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## UNREGENERATE MEN OWE MUCH TO CHRIST.

Not a great while ago one of our Church women asked an irreligious business man for a contribution to a new Church enterprise then in progress in their immediate community. His reply was, "No, I can not contribute anything; for I do not believe in Churches." Yet that man lives in a city where good laws obtain, where modern improvements bless his home, where his business and his property are safely protected, and where he depends largely for his living and his success on the patronage of Christian people. Still, because he happens not to believe in the Church, as he claims, he does not appreciate the obligation he owes to Christ for nine-tenths of the advantages to which he has access. So it is with thousands of men who take the same view of this matter. Yet, outside of what they believe or do not believe, they are under the bondage of a stupendous debt to Christ. They are more or less the beneficiaries of his life and death and resurrection. Look what he has done for mankind. When he came into the world, the human intellect was shackled with ignorance and superstition. The great masses of mankind had no hope, no aspiration. There was not a hospital in the world, not an asylum, not a house of refuge, not a surgeon, not a trained nurse, no provisions for the weak and unfortunate members of society, and not an eleemosynary institution of any character among them. Liberty of conscience was unknown, despotism was the rule of government and justice and equity had not been born. Might was right, and the great struggling masses of mankind were vassals. Virtue was an undiscovered grace and women were either playthings or beasts of burden. And when you go to heathen countries where Christ is unknown and his truth has never been proclaimed, these awful conditions still prevail. Only those countries that have developed under Christian tuition enjoy the benefits of the opposite state of things. In these countries we have good laws, good educational institutions, asylums for the blind, the deaf, the dumb, the insane; the masses have access to the blessings of culture and refinement, and they take part in the race for social, mental, moral and religious progress. Christ has actually touched and changed the conditions of the face of the earth, and all men are the recipients of his life and truth. Were we to take out of our laws, institutions, civilization and morality all that Christ has put into them, none of us would care to live and rear our families amid what would be left. Life would not be safe, property would lose the most of its value, the productive power of the community would be reduced, oppression would become the order of the day and human greed and selfishness would dominate society. It is, therefore, the bounden duty of every man, whether he be a professor of religion or not, to do his part toward the maintenance of the Church of God. He owes this much to Christ as a good, patriotic citizen. He has no right to enjoy all the benefits of a Christian civilization without doing his part toward supporting it. To take any other view of the

subject is neither sane nor wise. Christ has his hand upon the forces that enter into the structure of our growth and character, and despite our lack of faith in him, he is blessing us with the bounties of his truth and righteousness. Yet how little hundreds and thousands of men realize this great truth! They live as though they owed nothing to the Savior of men. Would that the scales of ignorance could fall from their eyes and they be made to see what he is doing for them through the influence of others.

## ALL OF IT THE RESULT OF THE SALOON.

Not long since we had an attempt to hold up a man in his place of business, and it resulted in his death. When he failed to comply with the request of the two ruffians, one of them shot him down dead in the presence of his wife and children, and then ran out and disappeared. By the next day a white man and a negro were arrested as the principals in the murder, and one or two others as accessories. The two former were speedily tried, convicted and sentenced to hang by the neck until they are dead. One of the others turned State's evidence and escaped his merited punishment, and the fourth one is yet to be tried and punished. All this occurred in Dallas within the past few weeks. The evidence brought out the fact that these young men were on a drinking spree, running round first to one saloon and another for two or three hours before they conceived the idea of holding up their victim; and after they had blown in all their money and wanted more, they went to this man's place and ordered him to hold up his hands. When he expostulated with them, they shot him. The scene of the crime is down in a disreputable part of the city, where there are several low dives authorized by the city to run beer joints. We have every reason to believe that the victim of this tragedy kept beer for sale, along with groceries and a few other things. Thus it is that the beer joint is responsible for the death of one, the prospective hanging of two more, and the probable imprisonment of another. And the State and county are put to the expense of trying the criminals, while the tax payers will foot the bills. Furthermore, the State will have the hanging of two of the culprits and the boarding of another one for an indefinite period in the State prison. The saloons where they obtained the liquor and conceived the crime will not pay in license one-half money enough to meet these expenses, to say nothing of the loss of life in the case of the man killed, the hanging of the two wretches now condemned. And the evidence brought out the other fact, that down in that district there are a class of young men, and older ones, too, who spend their time lounging round those dives and making trouble for the officers of the law. Why the city permits such a den of vice and immorality by giving permits to those people to run dives and joints is a mystery. In this way we are sowing to the wind and reaping the whirlwind. But the saloon, thus conducted, is capable of nothing else but theft and murder.

## THE UNIFORM HIGH LICENSE BILL.

The Hon. Thos. B. Love, of Dallas, and the Hon. Yancy Holmes, of Gonzales, have introduced a uniform high license bill in the lower house of the Legislature for the better regulation of the liquor and the beer business of the State, and it contains many excellent features. It contemplates a license for liquor and beer for the State, the county and the municipality of \$2000, in all communities where local option does not obtain, and in local option sections it imposes a license of \$100. We do not exactly understand why this latter clause is appended, unless it is cover the club and the cold storage. If it should pass, the existence of a license in local option territory would help to fix the charge of violating the law on such places in such territory. The bill further contemplates additional restrictions in the liquor dealers' bond, the more important being that no games of any sort shall be played in the house, neither shall there be any restaurant or compartments, also that all furniture and stock, except bars, shall be placed against the walls of the building; that all street doors shall be made of transparent glass, before which no curtains shall be hung; that liquor shall not be sold to a drunkard knowingly, and that no minor shall be allowed to purchase liquor in the place; that the Sunday laws shall be strictly observed; and that in cities of 10,000 population and over the bar-room shall be closed at 12 o'clock at night and remain closed till 6 o'clock the next morning; that in lesser towns and cities they shall close at 10 o'clock at night and not open before 7 o'clock the next morning. The liquor dealer is made liable in his bond for any of these violations in damages to the amount of \$500, which may be recovered by any citizen in the county. In case that the liquor dealer violates any one of these restrictions and is convicted for the same, he shall forfeit his license and not be eligible to another under the space of two years. The bill further provides that no debt contracted for liquor shall be collectable in the courts except when sold on a physician's prescription or by a wholesale dealer to the retail merchant. There are other features in the bill, but these are the salient and important of them. Upon the whole, the bill is just such a one that local option sentiment will approve, unless it is the single clause above excepted to. We do not know whether this is the measure supported by the Bartenders' Union or not. We scarcely think that the whole of it commends itself to them. Be this as it may, the brewers will fight it to the bitter end. They do not want to pay such a large tax for the privilege of dispensing their beverage. They prefer to force their dives and joints on residence sections of the cities and large towns, as they are doing at the present, rather than have these joints and dives destroyed. These brewers are, for the most part, foreign born people, and they have settled among us with their continental ideas of morals, and to be forced out of these ideas by the bill in question is very distasteful to them. They want things to remain as they are to-day. And the Hon.

J. F. Onion, of San Antonio, says a long and loud "Amen." And three or four of the "combine" in the Senate, who are adepts at drawing "long terms," fervently respond: "So mote it be." But we trust a majority in both branches belong to a different class, and if so, the people will be properly represented when the vote on this bill is recorded.

## SENATOR LOONEY'S PROPOSED AMENDMENT.

Senator Looney, of Hunt and Collin Counties, has introduced a resolution in the Senate looking to an amendment to the State Constitution covering the points in our local option issue, rendered void by our Court of Criminal Appeals—such as the cold storage, the club, the whiskey solicitors, and so on. The idea is to get the Legislature to submit an amendment of this sort to the people, to be voted on by them at the next general election. That the amendment is all right, and the very thing needed to remedy all constitutional defects, can not be doubted. But we deem it unwise to push this matter until we have gotten through the Legislature other bills, touching these matters, now pending. Many of the best lawyers in both Houses take the position that it is clearly within the range of the Constitution for the Legislature to pass such bills. Nearly all the thoroughbred antis in and out of the Legislature take the opposite view. They do this because they do not want this sort of legislation, and they want to defeat it if possible. And as a makeshift, they pretend to favor the proposed amendment. What they want is to sidetrack the Legislative bills now before the two Houses. This the local option people want to watch. The amendment is all right in the end, but the people want immediate relief. The amendment, even if submitted and carried, will not reach our trouble under three or four years. But the passage of the bills now pending will give us relief at once. This is what the people want, and it is what they must have. If the courts should pass unfavorably upon such legislation, that is no business of the Legislature. The courts will have to bear that responsibility. Give us the law and we will take our chance before the courts. Then, after we have gotten the law, if the Legislature will then give us the amendment, all right. But we venture the assertion that these fellows in the Senate now urging their constitutional objections to further legislation on the subject will be the first to vote against submitting the amendment. We hope, therefore, that our friends in both branches of the Legislature will not permit our pending measures for immediate relief be set aside by this proposed amendment. Gentlemen, give us our demands, and then take up the amendment proposition.

The birth, the life, the death and the resurrection of Christ are facts that stand out more prominently in the progress of events and in our civilization than any other class of facts to which the mind has access. To doubt them, is to doubt daylight when the sun is shining.



### THE EAST TEXAS CONFERENCE OF 1853.

Several weeks ago I read with interest the appointments of the East Texas Conference for 1853 sent up by Dr. Milburn. I at once wrote a paper for the Advocate concerning the men whose names appeared in that list, but neglected to forward it, and it was lost in some way. So I will write again. I knew personally thirty-four of the fifty-two preachers of that conference of 1853, and of that number Rev. D. M. Stovall of Woodville, Texas, is the only survivor. Bishop Andrew and not Bishop Kavanaugh presided at Palestine in 1853. Bishop Kavanaugh was not elected a Bishop until May, 1854, and presided over the Texas and East Texas Conferences for the first time in 1857. Several of the men of the conference of 1853 were men of more than ordinary ability. Dr. O. Fisher would have attracted marked attention anywhere. He was a preacher of remarkable gifts and effective power; eloquent, logical and always deeply in earnest, he was heard with delight by multitudes wherever he went. He was a ready writer, a strong debater, and ably defended the doctrines of Methodism when assailed by others. He was easily the strongest preacher in our church, when he left Texas for California. He spent several years in California and Oregon as a pioneer of our church. He spent a while in Kansas during the war and afterward returned to Texas and passed to his reward years ago. Rev. Jeff Shook began his ministry in the wilds of Arkansas in 1848 and in 1841 he came to Texas and was pastor of De Kalb circuit. From that date until December, 1872, he filled missions, circuits, stations and districts in Texas. He was a strong, brave, emphatic and at all times, eloquent preacher; he was indeed a hero. When I think of the ponderous work he annually accomplished and the meager amount he received year after year, I wonder why a man of his ability should continue so long in this one work. The only solution of the problem is the love of Christ and the salvation of souls constrained him. He was my dear, true and tried friend. My authority to preach the gospel bears his signature as presiding elder.

J. B. Tullis was no ordinary man. Gifted by nature, well educated, studious, and deeply pious, he soon became a preacher of note in the conference. His services were sought after and he was in demand for the best and most responsible charges in the conference. These he filled with satisfaction and marked success. He suffered long with a diseased throat, finally losing his voice, and was forced to retire; and spent his last years in the practice of dentistry in Marshall, Texas.

James T. P. Irvine was the first preacher I met in Texas. He was among the first preachers licensed to preach in the State, and was noted for his piety and devotedness in the service of the Master. He was a good preacher and among the best presiding elders of that day.

H. B. Hamilton came from Arkansas to Texas and for nine years wrought well as pastor and presiding elder. He was well educated and filled good charges. He was present when I was converted and rejoiced with me over that glorious achievement and received me into the church fifty-four years ago. He lived a pure life and died in triumphant hope. I lack strength and space to write of J. W. Fields, W. K. Wilson, J. C. Woolam and many others among whom I must mention Rev. Sam A. Williams, the sweet singer, the overwhelming exhorter and great preacher. Of all the men I have known none ever impressed me more than the now sainted Sam Williams. I never heard a reproachful word spoken concerning him. Every one had the utmost confidence in him. He led thousands to Christ and now rejoices with them in the better land. Only Bro. David M. Stovall of the East Texas Conference of 1853 still lives. The Stovall family, consisting of seven brothers, furnished four itinerant and two local preachers. F. M., D. M., W. A., and S. K. Stovall were all at one time members of the East Texas Conference, and did faithful work in their day, but alas one of the seven brothers survives the ravages of time.

Let me speak here of one other of the early Methodist preachers of Texas. He yet lives and I feel sure he will pardon me for what I shall here write. Rev. Andrew Davis, now 78 years of age, was received on trial in the Texas Conference at San Augustine, Texas, in January, 1845, and is just a little older as a preacher than the Methodist Church, South. It was the last conference presided over by a Northern Bishop until since the 60's. What a record these sixty years has made of the life and work of my dear old friend. Eternity can alone reveal. Bro. Davis was continuously an effective itinerant preacher, with the exception of two years, until his superannuation a few years ago. His retirement was caused by deafness and not from inability to meet the demands of the pulpit. We do sincerely

trust Bro. Davis will give to the readers of the Advocate a history of his labors and observations concerning the church, spanning the sixty years of his life as a preacher. Will not others insist on his so doing? Believing many readers of the Advocate will read with interest the foregoing jottings, I send them for the Advocate. To all who may wish to know of my state, etc., I will say that my suffering continues. I will find no relief until I go to that home where there is no more pain nor sighing.

E. L. ARMSTRONG.

### DR. WINTON ON CHRIST'S FIRST MIRACLE.

This writer has been a reader of the Nashville Advocate for more than two-thirds of a century, and he is free to say that it has always been abreast with the best religious literature of the day. We have read many editorials of Dr. Winton with much pleasure and profit, and yet we can not silently admit the correctness of his exposition of Christ's first miracle in Cana of Galilee. Especially as this (as we think) unwarranted comment on this miracle was the Sunday-school lesson for the following Sunday and we do not want our children misled. The very first sentence in this article is objectionable, because it tacitly admits a possible doubt as to the truth of John's statement. Certainly the general organ of our great Church ought not to give out any uncertain sound as to its faith in the truth of scripture statements. The Doctor begins his article thus:

"The first miracle. So John calls it; and as he was one of the first pair of disciples, he is probably correct." If a thing is only probably true, then it may possibly be false. The above statement suggests to the ordinary reader a possible doubt as to the truth of the fact asserted. This intimation of possible doubt as to the correctness of John's statement is all the more inexcusable because he was not setting forth a mere theory about which men might differ, but it was an assertion of a great historic fact of which he had ample opportunity to be personally acquainted, for, as the Doctor says, "he was one of the first pair of disciples" chosen by our Lord. If this sentence written by the Doctor was an unthoughted inadvertence, it was unfortunate; but if it was penned after due reflection, then the editor of our great Church organ has sent forth to its multiplied thousands of readers an implied doubt as to the time of the first great official act of our Lord, and no chain can be stronger than its first link. He says:

"Perhaps the success of Jesus in securing his disciples increased the wedding company unexpectedly, and for this he felt a sort of responsibility." This intimates that the unexpected increase of Christ's disciples so largely added to the number of wine consumers that Christ "felt a sort of responsibility" and hence wrought the miracle to recruit the exhausted supply. So far is this from being correct that the very opposite is true. They were not there by accident or unexpectedly, but so far as the record goes they were the only invited guests. John says: "Both Jesus was called and his disciples to the marriage."—John 2:1.

Perhaps the above assertion was written to bolster up a wilder one, which he writes when he undertakes to give us the motive the Lord had in turning the water into wine. Here it is:

"But he turned the water into wine simply to save his youthful friends the pain of embarrassment." Now, read what John says was the motive: "This beginning of miracles did Jesus in Cana of Galilee, and manifested forth his glory; and his disciples believed on him."—John 2:11.

How little and puny was the motive attributed by Dr. Winton to the Lord Christ, when once compared with the sublime purposes stated by the evangelist. Dr. Winton's reason makes it no higher than the ordinary politeness of social etiquette.

The reason given by the apostle shows that this beginning of miracles was the first ray of the rising sun and an assurance that the true light which lighteth every man that cometh into the world is here. "Hence his disciples believed on him." In all Christ's ministry he never wrought a miracle to gratify idle curiosity nor "to save his youthful friends from embarrassment."

The Doctor, in commenting on "Mine hour is not yet come," says: "Jesus himself hesitated. His hour was not yet come. What would it mean to the public, to Herod, to his own disciples, if he began so soon to let break out the power that was in him? It was a risk. At best, he was destined to live too fast, to have his ministry cut short before the sun was in the sky." "It was a risk." Was this act, after all, a kind of adventure? We think not, and it does seem a little irreverent to say that our Lord "at best was destined to live too fast." And to intimate that he might have "his ministry

cut short" before he had accomplished his work, is to doubt both his power and his word, for he said: "I lay down my life that I might take it again. No man taketh it from me, but I lay it down of myself. I have power to lay it down and I have power to take it again."—John 10:17, 18.

Instead of this miracle being a "risk," as Dr. Winton calls it, or something unexpectedly precipitated upon him, it was the deliberate beginning of his life work, after the most painstaking preparation. He had been baptized by John, anointed with the Holy Ghost, had resisted the devil in the wilderness, had selected and ordained the twelve, and thus everything being ready he wrought this first miracle and transmuted water into wine, which was a prophecy of the final transformation of all things through his love and power.

Again the Doctor says: "As for the question of the kind of wine, it is hardly likely that the Master of the feast would have pronounced it good if it had been merely grape juice. The phrase he used in his comment indicates that the wine he was used to made men drunk, for he said that after men are a little drunk they will put up with inferior wine. Christ did not work his miracle to teach a lesson of temperance."

In this paragraph of the Doctor's comment it is a little difficult to tell exactly what he does teach. 1. He says: "Christ did not work this miracle to teach a lesson of temperance." 2. He tells us "the wine the ruler was used to made men drunk, for he said after men are a little drunk they will put up with inferior wine." And speaking of the kind of wine Christ created, he says: "As for the question of the kind of wine, it is hardly likely that the Master of the feast would have pronounced it good if it had been merely grape juice."

So the logical conclusion is that Christ did not teach any lesson of temperance, but that he created and sent to the people the same sort of wine which made men a little drunk and of course more of the same sort would make them big drunk.

Finally, if the reader will take his Testament and read John 2:9, 10, he will find that all this babble about the kind of wine grows out of an idle conversation between the ruler of the feast, the bridegroom and the servant, and is no more binding on our faith and practice than the statement of the Pharisee when he said to Christ: "Thou hast a devil." This conversation between these parties and the statement of the Pharisee are only recorded for the purpose of bringing out in detail a faithful history of certain occurrences. The conversation of any other set of uninspired outsiders is as binding upon our faith and practice as this between this ruler and servant. Therefore it matters little with us if the wine "he was used to" did make men drunk, he acknowledged the sort Christ made was better. Science teaches us that alcohol is not found in any fruit or grain in their normal state, but that it is the product of decay and death. Death came by sin and did not come by the creative power of our God or his Christ.

W. H. HUGHES.

### TRAGEDY—TWO WOMEN.

H. G. H.

A little over thirty years ago there was dredged up from the channel at Galveston a six-pound cannon. A letter from a retired member of Lafitte's piratical crew told its story. It was a cannon captured from the British at New Orleans in 1815 by Lafitte's men. It was afterwards mounted on the pirate brig Vengeance. This pirate brig shortly afterwards had an encounter with the American schooner Patriot. The entire crew of the Patriot were killed. When the pirates entered the cabin of the captured schooner they found a woman in it. She made a fierce attack upon them, but was overcome, tied hand and foot and transferred to the Vengeance, and thence to the home of the pirates on Galveston Island. There she died a few days afterwards and was buried on the island. The Vengeance was burned in the channel, the six-pound cannon sinking to the sand from which it was dredged. The captured woman was believed to have been Theodosia Burr, daughter of Aaron Burr. The tragedy of her death has been shrouded in mystery. She was a woman marvelously beautiful, idolized by her distinguished and notorious father. She was married to a wealthy gentleman of South Carolina. On her father's return from London he resumed the practice of law. Theodosia took shipping to visit him. It has long been believed that the vessel in which she sailed was captured by pirates and she was taken off or killed. The discrepancy in the story of the Lafitte pirate is that the vessel in which she was found was captured off the coast of Louisiana, west of New Orleans, not on the route from South Carolina to any Northern port. It will be remembered that Aaron Burr in his contest for the Presidency in the House of Representatives with

Thomas Jefferson lacked but one vote of gaining the Presidency, and that his duel with Alexander Hamilton was fought because he believed Hamilton influenced that vote against him. Aaron Burr was a widower at the time of that contest. Two votes would have put him in the White House. Theodosia, his beautiful daughter, would have been his mistress. If the pirate's story be true, it was a fate pathetic beyond description that, instead of this brilliant position, she should, in the bloom of young womanhood, have died among pirates and been buried in the sands of Galveston Island.

An event of a different sort connected with the pirate Lafitte will now be recorded. Jesse Hord came to Texas as a missionary from the Memphis Conference in 1838. He was sent to Egypt Circuit, embracing all the lower Brazos and Old Caney country. Many new settlers had come in, some of them living in tents. In the jungles of Old Caney he came to a settlement, held services and desired to rest for the night without preaching. Soon after dark he was notified that the people were assembling at a Mr. Tone's tent, under apparent religious convictions, and that he must go and preach to them. He went, preached, called up mourners, many came, some were converted, but the most remarkable conversion of great power was that of Mrs. Tone. The tongue of fire seemed to rest upon her. At the time of this meeting she was living with her second husband. For a woman she was bold, daring, intrepid. In early womanhood she had been the wife of the notorious pirate Lafitte, taking part with him and his reckless men in their crimes and battles. When Lafitte sailed away to the south seas she came to the mainland and took up her abode with the settlers. Here in the jungles of Old Caney she joined the Church. Mr. Hord kept track of her during the rest of her life, and records the fact that she lived a most exemplary life, devoted to the Church and all Christian work. Tragedy and destiny are strangely interwoven.

### MISSIONARY TRAINING SCHOOL.

The authorities in charge of the Missionary Training School, in session at McKendree Church, have every reason to be gratified over the success of the school during the past three weeks. The attendance has been about double what was expected and new students are constantly coming.

Rev. B. W. Waters, from Japan, had a severe attack of appendicitis last week, and submitted to a surgical operation, which was successful, and he is now rapidly recovering. Rev. W. P. Turner is likewise confined to his room with a gripple.

The Methodist preachers of the city hold their weekly meetings in connection with the Training School, and are making a valuable contribution to the interest of the school. Very pertinent questions are being discussed at these weekly meetings. Prof. Thos. Carter, of Vanderbilt University, delivered an address on "Child Labor and Illiteracy as Hindrances to Early Religious Training," from which the following extracts are taken:

"No chapter in the history of the great labor problem is more pathetic than that which deals with the great transition from the home and small village to the factory and city. The two great economical causes for this change in the industrial life are set down as: First, improved machinery, minute subdivision of labor and consequent low wages; second, the helplessness of childhood."

Prof. Carter gave many illustrations of the inhuman treatment of children both in England and America, following the introduction of machinery, and continued:

"Possibly we may hope that this era of blood and mere infliction of pain is past, but still with us in the United States, in spite of the many excellent laws we have on most of our statute books, the evil of child labor is very great."

"The twelfth census gives the total number of unemployed in manufacturing and mechanical pursuits as 1,933,282, or 27 per cent of the whole, and 1,759,178 children engaged in gainful occupation."

"The connection between child labor and illiteracy is clearly seen. Among many very interesting features two tables are presented. The first gives the school attendance before beginning work of 131 children whose cases were examined. These children are from Pennsylvania (33,135), New York (13,189), Massachusetts (12,556), Illinois (10,419), North Carolina (10,337), South Carolina (8,569), New Jersey, Georgia, Maryland, Wisconsin, Rhode Island, Missouri and Alabama (3,474)."

"With regard to the schooling of these children fifty-four have been to school less than one year, and of these all but one were from the Southern States; 178 had been to school between one and three years; of these 159 belonged to the South."

"I cite these facts not to arraign the South, but simply to show the relation,

absolute and undeniable, between child labor and illiteracy—namely, that if the children do not get their schooling before they enter upon their work the probability is they will never get it."

"There is yet time, my brethren, for us of the South to avert this tide of irreligion that is coming up from our great and constantly increasing factory centers of population. The Southern laborer is still a Southerner—an American. He has a conscience to which we may appeal; a God whom he still reveres; a Bible that still to him is the word of life!"

Dr. H. M. Dullose delivered one of a series of lectures on the "Epworth League as a Power in World Evangelization." He is justly proud of the work of the young people, and thinks the day of adverse criticism has long since ceased to be justified by the facts. The League is responsible for a great many of our best missionary workers, and in many conferences the recruits to the itinerant works are from the Epworth Leagues.

The leading thought in the program of the next International Epworth League Convention will be "Our Home, Our Country, Our World." The League expresses the confidence of the Church in the mission of the gospel of Christ to the world. The League is more than an adjunct, more than an intellectual and social department of the Church. It is in itself a spiritual force. It is not proper to say the "Epworth League and the Church," but "the Epworth League in the Church," because it stands for youthful experience, hope and vitality. It is a constant reminder of what it is to be born again, to be converted. The Church would lose the meaning of faith if it were not for the constant coming of young people into the Church. The League also is a conservator of the simplicity and soundness of Christian doctrine. The Church needs to turn from sage investigation and scientific conclusions to the simple and unquestioned faith of childhood.

Again, the League is a sanctifier of social life. Peril to the Church in these days come not from infidelity, nor indifference, but from an un sanctified and worldly social life. The large evangelization of the League begins in the social life. The problem of our social life is not among the "Mountain Whites" and the negroes, but in our fashionable and well-to-do homes.

The League finally stands for personal service, unselfishness, sacrifice, consecration. Work among the poor has brought many a Leaguer into the larger Christian work.

Dr. J. H. Stephenson, of the Chair of Hebrew in Vanderbilt University, delivered a very instructive lecture on the "Priest and the Prophet in the Old Testament." The priest, he said, was common to all peoples. The principle of all religions was to find the way back to God. The priest was the common answer to that cry, and stood between man and God. But sometimes he blocked the way, rather than making it plain. Jesus Christ belonged not to the Levitical priesthood, but to a new order. In him we have been taught the way to God and have no need of other priest or Pope, or mass or ritual, either within or without the Church.

The prophet is a spiritual teacher, and as such his office was unique in Israel. Priests stand for form, ritual, narrowness. Prophets stand for liberality, spirituality, and spread of religious knowledge. Passages from Isaiah, Amos, Micah and Jonah were read to illustrate the liberality of the prophets, and their view of the universal kingdom of God.

