookhaven, at B., May 21, 22.
Ogleby, Sat, June 4.
S. W. Turner, P. E.

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SENATOR McKAMY AND THE WILLACY BILL.

In an address recently delivered in this city Senator McKamy had the following to say about local option and the Willacy bill:

The next and last question to which I shall call your attention is that of local option. This is a problem fraught with as much if not more interest to the people of Texas than any to which I have directed your attention. When the patriotic fathers of Texas, representing all the interests in our State, together with all the opinions and shades of opinion, were duly assembled in constitutional convention in 1875, they there worked out, defined and established a system of local option which was ratified by the people in 1876, which stands to-day a commanding monument to their memory, the embodiment of the principles of local self-government, and of fairness between man and man. They provided in the Constitution that the Legislature should at its first session enact a law whereby the qualified voters of any county, justice precinct, town, city (or such subdivision of a county as might be designated by the Commissioners' Court in said County), by a majority vote determine from time to time whether the sale of intoxicating liquors should be prohibited within the prescribed limits. When this amendment was adopted and became a part of the constitution there was no local option in Texas; intoxicating liquors could be sold anywhere in the State, and it was not intended as a remedy to permit the sale of intoxicating liquors, but was intended as a remedy to prevent the sale of such liquors when invoked by the voters residing in any of the political subdivisions above mentioned, and recognizing the doctrine of local self-government it provided: (1) that a county should be sovereign in itself; (2) that a justice precinct should be sovereign in itself, and (3) that a town, city or such subdivision of a county as might be designated by the Commissioners' Court of said county should be sovereign in itself. Acting under this provision of the Constitution the Legislature passed the present local option law which provides that when a local option election is held in an entire county, whether pro or anti, the result of this election, as a county, must stand for two years. Now, suppose the county as a whole has gone anti. Recognizing the principle that each justice precinct, town, city or smaller subdivision, as above indicated, is sovereign in itself, the Legislature has wisely provided that they may have another election if they so desire to vote themselves pro, though the county as a whole remains anti. But it is claimed by those advocating a change in the law, that in order to be fair alike to both sides, it should be provided that when a county goes pro as a whole, then any of the above mentioned subdivisions should in like manner be permitted to have an election to determine whether intoxicating liquors shall be sold within their prescribed limits. Now, suppose a county has held an election and has gone pro; this is the sentiment of the coun-

ty as a whole, and suppose you afterwards permit a town, city or justice precinct to vote itself wet, is it not plain that this small minority has defied the will of the majority; is it not plain that when you have thus permitted the sale of intoxicating liquors in any portion of the county which has gone dry you have destroyed local option in the county? But suppose, on the other hand, that the county as a whole has gone anti; this is simply a declaration that the county as a whole does not desire local option; it works no change in the existing status; it calls into operation no law whatever as does a vote in favor of local option; it leaves the people of any justice precinct, town, city or subdivision to exercise their own option and to call into operation and put into effect in such subdivision of the county the local option statutes. In doing this they are not defying the will of the people of the county, but are merely exercising a right guaranteed to them in the provisions of the Constitution. These statutes and the local option laws passed thereunder have been interpreted and construed time and time again by the higher courts of this State, and only a few days since received the sanction of the Supreme Court of the United States. Now, that the law has been construed and is easy of enforcement, it is time to stop this litigation, and the man who seeks to change the law in either the manner proposed under the Willacy bill or otherwise, seeks not only to destroy the local option laws of Texas, but to set at defiance the Constitution itself.

PLEASE BEAR THIS IN MIND.

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.
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WACO DISTRICT CONFERENCE.

The thirty-seventh session of the Waco District Conference convened at West on the 21st and 22d inst., Presiding Elder Bolton in the chair. With the election of a Secretary and the appointment of the various disciplinary committees the conference settled down to business. The attendance, numbering almost a hundred, was the largest in years; while the religious spirit and rich fellowship was at high tide. It was indeed a great occasion.

The pastors all had good reports, showing advancement spiritually and materially. The various committee reports were optimistic and pitched on a high plane. Waco District expects to, and will, accomplish a great work for God this year.