Dr. Stephenson's lecture was well received, and he was requested by the school to give another lecture on the "Prophet and Priest in the New Testament."

Dr. O. E. Brown delivered an address on "Jesus as a Missionary." This lecture was taken down by a stenographer and will appear in pamphlet form from the Mission Rooms. We shall give, therefore, only an outline of this most excellent address. Jesus was the author of a Missionary Consciousness, based in the knowledge of God as Father. From this consciousness grew his missionary passion, which was to regard every man as the Father did. His passion was to help God make real his Fatherhood to man. He saw men as they were, full of sin, but beneath this deformity Jesus saw the Child of God. This led to a vision of the kingdom of God, which was the culmination of the passion. Jesus was the author of the Missionary Equipment, which is manifested first of all in prayer. Jesus had the Spirit without measure, because he prayed without ceasing. Finally Jesus was the author of the Missionary Method, which was to influence men by his personal touch. The design of Christ is to make of his Church a Missionary Agency, in bestowing upon every man the same consciousness of God the Father, the same passion, designing the same kingdom, then we shall find the way to accomplish that for which he has commissioned us. A. M. TRAWICK, JR., Nashville, Tenn.

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# Devotional and Spiritual

It is when our faith in God the Father, Son, and Holy Ghost is quietly expressed in daily action that it can and does bear fruit in and tell upon the faith and life of other men. The man who should definitely regulate his religious life and devotion with the thought mainly before him of how he will thus by example be influencing other people is, I think, approaching the whole question from the wrong side, and is in grave danger of doing positive harm first to himself and then to others. But it remains true that in this, as in other matters, "No man liveth to himself," and that the attitude he visibly and habitually takes in religious matters must, whether he wishes it or not, tell, for good or ill, upon those about him. How infinitely that enhances the importance of what every one of us believes and does!—Archbishop of Canterbury.

## OUR COMFORTER.

The Christian thinks of God as Creator, as Redeemer and as Comforter. Jesus promised his disciples that after his bodily presence had been withdrawn from the world, he would return and dwell, as a Spirit in the hearts of Christians. This is the Real Presence. Christ is just as truly with us as with the disciples on the shore of the Lake of Galilee. If our eyes were loosed from flesh we should see him, as they did. Lo, I am with you always. I will not leave you orphans; I come unto you. He is a kind of guardian angel; as if a mother's spirit could return and hover about the pathway of her little child. The Holy Spirit is Christ himself spiritually present to the believer.

The Holy Spirit is recognized in all the creeds of Christendom; as in the Anglican confession: I believe in the Holy Ghost; also: O God the Holy Ghost, proceeding from the Father and the Son; have mercy upon us miserable sinners; and in the Westminster Shorter Catechism: We are made partakers of the redemption purchased by Christ, by the effectual application of it to us by the Holy Spirit; and in the Baptist manual: We believe that sanctification is carried on in the hearts of believers by the presence and power of the Holy Spirit, the Sealer and Comforter.

The Holy Spirit is described in Scripture by certain symbols; as water, by which one is cleansed, submerged and filled; he shall baptize you in the Holy Spirit, as a dove that gently hovers and broods; He saw the Spirit of God descending as a dove and coming upon him; as wind, perhaps a zephyr, that fans the hot cheek, arising so gently and mysteriously that we can hardly trace its source or direction; The wind bloweth where it will, and thou hearest the voice thereof, but knowest not whence it cometh, and whither it goeth; so is every one that is born of the Spirit.

God the Father is the statement of God's relation to the universe at large; God the Son is the statement of his relation to the spirit of man. Our higher nature, that in us which differentiates us from the lower animals, is the sphere or the operation of the Holy Spirit. All our moral and religious life, from its first beginning to its fullest development, is dependent upon God the Spirit. Through the Spirit we are born again. The Spirit sanctifies us, conforming us to the image of Christ. The Spirit teaches us how to pray. The desire in all true prayer originates in God, and, coming down into our hearts, goes back to him a resurgent tide.

Too full for sound and foam,

When that which drew from out the boundless deep Turns again home.

The Christian is led by the Spirit,

but not in the mechanical way that gratifies our indolence. The Spirit makes the Scriptures luminous to our dim eyes. The Spirit appeals to our intelligence. He brings to our remembrance what Jesus said. We are not towed over the ocean from port to port, but are taught by the Spirit to use the Bible chart ourselves. People nowadays want an easy going religion. It is too much for you to go to Jerusalem. (1 Kings 12:28). They like to sing cheap and sensational music—the kind which sings itself and neither profits us nor honors God. In following the Spirit our best intelligence is brought into strenuous action.

People are very slow to relinquish the notion that the strong impressions which they have proceeded directly from God. They like to put the impress of a divine sanction upon their impulses. They say, "God told me to do this or that." But how are we to know whether such impulses are the voice of the Spirit of our own inner self? The Spirit influences us beneath our consciousness, in what is sometimes called the subliminal self.

A company of travelers were once off the coast of Ceylon, the wind blowing shoreward. As they conversed together on the deck a sail or smeared with oil of cinnamon and cloves a part of the sail just to the windward of them. This made them think that they were smelling the "spicy breezes" that

Blow soft o'er Ceylon's isle. It was only afterwards that they learned that the pleasant fragrance proceeded from their own ship. We may mistake the exhalations of our own nature for the breath of heaven. The only safe guide is the Word. A traveler over the prairies was once irresistibly impressed to make a long detour in order to visit a house that he saw far off to the left. He had an impression that there were persons in that house that needed some message of comfort from his lips, but, upon his arrival, he found the house unoccupied and going to ruin. Once upon a time a minister could not resist the impulse to arise in the middle of the cold winter night and visit the hotel-keeper of the place, and, arousing him from his sleep, to urge him to become at once a Christian.

While he was politely and kindly received, his words made no impression and his untimely effort as far as known bore no subsequent fruit. It might have been the right thing to do, but the impulse could not be directly attributed to the Spirit except as he inspired the words. Be urgent in season, out of season. Luther said, "I have very often prayed my God that I might not see any vision or miracle, nor be informed in dreams, since I have enough to learn in his Word." If the Spirit talked directly to us, there would be no need of the Scriptures. Every mystic would be his own Bible.

The Christian's power flows from conscious dependence upon the Holy Spirit who reconciles him to God and conforms him to Christ, and leads him in the path of Christ's teachings, and confronts him in weakness and pain. There is no equipment for service except through the Spirit. To one is given through the Spirit the word of wisdom, and to another the word of knowledge according to the same Spirit. In recognition of the Spirit's presence there is power. We should always look to him when we come together to pray, and note his absence at the Church service with at least as much concern as we would note the absence of the minister or the sexton or any of our fellow Christians. Two or three with the Spirit constitute a quorum. We should no more think of going on with the meeting without the consciousness of his presence

than we would think of sharing in the pleasures of a reception without first paying our respects to the host.

Our blest Redeemer, ere he breathed

His tender, last farewell, A Guide, a Comforter, bequeathed With us to dwell.

He came sweet influence to impart, A gracious, willing guest, While he can find one humble heart Wherein to rest.

And every virtue we possess, And every victory won, And every thought of holiness Are his alone.

—Edward Judson, D. D., in Michigan Christian Advocate.

## FOR A PROSPEROUS YEAR.

Another suggestion for a prosperous new year is that we should fill its every hour with duty well done. Duty is a large word. It includes all that we owe to God—honor, love, obedience, faithfulness. It includes all that we owe to men. No year can be happy or beautiful with God left out. Some people strive to render all love's duties to their fellow men, and then suppose they have done all that needs to be done. But all the while they have forgotten God, giving him no honor, not seeking to do his will, never bowing in homage before him. It is a poor life that has no heavenly outlook. A picture without sky is defective. A life without heaven in it lacks the chief glory of life. Duty toward God must fill the year that is to be deeply happy. Prayer must bring down into all its days heaven's grace and strength. The flowers must have the sun, and the rain, and dew of the skies to fill their cups with fragrance. So do we need God's blessing in our life.

Then there are duties to man. If we love God we shall love our brother also. St. Paul said he was a debtor to every man, Greek or barbarian. He meant that he owed to everyone the duty of love. Every relation of life brings its obligations. We make gladness for ourselves only when we do our duty as well as we can, wherever we are. It never can be found in selfishness.—Rev. J. R. Millier, D. D.

## COME AND SEE.

There are many doubters, but they are not all alike. Some are honest, open-minded men, willing to know the truth and come to the light. They are not so much unbelievers as inquirers. Others are not willing to come to the light. Jesus said, "If any man will do the will of my Father which is in heaven, he shall know of the doctrine, whether it be of God." If any man will come to Christ he shall not walk in darkness, but shall have the light of life.

Nathanael was a doubter. He believed in the Messiah who was to come, and was willing to receive him and follow him so soon as he should come, but he knew Nazareth to be a city of unenviable reputation, and that Christ should come out of that city seemed to him incredible. But Philip did not argue with him. He simply said, "Come and see." Nathanael came and saw and believed. Did anyone ever come to Jesus with an open mind and go away to walk in darkness? Everyone who comes shall find the secret of the Lord, the way of life.

But we must come to Jesus, not to his disciples. A father brought his son to the disciples instead of Jesus, and was grievously disappointed. Many still come to the disciples, expecting to find in them what can be found only in their Lord. We often hear men say, "We have seen those who profess to be Christians, and find them to be much like other men. Their lives are not such as to commend their religion. We are willing to stand comparison with them." This argument is not always sincere, and

the allegations are not always just. Some have been convinced of the reality and divinity of Christianity by beholding the lives of professing Christians. They have been compelled to confess that these disciples have found something to which the world is a stranger. Those who excuse themselves from coming to Jesus because they have found his disciples inconsistent and unworthy always select the worst examples of professing Christians for study and criticism. They select those who are not really Christians at all, but mere pretenders.

Even if the best were taken they are not worthy to be substituted for the Master. Come to Jesus himself. Stand before him, look into his face, study his character, catch the hallowed influence of his spirit. Look into this picture as long and carefully as possible. You shall find no fault in him. He is altogether lovely. There is none like unto him among the sons of men. He is able to save to the uttermost. Let anyone who doubts come and see. There is consolation in him sufficient to bring joy to the saddest heart. Come and see. Here bring your wounded hearts, here tell your anguish. You shall find the bitter waters made sweet. You shall receive the oil of joy for mourning, and the garment of praise for the spirit of heaviness.—Selected.

## THE CONTINUOUS ADVENT.

There is a Christ for every age, and a Christ for every man. Yet it is only the same Christ, but He comes to no two people in the same way. There is only one incarnate Savior, but there is a Savior for you, and particularly for you, as though there were none other man ever born. Our age differs from every other age, just as this Man differs from every other man, and the Christ comes to each of us along the line of our separate needs. He has become to us as a ladder between earth and heaven; and just as the Christ of the old time was able to take Nathanael separately from all the rest and speak to him, just so that same Christ is coming still, the same gracious Advent, to speak to you.

"The old order changeth, yielding place to new, And God fulfills Himself in many ways, Lest one good custom should corrupt the world."

God's messages are still coming down for you upon the Son of man, and your holy aspirations are still going up by the same way along that ladder of life to heavenly places. Christ is a Divine principle within every man which he can not ignore, and every worthy institution knows it, too. It is the deathless Christ, Jesus Christ, the same yesterday and to-day and forever, and though that voice speaks within you in different accents, perhaps, than that in which it speaks to me, it is the same voice for us all.—Rev. R. J. Campbell.

## REINCARNATING THE CHRIST.

The Word must continue to be made flesh. Christ must be lived over again in the lives of his followers. The enthusiasm which spreads other faiths, mingled in partial error and truth, must characterize the people who call Christ Lord. While he said, "I am the Light of the world," he also said to his followers, "Ye are the light of the world." If the considerations just set forth in this article command the consent of the reader, then it remains simply to say that faith in this Savior carries with it the recognition of the meaning of the Christian life. That life is a life of increasing likeness to Christ. Such was Paul's conception of a reincarnation, as he said, "It is no longer I that live, but Christ liveth in me." Nothing less than this can be dared by those who count

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themselves Christians and take the Master's name.

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## WORRYING OVER THE FUTURE.

By the cumulative power of the Divine grace which God will bestow upon you if you want it, you may sweep aside every encumbrance, "and the sin which doth so easily beset you, and run with patience the race that is set before you." How often you have pitied old Atlas of ancient mythology, as you have seen him pictured for childhood's instruction, stooping under the load of a round world lodged on his shoulders. You are more to be commiserated. You are not satisfied with to-day, but must need add to-morrow to your burden. Foolish mortal! See God, not the future. Guard to-day, fret not of to-morrow. To-morrow never comes. Man lives in the everlasting now.—The Communicant.

The skies are never so brilliantly blue as when they have been washed by a storm. The countenance of Jesus is never so welcome and lovable as when He breaks forth upon us—a sun of consolation and joy after trials.—T. L. Cuyler, D. D.

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**Secular News Items.**

The Cotton Convention met in New Orleans last week and perfected a permanent organization. The Southern Cotton Association was the name selected and Harvie Jordan, of Georgia, was elected President, and Col. E. S. Peters, of Calvert, Vice-President. The following are the committees: 1. Committee on the reduction of cotton acreage and commercial fertilizers, one farmer, one banker and one merchant from each State; 2. a committee on the permanent organization of the farmers of the several cotton States, three farmers, one merchant and one banker from each State; 3. a committee on financing and holding of the balance of the present crop until the legitimate prices are secured, one farmer, one banker and one merchant from each State; 4. a committee on warehousing and financing future crops, one farmer, one banker and one merchant from each State; 5. a committee on cotton statistics, ginners' and bureau reports, two farmers, one ginmer and one commissioner of agriculture from each State; 6. a committee on direct trade between farmers and manufacturers, two farmers and one cotton manufacturer from each State; 7. a committee on transportation, matters of freight, etc., one member from each State; 8. a committee on resolutions, to consider matters of general nature, not otherwise provided, one delegate from each State and Territory.

Gen. Kuropatkin is said to have notified the Czar that his offensive power is seriously hampered by the obstinate reluctance of his troops from the European provinces to advance against the enemy. While the Cossacks and Siberians are full of dash, the Europeans argue that, now that Port Arthur has surrendered, there is no object in continuing the war.

It is very probable that during his visit to Texas, President Roosevelt will be shown the excitement of a wolf chase. W. H. Featherstone, of Henrietta, has sent an invitation to him to be a member of a party which will hunt for wolves out in Clay and Archer Counties. The invitation will probably be presented personally while Col. Roosevelt is in Dallas, and as it has been stated that he will do some hunting in Texas, it is believed that he will consider it favorably. The country from thirty to fifty miles west of Henrietta, it is stated, abounds in coyotes and lobo wolves and hunters who have followed the midnight prowler state that there is no more exciting chase.

The River and Harbor Committee has at last published to the world the results of its labors on the bill which it has had under consideration for many weeks. The total amount appropriated in cash is \$14,992,933.41. The appropriation authorized under continuing contracts is \$16,734,657.63, or a total of \$31,727,591.04. Mr. Burgess, the Texas member of the committee, gave out the following statement as to the Texas projects: All the items to be in the river and harbor bill have been agreed to, and while Texas does not get sufficient for her needs, neither does anybody else, and considering the total amount carried by the bill, Texas has as little ground of complaint as any other section. The Texas items are as follows: Sabine Pass, cash \$150,000; Galveston harbor, cash \$200,000; authorized \$250,000; Galveston channel, cash \$150,000; Mouth of the Brazos, cash \$50,000; authorized \$87,500; Aransas Pass, cash \$100,000; authorized \$100,000; Sabine Lake channel, authorized \$111,500; Buffalo Bayou, cash \$200,000; authorized \$200,000; Trinity River, authorized \$161,287; Brazos to Old Washington, cash \$25,000; Brazos, Old Washington to Waco, authorized \$75,000; Red River, Fulton to Denison, cash \$100,000; Bay channel and streams, cash \$20,000; exterminating water hyacinths, authorized \$15,000.

The assertion of Gen. Grosvenor, that most of the Judges have claimed for expenses the whole \$10 per day whether they spent a cent of it or not, calls for another congressional investigation. It will not take long. The record will show whether more than one of them have gone the limit.

According to data collected by Mr. Sam H. Dixon, in 1906 Texas will be shipping peaches from 8,000,000 trees, which should be sufficient to load 16,000 cars. A convention of the various agencies of this State will be called to meet in Longview Friday, February 10, to evolve a plan to handle the immense amounts of stuff to be ship-

ped this season. Everything, it is said, depends upon the Longview meeting, and growers confidently look forward to it.

The statehood vote is to be taken on February 4. The first vote will probably be on an amendment admitting all the Territories as States, as they now stand, and next eliminating Indian Territory and Arizona and admitting Oklahoma and New Mexico as States, as the boundaries are now fixed.

The Prefect, acting for the Russian Government, has declared its purpose to satisfy the demands of workmen within legal limits when work is resumed. This will result in either disappointment of the workmen or in pinching their employers. Either way, it means further dissension and strife.

The Hull House Woman's Club of Chicago recently discussed the subject, "Child Life in City and Country," and decided that if children are to be physically and mentally perfect they must be brought up in the countryside. There was a vigorous dissenting voice, however. A matron, after declaring that she was the only one of the speakers who was born and spent her early life in the country—where, as a teacher, she had sufficient opportunity to know something of child life—said that the city child has too many attractions to take home to become vicious. She added: "There is just as much immorality and depravity in rural communities as you will find in proportion to the population in the worst congested slum district in the city. Consider the city-bred woman of 50. She is as young in her ways as her country-bred sister of 16, while the woman of 50 in the country seems to be relegated to the human waste basket; sits in the corner all day patching quilts, knitting, or maybe smoking an old pipe, while she awaits her summons. The city gives perpetual youth, the country makes its people prematurely old."

The act appropriating \$65,000 to purchase the Alamo Mission property has been duly signed by the Governor and the rest, and the Alamo is saved.

Count Zeppelin has invented an autobot. The craft, which is a strange combination of air ship and motor launch, when tried on the Lake of Constance, attained a speed of fifteen miles an hour. The boat draws only thirty centimeters of water and is propelled by a twelve-horsepower motor. It has two aerial propellers, with blades ninety-five centimeters long and thirty-five broad and thick. The extremely light draft makes the craft an ideal one for shallow water, especially in the tropics, where the vegetation in rivers is thick. The inventor had in mind its use specially for African exploration.

The investigation of protests against Senator Smoot, of Utah, retaining his seat in the United States Senate was concluded Jan. 28 by the committee on Privileges and Elections, and it now passes to the whole Senate. One question of great moment which will be fought over on the floor of the Senate is whether a two-thirds vote or a majority of the Senate is required to expel a member. Mr. Taylor, counsel for the protestants, holds that a majority vote will suffice in the same manner that a majority vote will prevent a Senator from first taking his seat.

The Fall River strike which has closed was called on July 25, 1904, against an announcement by the mill owners that a reduction of wages to the extent of 12 1/2 per cent was necessary. The number of mills shut down was seventy-two, silencing 2,577,450 spindles and 65,200 looms, and the number of employees turned out was 26,000. It is estimated that the loss of the millmen is \$33,000 a week, making for twenty-two weeks up to the beginning of the present year about \$726,000, while the loss in wages of the operatives is put at about \$260,000 a week, or for the same period a total of \$5,900,000.

Out of the total of 20,211 immigrants to Cuba in the last fiscal year, 16,276 were from Spain. There were but 1,200 Americans among the immigrants, and out of the total there were but 3,500 women, as women do not seem to like Cuba—that is, other than Spanish women. One-third of the Americans and Canadians who go there are accompanied by their women folk.

China has struck back as vigorously as diplomacy will permit at Russia's recent charges that the Chinese Government has countenanced flagrant pro-Japanese violations of neutrality.

In a note delivered to Secretary Hay by Sir Chenung Liang Cheng, the Chinese Minister, the Pekin Government not only vigorously and specifically denies the Russian charges, but it accuses Russia of flagrant violations of Chinese neutrality. The note is surprisingly vigorous for a Chinese document. It is a bold diplomatic challenge to Russia. Sir Chenung advised his Government last week to say frankly whatever it had to say, and apparently his advice has been followed. This stiffening of the backbone of the Pekin Foreign Office is ascribed to the growing Japanese influence in China. Regarding the charges that the Chinese bandits were enlisted in the Japanese Army, the Chinese Government calls attention to the fact that they were enlisted first by the Russians as frontier guards, and fought against the Japanese army. If it is true, as alleged, that they are enlisted in the Japanese Army, that is a matter for the belligerents. In the opinion of the Chinese Government the subjects of a neutral power have the right as private citizens to enlist in a foreign power. This is an established fact in the law of nations, for which China cannot be held responsible. Wherever these bandits enter the Chinese neutral zone every effort was made for their arrest and punishment, and in most cases they have been arrested.

The main building, which includes the dormitory of the Roger Williams University for negroes, at Nashville, was destroyed by fire January 24. The flames were discovered on the roof about 7 o'clock while the student body was at prayer meeting. No casualties resulted, but much personal property was destroyed, and the total loss was not less than \$60,000.

An insurrection of grave proportions is said to have broken out in San Domingo, on the announcement of the fact that the United States had assumed a protectorate over the island and in the future would act as the adviser of the local government. "The protocol which has been signed with the Dominican Republic is very far from practically annexing that little country, and it does not in terms establish a protectorate over it. Of course, in the long run it will increase Dominican dependence on the United States, for by means of it the Dominican Government practically abdicates all its fiscal functions; but it threatens no control of the people's internal political affairs. They will continue to govern themselves. We certainly do not want to govern them." This is the argument employed in efforts to justify us in taking over the revenue of Santo Domingo and passing a part of it out to European creditors, while leaving the responsibilities and the people alone to take care of themselves. As many see it, we would better have been frank and fair enough to take the island and to say so.

The telephone statistics for 1902, just published by the Census Bureau, deal with amazing figures. In that year sixty-five messages for every man, woman and child of a population of 78,576,436 were sent by telephone. The telegraph statistics pale before the statement that the number of telephone messages was fifty-six times as great as the number of telegraph messages. Competition has reduced the average telegraph rate from 43c in 1889 to 31c in the last named year. The net income per telephone in the last named year was \$9.36. The surplus was \$2.88 per phone, and there were 2,315,297 telephones in operation. Much progress has been made in the burial of the wires. Of the 4,890,456 miles of telephone wires in operation 48.9 per cent were overhead. New York State leads all other American States in telephone equipment and business.

The break in the cable between Seattle, Wash., and Valdez, Alaska, which has been out of commission for nearly three months, is now repaired and the work of forwarding messages has been resumed. When the Sitka end of the cable was raised by the battle ship Burnside it was found that a whale was attached. The animals jaws were firmly entangled in the wires and rubber insulation, and the condition of its body showed that it had been dead for some time. It is the belief of the cable experts that the damage to the cable was caused by the whale.

Odd and interesting facts about the residents of St. Petersburg: Population (census 1903) 1,534,900; Greek Catholics, 85 per cent; Protestants (chiefly Germans and Finns), 10 per cent; Roman Catholics, 3 per cent; Jews, 2 per cent; unable to read or write (adults), 36 per cent; Peasants, 49.7 per cent; bourgeois (householders) 20 per cent; classes in proportion to population: Workmen, 1 in 3; servants, 1 in 10; scholars, 1 in 12; soldiers, 1 in 25; officials, 1 in 61; teachers 1 in 250; policemen, 1 in 208;

surgeons, 1 in 608; advocates, 1 in 1,261; lawyers, 1 in 2,700; apothecaries, 1 in 1,538; pawnbrokers, 1 in 1,846; savants, or litterateurs, 1 in 2,121; nobles, 12.3 per cent; merchants 2.4 per cent; foreigners, 3.1 per cent; employers and their families (census 1881) 87,376; clerks and their families, 29,832; workmen on wages, 233,409; families, 68,853, total 362,262; workmen (independent), 37,290; families, 22,272, total 59,566; churches, 425; theaters (State), 4; railways, 7; area (dry) 19,868 acres; area (under water) 1,330 acres; manufactures, Gobelins tapestries, glass, porcelain, surgical instruments articles of malachite, embroideries, textiles, leather, paper, copper, iron, machinery, sugar, etc.; Health, lowest mortality of any European city; average temperature (January), 5 degrees above zero.

Rioting and pillage are in progress in Warsaw, in spite of the presence of large numbers of troops. British Consular officers there are reported to have been assaulted by Hussars, and the matter, it is said, has been called to the attention of the St. Petersburg Government by the British Ambassador. A severe storm at Moscow aided the authorities there in averting disorder which was thought to be impending. There were no disturbances in St. Petersburg. In Batoum, Prince Gurfield, an officer of the police, was assassinated. The influence of Grand Duke Sergin, the foremost of the reactionaries, is alleged to have governed Emperor Nicholas ever since the strike trouble began, and that member of the imperial family is represented to be determined on drastic measures for the suppression of all agitation for economic or political reforms. Reports continue rife that the terrorists are prepared to resume their activities. Father Gopon, the leader of the St. Petersburg workmen, is reported to have escaped to Stockholm. The Holy Synod has denounced him as a "criminal priest," a betrayer of his sacred office.

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than in any former battle of history.

St. Petersburg, Jan. 30, 12:25 a. m. Instead of confirmation of Saturday night's report that Gen. Kuropatkin had broken through the Japanese left, there came Lieut. Gen. Sakharoff's official admission today that the Russians had been compelled to retire from Sandepas, owing to their inability to carry a redoubt. It is also significant that dispatches from Russian correspondents at the front have suddenly ceased, which is regarded as an indication of the failure of the operation and strengthens the first impression that it was a demonstration undertaken to distract the people at home from the political situation.

The grain rate problem from the Missouri River to the Atlantic seaboard still remains unsolved. Shippers say they have won their fight for a lower basis of rates, but one road steadily refuses to agree to the adoption of any basis for joint rates until a satisfactory understanding is reached with the Gulf lines that the joint rate that is to be established by them will not be cut under by them. It is evident that without such an understanding the Gulf lines can at any time unsettle things and keep conditions practically in a state of perpetual warfare. The Gulf lines can be no longer ignored.

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Notes From the Field.

TEXAS CONFERENCE.

Woodville and Colmesneil.

R. O. Bailey, Jan. 25: I am still at Woodville, serving this people for the third year. The first year we bought the ground for church and parsonage; second year built the parsonage; this year the church must be built. We are starting well. This charge has more than doubled its financial reports for ministry and conference collections, besides money spent in buildings. We have a new church planned that is modern in its style, having four gables fronting two streets—two towers.

Warren.

J. M. Holt, Jan. 27: We have visited five of our six appointments and find that we have a big job, with a great responsibility. We have three sawmill towns, one oil field and two country appointments, with but little to encourage us. At Saratoga, the oil field, we have W. F. Cummins, the prince of local preachers, who is well known in Dallas. He has both the Church and oil interests well in hand, working day and night to keep them going. Hence we have one Sunday-school on the work. We find in every community a great number of children who are poorly provided for, in the way of church and school buildings, etc.; but we are looking forward to a better day, and hope to see many of them converted and brought into the Church.

Melrose Circuit.

M. I. Brown, Jan. 26: Melrose is situated ten miles east of Nacogdoches, and is headquarters of a splendid little circuit. The circuit is composed of six Churches, all of which are easily accessible from Melrose, the most distant one being only ten miles. The work has a comfortable parsonage, with the necessary outhouses. Wife and I moved into it on the 14th of December and found a nice supper awaiting us and a warm fire in the sitting-room. The many kindnesses shown us since we took charge of the work convince us that the work contains many kind people. Only to-day Bro. G. P. Parks and sister, of Fairview Church, brought us a generous donation from their community. They have a splendid new church out there, and we shall look for something to

come to pass in the way of spiritual advancement before the year is out. So mote it be. Chireno also kindly remembered us with a valuable box. The Melrose folks seem to vie with each other in their efforts to do us kindness. Already our hearts overflow with gratitude to our people, and we acknowledge ourselves debtors to them. "As much as in us is, we are ready to preach the Gospel to them," and to perform other religious offices. It is our prayer that the Lord sanctify our service to their good and give us a grand year religiously. We sorely need a revival over this entire work, "and how we are straitened till it be accomplished." Our motto shall be the Texas Christian Advocate in the homes of the people, a revival in every Church and advancement in every department of Church work. On New Year's day a man professed faith in Christ in one of our services, which we trust is the first fruits of a rich harvest.

Alto.

D. S. Burke, Jan. 25: On December 9, 1901, Bishop Wilson appointed us to Melrose Circuit, where we spent three years among a good people. The kindnesses received during these three years are too many to count them. We shall never forget the people of Melrose and Chireno circuit. "For I was a stranger and they took me in," "Hungry and they fed me;" (What a job.) "Sick, and they visited me," and now, by the appointment of Bishop Hoss, I am at Alto, trying the realities of an unknown country. So far we have indeed found it to be a fine country, thriving people, and many of them religious. We have a splendid parsonage in which to live, several good Churches in which to preach, and many tables at which to eat. So with these opportunities we start out for an earnest, faithful year's work. The Lord help us to "Study to show ourselves approved unto God, a workman that needeth not to be ashamed, rightly dividing the word of truth."

Rogers Prairie.

J. B. Gregory, Jan. 25: Our first Quarterly Conference was held on the 20th inst. Our beloved presiding elder, Bro. Burroughs, was on hand and in good preaching "trim." His preaching is earnest and spiritual and edifying. In his usual sweet-spirited way, he carefully looked after every interest of the Church. This pastor and all his people love Bro. Burroughs, and hail the day with delight when he is to be with us. The work was well represented, but the slump in cotton prices, blocking every avenue of financial interest, has caused us to fall short of the demand, financially. The wheels of Zion should be oiled, panic or no panic. The only remedy for better times, the people clamor for, is to meet God's requirements. "Bring ye all the tithes into the storehouse, that there may be meat in my house, and prove me now herewith, saith the Lord of hosts, if I will not open the windows of heaven, and pour you out a blessing that there shall not be room enough to receive it." Mal. 3:10. Will a man rob God? "Yet ye have robbed me." "In tithes and offerings," Mal. 3:8. "Ye are cursed with a curse; for ye have robbed me, even this whole nation." Mal. 3:9. First, and above all, we should meet God's demands, if at the cost of a sacrifice: "for with sacrifice God is well pleased," and not put the Lord off last, to see if anything remains for him after all temporal demands have been met; for all things are his, and he has a just claim on us. We owe him the most just debt of all, for the support of his gospel and his Church and righteous cause. We realize more and more the true worth of the gospel to the world, and its indispensability—we cannot do without it. It holds the world intact. It's the refiner of human society, the great civilizing agency, the safeguard to life and property and foundation of law and order, and saves souls from eternal ruin. It is worth more than all else to man.

Colfax Circuit.

B. C. Ansley, Jan. 26: We were appointed by Bishop Hoss, at the conference at Marshall, to the same work we served last, Willard Circuit; but by an agreement between two presiding elders we have since been changed to the Colfax Circuit, which is a new work, formed of parts of the Edom and Canton Circuits. This new work lies right in the middle of VanZandt County and is the best farming country this preacher knows of in all East Texas. Our people are all doing well as to temporal things, and I see no reason why this new circuit should not take rank at once as one of the best circuits in the Texas Conference. In fact, it is already among the best in some respects. No finer people live in Texas and lots of them have religion enough to say amen to the preacher while preaching. We have four Churches on the work. One of them is a half station; two other strong Churches. All have houses belonging to Methodist.

We spent a pleasant and we trust a profitable year last year at Willard; learned to love some people down there very much, both for their clean lives and for their kindness to us in every way. Some friends down there (not of our Church) made this preacher glad last fall by presenting him with a fifty dollar suit to wear to conference—we have them on now and will keep the pieces when the suit is worn out. May God bless those good people. But we are here now, and have started in to do another year's work for our Master. The people received us kindly and began at once to manifest their kindness in various ways, which culminated in the biggest pouncing that any of the boys have got yet. The good ladies of the Holly Springs Church came over Monday after the third Sunday with several buggies and a two-horse wagon loaded to the guards, and by the time they unloaded on us it was a sight to look at. Mrs. Preacher first laughed, then cried, then said, "Where will I put it all?" But she found a place, and so have I found one for a good deal of it since. Oh, ye hungry parsons, come over and board with us. Well, the first Quarterly Conference ever held for Colfax Circuit met at Tunnels Chapel on the 21st and 22d, and it was a success. Solomon was there in all his glory. (Say, boys, can your presiding elder preach much? If not, come over and hear ours.) The stewards made a good assessment for support of the ministry—\$707.50 all told. Nearly all the official members were present. First quarter's report very good for one so early in the year. We are hoping, working and praying for a good service and full collections, and by the help of the good Lord and these good people, it shall come to pass. The Advocate is popular over here—more taken in this section than almost anywhere else in the State. Success to the grand old Advocate, the best preacher among us.

Beaumont District.

O. T. Hotchkiss: A few days after conference I said to my wife, "Well, we don't belong to anybody now—just a presiding elder—so we are nobody's preacher and family." Since coming to Beaumont I will take it all back. Our welcome has been so cordial that we have been made to feel that we belong to the Methodist people of Beaumont and the entire district. Warm hand-clasps and words of welcome meet us on every side, and the people just won't let us feel lonesome, or that we are strangers. On Thursday night, January 19, the welcome assumed even larger proportions; the members of our three Churches in the city gave us a surprise party that proved to be a "pounding," and filled the dining-table to overflowing with good things that will last for days to come. Rather an unusual proceeding to pound a presiding elder, but very greatly appreciated—especially the warm welcome and good feeling accompanying it. A pleasant evening was spent socially, renewing old friendships and forming new ones, and when the guests departed they left behind them a household deeply appreciative of all this thoughtful kindness and more firmly resolved than ever to give these people the best work of which we are capable. Our people seem anxious to have everything comfortable for us. House newly papered, kitchen and storeroom ceiled and painted, bathroom built, new furniture and floor coverings put in, and other comforts added, until it is easily the most thoroughly equipped and furnished district parsonage in the conference. In the more than twenty years of our ministry, we have never been more comfortably housed and surrounded than now, and I am sure there is not a more appreciative preacher's family anywhere. There are several things that have impressed me very much, as we start into the year's work. First, the District Stewards' meeting. It was the best I ever saw. I never before saw as large an attendance, nor such good spirits; there were twelve stewards present, and eight of the pastors as visitors. The stewards did their work without the almost universal custom of trying to see how little each one could have apportioned to his own charge; nearly every one seemed ready to advance, and willing to help do it. Although the Mission Board did not make the usual appropriation to the district, the stewards determined that the presiding elder should not lose it, but more than made up the loss sustained by the withholding of the missionary appropriation. Another thing that has impressed me is that there has been an increase in the amounts estimated for the support of the pastor in almost every charge that I have visited so far. The preachers have been kindly received and start out with good promise of success, and the people are becoming more and more appreciative, and seem determined to keep step with the new life and progress of this rapidly developing section of our State. Old John Cochran—he is only old in goodness—has been largely instrumen-

tal in bringing about these improved conditions, and his work will be seen for years to come. God bless him in his new field! We feel that the lines have fallen to us in pleasant places. While the breaking up of ties and the leaving of friends at Texarkana brought many heart pangs, we left them in good hands, and the coming years will yield them larger success. We have found a warm welcome here and face a future that is full of promise. You will hear more from us before the roll is called at Pittsburg this fall.

Bremont and Reagan.

A. A. Wagon: At our conference held in Marshall Bishop Hoss appointed me to this work, and I hadn't got out of the church house till brethren who knew those good people began to come to me and tell me what a delightful charge it was. Of course that raised my expectations for something splendid. And I am happy to say that after having been here nearly two months my expectations have been more than fulfilled. We have had the regular pouncing in handsome style, and, besides this, almost daily, tokens of appreciation have found their way to this preacher's home. Our Board of Stewards are large hearted, broad-minded men, who love God, the Church and the preacher, and, more than that, they love one another. They have made ample provisions for the preacher and his family, and are doing their work like true yoke fellows in the gospel. We have taken more than a dozen new subscribers for the best paper in Southern Methodism, the Texas Christian Advocate. Have about 50 per cent of our conference claims provided for, and have visited about two-thirds of our members. Our ladies have put some new furniture in the parsonage, and are planning to do more. The Sunday-school at Reagan, under the able leadership of Bro. Chas. Ward, have paid the Orphanage assessment in full, and it was in the hands of the Treasurer a month ago. We are expecting a great revival all over the work.

New Boston.

Stuart Nelson, Jan. 28: I wish to report, through the best Christian papers, that the New Boston charge is in fine shape and on a solid Methodist foundation that can not be moved. The first Quarterly Conference was held by that peerless presiding elder, Rev. J. T. Smith, on the 22d inst., and nearly one-third of the assessment for the preacher was paid. Bros. T. A. Fuller, Frank King, John E. Anderson, Ben. Eubanks, W. W. West, W. W. Weaver and Dr. Burrows constitute the most efficient Board of Stewards with which I have ever had any connection. They raised my and the beloved's salary, cheerfully accepted the conference assessments and, finding no fault with the preacher in charge, went on their way rejoicing. I have a fine W. H. M. S. and am trying to organize a W. F. M. S. and an Epworth League. Our married women are great workers and deserve much praise. I can not, from personal experience, say much in favor of old maids. They are unapproachable and cold as ice, to me; but the brethren are thoughtful and kind. This morning Bro. Frank A. King, our big-hearted County Clerk, realizing the frigidity of my environments and the thinness of my blood, made me a present of a fine overcoat. May the Lord bless him. Bro. John E. Anderson is Sunday-school superintendent and is doing a fine work among and for our children. The Church attendance is fine on pretty Sundays, but not so good on windy ones, as I am awfully scared of cyclones and my people are delicate. I wish, in my feeble way and with all my heart, soul, mind and strength, to endorse Dr. Rankin's utterances, through the Texas Christian Advocate, on prohibition. His articles are eagerly read and are doing much good, in spite of the sibilant sign of danger raised by the timid. Lay on, Doctor, and paralyzed be he who first cries, "Hold, enough!"

NORTHWEST TEXAS CONFERENCE

Chillicothe.

L. W. Carleton: Closed a ten days' meeting last Wednesday. Bro. Bonner did the preaching. He is a revivalist after the Methodist sort. Had seventeen conversions and ten joined the Church. Much has been done since conference. Pounding coming. Hush! You will hear from us at Hillsboro.

Gordon and Strawn.

W. A. Manly, Jan. 24: Our first Quarterly Conference convened yesterday, Monday, January 23. Brother Boone, our beloved presiding elder, was with us, and preached two fine sermons Sunday. I was unable to attend the Quarterly Conference, having received a fall from which I suffered greatly. I write this in bed, not being able to sit up a minute. I am trying to be resigned to my condition, while I

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feel that I am needed very much at this time in my home and among my people. My charge is doing very well, all things considered. We are serving a good and kind folk. They have received us kindly, and are looking after our interest. My stewards made liberal provisions for their pastor. They are a body of liberal hearted men. We need a revival throughout the entire charge. We are determined, by our Father's help, to bring it to pass. We shall pray more and work harder in order to bring such results as we earnestly desire about. I am working for the Advocate.

Breckenridge.

Geo. G. Hamilton, Jan. 30: The first Quarterly Conference for this charge was held at Breckenridge Jan. 28-29. Bro. Boone was with us and preached four times to the delight and edification of this people. He is a charming character, always cheerful, always hopeful, always religious. He is a dispenser of sunshine and good cheer. His presence is an inspiration, and he leaves one desiring to be better as a Christian and more firmly resolved to be more earnest and faithful in the Lord's work. All the stewards were present at some time during the meet-

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### THE NEW YEAR.

Softly the Old Year has glided away;  
 What has the New Year, just entering,  
 to say?  
 Ever it speaks and the echoes resound,  
 Ever, yes, ever, its warning doth sound  
 To sow what in fruit we wish to abound.

Dost hear, or art dreaming of days to  
 come:  
 Of days when we gather the "harvest  
 home?"  
 Vividly painting the far future scene  
 In colors aglow with bright silvery sheen,  
 Each love-deed a star no cloudlets be-  
 tween.

Just a while pause in your dream picture  
 fair,  
 Even a while till Truth shall paint a  
 scene there.  
 And show thee thy deeds, as full ripened  
 grain,  
 Not single, as sowed, but bounteous in  
 gain.

What thou art sowing, thou surely shalt  
 reap;  
 Oh, let it be good, and ne'er shalt thou  
 weep.  
 O'er dream pictures marred, in the "gath-  
 ering home"  
 Down from realms of light, the reapers  
 will come;  
 Loving deeds thou'lt find in thy sheaves  
 of grain,  
 And kindness kindly wrought thou'lt see  
 again.  
 Nothing but good will the Master approve  
 Dost not, but sow for a harvest of love.  
 MRS. E. J. GURLEY.

### A BOY.

You may present your catalogue of  
 all the most lovely and lovable objects  
 of earth and sea and sky, and, without  
 a moment's hesitation, I shall choose  
 from among them all a little child.  
 The blessed Christ set such a one in  
 the midst of his disciples as a model  
 and example for all those, matured in  
 sin, who would prepare for entrance  
 into the eternal kingdom. To-day that  
 man who is farthest removed from the  
 faith and confidence of childhood is the  
 one most in danger of everlasting tor-  
 ment.

The world has taken it for granted  
 that little girls are good, just because  
 they are; and then somehow it has  
 spread abroad, as by common consent,  
 that little boys are bad. I wonder who  
 started this story on the boys? There  
 is not a word of truth in it. A baby  
 boy is just as good as a baby girl, and  
 neither is worse than the other until  
 one is led astray by some tongue that  
 has been taught to wound or to de-  
 ceive, while the other remains in the

gentle presence of a warm, true heart  
 that beams with light and love.

Another false notion seems to have  
 become current, and that is that it is  
 just as necessary for boys to be bad  
 as it is for girls to be good. I believe  
 that naturally every boy is good. God  
 made him so, and intended that he  
 should remain so. If he does not, God  
 is not to blame; and if the child does  
 that which is bad before he is old  
 enough to discern between good and  
 evil, he is not to blame. He is simply  
 imitating older people.

The man who is cheated, slandered,  
 or persecuted during the business of  
 the day goes home at night and looks  
 into the eyes of his pure, innocent boy,  
 and regards him as a vindication of  
 God—that God makes all things good.

I've seen a man wear a frown a week  
 and carry a grudge in his heart all his  
 life, but I've seen a boy's tears dried  
 and his wounds healed instantaneously  
 by a mother's kiss. I've seen grown  
 people pout and fret because of sup-  
 posed slight, but I've seen a sadly ne-  
 glected boy quiet and uncomplaining.  
 I've seen men brawl and fight over  
 slight differences of opinion, but I've  
 seen an unmercifully beaten boy kiss  
 the hand of his heartless parent as  
 soon as the smarting ceased. I've seen  
 men plunge into questionable enter-  
 prises without stopping to think, but  
 I've seen a boy hold back from inviting  
 amusements and ask: "Father, do you  
 think it is wrong?" God bless the  
 boys! the pure, true boys. They make  
 us sigh for the innocence we have out-  
 lived and which might yet have been  
 ours.

A man's future may be gloomy, but  
 his boy's future is always bright. He  
 may suspect his brother, but his boy  
 has unbounded confidence in the whole  
 world. His soul may be a scarred sheet  
 of forgiven sin or a blur of present  
 guilt, but his boy's soul is white as  
 snow.

One day I saw a boy, all alone, play-  
 ing school. His pupils were sticks and  
 pebbles, and his gentleness and kind-  
 ness put me to shame that I ever had  
 lost patience with a careless boy or  
 girl.

My boy, it is all a mistake. You  
 don't have to be bad. You don't have  
 to sow "wild oats." Don't you be dis-  
 couraged if somebody says you will  
 never be anybody. You are somebody

already, right "fresh from the hand of  
 God," and your young lips that have  
 learned so readily the prayer that  
 mother taught were never intended for  
 falsehood and ugly talk.

Let me tell you, boys: if you were  
 not here half the melody, rapture and  
 grace of this old world would be gone.  
 If there were no girls, the other half  
 would be gone, and then what would  
 we do? Nothing to be seen but great,  
 grown-up people! Why, the years  
 would roll quickly upon us and stay  
 there, and we should be crushed. Here,  
 boys, take my hand. You and your lit-  
 tle sisters are the best friends I ever  
 had. May God bless you and keep your  
 faces turned toward him.—Wightman  
 F. Melton, in Children's Visitor.

### BILLY FELL DOWN.

The pupils of Public School No. 57,  
 on One Hundred and Fifteenth Street,  
 just west of Third Avenue, had the  
 time of their lives to-day. There are  
 2800 small boys and girls who are  
 taught there, about equally divided,  
 the boys being just at the age when  
 the sole ambition is to become a fire-  
 man.

The "time" started at a few minutes  
 after twelve o'clock, and while the  
 children, who had just been dismissed,  
 were making their way downstairs pre-  
 paratory to going home for luncheon.  
 Naturally, the stairs were crowded  
 with pushing, jostling, good-natured  
 children. In the skylarking that went  
 on one youngster missed his footing  
 and fell a little way downstairs.

"Hey, Johnny," one small boy yelled,  
 "Billy's fell down an' hurt hisself."

The story was taken up by some one  
 farther up on the stairs, and by the  
 time the tale had penetrated to the  
 principal's room there was a very cir-  
 cumstantial account of a fire that had  
 been discovered in the building.

Naturally, having so many pupils  
 under her charge, the principal did not  
 hesitate, but had a special building  
 signal sent in from Box No. 547, on  
 the opposite side of Third Avenue. In  
 a few minutes Engine Company No.  
 35 and Hook and Ladder Company No.  
 14 dashed up, followed by a big, brass  
 buttoned battalion chief in his buggy.  
 At that point One Hundred and Fif-  
 teenth Street is about two feet deep  
 in snow, as are all of the cross streets  
 thereabouts, and the firemen were in  
 no pleasant frame of mind when they  
 found they had had all their trouble  
 for nothing.

Meanwhile the school principal, get-  
 ting at the truth of the matter, had  
 sent to Harlem Hospital for an ambu-  
 lance, and Billy not only saw the fire  
 engines, but had a free ride. He wasn't  
 much hurt, but the principal preferred  
 to take no chances.

It was all over in five minutes, and  
 when a reporter saw the principal she  
 had got over her scare and was in  
 great good humor.

"I suppose you're from the papers?"  
 she asked.

Being answered in the affirmative,  
 she told the facts briefly, adding:  
 "There was no panic. In fact, it was  
 a red-star day for the children, and  
 they enjoyed it hugely."

As they scattered for their homes,  
 to return at one o'clock, the young-  
 sters were a happy lot. The "injin-  
 es" had been there, and they had yelled  
 themselves hoarse. True, "Billy got  
 hurt," but as one red-headed boy re-  
 marked: "He didn't cry, for he ain't  
 no baby." Then jealously: "I wish  
 I'd got the ride in the hurry-up wagon."  
 —New York Post.

### A QUARREL ON PAPER.

They were sitting at the tea-table,  
 and were on the very verge of that  
 dreadful quarrel which the young wife  
 had prayed might never come. The  
 husband had uttered a criticism that  
 she thought unkind and undeserved.

"I can find fault with many things,  
 too," she flashed out.

"Oh, indeed," he said, "and  
 what are they, pray?"

She paused a moment. If she gave  
 utterance to the sharp speech trem-  
 bling on her lips, she knew that the  
 opening wedge of discord would have  
 entered. On the other hand, it was  
 a severe trial to curb her impetuous  
 spirit and receive the husband's re-  
 buke meekly. But her good angel  
 triumphed. After a short silence, she  
 said, frankly: "I'm not sure that I  
 ought to say what I thought. I be-  
 lieve I'll keep it till to-morrow, and  
 see how it looks by the light of day.  
 Then if I think it worth while, I'll  
 write it and leave the note on your  
 plate."

He smiled at her whimsical answer,  
 and the cloud disappeared. After tea  
 she said, "I have a proposition to  
 make."

"What is it?" he asked, gaily.

"We nearly had a quarrel, and, of  
 course, it must not happen again.  
 Hereafter, if either has any criticism  
 to make on the other, let us wait a  
 day, and then, if we wish to make it,  
 write it out instead of saying it. I be-  
 lieve petty anger would evaporate in  
 the mere act of reducing it to writing,  
 and then some heartaches would be  
 spared."

He laughed, but in his heart he

acknowledged the wisdom of her plan,  
 and so agreed to it. They have been  
 married three years now, and both  
 are still waiting for the first letter  
 of criticism. The quarrel on paper  
 has never begun.

Most of us might use the bride's  
 plan with profit. If we would wait  
 and write the unkind speeches, I won-  
 der how many of them would ever  
 be delivered to wound loving hearts.  
 Of course some people would quarrel  
 by telegraph if there were no other  
 way, but doubtless they are very few;  
 and most disputes might be avoided  
 if we would wait to quarrel on paper.—  
 Exchange.

### THE TRAINED EYE.

"The poem hangs on the berry-bush  
 When comes the poet's eye.  
 The street begins to masquerade,  
 When Shakespeare passes by."

So sings William C. Gannett, and  
 the truth embodied in the exquisite  
 little lyric is one that finds continual  
 verification.

A bird-lover and student called the  
 other day, and had not been seated on  
 the vine-sheltered veranda a minute  
 before he called attention to a hum-  
 ming bird dipping its needle-like beak  
 into the tubes of the honeysuckle. A  
 red-eyed vireo the next moment made  
 its appearance in an oak tree a few  
 yards off, and several members of the  
 warbler family seemed suddenly  
 to find attractive nooks in nearby  
 trees. Doubtless they had been mak-  
 ing just such visits for days before,  
 but the trained and observant eye had  
 been lacking.

We are all alert to see that which  
 our special training or study has made  
 interesting to us. The plant patholo-  
 gist detects signs of disease in the  
 superficially fair and perfect flower.  
 The painter's eyes sees charm and  
 picturesqueness in what the careless,  
 half-observer passes by with scant at-  
 tention.

How many of us see first of all the  
 unattractive traits in our acquaint-  
 ances. The unlovely qualities seem  
 to stand out aggressively, but are they  
 really so pronounced and overshadow-  
 ing of the better traits as they seem  
 to us? The eye trained to watch for  
 what is lovely and of good report  
 somehow finds a surprising number of  
 things to admire in the average hu-  
 man being.

In her charming little book, "Mi-  
 ladi," Miss Laughlin speaks these sug-  
 gestive words: "The supreme evidence  
 of a cultured heart and mind is in the  
 number of things one can see in other  
 persons to admire." It is a kind of  
 culture within the reach of all of us.  
 Would it not add greatly to the sum  
 of human happiness if we would all  
 set about the task of acquiring it?—  
 Christian Observer.

### THE SERMON STEVE PREACHED.

One Monday, Steve, who had been  
 at church the day before, thought he  
 would have a church of his own. He  
 got his four sisters to be the congre-  
 gation. He stood on a stool and spoke  
 very loud. This is part of the sermon  
 that he preached:

"This is to be a 'mind mother' ser-  
 mon. There are two ways in which  
 you ought to mind everything she  
 says:

"Mind her the very first time she  
 speaks. When mother says, 'Mary,  
 please bring me some coal or water,'  
 or 'run to the store,' don't answer, 'In  
 just a minute, mother.' Little folks'  
 minutes are a great deal longer than  
 the ones the clock ticks off. When  
 you say 'yes' with your lips, say 'yes  
 with your hands and feet. Don't say  
 'yes' and act 'no.' Saying 'Yes, in a  
 minute,' is not obeying, but doing 'yes'  
 is.

"Mind cheerfully. Don't scowl when  
 you have to drop a book, or whine be-  
 cause you can't go and play. You  
 wouldn't own a dog that minded you  
 with his ears laid back, growling and  
 snapping. A girl ought to mind a  
 great deal better than a dog."

That was Steve's sermon. Don't you  
 think it was a good one?—Olive Plants.

### TOO MUCH ROPE.

A boy and a dog met. Just how  
 this came about is of no importance,  
 for boys and dogs are often compan-  
 ions. The boy had a long piece of  
 rope tied about the dog's neck to serve  
 the purpose of a collar and chain. At  
 first, the boy was leading the dog in  
 a quiet manner. But the dog grew  
 restless, and began to tug and pull at  
 the rope. The boy gave the dog all  
 the rope he had, and then things  
 changed. Instead of the boy leading  
 the dog, the dog began to lead the  
 boy, and the last I saw of that pair  
 was the boy following the dog as he  
 darted around the corner of a building.  
 The dog had the boy on the run. I  
 laughed at the boy's predicament.

There are other companionships  
 than those formed by boys and dogs.  
 We form companionships between our  
 habits and ourselves. We think we  
 are the leaders of the party—and we  
 may be. But there are times when

## Without MACBETH on it what can you expect of a lamp-chimney!

You need to know how to manage your  
 lamps to have comfort with them at small cost.  
 Better read my Index; I send it free.