The conference took high ground on the local option question, and commended Dr. G. C. Rankin, editor of the Texas Christian Advocate, highly for his fearless and outspoken stand on this question and for his defense of our present local option laws.

Benjamin S. Crow, from Elm Street, Waco, was granted license to preach. He stood a creditable examination, and is a fine, promising young man.

Rev. Chas. Schuler was received from the M. E. Church and recommended to the Annual Conference for recognition of orders.

Rev. J. H. Chambliss was present and represented the interests of the Church Extension Board.

Rev. Geo. S. Slover, Assistant Manager of the Orphanage, presented the claim of that institution.

Prof. C. C. Cody was also a welcome visitor, representing the Conference Sunday-school Board and Southwestern University. The conference was greatly rejoiced by the information from Prof. Cody that the Southwestern University was the recipient of a \$25,000 gift from the estate of the late J. I. Campbell.

Dr. Horace Bishop, Missionary Secretary, was present with his stereopticon views of missionaries, mission fields, mission equipment and other missionary information, to the edification and enlightenment of the people. He is doing a great work.

It was noted that there was quite a large increase in the circulation of the Texas Advocate. One brother made a stirring address for its further circulation, saying it was a great help to him in his work among the people. His talk was greatly commended by the chair.

The following were elected delegates to the Annual Conference:

- WM. LAMBIN,
- W. H. EDWARDS,
- W. M. STANFORD,
- G. W. BARCUS.

Alternates:

- A. L. Elliott,
- D. W. Linville,
- W. F. Rucker,
- C. L. Kiker.

The following resolution was adopted by a rising vote:

Whereas, According to the time limit of our Church, our presiding elder, Rev. B. R. Bolton, will be moved to other fields of labor at the next Annual Conference; and, whereas, the Waco District has had such a marvelous growth under his administration in that there has been erected some thirteen churches and an increase of more than \$5000 in salaries and the addition of more than 3000 members; therefore be it

Resolved, That we part with him with sadness, but with fidelity to our polity, and pray God's blessings upon him and his family, and wherever he is sent to labor another year he may continue to have even greater success in the future.

Resolved, That a copy of these resolutions be sent the Texas Christian Advocate for publication and a copy be furnished Bro. Bolton.

(Signed) S. A. BARNES, J. W. FORT.

The following resolution was also adopted by a rising vote:

Resolved, That our thanks are due and are hereby tendered to Bro. Ruffner and the people of West for our very pleasant entertainment during the session of the District Conference.

(Signed) A. E. CARRAWAY.

At the suggestion of Rev. R. V. Gallaway the conference subscribed for a life membership in the American Bible Society for Rev. B. R. Bolton, presiding elder of the Waco District, as a mark of love and esteem, and in memory of him and his work.

Elm Street, Waco, was chosen as the next meeting place.

W. W. LASTINGER, Secretary.

TERRELL DISTRICT CONFERENCE.

Terrell District Conference met in Garland, Texas, April 21. The presiding elder, J. M. Peterson, and about forty members were present. The following brethren were present, representing their causes: Dr. H. A. Bourland, Rev. O. S. Thompson, "Uncle Dick" Thompson, Prof. R. B. McSwain, Dr. G. C. Rankin, Rev. J. M. Binkley, W. C. Everett; also Mrs. L.

H. Potts, Mrs. J. H. Bowman and Mrs. W. B. Dashiell.

The discussion of the Sunday-school work of the district was interesting and helpful, showing that there are thirty-two Sunday-schools in the district, having 260 officers and teachers, 2192 pupils, and a total enrollment of 2452.

There are five Junior Leagues with a membership of 144, and six Senior Leagues with a membership of 196. There are two Juvenile Missionary Societies with 61 members; ten W. H. M. Societies with 270 members, and four W. F. M. Societies with 111 members.

Rev. H. E. Carter was recommended for admission on trial into the traveling connection, and Rev. H. C. Rice for readmission. Rev. H. E. Carter and Rev. G. M. Massey were recommended for local deacon orders.