MACBETH, Pittsburgh.

our habits refuse to be satisfied with  
 liberty we allow them, and then be-  
 come restless. They do not work as  
 strenuously as did the dog, but they  
 pull for more rope just the same.—  
 Baptist Union.

### GOLDEN MAXIMS.

In the pocket of the Hon. Stephen  
 Allan, who was drowned on the Henry  
 Clay, was found a printed slip, appar-  
 ently cut from a newspaper, from  
 which the following is copied. It is  
 worthy to be engraved on the heart  
 of every one.

Keep good company or none.  
 Never be idle; if your hands can not  
 be usefully employed, attend to the  
 cultivation of your mind.

Always speak the truth.  
 If any one speak evil of you, let  
 your life be such that none will be-  
 lieve him.

Drink no kind of intoxicating drinks.  
 When you retire to bed, think over  
 what you have done through the day.

Avoid temptation through fear you  
 may not withstand it.

Earn money before you spend it.  
 Do not put off till to-morrow that  
 which should be done to-day.

Never speak evil of any one.

Keep pure if you would be happy.

Save when you are young, to spend  
 when you are old.

Read the above maxims at least once  
 a week.—Christian Observer.

Painting the wagon puts no ginger  
 in the horse.

### A FELLOW FEELING.

Why She Felt Lenient Towards the  
 Drunkard.

A great deal depends on the point of  
 view. A good temperance woman was  
 led, in a very peculiar way, to revise  
 her somewhat harsh judgment of the  
 poor devil who cannot resist his cups,  
 and she is now the more charitable.  
 She writes:

"For many years I was a great suffer-  
 er from asthma. Finally my health  
 got so poor that I found I could not lie  
 down, but walked the floor whilst oth-  
 ers slept. I got so nervous I could not  
 rest anywhere.

"Specialists told me I must give up  
 the use of coffee—the main thing that  
 I always thought gave me some relief.  
 I consulted my family physician, and  
 he, being a coffee fiend himself told  
 me to pay no attention to the advice.  
 Coffee has such a charm for me that  
 in passing a restaurant and getting a  
 whiff of the fragrance I could not re-  
 sist a cup. I felt very lenient towards  
 the drunkard who could not pass the  
 saloon. Friends often urged me to try  
 Postum, but I turned a deaf ear, say-  
 ing 'That may do for people to whom  
 coffee is harmful, but not for me—  
 coffee and I will never part.'

"At last, however, I bought a pack-  
 age of Postum, although I was sure  
 I could not drink it. I prepared it as  
 directed, and served it for breakfast.  
 Well, bitter as I was against it, I must  
 say that never before had I tasted a  
 more delicious cup of coffee! From  
 that day to this (more than 2 years)  
 I have never had a desire for the old  
 coffee. My health soon returned; the  
 asthma disappeared, I began to sleep  
 well and in a short time I gained 20  
 pounds in weight.

"One day I handed my physician the  
 tablets he had prescribed for me, tell-  
 ing him I had no use for them. He  
 stayed for dinner. When I passed him  
 his coffee cup he remarked 'I am glad  
 to see you were sensible enough not to  
 let yourself be persuaded that coffee  
 was harmful. This is the best cup of  
 coffee I ever drank,' he continued;  
 'the trouble is so few people know how  
 to make good coffee.' When he got  
 his second cup I told him he was drink-  
 ing Postum. He was incredulous, but  
 I convinced him, and now he uses  
 nothing but Postum in his home and  
 has greatly improved in health."  
 Name given by Postum Co., Battle  
 Creek, Mich.

Look in each package for the fa-  
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MUSINGS OF AN OLD PREACHER.

By George G. Smith.

The tendency to stress unduly non-essentials is as old as Christianity and antedates it.

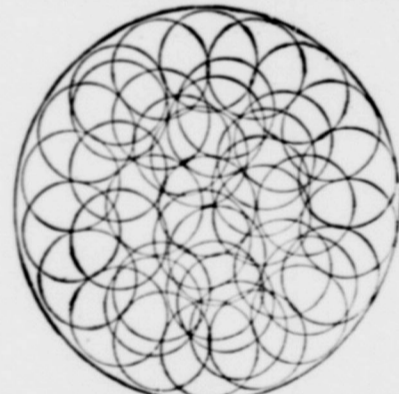
Paul and Barnabas were willing themselves to bear these burdens, but they were not willing to impose them on the Gentiles.

The question was submitted to the Council, and the advice they gave was that the Gentiles should give up, in addition to the demands made on all Jews and Gentiles alike, a few things which, as Gentiles, they had perhaps not regarded as important.

How to apply this principle of action to the present time is a really important question, and one not easy to answer.

We must not expect young converts to do at once what we have been years learning how to do.

The Church is a mother, but many a child has been spoiled by a mother's too constant and too rigorous control.



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There is no positive requirement made for them in the Bible. That certain things should be done is, I think, obvious, provided the restriction is based on the ground of a beneficial regulation and not as a Divine law.

When Job told his friends that they had reproached him ten times; when he felt that all the delights and joys of life were gone; that wife and children and friends held him in abhorrence, and that God had kindled his wrath against him, he cried out in bitterness of soul, "He hath fenced up my way that I cannot pass."

Did he give up, curse God and die, as his wife advised? Rather his soul was strengthened with these deep afflictions, and in exaltation he exclaimed: "For I know that my Redeemer liveth and that he shall stand in the latter day upon the earth."

The hedgerow vanished from the pathway of the trusting Job, and with all the blessings of life was he comforted in his latter days.

The strong soul, the trusting soul, will find the hedgerows of life vanishing before the faith that through God conquers all things.

MARY R. LESESNE. NEW YEAR IN SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA. A beautiful Sabbath! Such glorious sunshine! An unclouded sky!

HEDGEROWS IN LIFE. A good illustration of the hedgerows that confront us in life is to be found in the hunter chasing the hare in the open field.

Suddenly the hare darts beneath a hedge. There a few brief moments he rests, but dog and man are soon upon his hiding place and, frightened by bark and whoop and yell, he dashes forward on the other side.

Often in the pursuit of pleasure, or of duty, as we term it, we come to these hedgerows. We dreamed not of their standing in our way, but there they confront us, insurmountable, impenetrable. We face them in blank dismay. The inevitable bars are.

REMINISCENCE. My father died when I was about five years of age, leaving mother with three children to care for.

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#### AN IMPORTANT DEPARTMENT.

We have made special arrangement with Dr. H. M. Hamill, our great Sunday-school worker, to take charge of a normal department for Sunday-school workers on another page in the Advocate. His first installment appears this week, and his work will continue through quite a number of our issues. He will thus bring to all our readers the very best possible suggestions as to the management and conduct of Sunday-schools. The superintendent, the teachers and the pupils will all get large benefit from his contributions.

The National Good Roads' Convention will meet in this city on the 6th of February, and will hold three sessions on that day. One of the Government experts will be present and take part in the discussion. General Nelson A. Miles will also be here, as he is greatly interested in enterprises of this character. The railroads leading to the city will give a special rate, and a large number of prominent people will be here. This is a very important movement, and it will add much to the improvement of our common highways. Many of our populous counties are taking steps to have their roads put in first-class condition, and they are voting bonds to this end. Dallas County, not a great while ago, voted \$500,000 in bonds to have our roads improved. These bonds have been disposed of, and our County Commissioners will soon take steps to apply the money. Let it be done wisely. Not a dollar of it ought to be squandered as a compliment to any special locality. It ought to be spent in such way as to bring the largest benefit to the people. Beginning at the center, the roads leading through the county east, west, north and south should receive special attention. This approaching convention will make suggestions as to the best way and methods of spending this money for the good of the public.

Nolan County will vote on local option the 18th of February. Local option carried out there once before, but the courts interfered and the people lost out. We hope this time the people will win and that the courts will let their victory remain.

Bishop Charles B. Galloway will deliver the Avera Lectures at Trinity College March 28-30. These lectures were erdowed by Mrs. W. H. Avera, in memory of her husband.

#### THE PENDING ANTI-POOL BILL.

One of the worst forms of gambling ever permitted in Texas is found in the pool-room betting on horse racing. Two years ago the Legislature passed a drastic law on that subject, wiping out the pool-room business. During this time the pool-room business has been greatly crippled by this law, though the pool-rooms have managed, in part, to evade it. The evaded features, however, are now pending in the courts of the State. Such is the sweeping stringency of this law that an effort is being made in the present Legislature to so modify it as to permit "book making and betting on horse racing the day of the races and within the inclosures where the racing is going on;" but forbidding all pool-rooms operating anywhere else in the State. This exemption was voted down ten days ago in the Judiciary Committee, but a few gentlemen from Dallas went down to Austin, prevailed upon the committee to reopen the case, and they made speeches in favor of restoring the clause permitting betting on horse racing under the conditions above described; and a majority of the committee yielded to them and adopted a favorable report on the bill giving such exemption. But a strong minority report was also adopted, and the two will soon be voted upon in the Lower House. The minority report was signed by R. D. Thompson, W. E. Douglas, J. M. Reiger and H. S. Moran. It is as follows:

1. Our present law makes it a misdemeanor to bet on horse-racing generally, while the proposed bill authorizes betting within the inclosure and upon the grounds where the racing is carried on. This change in our law, if enacted, will be an express provision authorizing and encouraging betting on horse-racing.

2. If this bill in its present form should become a law it would tend to impair the force of all prohibitory laws against other species of gaming.

3. It is believed that a bill authorizing betting on horse-racing in any form is inadvisable, and contrary to sound public policy. It seems to us that these gentlemen are eminently correct. Why should gambling on horse racing be forbidden in one instance and then be permitted in another? If it is wrong and injurious to morals in the pool-room, how can it be to the contrary on the race track? Why should a few of the cities in Texas be permitted to inaugurate and maintain horse race gambling at stated seasons, and all other places and persons be prohibited? It is an awkward situation. The fact is Dallas has done more to ruin our boys and promote gambling through its annual fair than any other city and all other influences in North Texas. If the majority of the members of the Legislature want to represent the moral sentiment of the masses of the people they will not pass an amended pool bill for the special benefit of Dallas and San Antonio. These two cities have no right to be granted the privilege to corrupt the young manhood of this country through their horse race gambling. If fairs cannot be maintained except through the immoral habit and practice of gambling, and this gambling to be carried on under the pretext of law, then the sooner fairs come to an end the better for the public morals of our people. Would it not be well, therefore, for our people throughout the State opposed to this legislation in favor of gambling at our fairs to write at once to their Representatives on this subject? Now is the time to act, if we expect to do anything against it.

#### THE WAR DANCE OF SENATORS.

Last week Senators Terrell and Chambers had before the Senate at Austin a bill to suppress the evils of the clubhouse, the cold storage and so on in local option territory. These subterfuges for the bar-room are interfering largely with the enforcement of law in local option districts, and the people are determined that these places shall be broken up. And the majority of the members of the upper and lower branches of the Legislature are also determined that the wish of the people shall be granted. So the

preliminary skirmish came off in the Senate last Thursday. This uncovered the battery of liquor people in that body. Senator Stafford, the podgy statesman from Mineola, sprang to the forefront and delivered himself thusly, according to the daily papers:

Senator Stafford said he was in favor of obeying all laws, local option or otherwise, but he condemned the bill as interfering with social clubs and seeking to regulate a man's private life. He asserted that if such bills continue to bob up, the people will soon be peons; that some are proposed which would prevent the drinking of liquor "where a man could die and a babe could be born," being an attempt to entirely destroy the law authorizing the sale of liquor. He said the law in question would make the "bluest law of Maine turn green." He demanded to know what right exists to regulate him meeting his friends, or even drinking with them in a social club, so the laws are obeyed. The Senator called it an odious measure, and severely and vigorously arraigned the intent, saying it went beyond everything, even to reach the conscience of man.

Yet this same gentleman heartily supported that drastic prohibition amendment in 1887. Then he wanted the whole business swept from the State; but now he is way over on the other side. But he does not represent his people on that subject, for his whole district is totally dry. He is not willing for them to enjoy their expressed will at the ballot box. He wants "clubs and cold storages" thrust upon them. He favors the open saloon, but if he cannot have that, he wants these substitutes for it; and any measure opposing them he calls "odious." Had he gone before his people for re-election last fall on his present platform, he would not now be a member of the Senate. But he was fortunate enough to draw his present term out of a hat, and he feels no obligation to the people for his election. His people want local option, and so voted by a large majority; and they want immunity from the evils of the "club and the cold storage," but their Senator takes the opposite view. At the close of his harangue on the subject, Senator Davidson, the attenuated statesman from Cuero, opened up his battery on the bill and riddled it with shot and shell. And he sneeringly referred to the people who are praying for relief from these substitutes for the bar-room as "that same crowd." He also drew his present term out of a hat. Following him was Senator Hanger, that well known authority on constitutional law at Fort Worth (?). Yet, until he went to the Senate one term by a vote of the people and drew a second term out of a hat, no one ever dreamed that he contained such inexhaustible depths of knowledge on the abstruse questions involved in constitutional law. But he also misrepresents a majority of his constituents on this question, for when you get out of Fort Worth, there is not a wet piece of territory in his district. Still he wants the Fort Worth portion of his constituents to retain their privilege of deluging the country portions of his constituents with liquor under the subterfuge of a "club" or a "cold storage." And in order to cover his retreat he falls back under the superimposing shadow of his masterful knowledge of constitutional law! What will his people in the small towns and country precincts think of him when they come to reckon with him, when the term to which they did not elect him is ended? But these gentlemen are lining up with their proper companionship, and let the people open their eyes and look at them.

#### COL. ALLEN T. DAVIDSON.

From a paper published in Asheville, N. C., we reproduce an editorial sketch of Col. Allen T. Davidson. He was the last survivor of the Confederate Congress and an eminent Methodist of the Old North State. He has two sons and a number of relatives and acquaintances living in Texas. Judge R. V. Davidson, the distinguished Attorney-General of Texas, is his son. The writer of these lines was the pastor of Col. Davidson's family for four years in the times gone by and knew them intimately. The sketch elsewhere published will be read with interest by many of our readers.

#### DEATH OF MAJOR G. W. L. FLY.

We are pained to announce the death of Major G. W. L. Fly, of Victoria, which sad event occurred very suddenly in his office last Friday morning. To the time of his demise he was apparently in his usual health and at work. He came from Mississippi to Texas when a mere boy, and this State has been his home practically all his life. He served with distinction in the Civil War, and came out of the struggle a Major. He was a lawyer by profession, and a man of distinction in his calling. Major Fly was a life-long Methodist and very active and devoted in his relation to the Church. He was always a member of the West Texas Conference and a prominent factor in its proceedings. He was the custodian of the Thornton bequest—a \$10,000 fund—the interest of which goes to the worn-out preachers of the conference. He was a member also of the Joint Board of Finance, and no man gave the moneys contributed to the superannuate preachers' fund more scrupulous attention than did Major Fly. He was a great and a good man, and his death will be mourned by thousands of the best people in the State. But his life ended well—he did not suffer, was not disabled, died at his post, and he has gone to the reward of the faithful. He leaves the heritage of a good name, a pure character and a spotless record. He now rests from the labors of a long and useful life and his works will follow him. Peace be to his ashes and everlasting joy to his spirit!

#### MAJOR G. W. L. FLY.

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Last week at his home in Victoria Major Fly died suddenly. He was at once the best known and most popular layman in the West Texas Conference. He had been an old citizen of Gonzales. While there he was the prominent and public-spirited man, successful lawyer at the bar, Sunday-school superintendent, steward in the Church, trustee, liberal supporter of the gospel, and the friend of every man, woman and child in need. As a pillar of the Church he was looked up to above all men in that community. For many years he has pursued the same course of prominent usefulness in the community and Church of Victoria. For over thirty-five years he has been an attendant upon the sessions of the West Texas Conference, and, I believe, once or twice a member of the General Conference. No man stood more highly among the preachers and laymen. They had learned to trust him, found him a safe counsellor, and he had proven himself to be the friend of every preacher. For many years he has been the Treasurer of the Board of Finance. When the Thornton bequest of \$10,000 for the superannuated preachers and widows and orphans of deceased ministers was placed in his hands for management it was wisely invested, and each year his report has been satisfactory and the investment remunerative. He has had an extensive law practice in the courts of West Texas, was a forcible speaker, and a man of large legal and general information. In his home, with his wife and accomplished daughters, he has always been known for his lavish hospitality. Many of the strongest articles in the Advocate in past years were written by him. He was eminently a man of God and far-sighted in his work and opinions on the spread of the gospel and the polity of the Church. His older brother, Madden, was a writer of great strength. His brother, Rev. W. D. Fly, was one of the early members of the West Texas Conference. His brother-in-law, Rev. W. H. Scot, was one of the most distinguished and eloquent men in early Texas Methodism. So conspicuous and important were his services in the Annual Conference, and at all times, that his place will be filled with difficulty. One of our best men has departed. His long life was eloquent with good deeds. His face shone with the love of God here. On the other shore he will stand among the tall servants of the King in his beauty. Here he has left the record of a massive Christian character.

#### LEGISLATIVE NOTES.

The Hon. J. F. Onion is opposed to the anti-free pass bill; but in order to get around criticism because of his use of the free pass privilege, he has introduced a bill against the evil, but excepts the State officers and members of the Legislature from its operation. He wants the latter to retain their mileage and at the same time ride on free passes.

Mr. Onion, of San Antonio, and Mr. Peeler, of Travis, made severe stricture on the Hon. O. B. Colquitt before one of the committees the other day, when the question of making the Pullman Car Co. a common carrier in Texas was before that body. They called him a "notorious ex-lobbyist and ex-attorney" for that company. Colonel Colquitt asked leave to go before the committee to reply, and he made it very interesting for those gentlemen.

When the Cold Storage bill was before the Senate last week, and Senators Stafford, Hanger and Davidson were having three spasms a minute before that body, Senator Grinnan of Brownwood injected a few additional drops of virus in their excited blood, and the antics of Mr. Hanger were sorrowful. The Senator from Brownwood shot some very important truths into their throbbing brains, and his remarks were published in the Daily News. The people have read them, and said "Amen" to his utterances. It was a bold thing in the Senator to open his mouth and tell the exact truth on this subject, but it was needed to be told. The people want to hear it, and the courts of the State need to hear it. And the Senator certainly told it!

The Legislature is finding the local option question one of the liveliest issues now pending. They are realizing that the people are in earnest on this subject, and that they do not mean to have the whiskey business shoved down their throats any longer. Senator Looney, who is the friend of local option in the Senate, proposes an amendment to the Constitution as the best means of reaching the abuses practiced by the liquorites in local option territory. This will submit the question to a direct vote of the people, and let us have it by all means. But give us, gentlemen, drastic legislation also, and that will give the people relief until we get at the amendment.

The Cold Storage and Club bill was recommitted in order to give the committee an opportunity to so frame it as to make it meet the objections urged against it on the ground that it was thought unconstitutional. Some of the antis take this vote as a test vote on the subject in the Senate. But not so. Senators McKamy, Skinner, Looney and others voted to recommit, when they are friends to the perfected measure.

The bill of Mr. O'Quinn to put a jail penalty to the law against carrying concealed weapons is in a fair way to become a law. This is right, and when we get it, the courts ought to enforce it to the letter. The pistol-toter is an enemy to the peace and order of society. His victims fill thousands of graves in Texas, and the sooner he is put in jail, the better it will be for the rest of humanity. We wonder if any member of the House wears a pistol during its sessions?

The bill now pending to make gambling a felony and gambling paraphernalia subject to conscript, ought to pass without difficulty. There is no form of evil more ruinous to the citizenship of our country than gambling. The law now forbidding it is entirely too lax and it does not meet the issue at all. But when these slick-fingered gentry find out that when they are convicted they stand a good chance to go to the penitentiary and also to have their gambling devices destroyed, they will meditate a long time before indulging their mania. Give us this law, by all means.

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TEXAS PERSONALS.

Rev. T. L. Rippey, of Ada, I. T., made the Advocate a pleasant visit the other day.

Rev. Geo. Sexton, of Galveston, passed through the city last week and called pleasantly on the Advocate.

Rev. C. P. Smith and little son, of Grapevine, called most pleasantly on us not long since. He is moving off well on his new charge.

Rev. J. C. Mimms, of Taylor, spent a day in the city recently and made the Advocate a very brotherly visit. He is moving off well in his important field.

Rev. H. C. Smith, of Fort Worth, and Bro. Geo. McGraw, of Oklahoma Territory, made us a very enjoyable visit recently. They are half-brothers and also brothers of Rev. J. T. Smith, of the Texas Conference.

Rev. V. G. Thomas, of the West Texas Conference, was in the city recently, and spent quite a time very pleasantly in our office. He also presented us a copy of the published minutes of the conference. It is a good job and a useful pamphlet.

Mrs. M. A. Morris, mother of Rev. Jno. R. Morris, of the Abilene District, died at her home in Mobile, Ala., the 17th of last month. She was a devoted and consecrated woman, and she has rounded out a successful life. Her children rise up and call her blessed.

Not long since we received a beautiful invitation to the wedding of Miss Byrd Fant and Mr. Andrew Story, which took place at the home of the bride's parents, Col. and Mrs. Dillard R. Fant, in San Antonio, the 18th of last month. The Advocate sends congratulations to the young people, and wishes for them happiness and joy.

Bro. J. E. Vernor, of the Lampasas Leader, made us a very delightful visit the other day. He was on his way to visit his married daughter at Wills Point. Bro. Vernor was at one time a most useful member of the West Texas Conference, but his voice and throat broke down on him and he had to locate. Since then he has been in the newspaper business, and he has made it a success. He still loves the Church, and gives to it his means and his service. He is a true and devoted man, and always found on the right side of all issues. It was a pleasure to meet him again and go over old times.

CHURCH NEWS.

The converts in the Welch revival now number about 30,000.

The Yearbook of the Methodist Episcopal Church for 1905 gives a total membership of 3,064,735; increase over last year, 32,817; a net gain in four years of 135,061. The number of

churches is 28,394, valued at \$135,456,621. The number of parsonages is 12,239, valued at \$22,572,106.

The Wesleyan Methodists now number 1,000,000 scholars in Sunday-schools. The increase during the last three years was 35,000.

Rev. Dr. B. F. Rawlins, formerly assistant editor of the Western Christian Advocate, died on the 11th at his home near Madison, Ind.

A young layman of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South, at El Paso, Cal., has given \$15,000 to be invested in a training school to be located in that city.

Bishop Wilson has been engaged to deliver a series of five lectures on "Missions" at the Union Theological Seminary at Richmond, Va., beginning February 2.

During the recent celebration of its centennial, the South Carolina College conferred the degree of LL. D. upon Prof. Henry Nelson Snyder, President of Wofford College.

The statue of Frances E. Willard, presented to the United States by the State of Illinois, as one of its two representatives in Statuary Hall in the Capitol, will be accepted with formal exercises on Feb. 17.

Bishop Morrison and family are now in the new and commodious episcopal residence at 1445 Henry Clay Avenue, New Orleans. A reception was tendered their many friends on Tuesday, the 10th, from 4 to 9 p. m.

On the evening of December 27 Dr. J. B. McGhee, presiding elder of the McRae District, South Georgia Conference, and his wife celebrated the fiftieth anniversary of their marriage at their home in Talboton, Ga.

Rev. A. T. Graybill, a Presbyterian missionary in Mexico, died suddenly last week. He represented the Southern Presbyterian Church, and had been in Mexico thirty years, becoming one of the most influential missionaries in that country.

Mr. George E. P. Dodge, of Chicago, left at his death \$145,000 to various benevolent institutions. The Hull House, Chicago, receives \$15,000; Chicago Commons, \$25,000; Central Church, of which Dr. Gunsaulus is pastor, \$30,000; and the American Bible Society, \$5,000.

Death has invaded the ranks of the Mississippi Conference, taking away E. F. Edgar and C. D. Cecil. Both were good men and true, and will be greatly missed. Brother Edgar was stationed at Enterprise at the recent conference, and Brother Cecil had taken the superannuated relation.

STATE SUNDAY SCHOOL COMMITTEE.

The committee appointed by the Texas conferences to select a State Sunday School Secretary, and supervise his work, met at the Publishing House in Dallas Friday, the 27th. All were present except the representative of the Texas Conference, Prof. C. C. Cody was elected chairman, V. G. Thomas Secretary and W. C. Everett Treasurer.

The matters committed to its care were thoroughly considered and plans laid for the work.

Several names were before the committee for consideration, but, lacking sufficient information, a final selection was deferred. The committee is thoroughly impressed with the importance and responsibility resting upon it to make a wise and proper selection for this important position, and the sentiment was that it would be best to make haste slowly and get full and adequate information as to the men who had been suggested.

V. G. THOMAS, Sec.

GEORGETOWN DISTRICT.

Georgetown District Conference will meet at 9 a. m. March 4, 1905, at Moody, Texas. Bishop Hoss will preside. The following committees are hereby appointed:

License to Preach—E. Hightower, C. S. Cameron, A. W. Hall. Admission—M. S. Hotchkiss, C. E. Gallagher, J. F. Tyson. Deacon's Orders—J. C. Mimms, R. A. Walker, J. S. Huckabee. Elder's Orders—W. L. Nelms, W. H. Crawford, D. C. Ellis. Opening sermon at 7:30 p. m. March 3, 1905, by M. S. Hotchkiss.

Local preachers will please prepare their reports on extent and result of their labors as the Discipline directs. I earnestly request all members of the conference to attend. J. S. CHAPMAN, P. E.

ALLEN TURNER DAVIDSON.

The last survivor of the Congress of the Confederate States, is no more. After a long and eventful life he has now been introduced to the mystery of the Infinite. He has read the riddle of life in the darkness of death. He knows it all now. The veil has been lifted and the contracted vision of earth has been expanded into the measureless profundity of eternity. Born, lived and died—behold the great epitome of man.

The announcement of the passing of this historic figure from the familiar scenes of life will awaken sorrow in many hearts from the Blue Ridges to the Unakas and the Great Smokies, for it was upon this elevated stage that his active life was spent. It was here that he began, a strong-limbed herder of cattle upon the verdant slopes and ghostly balds of the Cataloochee Mountains, that career of activity that led him by successive stages to the bar, to the Confederate Congress, to the chancel rail of the Church and to a warm place in the hearts of many of the best people of the State.

Twelve years ago he stood on the Bunk Mountain in Haywood County with a boyhood companion and pointed out the place of the lick logs where he had been wont to repair at intervals to tend the cattle pastured there and, looking fondly around at the once familiar scene, said as great tears streamed down the age-furrowed face, "Good bye, world!" That was his last visit to that sacred spot, and he said then that he would never look upon that scene again. Probably there was no tie that he had to break as age grew upon him that caused him a sharper pang than the parting from his beloved mountains. Certainly no man will be more missed by the people who live in those mountains than this man who bade them farewell so many years ago.

Colonel Davidson was a strong and rugged character. He had strong passions, strong muscles, strong intellect. He wore his heart upon his sleeve. He was open and above board in his likes and dislikes. He was a true and faithful friend and a bold and unconcealed enemy. Meeting in mid-life the stormy discords of civil strife in a community rent asunder over the question of union or disunion, it was inevitable that he should have awakened animosities.

But no man ever had any reason to doubt where Allen Davidson stood on personal, public or other questions. He spoke his mind freely and fearlessly. He hated shams and pretenses with holy hatred.

From 1865 until 1885 he was admittedly the leader of the bar of what was then known as the western circuit, extending to Cherokee in the west and to Yancey and Mitchell in the north. There was no large case tried in this section between the years named in which he did not take a conspicuous and important part. Bold, aggressive, and persistent, he stormed the defenses of his opponents with all the dash and élan of a Prentiss or a Pinckney.

Like a true poet, he was dowered with the love of loves, the scorn of scorns, the hate of hates. His sense of humor was acute and never failing. No adversity could quench it. Some of his remarks will live as long as the traditions of the old bar survive. He knew the life and habits of the mountain people better, perhaps, than any other man at the bar, and his speeches always pointed a moral and adorned a tale. Juries and Judges were swayed by his intense earnestness, for he always made his client's cause his own.

Even in old age he "was yet in love with life and raptured with the world." Strong, vigorous and healthy in mind and body, he enjoyed to the utmost the good things of life, and made no hypocritical pretense of despising them. With splendid physical development he towered among men like a giant, and fear was an alien and a stranger.

He was a kind-hearted and charitable man, loving to give of whatever he had of worldly goods, sympathy or kindly deeds. He was a faithful and affectionate husband, father, friend. A commanding and picturesque figure has passed from our midst.

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Jackson, Tenn., Jan. 20, 1905.

Telegram to and reply from Dr. J. D. Hammond, Sec. Educational Board, M. E. Church, South. He is distributing this card among the Churches:

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J. A. BRAY, Pres. College.

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J. D. HAMMOND,

Sec. Board of Education, M. E. C. S.

AFTER GAMBLERS.

We are now engaged in a strenuous effort to have removed from our city the curse of public gaming. I have not only preached repeatedly upon the subject and used my personal influence to awaken public sentiment, but I have made a personal investigation as to its existence, and have obtained reliable evidence. This evidence has been placed by myself in the hands of the proper officers, and gaming in public places has ceased—at least, for the present. But I am told that these resorts will open again for gaming as soon as District Court is over and the Grand Jury is discharged for the term. But I am in the fight until the Bishop moves me or God calls me, and I desire the prayers of my brethren that God may bless us in the removal of this evil, which is fearful here on the border, and I wish our Legislature would so amend our gaming laws as to require our peace officers to remove all gaming tables, banks or gaming devices whatsoever from every public place, and make the penalty for failure to do so a removal from office; and also require a daily inspection of such public places by some peace officer.

F. H. C. ELLIOTT,

Laredo, Texas.

BOOKS RECEIVED.

The Pastor and Modern Missions, by John R. Mott, and published by the Student Volunteer Movement, New York. This is a highly commended book, and it is written by one of the strongest men in this country.

From Sunday to Sunday, by Bishop H. C. G. Moule, and published by Armstrongs. This is a series of Bible lessons by a very competent man, and it is adapted to daily use. The Bishop is an able expositor of the Scriptures.

A Commentary of Colossians and Thessalonians, by Joseph Parker, edited by W. R. Nicoll and published by A. C. Armstrong and Co. This is an able work and a real contribution to devotional literature.

The Christian Character, by Dr. Chapman and published by Smith & Lamar at Nashville. This comprises the Cole lectures as delivered by Dr. Chapman before the Vanderbilt student body. The Doctor is one of the ablest members of the Wesleyan Methodist Conference in England and his words are wise and to the point.

The Little Brother to the Bear, by Wm. J. Long, and published by Ginn & Co. This little book comprises a number of most interesting stories on animal habits and method of living. It is wood lore, and very interesting to young people.

The Old South, by Dr. H. H. Hamill and published by Smith & Lamar. This is one of Dr. Hamill's best little books, and the subject is very inviting. It sums up and gives to the readers the

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MISSIONARY INSTITUTE.

The Vernon District Missionary Institute will convene at Matador May 4. Opening sermon at 7:30 p. m., May 3d, by Ed. R. Wallace, of Munday.

The Vernon District Conference will convene at Matador May 5th. Opening sermon by W. E. Lyon, of Seymour Station.

Let all the preachers be on hand for first service and remain for the Sunday services.

J. G. MILLER, P. E.

CHANGE IN ADDRESS.

By change of appointment made by Bishop Hoss, recently, my postoffice address will be Troy, Texas, instead of Pendletonville, Texas, as heretofore. D. C. ELLIS, P. C.

We have had the Advocate machine three or four years and it is good yet. Waco, Texas. H. A. VAUGHAN.

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### Sunday-School Department

By PROF. H. M. HAMILL, D. D.,  
Superintendent Training Work.

#### A Word of Greeting:

By appointment of the management of this paper, I am to come before its readers every week, in a column devoted to Sunday-school work. It is a hopeful sign in our Church that its Advocates are more and more interested in giving to their patrons the last and best word from the Sunday-school field of the Church. I promise to put my heart into these articles and to try faithfully to make them profitable to all classes of workers in the Sunday-school — pastor, superintendents, teachers, older scholars. If it should occur to any reader of the articles to write to me at any time, I will be glad to receive the letter and reply to it.

#### I. Church and Sunday-School.

The Church is the school. It is not a "nursery" of the Church, nor a mere creature of the Church. The best definition of the school is "the Church engaged in the study and teaching of the Scriptures," which comprehends the entire body of the Church, either as students or teachers.

The Church must supervise the school. Just as it directs its prayer-meeting, its Young Peoples' Society, Mission and Aid Societies, it should direct and administer its school. The pastor is the chief officer of the school. The Quarterly Conference is the governing power, and it should supervise the school, and see that its methods are what the Church has the right to expect of it.

The Church should provide proper instruction. It cannot absolve itself from the obligation to guard the instruction of its children and youth. It cannot relegate so grave a matter as the quality and the purity of its Bible instruction to mere chance. The time has gone by when Sunday-school teachers are to be "picked up" in haphazard fashion. It is the duty of the Church to grow its own crop of officers and teachers. Smart men who seek advertisement in their business, men whose reputation is dimmed, merely good people, are not fit representatives of the Church in the Sunday-school.

The Church should attend the school. Only by such attendance will wise supervision be exercised, and proper instruction be given. There is a stronger reason for this attendance of adult Church members in the fact that they need the systematic study of the Bible, which the school best can give. The pulpit cannot do this. The individual at home, away from the helpfulness of class study, will not attempt it.

The Church should support the school. The Church is the direct beneficiary of the work of the school. To assume supervision over it, and to profit greatly by it, fairly imposes upon the Church the duty of maintaining the school out of its treasury. Usually the contrary is the rule. The school is made to pay its running expenses, to supply its maps, charts, lesson helps, blackboards out of off rings made from Sabbath to Sabbath. The attitude of many Churches toward their schools is parsimonious in the extreme.

Per contra, the school, on its part, should be loyal to the Church. A school may be Methodist in the letter, yet false in the spirit of its polity and doctrine. A loyal Methodist school will neither "mend nor break the law, but keep it for conscience' sake." Some ambitious and assertive superintendents are a law unto themselves, turning about the provisions of the Discipline at pleasure. Officers and teachers, for instance, are chosen by the school or class. Methodist "helps" are put under ban, and outside literature is introduced in preference; rules of the Church are dealt with as antiquated; the pastor is made to feel that his presence is a sort of intrusion. Better to have the poorest superintendents, so far as educational fitness goes, provided they are loyal in word and deed to the Church.

The school should attend the preaching service of the Church. This goes with the saying. The school's chief duty is to fit and train its scholars for public worship and for Church service. A superintendent or teacher should be as much concerned that his scholars are in place under the pastor's preaching as that they are regularly in place in school and class. Indeed, in the last analysis, the higher scriptural

obligation upon the scholar in his attendance in the pew at the preaching service.

The school should be taught to know the Bible. Step by step, as the school ranges through its series of lessons, the aim should be to have the scholars know the Book with some measure of thoroughness. It is not too much to expect of the average scholar that he should attain a creditable knowledge of the Bible.

The school should be taught the history and doctrines of the Methodist Church. The knowledge of its history will inspire the young to imitate the faithfulness of the fathers. A knowledge of Methodist doctrine is essential to the making of an intelligent membership who shall be able to "give a reason for the faith that is in them."

The school should be trained in spiritual things. The great aim of the Sunday-school is evangelistic rather than educational. Its fine methods of management and teaching are to the end that the scholars may thereby be saved. To this end all that it is and does should be spiritualized. The scholars should be trained to give "unto the Lord," not as a matter of competitive giving. Attendance upon Church should be set before them as pleasing to God, not as a perfunctory act to secure recognition. Most of all, the school should seek to bring to an early decision for Christ and his kingdom those scholars who are unconverted. There ought to be no place like the Sunday-school for the perennial revival in saving souls.

February 12: Subject, "The Second Miracle in Cana." John 4:43-54.

Golden Text: "The same works that do bear witness of me, that the Father hath sent me."—John v. 36.

Topical Outline: 1. The return to Galilee. (Verses 43-45.) 2. The prayer of the nobleman for his son. (Verses 46-50.) 3. The restoration of the child. (Verses 51-54.)

Time: Late in A. D. 27.  
Places: Cana and Capernaum.

Memory Verses: 49-51. Reference Word, "Miracle."

Dr. H. M. Hamill in the World Evangelist:

Christ's first miracle at Cana was wrought in and for the home. This second miracle at Cana was also for the home. One miracle sanctified the joy of the home, the other its sorrow. There is ground for comfort and food for thought in the fact that our Lord's earlier miracle-ministry was thus begun in the home; for it is the home on which rests the welfare of Church and State, and out of which are the real issues of life.

It is worth while noting John's singular choice and use of miracles in his gospel narrative. Only eight of the forty or more recorded miracles are found in his book, and six of these are unnoted by the other writers. Every miracle of Jesus, in John's peculiar view, is "semeton," a "sign," pointing to something above and beyond itself, as the church bell is the sign of the truth to be preached beneath it. Of what, then, are these miracles severally the sign?

The answer is not easy to find. Some have held that John chose only such miracles as were direct "signs" of Jesus' divinity which his gospel specially sets forth to vindicate. But all miracles of our Lord bear this testimony. The turning of water into wine was a sign of his divine mastery of Nature, organic or inorganic, in all of her wonderful processes; as this second miracle of Cana is sign that the Lord of Nature is also Lord of Man and Master of all his states and changes. Some have held that our Lord, on this and other occasions, depreciates his own miracles, but this is far from the truth. The Golden Text of the lesson, from the mouth of Jesus himself, fixes the precise value and purpose of his miracles. "The same works that I do bear witness of me, that the Father hath sent me." Elsewhere and later, he pleaded with his critics, "If I do not the works of my Father, believe me not. But if I do, though ye believe not me, believe the works; that ye may know and believe that the Father is in me and I in him."

Now, take the Cana miracle piece by piece, and see in it Christ's wonderful way of leading from lower to higher levels of faith. The nobleman, who was probably Chuza, steward of Herod Antipas, whose palace was a little way from Capernaum, in common with others of Galilee, had heard of the signs and wonders which had stirred the heart of even Nicodemus "in Jerusalem at the feast." Faith had gone no further than believing, on hearsay, that a strange prophet had risen out of Galilee, who was bringing back the long-vanished powers of the supernatural and using them in behalf of God's chosen people. This was poor faith at best, but better than no faith at all. Nicodemus, the woman of Samaria, this nobleman of Galilee, each coming in turn into the presence of Christ, had

this measure of faith and no more. Our Lord would do two things in one—he would heal the child (Greek—"paidion," a "little one;" not at all a "young man," as given in a widely-circulated lesson commentary), and at the same time would lift up and strengthen and stimulate the father's faith, and also save him! "Except ye see signs and wonders, ye will not believe"—that is the measure of an intellectual faith that saves not. What Jesus did was to bring the father to believe in himself as the Christ and Savior of men. Infinitely better than believing about Jesus is it to believe in Him with the full heart, and to trust him on his bare word without ocular sign, as did at the last this troubled father. "Because thou hast seen . . . thou hast believed; blessed are they that have not seen, and yet have believed." It was such new-born faith in Christ himself that made Jesus to say, "Go thy way; thy son liveth." And out of such faith of the father came not only recovery of health to the boy, but the joy of salvation to himself and his house.

### Epworth League Department

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

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#### BRO. PORTER'S EXPLANATION.

It will be remembered that in discussing the status of the Assembly Movement recently mention was made of the fact that Bro. Porter had failed to appear before the Epworth League Board of the Northwest Texas Conference and no action was therefore taken by that conference. We now have a letter from Bro. Porter explaining why the matter was overlooked by him, which we are glad to publish, viz:

Mt. Calm, Texas, Jan. 27, 1905.  
Dear Bro. Thomason: Allow me to say I am glad indeed the Assembly meeting is assured. I beg also to express my deepest regrets that I failed to go before the Northwest Texas Conference Epworth League Board. I will say that I attempted twice to meet it and failed. I was on a committee that met at the same hour, and was busy at intervals as Era Agent appointed by Bishop Hoss to solicit the entire conference membership. I regret the failure with all my heart, and now beg to assure you of my heartiest support in any and every possible way. Praying for the success of the movement, I am, yours in the work.

A. D. PORTER.

#### NOTES.

The Assembly Committee is not yet ready to announce its decision in the matter of a permanent location. A number of very flattering propositions were made to the committee on its recent tour of inspection by the competing cities, and it is safe to say that the decision when finally reached will be exceedingly pleasing to our Epworth League people.

Bro. Chas. A. Spragins, pastor of our Church at Whitewright, has been appointed Missionary Secretary for the North Texas Conference. It is his desire to visit a number of the District League Conferences this year, and especially those which will hold missionary rallies. Let our North Texas Leaguers bear this in mind and arrange to have Bro. Spragins with them.

A correspondent says: "If you will write me just what you want for publication when anything happens under that head I will send it in." Let it be understood that any item bearing upon League work, whether of a social or religious nature, is desired for this department. If a special service is held, write us about it. If a special work is undertaken by your League, or a special fund is raised, communicate the fact to us. If anything is done that advances your work, hasten to give us the information.

Miss Laura L. Allison sends us a couple of splendid papers read before the Tenth Street League at Austin, and we hope to give them to our readers very soon. A report also comes to us from the Second Vice-President of this League, and it is published this week.

Our State Superintendent discusses in this issue the missionary work of

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the Junior Department. Some good suggestions are made in her article.

"The Texans will be at Denver in force. Dallas as the possible seat of the International Convention in 1907 was much discussed at the Detroit meeting and favorably too."—Epworth Era.

"Bro. Gus Thomasson, League editor of the Texas Advocate, justly calls our attention to the omission of a negative in the sentence: 'They had their Alamo and have not forgotten how to be dead in earnest.' The printers omitted the 'not,' and thus destroyed the purport of the entire 'note.'"—H. B. Anderson, in Raleigh Advocate.

"Some of our correspondents make the mistake of attaching the title of 'Rev.' to communications addressed to the editor of this department.—League Editor Thomasson, in Texas Christian Advocate. Same here, brother."—L. M. Stevenson, in Alabama Advocate.

The Birmingham (Alabama) District League held its annual session Jan. 10, the earliest on record so far as we know. A feature of the conference was a debate, the subject being: "Resolved, that modern science has quickened the faith of the Church." The judges wisely decided in the negative. The Leagues of the district subscribed \$25 toward the Granbery College fund, and the conference adjourned to meet again on April 11, 1905.

We are confident we are not receiving an exchange all the Advocates which maintain League departments. Our fellow-editors might take the hint.

The North Carolina Conference Epworth League, according to Bro. H. B. Anderson's count, has 66 Chapters and 2400 League members.

The League Department of the Southern Christian Advocate should, we think, carry at its head the address of its editor.

A new organization has been formed in the North Alabama Conference, styled a "Layman's Association." From the published report of its recent proceedings an insight is given of its purpose from this statement: "Matters pertaining to the duties and work of the laymen were discussed." We notice among the list of officers the name of Bro. L. M. Stevenson as Secretary.

We are having some illustrations made to use in connection with our write-up of the tour of inspection made by the Assembly Committee. These cuts could not be prepared in time for use this week. Special interest will attach to the cuts from the fact that they will be from snapshot views made by the editor with his kodak.

G. W. T.

**TENTH STREET, AUSTIN.**

Our League is in a prosperous condition. All of its departments are in splendid working order. Our devotional meetings are bright, lively and thoroughly spiritual, with an average attendance of seventy-five. I believe there is not a half dozen on our roll who will not take part cheerfully in these religious exercises. Our public literary meetings, which are held once a month, are well attended, and greatly enjoyed. Our pastor has charge of this feature of the Literary Department, and he has the wonderful talent of bringing to the surface the very best there is in people. He never fails to have a most interesting program well carried out in every particular. The lecture room of the church is always crowded on these occasions, and good fellowship prevails.

The Charity and Help Department reports as follows for the past two months: Papers distributed, 116; visits to sick, 150; bouquets distributed, 73; dainties to sick, 8; garments distributed, 81; cash for poor, etc., \$45.54; sat up 14 nights with sick; meals given, 6; visits to strangers, 68; conducted services at Poor Farm on Christmas Eve, and distributed fruit and flowers to each inmate. Greeted at least 150 strangers and irregular attendants both night and morning each Sunday at the preaching service.

The result of our election in December was as follows: President, A. C. Ellis; First Vice-President, Miss Clara Watkins; Second Vice-President, Mrs. A. C. Ellis; Third Vice-President, A. M. Cooke; Fourth Vice-President, Miss Era Shelby; Secretary, C. D. King, Jr.; Treasurer, Miss Mollie Allison; Era Agent, Miss Laura Allison.

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**A SHERMAN LETTER.**

After saying hurrah for the Texas Christian Advocate for being the first religious paper officially recognized by the Legislature of our great State, I want to say a few things about Sherman Methodism. Not what I have to do with it, for that is precious little, as I am here but little.

I want to say the Bishop and his cabinet made no mistake when they sent to Sherman their present pastors. Brother Scales, of Travis Street, is doing splendidly. His congregations are large and hopeful; a live Home Mission Society, good Sunday-school, a Junior League organized and flourishing; with about forty members received into the Church since conference. Brother Scales is a mover as a pastor, and his wife is helping him in his great work. The outlook for old Travis for this year is bright.

But I am to write more particularly about Key Memorial, as that is where I hold my membership now; for I have moved close to this little mission church and being a Methodist, I moved my membership close to where I live. And right here, though it is just a little off the "pint," I want to say it is a poor sort of Methodist that will go by a church of the same faith and order, to go to another of the same faith and order, just because they have a little more money, or style, over in the big church.

But we are doing finely at Key Memorial. Brother Spurlock is not a round pin in a square hole, nor a square pin in a round hole, but the pin and hole fit, and I shall not say which is the better, the square hole and the square pin, or the round hole and the round pin; for Bishop Hoss found the holes and stuck the pins in them, and if you want an explanation you must ask him.

But you want to know what we are doing at Key Memorial? Well, listen.

1. We are having some big preaching. Not bouquets scented with rose water; but the real Gospel, that makes you feel better by going to Church.

2. We are taking in members; housing God's foidless sheep. Brother Spurlock has received thirty members since conference, six weeks ago, or an average of about five a week. This is no revival meeting, either; but it beats some of them.

3. The Sunday-school has doubled since conference. We had one hundred and forty seven present last Sunday, and it was no May morning, either.

4. A Junior League has been organized by Sister Spurlock, with forty members. Let me tell you, she is a helpmeet, not a help me eat.

5. And what do you think this poor mission Church has done? Why, sir, they have actually gone and raised the preacher's salary one hundred dollars more than it was last year, and cotton going down. Don't that look like we were getting the old-time religion? Think of it; going to pay the preacher more and times getting harder, just because Parker was not elected. But, by the grace of God, we are expecting great things of our two preachers in Sherman this year. And when the great revival comes that we are praying for, and we get religion enough at Key Memorial to build a fine new church, then some of the boys who have been hitting it hard will be wanting to come to Sherman, and if Key Memorial is the place, they won't shed great tears of self-sacrifice and say their wives and children will starve.

C. L. BALLARD.

**TERRITORY LETTER.**

I am busy, consequently I am happy. The best appointment in all Methodism is a good country circuit. The assessment for the support of the ministry is nearly double what it was last year. The entire amount assessed for domestic missions is now in the hands of the conference teller.

God never said he knew Abraham until after he sat under the tree and talked with him, and then went into the tent and ate with him. No pastor knows his people until he sees them in their homes. And, just as our foreign missionary operations have salutary effect upon the home Church, so pastoral visits to those who are not Methodists draw the pastor's own people to him. Not long since I spent the night with a good Baptist, whose wife is a Cumberland Presbyterian. Her brother had recently died very suddenly and his heart broken widow, a devout Episcopalian, was visiting at their house. As I conducted family worship that night the peaceful spirit of the living God descended and abode upon us. The sad heart was cheered, the crushed and bleeding spirit was healed, the valleys were exalted and the mountains and hills were brought low, the crooked places were made straight and the rough places plain, and that refined, cultured, aristocratic woman, with the light of a perfect peace on her smiling face, said: "Brother, God sent you here to comfort and strengthen me in my great sorrow." And I realized that God had sent me there to learn afresh

the old truth: "By one Spirit are we all baptized into one body."

We are all hoping for Statehood, and so far as I can see, there is but one danger of failure. The Indian Territory Church Federation, through its secretary, has assumed the extraordinary attitude that the United States Congress must dictate a Constitution for the new State, claiming that the citizens are a helpless people, and therefore incapable of self-government.

I never could understand why preachers should persist in pretending that they are not smart. Civil and ecclesiastical government are as different in nature as it is possible for two things to be, each having in view the same object—the safety and prosperity of the people. The doctrines of personal liberty and local self-government are essentially necessary to the existence of a republic; whereas, they have not, and cannot have, any place in the government of the Church of God. Albeit republican government is the product of the Gospel.

The citizens of the new State of Oklahoma, through their chosen delegates in convention assembled, will make their own organic law, and when the machinery of the State government is set in motion under that Constitution, then all former laws and treaties at variance with its provisions will become null and void. Therefore, the legitimate functions of the Indian Territory Church Federation are to prepare the minds of the people beforehand, have the right kind of men sent to the Constitutional Convention, and then see to it that the provisions of a wise and just Constitution receives that recognition and attention at the hands of the Legislature that will make them effective. If we get Statehood, then the labors of the I. T. C. F. will, no doubt, bear fruit in the organic law of the new State. Being bounded on the north by Kansas, on the east by Arkansas, and on the south and west by Texas, and with two Methodist Conferences and about 300 Methodist pastors inside of it, it goes without saying we will have prohibition in some form. The Texas Christian Advocate is the greatest paper in Southern Methodism. Its critics only furnish it opportunity for showing the ability of its editor.

J. C. S. BAIRD.

**THE WOMAN AND THE LION.**

"In our big fire at Winters, one of the best lions got free and took refuge in a barn," writes Samuel Hopkins Adams, in McClure's. "The inhabiting cow said something to him that he didn't like, and the lion killed her. Out came the woman of the house with a bale stick and sailed into the lion. Being the king of beasts, the intruder was scared almost to death because his assailant was not afraid at all. At the first blow he retreated, snarling, into the dimmest corner. The woman's husband arrived with a gun and fired several shots into the darkness. Result: he destroyed a piece of property worth hundreds of dollars, when by merely shutting the barn door he would have kept the animal perfectly harmless until the keeper could have got him."

"Presently the trainer came hurrying up. 'Have you seen anything of a lion in your barn?'"

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The Woman's Department

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A WISH FOR THE NEW YEAR.

I ask, dear heart, this much for you: That all your wishes may come true; That, like this day, with its glad light, The coming days may be as bright; That each may be a blessing rare, Give thrice of joy for once of care, And when you set upon a quest, My wish is: may you gain the best! Thus, as the days evolve the years, May sunshine fill the place of tears, And in the garden of your heart Fresh beauties spring from every part, And love, more tender and more true, Keep all its beauties ever new!

—Horace Varnay, in The New Age.

To the Members, W. F. M. Society, Texas Conference:

I have just learned from Laredo Seminary that Mrs. S. S. Park has received serious injuries by falling from a low porch. She is suffering from a fracture of the hip bone, and although very painful, the injuries are not now considered dangerous. Let us earnestly pray for her speedy recovery.

MRS. S. PHILPOTT, Pres. Conf. Society.

Dew, Texas.

It is with regret that we learn of the serious accident which has recently befallen Mrs. S. S. Park, at Laredo Seminary, and we know that the members of the W. F. M. Society of our State, as well as of all Southern Methodism, will feel the same regret over the announcement. A sympathetic interest in this time of pain and suffering will be felt by one and all for this faithful and efficient worker in the ranks of the W. F. M. Society, one who has been connected with the work ever since its organization in our State, and who has been for years a member of the Woman's Board of Foreign Missions, of the M. E. Church, South. She has been a true and loyal servant of her Divine Master in the work assigned her, and now in old age and in physical suffering she is sustained, for underneath her are the everlasting Arms.

Report of Mrs. Thruston, Treasurer Dallas City Mission Board of Southern Methodist Churches, for the year ending January, 1905. Miss Estelle Haskin, Head Resident, Settlement Home.

Receipts: Home Missionary Society—First Church, \$171; Young Ladies' H. M. Societies, \$200; Epworth Leagues, \$19.35; total, \$120.35. Grace Church, \$289.88; Young Ladies' H. M. Societies, \$12.50; Epworth Leagues, \$12; total, \$314.28. Oak Cliff Church, \$169; Epworth Leagues, \$18; total, \$187. Erevay St. Church, \$4.25. Trinity Church, \$160.40. Oak Lawn, \$20. Cochran Chapel, 50c. Donations, \$97.51. To Miss Haskin, \$311.01. Aggregate from all sources, \$1,575.43.

Disbursements: Paid in salaries to Miss Haskin, Misses Moran and Padgett, \$513; paid rent on Home, chapel and piano, \$249.50; groceries for Home, \$255.05; house expenses, \$216.10; expended by Miss Haskin from contributions, \$211.04. Balance on hand, 74 cents; \$1,575.43. Subscribed to the building fund, \$2,788.85. Respectfully submitted.