Lay delegates to Annual Conference:

- DR. SIDNEY BASS,
- REV. H. H. DICEMAN,
- G. W. SHARROCK,
- H. D. HUMPHRIES.

Alternates:

- J. M. Nickens,
- W. A. Terrell.

Reports showed that the district is far ahead of last year in finances, and that peace and harmony prevail on every hand. This was a very spiritual conference, and the preaching was done with great power.

The good people of Garland gave us fine entertainment, and Bro. Morgan met every need as a host.

The conference will meet at Kemp next year. ATTICUS WEBB, Secretary.

REMINISCENT AGAIN.

After it was too late I found there were errors in a piece I wrote for the Advocate under the above caption. The misstatements were in regard to the life of Rev. John F. Pipkin. I wrote at once to his son, S. W. Pipkin, of Beaumont, for data for a correction. To date I have not heard from him. I thank Bros. Armstrong and Ridley for making the proper corrections for me. In the first place, C. M. Shipman was not talking for publication. It was just a chat in his private office. When I reproduced the conversation I made no attempt to give it verbatim, and hence I put things in a light that he didn't intend. It was merely a mistake and not an attempt at malicious slander on my part, or Shipman's either. In this particular matter he told me at the time he was talking only from "hearsay." Against the positive testimony of Bros. Armstrong and Ridley, eye-witnesses, and conversant with all the facts, my squib amounts to nothing. I hope all who read the first article will read this.

B. W. ALLEN.

"A RECOMMENDATION."

I have just read and reread the strictures of Bro. Bohannon on my article concerning the characters of men and women.

I do not judge it to be necessary to make reply to what he has said, from the fact that he only claims to offer some suggestions, or rather some recommendations. However, I should like to be permitted to notice some of his "suggestions."

Bro. Bohannon mentions certain historic women and challenges me for a masculine counterpart. He recommends certain books for my reading, and suggests that I "might read a few of the sayings of Christ." He speaks of being disappointed in my failure to make several good points, and of being hurt and surprised "to see so good an argument so carelessly set forth." He is finally made to wonder why I do not go to "that good man's paradise—Mount Athos."

It appears to me that the good brother desires to oppose my position, but is in doubt as to how to proceed. If he does not believe my position, why did he not point out the fallacies in my arguments in place of trying to attract attention by his strictures? I do not pretend to have any great stock of information, but I am very sure that I can without any difficulty show a masculine counterpart of any one of the characters mentioned, and I pledge myself to do so when my critic shall have pointed out the fallacy of my position, that a man can be as good as a woman. As to the woman having a soul, what saith the Word? "And it came to pass, as her soul was in departing, for she died, that she called his name Ben-oni; but his father called him Benjamin." Gen. 35:18. When the Bible says, "Her soul was in departing," does it not say she had a soul?

What think you, brother? I have some more facts that I will present if need should require. There are some good fish in that stream, and I hope the turtles will let my bait alone.

Bro. Bohannon, let me tell you in child's language what I believe to be true in regard to my position. I believe that one pound of ham



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may be as good as ten pounds of ham, but I do not believe that it will feed as many people. And I believe that a poor unlearned man may be as good as a rich learned man, but I do not believe that he is capable of doing as much good or evil, as the rich scholar. I believe that the three servants (mentioned in "the sayings of Christ"), who received of their Lord, one, two and five talents, were each as capable as the other, of being faithful, or if you prefer, of being good; but I believe that the one who received five talents was capable of doing more for or more against his Lord's interests than the servant who received one talent. Do you understand? So also do I believe that a woman may be as pure, as faithful, as good as a man. And she may be as "bad as a man," but she can not do either as much good or as much evil as the man. This leads me to repeat the closing statement of my last article. "A good man is as good as a good woman." Many good men are worth as much to the cause of Christ as any good woman. And some good men are worth more to the cause of Christ than any good woman.

IRVIN F. HARRIS.

A PRAYER.

God of joy and of grief, do with me what thou wilt; grief is good and joy is good also. Thou art leading me now through joy. I take it from thy hands, and I give thee thanks for it.—Henri-Frederic Amiel.