MRS. S. D. THRUSTON, Treas. City Mission Board.

"GONE HOME."

Thursday morning, Jan. 19th, Mrs. Myrta B. Perkins, wife of Judge Jas. I. Perkins, of this place, left us for her eternal home. She was a faithful member of the W. H. M. S. of Rusk, and we will surely miss her help and counsel. She leaves a large family and a host of friends, but they sorrow not as others who have no hope. We expect to see her again "When the day dawns and the shadows flee away."

MRS. L. B. ELROD, Rusk, Texas.

NOTICE.

In the W. F. M. S., Northwest Texas Conference, District Secretaries have been appointed as follows: Colorado District, Mrs. J. W. E. Gilliland, of Colorado; Dublin District, Miss Mattie Nutt, of Granbury.

MRS. MARY E. BULLOCK, Pres. Conf. Society, Lorena, Texas.

FROM BOWIE, NORTH TEXAS CONFERENCE.

Another year with its pleasures and sorrows has passed away. To many it has been full of sunshine, while to others it has been almost an unbroken cloud, a shadow dark and heavy. But

Allen's Lung Balsam will positively break up a deep, racking cough past relief by other means.

we hope the new year will bring many and great blessings to all.

The Home Mission Society of Bowie starts out with bright prospects for the coming year. Our little band of women met every week the past year, the first Monday in each month being given to business meetings, the rest devoted to Bible study and the reading course. Our pastor, Bro. R. G. Wood, is ever ready to assist us in any possible way, meeting with us each second Monday after to conduct the Bible study. A box was sent to the Rescue Home, Dallas, early in the year, and we are waiting to get the name of some needy preacher's family that we may send necessary clothing, etc. The week of prayer was observed by the "faithful few," much spiritual good being derived from the services. We served dinner during the Street Fair in December and cleared a very nice sum. We have recently placed a new side-board and dining chairs in the parsonage, and are preparing to put new carpeting in the church when we have taken "spring housecleaning." Just now we are busy and hopeful for our Easter Bazaar, which we anticipate having in April.

May God abundantly bless our labors and the women engaged in his work. MRS. W. H. BEAUCHAMP, Press Reporter.

SOWING WHILE YOU SLEEP.

The following quotation from Rev. G. B. F. Hallock, D. D., is timely. He says:

"In telling the parable of the wheat and the tares our Lord said that it was 'while men slept' that the enemy came and accomplished his nefarious work. That one sentence needs to be deeply pondered, for it offers the explanation of much that is mysterious in life. No man who is wide-awake will allow the enemy to corrupt his field. Man's sleep is the enemy's opportunity. If we will look carefully out upon life, we cannot fail to see that the presence of much evil among us is really due to carelessness—to carelessness on the part of those who ought to watch.

"This is true in the spiritual life. By carelessness men fail to become Christians. 'While men slept' the sleep of carelessness or indifference their opportunities slipped away. It is true of many a man that 'gray hairs are here and there upon him, yet he knoweth it not.' Many a man who is growing old is sleepily unconscious of the fact that both his time and his opportunity for becoming a Christian are indeed slipping away—will soon be gone. Then, too, 'while men slept' Satan sows tares; he occupies the soil with evil. He occupies it so fully that good really gets no chance to grow, and the crop gets heavier as the man grows older. It is harder to get rid of it, even if the man were to awake.

"By carelessness Christians lose their spirituality. They are like men in a flowing stream, in a boat. They drift while asleep. A young man looked at his watch and remarked: 'It has been losing time lately.' He was a professing Christian, but had grown thoughtless and careless. The friend to whom he addressed the remark looked him earnestly in the face and said: 'Have you been losing time lately?' The young man understood. He testified that that one earnest sentence brought him back from his spiritual indifference and life wanderings. Look out, fellow-Christians, for what Satan may be sowing in the soil of your heart and life while you carelessly or indifferently sleep. \* \* \* Much evil is beyond our power of prevention, but much also is due to our lack of vigilance. Our foe works in the darkness, and it is precisely because of this that we need incessant vigilance."

It is especially important that the members of the Woman's Foreign Missionary Society should be alert and watchful. Do not allow your auxiliary to disband. If there is even one who suggests such a thing, read "Why Our Society Did Not Disband." As long as there is one faithful member, or two or three, let them remember the promise. We know of one instance, and have heard of others, where one solitary woman went to the church, rang the bell, and as no one came, she carried out the whole programme, reading reports and leaflet, collecting dues and pledges as carefully as if there were many present; this she did for several months before another soul appeared upon the scene. After a while the fact was noised abroad and out of pure shame and sympathy others crept in from time to time, until a vigorous society was the result. That one woman saved the cause.

Circulate missionary literature so thickly that there will be no space for tares. "What I say unto one, I say unto all, Watch."

MARRIED.

Meyer-Dalton.—At the residence of the officiating minister, Goldthwaite, Mills County, Texas, Jan. 22, 1905, Mr. Gus Meyer and Miss Ola Dalton, Rev. G. W. Templin officiating.

Pace-Duke.—At the home of the bride's parents, near Alto, Texas, on the 1st day of January, 1905, R. M. Pace and Miss Henrietta Duke, Rev. D. S. Burke officiating.

Blanton-Fisher.—At the home of the bride's parents in Alto, Texas, on the 25th day of January, 1905, Byron Blanton and Miss Fannie Fisher, Rev. D. S. Burke officiating.

Morgan-Andrus.—At Big Springs, Texas, December 19, 1904, Mr. Hardy Morgan and Miss Bessie Andrus, Rev. C. A. Evans officiating.

Dean-Atwood.—At Big Springs, Texas, December 28, 1904, Mr. T. J. Dean and Miss Ralph Atwood, Rev. C. A. Evans officiating.

Brown-Hubbert.—At San Saba, Texas, January 22, 1905, Mr. G. W. Brown and Miss Lillie Hubbert, Rev. T. F. Dimmitt officiating.

Coates-Traylor.—At Olivia, Texas, January 21, 1905, Henry E. Coates and Miss Addie Traylor, Rev. W. H. Nelson officiating.

Taylor-Gulley.—At Lometa, Texas, January 25, 1905, Mr. James S. Taylor, of Lampasas, and Miss Alma Gulley, Rev. David Morgan officiating.

Bitting-Darlington.—At the home of the bride's parents in Manor, Texas, Jan. 18, 1905, Mr. Lee Bitting and Miss Florence Darlington, Rev. J. W. Harmon officiating.

Ragsdale-Minor.—At the parsonage in Coffeetown, Texas, Dec. 30, 1904, Mr. B. F. Ragsdale and Miss Mollie Minor, Rev. P. R. White officiating.

Laird-Houston.—At the parsonage in Coffeetown, Texas, Dec. 20, 1904, Mr. Paul Laird and Miss Edna Houston, Rev. P. R. White officiating.

Felder-Spoon.—At the parsonage in Montague, Texas, Dec. 12, 1904, Mr. J. N. Felder and Miss Ethel Spoon, both of Dye Mound, Texas, Rev. W. J. Palmer officiating.

McElroy-Thomas.—At the home of the bride's parents, Mt. Tabor, Dec. 18, 1904, Mr. Wm. McElroy and Miss Thomas, Rev. W. J. Palmer officiating.

Neighbors-McClelland.—At the parsonage in Montague, Texas, Mr. Will R. Neighbors and Miss Lula McClelland, both of Woodland, Rev. W. J. Palmer officiating.

Walker-Prentice.—At the parsonage in Montague, Texas, Mr. Harry J. Walker and Miss Bessie Prentice, both of Woodland, Rev. W. J. Palmer officiating.

Parr-Trice.—At the parsonage in Montague, Texas, Jan. 18, 1905, Mr. J. W. Parr and Miss Josie Trice, both of Mt. Tabor, Texas, Rev. W. J. Palmer officiating.

Fast-Adams.—At the home of Mr. Williams, Montague, Texas, Jan. 21, 1905, Mr. B. B. East and Miss M. E. Adams, both of the Indian Territory, Rev. W. J. Palmer officiating.

McGee-Jones.—At the home of the bride's parents, two miles west of Montague, Texas, Jan. 22, 1905, Mr. G. E. McGee and Miss Emma Jones, Rev. W. J. Palmer officiating.

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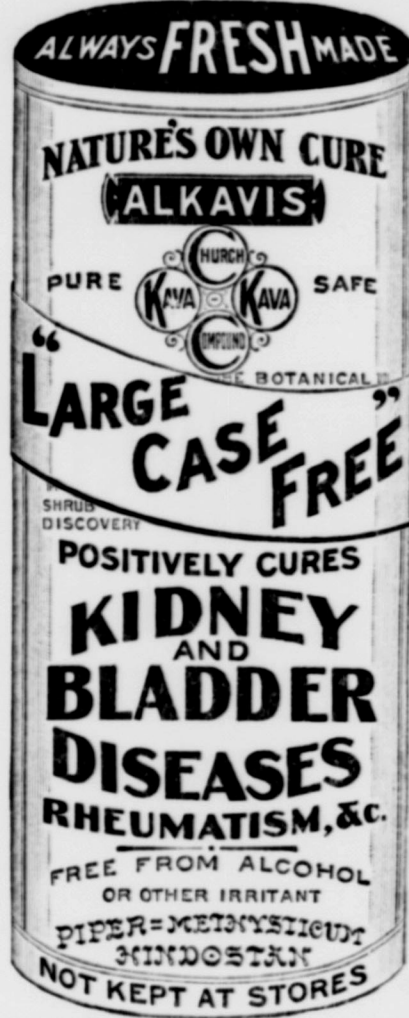
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UNANSWERED LETTERS.

Jan. 26.—A. B. Davidson, subs. J. B. Wood, subs. J. N. Hunter, subs. Ross Williams, subs. C. G. Shutt, subs. J. D. Dorsey, subs. C. H. Armstrong, subs. J. C. Mimms, o. k. W. A. Manly, subs. J. H. Taylor, subs. W. W. Horner, subs. L. L. Nangle, subs. A. H. Hussey, subs and serial subs. B. T. Hayes, subs. Marvin Rowden, o. k. F. H. C. Elliott, subs. E. S. Hursey, subs. J. S. Simmons, subs. H. T. Swartz, subs. S. W. Thomas, subs. R. L. McIntyre, subs. H. A. Hodges, subs. Jno. R. Morris, subs. M. H. Read, subs. L. F. Smith, subs. J. T. Bloodworth, subs. has attention. J. T. Fariss, subs. Jan. 27.—A. L. Moore, subs. C. A. Evans, subs. J. L. Rice, subs. R. A. Waltrip, subs. H. A. Hodges, subs. Jan. 28.—J. Sam Hareus, subs. G. S. Sandel, subs. F. O. Miller, subs. L. A. Hanson, subs. A. D. Porter, subs. I. M. Brooks, subs. J. T. H. Miller, subs. W. H. Brooks, subs. C. H. Ledzer, subs. have attention. C. S. Field, correction made. W. W. Goldhugh, subs. J. A. Pledger, subs. and trial subs. T. W. Ellis, subs. Jan. 29.—Wm. M. Foster, subs. J. E. Buck, subs. S. Crutchfield, has attention. E. H. Sawyer, subs. F. O. Favre, subs. T. R. Vinson, subs. C. E. Gallagher, subs. R. Paire, subs. R. R. Moreland, subs. C. H. Armstrong, subs. T. H. Morris, subs. S. H. Morgan, subs. V. A. Godbey, subs. S. P. Nevill, subs. Jan. 31.—S. W. Lowe, subs. Claude B. Smith, subs. R. L. Ely, subs. J. M. Swenton, subs. Feb. 1.—Ellis Smith, subs. E. T. Bates, subs. J. A. King, subs. W. F. Hardy, subs. J. M. Mills, subs. M. H. Hudson, subs. Samuel Weaver, subs. L. P. Smith, change. O. P. Kiker, subs. B. T. Hayes, subs. B. C. Anderson, subs. J. D. Crockett, subs. J. W. Story, subs. Minor Bonds, subs. C. H. Armstrong, subs. BETTER THAN SPANKING. Spanking does not cure children of urine dim cutties. If it did there would be few children that would do it. There is a constitutional cause for this. Mrs. M. Summers, box 187, 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't help it. On January 24 Senator Charles A. Culberson was unanimously re-elected. The most prominent assertions made during the course of his speech of acceptance was the declaration that if the Democratic party would remain in control of the State Government in the future, as it had in the past, it must deserve the confidence of the people, and that not one of the platform demands of the party should go without redemption. If the Baby is Cutting Teeth. Be sure to use that old and well-tried remedy, Mrs. Winslow's SOOTHING SYRUP, for children teething. It soothes the child, softens the gums, allays all pain, cures wind colic and is the remedy for diarrhoea. Twenty-five cents a bottle.

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MY DEAR

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Mrs. L. A.

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per and make anew the inside of it, and with some other improvements that are on foot we will have a very desirable place to live. The entire charge seems to be taking on new life and the outlook for the year is very promising. Have arranged with Bros. Birdwell and Tooley to help us in our spring meetings. We go forward expecting to do a great work for God and his Church.

**MY DEAR GIRLS:**  
On the 23d of February we shall have our annual reception. I shall be pleased to have as many of you present as can come.  
For the Alumnae I like to think of these receptions as a home-coming, a great family reunion, when you come back to me as "my girls," when "your graceful ease and sweetness void of pride" is an inspiration to the younger members of my college family growing up about me. For these same younger sisters such social occasions are a necessary part of their education. If every woman were a gracious hostess and an appreciative guest we would have an almost ideal social life. I hold the thought that a knowledge of the amenities of polite society is as essential to a girl as is a knowledge of text-books.

**Coleman Mission.**  
D. C. Pearson, Jan. 26: This is a new mission formed by our much beloved presiding elder, W. H. Matthews, who wisely planned all of his work. We know nothing of how bad it makes a poor preacher and his family feel to be so shamefully pounded as some of our brethren seem to have been. We serve a people as good as the best, who seem to know how to appreciate a Methodist preacher, though he may chance to be a supply. The Lord graciously blessed our labors last year. We are praying and planning for larger things this year.

Emerson says that good manners are the regalia of civilization and are the subtle telegrams that reveal to us the man.  
Graciousness of manner and politeness of demeanor can never be developed to the fullest without having consideration of the comfort and happiness of others. The woman who, in self-indulgence, neglects the accessories of refined life and stonches in untidy apparel, is as much to be condemned as her frivolous sister who spends too much time on forms and ceremonials.

**Haskell Mission.**  
I. L. Mills: The first Sunday after conference we met the appointment in our new field. The people received us very kindly, and as there was no home for the preacher, they set about at once to build, and the result is that we now have a neat parsonage; while it is not entirely finished, yet we are in it and are comfortable. In addition to the great kindness of the people in building the house, just as we were well indoors, the pounding came in form due and ancient; good things in abundance. A thousand blessings upon the heads and hearts of those good people and all others who have contributed. May the good Lord help us to prove worthy of these tokens of kindness and respect. We enter upon the work of the new year with good prospects, trusting that the result of the year's work will be the bringing of many precious souls to Christ. Let me say to all who may have occasion to write to me, please address me at Pinkerton, Haskell County, Texas.

Let us strike a happy medium and look our best and do our best, always remembering that the humblest domestic virtue or the most profound intellectual development is not incompatible with the highest refinement, and the highest refinement is only to be attained through Christian education. Yours cordially,  
**L. A. KIDD-KEY.**  
A very pleasant break in the monotony of school life was the visit of the "Gould party" on Saturday morning. They had time for only a few words of greeting to Mrs. Key, but expressed the wish that they might spend the day with the girls who greeted them on the campus with their bright faces and shining silver buttons. Our own Mr. Randolph was in the party and most heartily welcomed. Before leaving the city these appreciative gentlemen sent Mrs. Key a profusion of most beautiful flowers.  
Mr. Wendling's lecture on "Unseen Realities" was a spiritual and intellectual treat. The most commonplace things of life were illumined by his poetic fancy and intellectual insight. More than that, seen from Mr. Wendling's standpoint, they are the daily and hourly witnesses to the greatest of all realities—Christ and immortality.

**NORTH TEXAS CONFERENCE.**  
Allen.  
J. D. Hudgins, Jan. 29: After spending three very pleasant years at Weston, I was read out for Allen. In three days I was on the move. Bro. Coale had everything arranged for our reception, so everything was ready. The ladies prepared a fine dinner at the parsonage, to which many of the brethren came, and we had a fine reception. The pounding came in due time, and still it comes, and we are always in the receptive mood; therefore, we are still extending the invitation. Come on; we shall never get mad, even though they persist in this matter all year. Our first Quarterly Conference was a grand success. Our presiding elder was on hand, and, my! how Clark can preach. My people were delighted. Our year starts off o. k. We have a fine body of men for stewards and have made liberal assessments, and our trustees have sold the old parsonage and bought an elegant parsonage close to the church, so we will have pleasant quarters.

**Mrs. L. A. KIDD-KEY, President.**

**NOTES FROM THE FIELD.**

Continued from page 5.  
ing, and all but two were present at the business session of the Quarterly Conference. This country has suffered much during the past four years. Two years it suffered a scourge of grasshoppers, and two years the drought has hurt the people. Many of our best people have gone farther west, and some of our most faithful ones have passed from earth to heaven. But those who remain have proved loyal and true and faithful to the vows taken when they became members of the Methodist Church. A nobler people and a more earnest, faithful Board of Stewards than are these cannot be found. All are entering heartily into the work and the indications are that this will prove a prosperous and fruitful year for Breckenridge Circuit. A liberal assessment has been made for the support of the pastor, and a fine beginning in the way of collections has also been made. Yes, this preacher is pleased. It would not be right to close this letter without making mention of two men whose influence has been and is to-day mighty for good throughout all this country. The Methodist Church and the cause of Christ generally have had no worthier, abler champions in this country than Revs. T. M. Price and A. P. Payne. No longer able on account of advancing age and bodily infirmities to labor as in past years, their influence is still a power for good, and they are an inspiration to this boy preacher. God bless them and the faithful women who have through many years shared their joys and sorrows and helped to bear their burdens.

**The Climax Reached.**

J. R. Atchley: Last Saturday the good people of Marvin sent to this preacher and family, through that prince among laymen, J. J. Hamilton, a wagon load of groceries—and such a pounding! Who ever heard of a preacher getting seven large joints of meat, five large hams and two large shoulders, a hundred pounds of flour, three and a half gallons of lard, a coop of chickens, two dollars' worth of sugar, a box of fruit, and everything else in proportion? Ye station preachers, don't your mouths water? Don't you long to be a circuit rider? May the Lord supply these good people with all spiritual blessings and make us worthy of such tokens of love.

**Crafton.**

P. W. Byrd: We have been around to the appointments on Crafton Circuit twice since the Annual Conference. Our people, in the main, have received us kindly. There are some efforts being made to advance the cause on this charge. We have one new church about done that has been built since conference. One old church has been repainted. There is much that ought to be done. I have been hindered by sickness of my family and my horse, that pulls my buggy. Our Quarterly Conference will soon be on hand. We hope the official brethren will attend.

**Rosston and Myra.**

W. B. Bayless, Jan. 24: This is a new work organized at conference at Bonham. I think after having gone around the field that it is a splendid work. Our people seem to be good and kind and religious, for the most part. My congregations are large and very attentive; also appreciative. The

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<p><b>POST OAK CIRCUIT,</b> by Bishop Keener. This is one of the masterpieces of English literature. It has stood the test of nearly sixty years, and is more popular to-day than at any time in its history. If the reader of these lines has any stewards or other laymen that are indifferent to the financial claims of the Church and need treatment, this book will do the business. Interesting, amusing and entertaining, it deals sledge hammer blows all along the way. Every preacher would do himself and his people a very substantial favor by giving this book a wide circulation in his work. Former price 60c each, but the new price is only 30 cents each.</p>	<p><b>BIBLE TOOLS,</b> by Rev. John H. Nichols, of the Tennessee Conference, is unique, rich, rare and racy, and has made for itself its own peculiar place in Methodist literature. The book combines in one volume all the writings of this well known author on doctrinal subjects. The Pump, Sprinkler, Grub Ax, Shipwreck, and many others, are included in the volume. It is a neat, cloth-bound, 12mo. volume, which has all along sold for \$1.00. By having it published in large editions, we can now sell it for 50c a copy. This is the first time this book has been offered at this price, and we are predicting a very large sale.</p>
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Board of Stewards met and assessed \$815 for ministerial support—a good assessment. The first Quarterly Conference is past. Bro. J. A. Stafford, presiding elder, presided well. He preached four good sermons, to the satisfaction of the people. He makes a good presiding elder, and I have been associated with him for several years. He is faithful to his trust. I am well pleased with my work. Bros. A. P. Hightower and R. E. Porter both wrought well in these parts. Revs. J. W. Tincher, D. F. Fuller and others have sown the seeds, and we trust we may, by the grace of God, reap the harvest.

**Reinhardt Circuit.**

R. B. Moreland, Jan. 30: At the conference at Bonham we were returned to this charge for another year. We have been very cordially received by the people and start out with bright prospects for a good year. Our first Quarterly Conference was held the 1st Sunday in January; had a good attendance of officials. Our "old" new presiding elder was with us. Of course it was a success every way. The stewards raised the salary \$50, notwithstanding one church (Lago) was cut out this year, and reported \$115.95. We are preparing to repaint our church at Rose Hill, also expect to improve our church at Reinhardt during the year, and last, but not least, the good people of Reinhardt gave us a "genuine" pounding last Friday night, for which we are very grateful, and hope that we may, by the help of God, repay them in spiritual things.

**Sulphur Springs District.**

John E. Roach: At the call of the presiding elder, C. B. Fladger, the preachers of the Sulphur Springs District held an informal conference at Cumby, Texas, January 25 and 26. An arrangement was made to hold protracted meetings in some of the most needy places during the winter and spring. The pastors responded to calls made upon them for help in these special meetings. It was resolved to pay the debt upon the district parsonage during this present quarter, and have the foreign mission money in hand by April 1. The meeting was enthusiastic. The presiding elder and pastors were unusually hopeful. Another meeting will be held fifth Sunday in April, at Birthright. We hope to be a blessing to ourselves and likewise to the Churches entertaining us.

**WEST TEXAS CONFERENCE.**

Hallettsville.  
R. S. Adair, Jan. 23: We have been moving along very nicely since conference. The people have been very kind

to us. We have had very good congregations, and the work all around is "looking up." Yesterday was a great day with us in Hallettsville. We did what seemed to be, and what the people believed to be, the impossible. We got rid of a debt of about \$540 on the parsonage. The Conference Home Mission Society had granted us a donation of \$150, but we found we could not get it till the property was freed from all encumbrance. We had driven up against a hard proposition. One note was overdue, cotton is low and money scarce, but something had to be done; so we presented the matter at 11 o'clock and secured enough (including what we are to get from the society) to wipe out the whole debt, though the other notes will not be due till one and two years hence. Nothing like it has happened with us before. Do you blame us for feeling good? We are due Conference Home Mission Society a thousand thanks for their help. The local society, under the leadership of Sister S. G. Tarkington, has wrought well, and has made it possible for us to succeed. We have a nice parsonage, practically paid for. We thank God and take courage.

**Shiner.**

E. P. Ledbetter, Jan. 24: We reached Shiner the 18th of November and found the parsonage in readiness for us. Two of the good ladies of our Church met us at the depot and conveyed us to our new home, where we found others waiting to bid us welcome. An elegant dinner had been prepared by these good sisters and was greatly enjoyed by the new pastor and his companion. We found the parsonage comfortably furnished, a nice turnip patch in the garden, a number of nice hens singing in the back yard, and many other things to make the place homelike and comfortable. On the following day the pounding began and did not cease until the pantry was wellnigh full of good things to cook. The people have treated us royally since we have been their pastor, and we hope that they will never have cause to regret that we are here. Our first Quarterly Conference was held last Saturday and Sunday. Bro. Wilson, our presiding elder, was with us and did some excellent preaching. The house was crowded at all the devotional services, and we believe that the fruits of these sermons will bring sheaves into the garner of God during this year.

**Red Rock.**

Effie Osborn: Last year it fell our lot to serve the Webberville Circuit, among people with whom we had been reared, and of course spent a very pleasant year, regardless of afflictions. The people were so good and kind to us; it seems that we could never thank them enough, but the time came when we must sep-

arate; so on the 29th of December we bade farewell to friends and loved ones, and started for Red Rock, Cedar Creek Circuit. We were on the road all day. About 5 o'clock we drove into town, perfect strangers, and began to unload at the parsonage. In a few minutes the good faces began to appear and find out what they could do for us, to make us comfortable for the night. They are still coming in to see us, and seems like the pounding is going to last all of the year. I never met a nicer, more friendly set of people, and we are well pleased so far. The parsonage is very small, only two rooms with hall between, and we have no water. The parsonage is beautifully located and on the railroad—a very nice place for it. We have no church here; preach in schoolhouse, but have the land for a church by the parsonage. The people have gone to work to see what they can do, and I am satisfied will go as far as they are able. Now, here is a chance for somebody to do good; so many are able to help these people a little, and they certainly do need it, and will appreciate it. Most of the charges have churches now, and finished parsonages. Now, let them sit and think for a few moments of the people of Red Rock who need a church so bad, and are not able to build, and I hope and pray that some one will open their hearts and help them. We have not been out much yet among the members. The weather has been so bad; but hope to soon. May the Lord help us to do a good work on the circuit, and may many souls be brought to Him during the year. Pray for us, brethren, sisters, friends and loved ones, that we may do the work that is placed in our hands in a way that when our time comes to leave this place the Lord will say: "Well done, thou good and faithful servant." The Lord bless these good people and the ones we have just left.

People who throw out flattery always look for it to grow before they catch it on the rebound.

**Good News for Asthma Sufferers.**

We are glad to announce that the Kola Plant, recently discovered on the Congo River, West Africa, has proved itself a sure cure of asthma, as claimed at the time. We have received the testimony of ministers of the gospel, doctors, business men and farmers, all speaking of the marvelous curative power of this new discovery.

Mrs. L. D. York, of Henderson, Mo., writes, thanks be to my God and the Kola Compound I am now completely cured of Asthma after many years of suffering. Hon. L. C. Clute, of Manchester, Iowa, writes, was permanently cured of Asthma after eighteen years severe suffering and want other sufferers to know that the Kola Compound did it. Mr. E. B. Hume, 1345 Arch St., Philadelphia, Pa., a widely known traveler writes was cured after physicians and everything else failed and I tried all so-called remedies known. Mrs. Sadie Montgomery, Lapel, Ind., writes, I could not lie down or walk fast for several years but the Kola Compound cured me, although every other remedy failed.

To prove to you beyond doubt its wonderful curative power, the Kola Importing Co., No. 1161 Broadway, New York, will send a large case of the Kola Compound Free by mail to every reader of the Texas Christian Advocate who suffers from any form of Asthma. This is very fair, and we advise sufferers to send for a case. It costs you nothing and you should surely try it.

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# The Woman's Department

Conducted in the interest of the W. F. M. Society and the W. H. M. Society. Address all communications to Mrs. Florence E. Howell, 170 Masten Street, Dallas, Texas.

## A WISH FOR THE NEW YEAR.

I ask, dear heart, this much for you: That all your wishes may come true; That, like this day, with its glad light, The coming days may be as bright; That each may be a blessing rare, Give thrice of joy for once of care, And when you set upon a quest, My wish is: may you gain the best! Thus, as the days evolve the years, May sunshine fill the place of tears, And in the garden of your heart Fresh beauties spring from every part, And love, more tender and more true, Keep all its beauties ever new!

—Horace Varney, in The New Age.

To the Members, W. F. M. Society, Texas Conference:

I have just learned from Laredo Seminary that Mrs. S. S. Park has received serious injuries by falling from a low porch. She is suffering from a fracture of the hip bone, and although very painful, the injuries are not now considered dangerous. Let us earnestly pray for her speedy recovery.

MRS. S. PHILPOTT, Pres. Conf. Society.

Dew, Texas.

It is with regret that we learn of the serious accident which has recently befallen Mrs. S. S. Park, at Laredo Seminary, and we know that the members of the W. F. M. Society of our State, as well as of all Southern Methodism, will feel the same regret over the announcement. A sympathetic interest in this time of pain and suffering will be felt by one and all for this faithful and efficient worker in the ranks of the W. F. M. Society, one who has been connected with the work ever since its organization in our State, and who has been for years a member of the Woman's Board of Foreign Missions, of the M. E. Church, South. She has been a true and loyal servant of her Divine Master in the work assigned her, and now in old age and in physical suffering she is sustained, for underneath her are the everlasting Arms.

Report of Mrs. Thruston, Treasurer Dallas City Mission Board of Southern Methodist Churches, for the year ending January, 1905. Miss Estelle Haskin, Head Resident, Settlement Home.

Receipts: Home Missionary Society—First Church, \$171; Young Ladies' H. M. Societies, \$200; Epworth Leagues, \$19.35; total, \$420.35. Grace Church, \$289.88; Young Ladies' H. M. Societies, \$12.50; Epworth Leagues, \$12; total, \$314.38. Oak Cliff Church, \$169; Epworth Leagues, \$18; total, \$187. Ervay St. Church, \$54.25. Trinity Church, \$160.40. Oak Lawn, \$30. Cochran Chapel, 50c. Donations, \$97.51. To Miss Haskin, \$311.04. Aggregate from all sources, \$1,575.43.

Disbursements: Paid in salaries to Miss Haskin, Misses Morgan and Padgett, \$513; paid rent on Home, chapel and piano, \$249.50; groceries for Home, \$255.05; house expenses, \$246.10; expended by Miss Haskin from contributions, \$311.04. Balance on hand, 74 cents; \$1,575.43. Subscribed to the building fund, \$2,788.85. Respectfully submitted.

MRS. S. D. THRUSTON, Treas. City Mission Board.

## "GONE HOME."

Thursday morning, Jan. 19th, Mrs. Myrta B. Perkins, wife of Judge Jas. I. Perkins, of this place, left us for her eternal home. She was a faithful member of the W. H. M. S. of Rusk, and we will surely miss her help and counsel. She leaves a large family and a host of friends, but they sorrow not as others who have no hope. We expect to see her again "When the day dawns and the shadows flee away."

MRS. L. B. ELROD.

Rusk, Texas.

## NOTICE.

In the W. F. M. S., Northwest Texas Conference, District Secretaries have been appointed as follows: Colorado District, Mrs. J. W. E. Gilliland, of Colorado; Dublin District, Miss Mattie Nutt, of Granbury.

MRS. MARY E. BULLOCK, Pres. Conf. Society.

Lorena, Texas.

## FROM BOWIE, NORTH TEXAS CONFERENCE.

Another year with its pleasures and sorrows has passed away. To many it has been full of sunshine, while to others it has been almost an unbroken cloud, a shadow dark and heavy. But

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## MARRIED.

Meyer-Dalton.—At the residence of the officiating minister, Goldthwaite, Mills County, Texas, Jan. 22, 1905, Mr. Gus Meyer and Miss Ola Dalton, Rev. G. W. Templin officiating.

Pace-Duke.—At the home of the bride's parents, near Alto, Texas, on the 1st day of January, 1905, R. M. Pace and Miss Henrietta Duke, Rev. D. S. Burke officiating.

Blanton-Fisher.—At the home of the bride's parents in Alto, Texas, on the 25th day of January, 1905, Byron Blanton and Miss Fannie Fisher, Rev. D. S. Burke officiating.

Morgan-Andrus.—At Big Springs, Texas, December 19, 1904, Mr. Hardy Morgan and Miss Bessie Andrus, Rev. C. A. Evans officiating.

Dean-Atwood.—At Big Springs, Texas, December 28, 1904, Mr. T. J. Dean and Miss Ralph Atwood, Rev. C. A. Evans officiating.

Brown-Hubbert.—At San Saba, Texas, January 22, 1905, Mr. G. W. Brown and Miss Lillie Hubbert, Rev. T. F. Dimmitt officiating.

Coates-Traylor.—At Olivia, Texas, January 21, 1905, Henry E. Coates and Miss Addie Traylor, Rev. W. H. Nelson officiating.

Taylor-Gulley.—At Lometa, Texas, January 25, 1905, Mr. James S. Taylor, of Lampasas, and Miss Alma Gulley, Rev. David Morgan officiating.

Bitting-Darlington.—At the home of the bride's parents in Manor, Texas, Jan. 18, 1905, Mr. Lee Bitting and Miss Florence Darlington, Rev. J. W. Harmon officiating.

Ragsdale-Minor.—At the parsonage in Coffeville, Texas, Dec. 30, 1904, Mr. B. F. Ragsdale and Miss Mollie Minor, Rev. P. R. White officiating.

Laird-Houston.—At the parsonage in Coffeville, Texas, Dec. 20, 1904, Mr. Paul Laird and Miss Edna Houston, Rev. P. R. White officiating.

Felder-Spoon.—At the parsonage in Montague, Texas, Dec. 12, 1904, Mr. J. N. Felder and Miss Ethel Spoon, both of Dye Mound, Texas, Rev. W. J. Palmer officiating.

McElroy-Thomas.—At the home of the bride's parents, Mt. Tabor, Dec. 18, 1904, Mr. Wm. McElroy and Miss Thomas, Rev. W. J. Palmer officiating.

Neighbors-McClelland.—At the parsonage in Montague, Texas, Mr. Will R. Neighbors and Miss Lula McClelland, both of Woodland, Rev. W. J. Palmer officiating.

Walker-Prentice.—At the parsonage in Montague, Texas, Mr. Harry J. Walker and Miss Bessie Prentice, both of Woodland, Rev. W. J. Palmer officiating.

Parr-Trice.—At the parsonage in Montague, Texas, Jan. 18, 1905, Mr. J. W. Parr and Miss Josie Trice, both of Mt. Tabor, Texas, Rev. W. J. Palmer officiating.

Fast-Adams.—At the home of Mr. Williams, Montague, Texas, Jan. 21, 1905, Mr. B. B. East and Miss M. E. Adams, both of the Indian Territory, Rev. W. J. Palmer officiating.

McGee-Jones.—At the home of the bride's parents, two miles west of Montague, Texas, Jan. 22, 1905, Mr. G. F. McGee and Miss Emma Jones, Rev. W. J. Palmer officiating.

Four of the leading cotton manufacturing concerns of Canada, representing a capital of some \$10,000,000 and employing nearly 6,000 hands, have formed a trust to centralize their interests at Montreal. The trust so organized is composed of companies having a total capitalization of \$5,833,600 in stock and \$4,164,000 in bonds, each company representing the following amounts: Dominion Cotton Company, \$3,023,600 stock and \$3,354,000 bonds; Merchants Cotton Company \$1,500,000 stock and \$160,000 bonds; Montmorency Cotton Company, \$1,000,000 stock, \$550,000 bonds, and Colonial Cotton Bleaching Company, \$30,000 stock and \$100,000 bonds.

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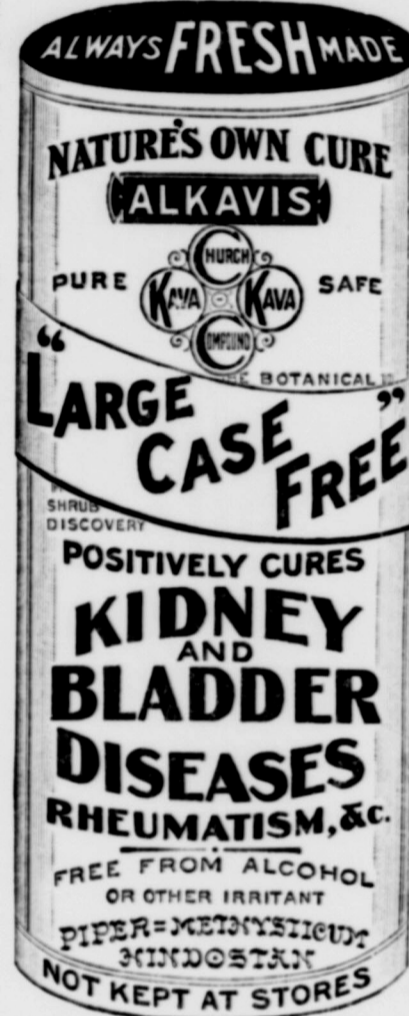
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## UNANSWERED LETTERS.

Jan. 26.—A. B. Davidson, subs. J. B. Wood, subs. J. N. Hunter, subs. Ross Williams, subs. C. G. Shutt, subs. J. D. Dorsey, subs. C. H. Armstrong, subs. J. C. Mims, o. k. W. A. Manly, subs. J. H. Taylor, subs. W. W. Horner, subs. L. L. Naugle, subs. A. H. Hussey, subs and trial subs. B. T. Hayes, subs. Marvin Bowden, o. k. F. H. C. Elliott, subs. E. S. Hursey, subs. J. S. Simmons, subs. H. T. Swartz, subs. S. W. Thomas, subs. R. L. McIntyre, subs. H. A. Hodges, subs. Jno. R. Morris, subs. M. H. Read, subs. L. P. Smith, subs. J. T. Bloodworth, subs. Has attention. J. T. Fariss, subs.

Jan. 27.—A. L. Moore, subs. C. A. Evans, subs. J. L. Rice, subs. R. A. Waltrip, subs. H. A. Hodges, subs.

Jan. 28.—J. Sam Barcus, subs. G. S. Sandoz, subs. F. O. Miller, subs. L. A. Hanson, subs. A. D. Porter, subs. I. M. Bryce, subs. J. T. H. Miller, subs. W. H. Brooks, subs. C. H. Ledger, subs. W. C. S. Field, correction made. W. W. Goldthugh, subs. J. A. Pledger, subs. and trial subs. T. W. Ellis, subs.

Jan. 29.—Wm. M. Foster, subs. J. E. Buck, subs. S. Crutchfield, has attention. E. Hightower, subs. F. O. Favre, subs. T. B. Vinson, subs. C. E. Gallagher, subs. R. Paine, subs. R. B. Moreland, subs. C. H. Armstrong, subs. T. H. Morris, subs. S. H. Morgan, subs. V. A. Godbey, subs. S. P. Nevill, subs.

Jan. 31.—S. W. Lowe, subs. Claude B. Smith, subs. R. L. Ely, subs. J. M. Sweeton, subs.

Feb. 1.—Ellis Smith, subs. E. T. Bates, subs. J. A. King, subs. W. F. Hardy, subs. J. M. Mills, subs. M. H. Hudson, subs. Samuel Weaver, subs. L. P. Smith.

change. O. P. Kiker, subs. B. T. Hayes, subs. B. C. Anderson, subs. J. D. Crockett, subs. J. W. Story, subs. Minor Bounds, subs. C. H. Armstrong, subs.

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On January 24 Senator Charles A. Culberson was unanimously re-elected. The most prominent assertions made during the course of his speech of acceptance was the declaration that if the Democratic party would remain in control of the State Government in the future, as it had in the past, it must deserve the confidence of the people, and that not one of the platform demands of the party should go without redemption.

If the Baby is Cutting Teeth. Be sure to use that old and well-tried remedy, Mrs. Winslow's Soothing Syrup, for children, soothing, it soothes the child, softens the gums, allays all pains, cures wind colic and is the remedy for diarrhoea. Twenty-five cents a bottle.

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MY DEAR GIRLS:

On the 23d of February we shall have our annual reception. I shall be pleased to have as many of you present as can come.

For the Alumnae I like to think of these receptions as a home-coming, a great family reunion, when you come back to me as "my girls," when "your graceful ease and sweetness and pride" is an inspiration to the younger members of my college family growing up about me. For these same younger sisters such social occasions are a necessary part of their education. If every woman were a gracious hostess and an appreciative guest we would have an almost ideal social life. I hold the thought that a knowledge of the amenities of polite society is as essential to a girl as is a knowledge of text-books.

Emerson says that good manners are the regalia of civilization and are the subtle telegrams that reveal to us the man.

Graciousness of manner and politeness of demeanor can never be developed to the fullest without having consideration of the comfort and happiness of others. The woman who, in self-indulgence, neglects the accessories of refined life and slouches in untidy apparel, is as much to be condemned as her frivolous sister who spends too much time on forms and ceremonies.

Let us strike a happy medium and look our best and do our best, always remembering that the humblest domestic virtue or the most profound intellectual development is not incompatible with the highest refinement, and the highest refinement is only to be attained through Christian education. Yours cordially,

L. A. KIDD-KEY.

A very pleasant break in the monotony of school life was the visit of the "Gould party" on Saturday morning. They had time for only a few words of greeting to Mrs. Key, but expressed the wish that they might spend the day with the girls who greeted them on the campus with their bright faces and shining silver buttons. Our own Mr. Randolph was in the party and most heartily welcomed. Before leaving the city these appreciative gentlemen sent Mrs. Key a profusion of most beautiful flowers.

Mr. Wendling's lecture on "Unseen Realities" was a spiritual and intellectual treat. The most commonplace things of life were illumined by his poetic fancy and intellectual insight. More than that, seen from Mr. Wendling's standpoint, they are the daily and hourly witnesses to the greatest of all realities—Christ and immortality.

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### NOTES FROM THE FIELD.

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ing, and all but two were present at the business session of the Quarterly Conference. This country has suffered much during the past four years. Two years it suffered a scourge of grasshoppers, and two years the drouth has hurt the people. Many of our best people have gone farther west, and some of our most faithful ones have passed from earth to heaven. But those who remain have proved loyal and true and faithful to the vows taken when they became members of the Methodist Church. A nobler people and a more earnest, faithful Board of Stewards than are these cannot be found. All are entering heartily into the work and the indications are that this will prove a prosperous and fruitful year for Breckenridge Circuit. A liberal assessment has been made for the support of the pastor, and a fine beginning in the way of collections has also been made. Yes, this preacher is pleased. It would not be right to close this letter without making mention of two men whose influence has been and is to-day mighty for good throughout all this country. The Methodist Church and the cause of Christ generally have had no worthier, abler champions in this country than Revs. T. M. Price and A. P. Payne. No longer able on account of advancing age and bodily infirmities to labor as in past years, their influence is still a power for good, and they are an inspiration to this boy preacher. God bless them and the faithful women who have through many years shared their joys and sorrows and helped to bear their burdens.

### Blum Circuit.

A. L. Bowman, Jan. 20: The reception given this preacher by the good people of Blum has been such as to gladden our hearts. Shortly after our arrival, people could be seen collected in different parts of town, and rumors began to circulate; but the climax was reached about 9 o'clock that evening, when some forty or more filed into the parsonage and piled high the table with almost everything needed for a preacher; nor did it stop there. Almost every day some token of appreciation finds its way to our home, and to express our thanks language is inadequate. Our parsonage was very improperly located. We at once set about to move it, and succeeded in placing it near the church. Our League at Blum is preparing to repa-

per and make anew the inside of it, and with some other improvements that are on foot we will have a very desirable place to live. The entire charge seems to be taking on new life and the outlook for the year is very promising. Have arranged with Bros. Birdwell and Tooley to help us in our spring meetings. We go forward expecting to do a great work for God and his Church.

### Coleman Mission.

D. C. Pearson, Jan. 26: This is a new mission formed by our much beloved presiding elder, W. H. Matthews, who wisely planned all of his work. We know nothing of how bad it makes a poor preacher and his family feel to be so shamefully pounded as some of our brethren seem to have been. We serve a people as good as the best, who seem to know how to appreciate a Methodist preacher, though he may chance to be a supply. The Lord graciously blessed our labors last year. We are praying and planning for larger things this year.

### Haskell Mission.

I. L. Mills: The first Sunday after conference we met the appointment in our new field. The people received us very kindly, and as there was no home for the preacher, they set about at once to build, and the result is that we now have a neat parsonage; while it is not entirely finished, yet we are in it and are comfortable. In addition to the great kindness of the people in building the house, just as we were well indoors, the pounding came in form due and ancient; good things in abundance. A thousand blessings upon the heads and hearts of those good people and all others who have contributed. May the good Lord help us to prove worthy of these tokens of kindness and respect. We enter upon the work of the new year with good prospects, trusting that the result of the year's work will be the bringing of many precious souls to Christ. Let me say to all who may have occasion to write to me, please address me at Pinkerton, Haskell County, Texas.

### NORTH TEXAS CONFERENCE.

#### Allen.

J. D. Hudgins, Jan. 29: After spending three very pleasant years at Weston, I was read out for Allen. In three days I was on the move. Bro. Coale had everything arranged for our reception, so everything was ready. The ladies prepared a fine dinner at the parsonage, to which many of the brethren came, and we had a fine reception. The pounding came in due time, and still it comes, and we are always in the receptive mood; therefore, we are still extending the invitation. Come on; we shall never get mad, even though they persist in this matter all year. Our first Quarterly Conference was a grand success. Our presiding elder was on hand, and, my! how Clark can preach. My people were delighted. Our year starts off o. k. We have a fine body of men for stewards and have made liberal assessments, and our trustees have sold the old parsonage and bought an elegant parsonage close to the church, so we will have pleasant quarters.

#### The Climax Reached.

J. R. Atchley: Last Saturday the good people of Marvin sent to this preacher and family, through that prince among laymen, J. J. Hamilton, a wagon load of groceries—and such a pounding! Who ever heard of a preacher getting seven large joints of meat, five large hams and two large shoulders, a hundred pounds of flour, three and a half gallons of lard, a coop of chickens, two dollars' worth of sugar, a box of fruit, and everything else in proportion? Ye station preachers, don't your mouths water? Don't you long to be a circuit rider? May the Lord supply these good people with all spiritual blessings and make us worthy of such tokens of love.

#### Crafton.

P. W. Byrd: We have been around to the appointments on Crafton Circuit twice since the Annual Conference. Our people, in the main, have received us kindly. There are some efforts being made to advance the cause on this charge. We have one new church about done that has been built since repainted. There is much that ought to be done. I have been hindered by sickness of my family and my horse, that pulls my buggy. Our Quarterly Conference will soon be on hand. We hope the official brethren will attend.

#### Rosston and Myra.

W. B. Bayless, Jan. 24: This is a new work organized at conference at Bonham. I think after having gone around the field that it is a splendid work. Our people seem to be good and kind and religious, for the most part. My congregations are large and very attentive; also appreciative. The

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Board of Stewards met and assessed \$815 for ministerial support—a good assessment. The first Quarterly Conference is past. Bro. J. A. Stafford, presiding elder, presided well. He preached four good sermons, to the satisfaction of the people. He makes a good presiding elder, and I have been associated with him for several years. He is faithful to his trust. I am well pleased with my work. Bros. A. P. Hightower and R. E. Porter both wrought well in these parts. Revs. J. W. Tincher, D. F. Fuller and others have sown the seeds, and we trust we may, by the grace of God, reap the harvest.

### Reinhardt Circuit.

R. B. Moreland, Jan. 30: At the conference at Bonham we were returned to this charge for another year. We have been very cordially received by the people and start out with bright prospects for a good year. Our first Quarterly Conference was held the 1st Sunday in January; had a good attendance of officials. Our "old" new presiding elder was with us. Of course it was a success every way. The stewards raised the salary \$50, notwithstanding one church (Lago) was cut out this year, and reported \$115.95. We are preparing to repaint our church at Rose Hill, also expect to improve our church at Reinhardt during the year, and last, but not least, the good people of Reinhardt gave us a "genuine" pounding last Friday night, for which we are very grateful, and hope that we may, by the help of God, repay them in spiritual things.

### Shiner.

E. P. Ledbetter, Jan. 24: We reached Shiner the 18th of November and found the parsonage in readiness for us. Two of the good ladies of our Church met us at the depot and conveyed us to our new home, where we found others waiting to bid us welcome. An elegant dinner had been prepared by these good sisters and was greatly enjoyed by the new pastor and his companion. We found the parsonage comfortably furnished, a nice turnip patch in the garden, a number of nice hens singing in the back yard, and many other things to make the place homelike and comfortable. On the following day the pounding began and did not cease until the pantry was wellnigh full of good things to cook. The people have treated us royally since we have been their pastor, and we hope that they will never have cause to regret that we are here. Our first Quarterly Conference was held last Saturday and Sunday. Bro. Wilson, our presiding elder, was with us and did some excellent preaching. The house was crowded at all the devotional services, and we believe that the fruits of these sermons will bring sheaves into the garner of God during this year.

### Sulphur Springs District.

John E. Roach: At the call of the presiding elder, C. B. Fladger, the preachers of the Sulphur Springs District held an informal conference at Cumby, Texas, January 25 and 26. An arrangement was made to hold protracted meetings in some of the most needy places during the winter and spring. The pastors responded to calls made upon them for help in these special meetings. It was resolved to pay the debt upon the district parsonage during this present quarter, and have the foreign mission money in hand by April 1. The meeting was enthusiastic. The presiding elder and pastors were unusually hopeful. Another meeting will be held fifth Sunday in April, at Birthright. We hope to be a blessing to ourselves and likewise to the Churches entertaining us.

### WEST TEXAS CONFERENCE.

#### Hallettsville.

R. S. Adair, Jan. 23: We have been moving along very nicely since conference. The people have been very kind

to us. We have had very good congregations, and the work all around is "looking up." Yesterday was a great day with us in Hallettsville. We did what seemed to be, and what the people believed to be, the impossible. We got rid of a debt of about \$540 on the parsonage. The Conference Home Mission Society had granted us a donation of \$150, but we found we could not get it till the property was freed from all encumbrance. We had driven up against a hard proposition. One note was overdue, cotton is low and money scarce, but something had to be done; so we presented the matter at 11 o'clock and secured enough (including what we are to get from the society) to wipe out the whole debt, though the other notes will not be due till one and two years hence. Nothing like it has happened with us before. Do you blame us for feeling good? We are due Conference Home Mission Society a thousand thanks for their help. The local society, under the leadership of Sister S. G. Tarkington, has wrought well, and has made it possible for us to succeed. We have a nice parsonage, practically paid for. We thank God and take courage.

ate; so on the 29th of December we bade farewell to friends and loved ones, and started for Red Rock, Cedar Creek Circuit. We were on the road all day. About 5 o'clock we drove into town, perfect strangers, and began to unload at the parsonage. In a few minutes the good faces began to appear and find out what they could do for us, to make us comfortable for the night. They are still coming in to see us, and seem like the pounding is going to last all of the year. I never met a nicer, more friendly set of people, and we are well pleased so far. The parsonage is very small, only two rooms with hall between, and we have no water. The parsonage is beautifully located and on the railroad—a very nice place for it. We have no church here; preach in schoolhouse, but have the land for a church by the parsonage. The people have gone to work to see what they can do, and I am satisfied will go as far as they are able. Now, here is a chance for somebody to do good; so many are able to help these people a little, and they certainly do need it, and will appreciate it. Most of the charges have churches now, and finished parsonages. Now, let them sit and think for a few moments of the people of Red Rock who need a church so bad, and are not able to build, and I hope and pray that some one will open their hearts and help them. We have not been out much yet among the members. The weather has been so bad; but hope to soon. May the Lord help us to do a good work on the circuit, and may many souls be brought to Him during the year. Pray for us, brethren, sisters, friends and loved ones, that we may do the work that is placed in our hands in a way that when our time comes to leave this place the Lord will say: "Well done, thou good and faithful servant." The Lord bless these good people and the ones we have just left.

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### Red Rock.

Effie Osborn: Last year it fell our lot to serve the Webberville Circuit, among people with whom we had been reared, and of course spent a very pleasant year, regardless of afflictions. The people were so good and kind to us; it seems that we could never thank them enough, but the time came when we must sep-



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JONES.—J. F. Jones was born in Wilkeson County, Georgia, Feb. 17, 1852, and died in Texarkana, Texas, Jan. 4, 1905. He was married to Miss Georgia Ganey Jan. 25, 1874, to which union were born seven children—two girls and five boys. Their oldest son died in infancy, and his little body lies in the old Georgia Cemetery; but we have no doubt when the father reached the gates of glory his baby met him and gave him glad welcome home. It had been the privilege of this writer to know Bro. Jones intimately for years. I saw him when he was converted and began that faithful service to his Church which never relaxed while he lived. He had subscribed liberally to the new church now in course of construction at this place, and one of the last conversations we had with him was in reference to its progress. We wanted him with us when we opened it for the service of Almighty God, but he has gone, and we are sad. I am sure he will rejoice in the better land though when it is completed, and will watch its future with interest for the sake of those left behind. He was a faithful man—faithful as a husband, father, brother, friend. A fine lawyer, good neighbor, useful citizen, invaluable Church officer has laid his armor by and rests in that land where sorrows never come. For a year he had suffered, during which time at intervals a cloud would drift across his naturally strong mind, but it is all gone now to come back no more. He leaves a loving wife and six children, besides a host of other relatives and friends to mourn his departure; but we will meet him again by the grace of God. We miss him much. In the Sunday-school his class will see his smiling face no more save as they see it hanging in memory's picture gallery, which even death cannot dim. In the Church his pastor will not feel the strength of his consecrated zeal, nor catch inspiration and courage from his own optimistic spirit. In the home, when the evening shadows fall, they will miss his seat will be empty. We commend his family to his God. May the mantle of the father fall upon his sons and daughters, and may we all follow him as he followed Christ.

J. B. TURRENTINE.

HARDEMAN.—Lucy M. Hardeaman (nee Dalby) was born Dec. 30, 1858, at Dalby Springs, Texas. She professed religion early in life and joined the M. E. Church, South, of which she remained a member till her death, Jan. 16, 1905. She was married Jan. 28, 1884, to R. M. Hardeaman. She was the mother of five children, all of whom are living. She died as she had lived—a Christian. She lingered from about the last of August, 1904. She believed for some time that she could not recover, and had conversations with her family, telling them to prepare for the worst, for it was coming. She was a faithful Christian, which is to say she was faithful in all of her relations in life. She was buried near her home the day after her death, being attended by a large number of relatives and friends, who are living in hope of meeting her in the city of God, where parting will be no more. By her pastor, B. T. HAYES.

Avery, Texas.

MANKINS.—L. Mankins was born September 20, 1829; died January 9, 1905. Truly another good man has fallen. Another home is sad and lonely. Bro. Mankins professed religion some forty years ago and lived a consistent member of the M. E. Church, South, until God called him home to dwell in peace forever. This good old man suffered intensely during his last illness, but these sufferings are all over with him now; for God has provided some better things for him. He is reaping the reward of the faithful. "Blessed are the dead which die in the Lord from henceforth; yea, saith the Spirit, they shall rest from their labors, but their works do follow them." R. WHITE.



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HARGROVE.—Rev. J. W. Hargrove was born in Lee County, Mississippi, June 3, 1847. In his 20th year he professed religion and joined the Methodist Episcopal Church, South, and he was licensed to preach the gospel in 1873. He was ordained deacon by Bishop Paine in Aberdeen June 24, 1880. He was married to Miss Laura C. Bell in 1868, who died in 1885. By this union four children were born, two sons and two daughters; the latter died in 1881. Bro. Hargrove was married again to Miss Flora Shumbert in 1889, by whom three sons were born. He moved to Bee County, Texas, in 1893, and in August, 1904, he moved to the Indian Territory, in which he died Dec. 7, 1904. Within these dates are the records of a noble man's life and his escape to a better world. He was endowed with a clear judgment and fine practical abilities, and he impressed all who knew him as a man of great worth. Bro. Hargrove was an impressive scriptural preacher, loyal to Church and State. With ardent desires to win souls to Christ and edify the people of God, he supplied several pastoral charges with fine success. Plain and persuasive in the pulpit and genial and spiritual wherever he went, he wielded great influence for good. His friends and neighbors loved and honored him. He knew how to sympathize with them in sorrow, and by his wise, Christian counsel settle their differences and greatly promoted the peace and joy of the community in which he lived. His friendship was sincere and deep, and he knew the happy art of condemning the faults of his neighbors without incurring their ill will. In his family Bro. Hargrove was a model husband and father, and the order and peace of his household was beautiful and lovely. I am one among many who miss him, but thank God we know where to meet and live with him forever.

H. M. GLASS.

Nursery, Texas.

CHAPMAN.—Our entire community has been greatly bereaved and saddened by the sudden death of little Eddy Jewel Chapman; for she was a sweet and beautiful child, just five and a half years old, and a favorite with most all of our people. She was affectionate, bright, playful, generous, manifesting beautiful traits of character for one so young. Perhaps no little girl had a wider circle of admiring friends among children and adults than little Jewel. And she was very much beloved by all her friends, young and old. She was ill only a few days, stricken with that dreadful disease, diphtheria, and although patient, gentle hands and skilled physicians did all that could be done, yet, on Saturday, December 31, 1904, just at the day's dawning, her precious spirit went away to the realm of endless day. The dear child suffered great pain without complaining, and at the last ceased struggling and gently turning her little face toward the approaching light, sweetly fell on sleep in the tender Shepherd's arms. The sorrowing parents, Mr. and Mrs. E. T. Chapman, and her affectionate sisters, have the sympathy and prayers of hosts of friends. Her pastor, Z. V. LILES, Liberty Hill, Texas.

SHIELDS.—Mrs. Izzie Shields (nee Harlow) was born in Warren County, Kentucky, December 3, 1857. She moved with her parents to Collin County, Texas, and settled near Cottage Hill, where she spent the rest of her life. At the age of 13 she professed faith in Christ as her personal Savior, and joined the Cottage Hill M. E. Church, South, and lived a consistent, faithful Christian life in this Church until the day of her death, October 24, 1904. On December 3, 1878, she was happily married to J. B. Shields. To them were born four children, all of whom are living. She was a devoted wife and a true and loving mother. Sister Shields was a generous, large-hearted, Christian lady. She loved her Church and was faithful to the vows she took at her altar when a 13-year-old girl. She trained her children to love honor and appreciate the Church she loved so well. She told her husband and children that she was ready to go. May the loving Savior she served so long and faithfully guide her husband and children and loved ones safely home to heaven, where she is waiting for them.

D. L. COLE.

ALEXANDER.—We are sad to announce the death of Oma Pearl, daughter of John and Lula Alexander, which occurred January 14, 1905. This precious little girl stayed with the fond parents only about sixteen months, when the loving Father came and took his own to himself. Little Oma was sick only a few hours. Sorrow has come to this home, yet father and mother weep not as those who have no hope; for we know that little Oma is safe in the arms of Jesus. Dear parents, look up to God, who gave to you this precious jewel, and may this trial draw you nearer heaven.

A FRIEND.

DUNN.—Joseph Nelson Dunn was born in Collin County, Texas, January 23, 1888, and died November 18, 1904. Joe was a good, Christian boy, having professed religion in 1901, under the ministry of Rev. J. D. Hudgens, and joined the M. E. Church, South, at St. Paul, Texas, and lived and died in the triumph of a crucified and risen Savior. Joe was always at a post of duty and he was ready and waiting for the call of his heavenly Father. He died of typhoid fever, suffered intensely for two weeks, but bore it with patience, not a murmur nor a complaint was heard during his illness. We sorrow, but not as those who have no hope. Truly the Church has lost a devoted member and the Sunday-school one of its best teachers, the parents a dutiful and loving child. Dear parents, brothers and sisters, take courage, for our loss is his great gain. Let us walk in his footsteps as he walked in Christ's footsteps, and when the Lord and his angels come to make up their jewels Christ will select you and take you home to be with Joe forever more. His cousin, Wylie, Texas.

BIRTIE DUNN.

HALE.—W. C. Hale was born Dec. 5, 1832, and died at his home in Robertson County, Texas, Jan. 18, 1905. In early life he joined the Presbyterian Church, but later in life he united with the Methodist Episcopal Church, South. He was married twice; has two children living by his first wife, who died, leaving him well up in years; has two children by his second wife, and all to mourn their loss. Bro. Hale was 73 years old the 5th of December, 1905. He was a Confederate soldier, enlisted and fought under that leader well known, "Stonewall Jackson." He served his country and his generation; lived to witness many changes in his country, and died in a good old age in peace at his little home near Franklin, Texas. We laid his body to rest by the side of loved ones on his own premises in the presence of a crowd of his friends and neighbors at 4 p. m. Jan. 19, 1905.

A. G. SCRUGGS.

CHILDRRESS.—Harry, the son of J. W. and S. S. Childress, was born January 19, 1895, and died December 26, 1904. He was the youngest of a large family of children, all of whom, with their parents, survive him. "Bub," as he was affectionately called, was a bright and happy little fellow. He was a member of the Sunday-school and was always singing some of the hymns he learned there. He was stricken with diphtheria and after a severe illness of about fifteen days death released him from his suffering and he was taken into the arms of Him who said, "Suffer little children to come unto me, and forbid them not." He was never heard to utter a complaint during his illness, but bore it with Christian-like fortitude. On December 27, 1904, we laid him to rest in the Old Chapel cemetery to await the resurrection morn. Heaven has become dearer to us all since we know that our Savior has taken little Harry there. We weep, but not as those who have no hope, and by-and-bye, when the Master shall call us home, we will meet again where there will be no pain and where partings shall be no more. J. H. AND W. C. CHILDRRESS.

GREER.—Sister Sarah M. Greer was born in Alabama Feb. 14, 1826; professed religion and joined the M. E. Church, South, at the age of 14 years, and continued a faithful member of the Church of her childhood until her death, which occurred Jan. 23, 1905, at 8 a. m. She came to Texas in 1884. She lived a while in Haskell County, Texas; then went to Hill county till 1900, when she came back to Haskell County, where she lived until her death. Three children have gone before her to the spirit world. Five sons one sister and several grandchildren mourn their loss. This is a brief history of one of God's children, but who can know the secrets of that life that covered 78 years, 9 months and 11 days? A loving Father has watched over all her life and will give a just reward. His approval is grander than our highest praise. May all the family be reunited in the mansions above. J. H. CHAMBLISS.

MAXWELL.—Little Willie Ertest, the 3-year-old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. C. B. Maxwell, was taken from her loved ones Jan. 16, 1905. She was in the house alone. Her mother heard her cries, and the child met her in the door with her clothes ablaze. The fire was extinguished, but too late. She passed away that night. It was hard to give her up. She was the only child, and a pet of all. Little Willie was so loving and sweet that everybody loved her. Dear brother and sister, we all know where sweet little Willie is. Let us so live that we may meet her some sweet day in that beautiful home above, where there is no parting. That little home, once so happy, with just three—little Willie, her father and mother—is now so lonesome. It is now a broken-hearted family; but God knoweth best. By her aunt, TWEETIE SMITH.

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WORD.—Sarah J. Word was born in Georgia July 7, 1829. When about 18 years old she was converted and joined the Missionary Baptist Church. Soon after she was married to Wm. L. Word. Some years after they moved to Texas, her husband dying, leaving her to fight the battle of life without a companion, which she did bravely to the end of her days on earth. Five children—four girls and one boy—was the fruit of her marriage. The two youngest girls preceded her to the other world. Two girls and one boy live to mourn their loss. Her children, being grown and married, left her alone, in which state she preferred to remain, living in her quiet little home, interesting herself in matters to all full of energy to the end, though she had been a sufferer constant for more than five years. She had a grandson and his little girl staying with her when she died. She had lived in readiness, long, and when the time came her delay was but a few hours. She died as she lived—in peace—at the age of 76, the 13th of January, 1905. A. G. SCRUGGS, Franklin, Texas.

JONES.—Mrs. Louisa Jane Jones (nee Hamilton) was born in Alabama June 1, 1848, and died in Madison County, Texas, Dec. 22, 1904. Her mother having died when Sister Jones was a little girl, she and her father moved from Alabama to Mississippi, and, after having lived there for a few years, they moved to Texas. On Feb. 13, 1866, she was married to J. W. Jones, to which union seven children were born, five of whom are still living. Sister Jones has lived a consistent member of the Church from early childhood. She first joined the Missionary Baptist Church, in which she lived till five years after her marriage, when she joined the M. E. Church, South, with her husband, and lived a faithful member in it till her death. A halo of beauty surrounded this good mother's life. Just a short while before she died she closed her eyes and told us of the beautiful visions she could see. She has entered into the joys of her Lord, and has left an impress and influence here that shall abide. T. B. ANDERSON, P. C. Madisonville, Texas.

DUMAS.—Sister Dumas (nee Flynn) was born in Dallas County, Arkansas, June 25, 1861, and departed this life at her home near Jenkins, Morris County, Texas, Jan. 6, 1905, and we laid her body to rest in the Skinner Cemetery to await the final resurrection of the just. Sister Dumas came to Texas with her parents. They settled in Cass County. There she and Bro. J. M. Dumas were married Aug. 8, 1878. She professed faith in Christ in 1879; joined the Methodist Episcopal Church, South, and ever after loved the Church and lived a faithful Christian life. Her home was the home of the preachers. Sister Dumas was a loving, devoted wife and mother. She leaves a husband, five children and a host of friends to mourn their loss. She was the mother of three girls and three boys. Dear husband and loving children, look up from your sorrows and tears; mother is free from sickness, pain and sorrow and has joined the heavenly choir to sing redemption's song and will wait and watch for you. Her pastor, W. F. CAMPBELL.

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WEST TEXAS CONFERENCE.

San Antonio District—First Round. Laredo, 1st Sun Feb. Uvalde, 2d Sun Feb. West End, Feb. 15. Sherman St., 11 a. m. 3d Sun Feb. South Heights, 7:30 p. m. 3d Sun Feb. Travis Park, 11 a. m. 4th Sun Feb. Prospect Hill, 7:30 p. m. 4th Sun Feb. Carrizo Springs and Batesville, at C. S., 1st Sun Mch.

Austin District—Second Round. Elgin sta, Feb 4, 5. Webberville cir, at Osborne, Tues Feb 7. Manor sta, Feb 11, 12. Manchaca cir, at Creedmore, Wed Feb 15. Austin, Hotchkiss Memorial, 11 a. m. Feb 19. South Austin, 7:30 p. m. Feb 19. Walnut cir, at Merrittown, Feb 25, 26. Austin, Tenth Street, 11 a. m. Mch 5. Austin, First Street, 7:30 p. m. Mch 5. Le Grange sta, Mch 11, 12. West Point cir, at Muldoon, Mch 18, 19. Eagle Lake cir, at Eagle Lake, Mch 25, 26. Weimar cir, Mch 29. Columbus sta, Apr 1, 2. Cedar Creek cir, at Red Rock, Apr 8, 9. McBride cir, at Morgan's Ch., Apr 15, 16. J. M. Alexander, P. E.

Cuero District—First Round. Rancho, 1st Sun Feb. Port Lavaca, at Port L., 2d Sun Feb. Nursery, at Nursery, 3d Sun Feb. Cuero, 4th Sun Feb. Clear Creek, at Clear Creek, 1st Sun Mch. J. C. Wilson, P. E.

Beeville District—First Round. Stockdale, Feb. 4, 5. Lavernia, Feb. 11, 12. Brownsville, Feb. 18, 19. Berclair, at B., Feb. 25, 26. Joe P. Webb, P. E.

San Angelo District—First Round. Pontotoc, at Fredonia, Feb. 4, 5. Mason, at Mason, Feb. 7. Brady sta, Feb. 8. Brady cir, at Live Oak, Feb. 9. Milburn, at Milburn, Feb. 11, 12. Junction City, at J. C., Feb. 18, 19. Menardville, at Hext, Feb. 22. J. D. Scott, P. E.

Llano District—Second Round. Burnet and Marble Falls, at Marble Falls, 2 p. m. Feb. 4. Kingsland, at Wolfs Crossing, 3 p. m. Feb. 11. Llano sta, 8 p. m. Feb. 18. Kerrville, at K., 8 p. m. Feb. 25. Bandera and Medina at Medina, 11 a. m. Feb. 28. Boerne, at Boerne, 11 a. m. Mch. 3. Center Point sta, 2 p. m. Mch. 11. Liberty Hill and Leander, at L., Mch. 11, 12. San Saba sta, 5 p. m. Mch. 17. San Saba mis, 3 p. m. Mch. 18. Cherokee, at Valley Springs, Mch. 25, 26. Rocksprings, 3 p. m. Apr. 3. Barksdale, 3 p. m. Apr. 8. W. H. H. Biggs, P. E.

San Marcos District—Second Round. Seguin, 1st Sun Feb. Kyle, 2d Sun Feb. Waelder, at Thompsonville, 4th Sun Feb. Budin, at Science Hall, 1st Sun Mch. Belmont, at Nixon, 2nd Sun Mch. Gonzales, 3rd Sun Mch. Luling, at Prairie Lea, 4th Sun Mch. Staples, at Harris Chapel, 1st Sun Apr. Lockhart, 2nd Sun Apr. Tilman, 3rd Sun Apr. Pleasant Grove, at P. G., 4th Sun Apr. San Marcos, 5th Sun Apr. Dripping Springs, at Wimberly, 1st Sun May. Jno. W. Stovall, P. E.

NORTHWEST TEX. CONFERENCE. Clarendon District—First Round. Canadian, Feb. 4, 5. McLane, Feb. 11, 12. Cataline and Shamrock, Feb. 18, 19. Silvertown, Feb. 25, 26. Tulla, Mch. 4, 5. Jas. M. Sherman, P. E.

Waxahachie District—First Round. Grandview, Feb. 4, 5. Red Oak, at Red Oak, Feb. 8. Lovelace, at Woodberry, Feb. 11, 12. Jas. Campbell, P. E.

Dublin District—First Round. Duffau, at Britton Chap., Feb. 4, 5. Bluff Dale cir, at Marvin Ch., Feb. 9. Glen Rose cir, at Glen Rose, Feb. 11, 12. Carlton cir, at Fairview, Feb. 18, 19. Huckabay cir, at Oak Dale, Feb. 22. Morgan Mill, at Smith Spgs., Feb. 25, 26. E. A. Bailey, P. E.

Gatesville District—First Round. Gatesville mis, at W. Ch., Feb. 1. Copperas Cove, at Paddock, Feb. 11, 12. S. W. Turner, P. E.

Georgetown District—First Round. Hutto, at Hutto, Feb. 4, 5. Salado, at Prairie Dell, Feb. 11, 12. Florence, at Florence, Feb. 18, 19. North Georgetown, at Berry's Creek, Feb. 25, 26. Moody sta, Mch. 4, 5. J. S. Chapman, P. E.

Fort Worth District—First Round. Joshua, at Marytown, Feb. 4, 5. Cresson, Feb. 11, 12. Covington, at Covington, Feb. 18, 19. Grandview cir, at Watt's Ch., Feb. 19, 20. First Church, Feb. 25, 27. O. F. Sensenbaugh, P. E.

NORTH TEXAS CONFERENCE. Terrell District—First Round. Elmo, at Egan, Feb. 4, 5. Mabank, at Mabank, Feb. 11, 12. Chisholm, at Chisholm, Feb. 18, 19. Kemp, at Kemp, Feb. 25, 26. O. S. Thomas, P. E.

Paris District—First Round. Annona and Williams Ch., at A., Feb. 4, 5. Whiterock sta, Feb. 6, 7. Avery mis, at Avery, Feb. 11, 12. Emberson cir, at Bethel, Feb. 18, 19. Chicota mis, at Palestine, Feb. 25, 26. E. H. Casey, P. E.

Gainesville District—First Round. Ponder and Krum, at P., Feb. 4, 5. Bonita, at Bonita, Feb. 11, 12. Era and Bolivar, at Era, Feb. 18, 19. Belcher, at Prairiemond, Feb. 25, 26. J. A. Stafford, P. E.

Greenville District—First Round. Greenville mis, at Concord, Feb. 4, 5. Lone Oak, at Lone Oak, Feb. 11, 12. Neola, at Bethel, Feb. 18, 19. Fairlie, at Fairlie, Feb. 25, 26. J. M. Peterson, P. E.

Bowie District—First Round. Holliday, Feb. 4, 5. Archer, Feb. 6, 7. Crafton, Feb. 11, 12. Gibtown, Feb. 18, 19. Decatur cir, Feb. 25, 26. Decatur sta, Feb. 26, 27. T. R. Pierce, P. E.

Dallas District—First Round. Denton sta, Feb. 4, 5. First Church sta, 11 a. m. Feb. 12. Trinity sta, 7:30 p. m. Feb. 12. Lewisville sta, Feb. 18, 19. Cochran and Caruth, at Caruth, Feb. 25, 26. J. L. Morris, P. E.

McKinney District—First Round. Frisco cir, at Frisco, Feb. 4, 5. Prosper cir, at Prosper, Feb. 11, 12. Celina and Roseland, at C., Feb. 18, 19. Blue Ridge cir, at Verona, Feb. 25, 26. Copeville mis, at Copeville, Mch. 4, 5. Josephine cir, at Josephine, Mch. 11, 12. Blue Ridge mis, Mch. 18, 19. Farmers Branch, at Carrollton, Mch. 25, 26. Farmersville sta, Apr. 1, 2. I. W. Clark, P. E.

Sulphur Springs District—First Round. Pursley, at Hopewell, 1st Sun Feb. Mt. Vernon, at Pine Forest, 2d Sun Feb. Sulphur Bluff, at S. B., 3d Sun Feb. Klondike, at Klondike, 4th Sun Feb. Lake Creek, at Enloe, 1st Sun Mch. Birthright, at Birthright, 2d Sun Mch. Bonanza, at Rockdale, 3d Sun Mch. C. B. Fladger, P. E.

Brenham District—First Round. Caldwell mis, at Deanneville, Feb. 4, 5. Caldwell sta, Feb. 6, 7. Bellville, at Bellville, Feb. 11, 12. Brenham, Feb. 18, 19. Thornedale, at Thornedale, Feb. 25, 26. Cameron, Mch. 1. Rockdale, Mch. 4, 5. Chas. F. Smith, P. E.

Corsicana District—Second Round. Kerens, at Bazette, Feb. 19, 20. Frost, at McCord's S. H., Feb. 25, 26. Cotton Gin, at Forest Glade, Mch. 4, 5. Wortham, at Couchman, Mch. 5, 6. Horn Hill, at Horn Hill, Mch. 11, 12. Mexia, Mch. 18. Richland, at Birdston, Mch. 18, 19. Corsicana cir, at Eureka, Mch. 19, 20. Blooming Grove cir, at Cryer Creek, Mch. 25, 26. Blooming Grove sta, Mch. 26, 27. Corsicana, Eleventh Avenue, Mch. 29. Thornton, at Thornton, Apr 1, 2. Coolidge, at Coolidge, Apr 2, 3. Alma, at Alma, Apr 7, 8. Barry, at Love's Chapel, Apr 15, 16. Rice, at Tupelo, Apr 16, 17. Brandon, Apr 22. Dawson, at Emmett, Apr 23, 24. Corsicana, First Church, Apr 25. Groesbeck, Apr 26. District Conference will convene at Groesbeck at 3 o'clock p. m. April 27, and close Sunday night. Delegates will be elected on this round. Jno. M. Barcus, P. E.

Aldene District—Second Round. Stamford, Feb. 4, 5. Aspermont, at Aspermont, Feb. 8. Haskell mis, at Flat Top, Feb. 11, 12. Aldene, Feb. 18, 19. Haskell, Feb. 25, 26. Anson, at Nelida, Mch. 4, 5. Avoca, at Bethel, Mch. 11, 12. Sweetwater and Roscoe, at S., Mch. 18, 19. Roby, at Dowell, Mch. 25. Sweetwater mis, at Browning, Mch. 25, 26. Albany and Moran, at A., Apr 1, 2. Truby, at Nugent, Apr 8, 9. Merkel, Apr 15, 16. Merkel mis, at Midway, Apr 22, 23. Clyde, at Enla, Apr 29, 30. Caps, at Rock Crossing, May 6, 7. Buffalo Gap, May 13, 14. Baird, May 18. Putnam, May 29, 31. Jno. R. Morris, P. E.

Hallville, at Winterfield, Feb. 18, 19. Longview, Kelly Memorial, Feb. 19, 20. Coffeeville, at Cox School House, Mch. 4, 5. Beckville, at Beckville, Mch. 11, 12. Jas. W. Downs, P. E.

San Augustine District—First Round. Burke cir, at Burke, Feb. 4. Nacogdoches sta, Feb. 6, 7. McIrose, at Chino, Feb. 11, 12. San Augustine sta, Feb. 15, 16. Geneva cir, at Miami, Feb. 18, 19. Bronson mis, at Bronson, Feb. 25, 26. Minden cir, at Lone Oak, Mch. 4, 5. Gary mis, at Bethlehem, Mch. 11, 12. Carthage sta, Mch. 12, 13. Cushing cir, at Pinegrove, Mch. 18, 19. Appley mis, at Bonita, Mch. 25, 26. C. A. Tower, P. E.

Houston District—First Round. Rosenberg, Feb. 4, 5. Tabernacle, Feb. 6. League City, Feb. 11, 12. Shearn, Feb. 15. Central, Feb. 18, 19. West End, Feb. 25, 26. McKee St., Feb. 27. Cedar Bayou, Feb. 28, 29. Washington, at March 4, 5. Alvin, March 4, 5. Harrisburg, March 4. Sandy Point, March 11, 12. White Oaks, March 15. Sam R. Hay, P. E.

Sherman District—First Round. Pottsboro, Feb. 5, 6. Whitesboro, Feb. 11, 12. Howe, at Howe, Feb. 18, 19. Pilot Grove, at Blackman's, Feb. 19, 20. E. W. Alderson, P. E.

Pittsburg District—First Round. Gilmer Cl., at Soules Chapel, Feb. 4, 5. Gimer Station, Feb. 6, 7. Pittsburg Circuit, at Pleasant Grove, Feb. 11, 12. Pittsburg Station, Feb. 12, 13. Cason, at Cason, Feb. 18, 19. Daingerfield, at Daingerfield, Feb. 19, 20. Quitman, at Quitman, Feb. 25, 26. Queen City, at Queen City, Mar. 4, 5. Dalby, at Dalby, Mar. 11-12. Redwater, at R. W., Mar. 14. J. T. Smith, P. E.

Beaumont District—First Round. Orange, 7:30 p. m. Wed, Feb. 1. China and Sour Lake, at C., Feb. 4, 5. Port Arthur, 7:30 p. m. Wed, Feb. 8. Corrigan, at Camden, Feb. 11, 12. First Church, Beaumont, 7:30 p. m. Wed., Feb. 15. Sabine Pass, at Nederland, Feb. 18, 19. Kountze, Feb. 25, 26. Wallisville, at Wallisville, Mar. 4, 5. Call, at ..... Wed, Mar. 8. Silsbee, at Cooks Bluff, Mar. 11, 12. Warren, at Big Sandy, Mar. 18, 19. Jasper Mission, at Homer, Mar. 25, 26. O. T. Hotchkiss, P. E.

Huntville District—First Round. Anderson, at Anderson, Feb. 4, 5. Millican, at Millican, Feb. 7, 8. Dodge, at Dodge, Feb. 11, 12. Prairie Plains, at Johnson's Chapel, Feb. 18, 19. Cedar, at Lake Grove, Feb. 25, 26. Cold Springs, at Cold Springs, Mar. 4, 5. Conroe Mission, at Cleveland, Mar. 7. Magnolia, at Magnolia, Mar. 11, 12. C. R. Lamar, P. E.

INDIAN MISSION CONFERENCE. Duncan District—Second Round. Comanche sta, Feb. 4, 5. Duncan sta, Feb. 11, 12. Terral and Ryan, at R., Feb. 12, 13. Minco and Tuttle, at M., Feb. 18, 19. Chickasha sta, Feb. 25, 26. Anadarko and Verden sta, at V., Mch. 4, 5. Cement cir, at Fletcher, Mch. 11, 12. Kiowa and Comanche Ind. work at Little Washita, Mch. 12, 13. Sterling cir, at Sterling, Mch. 13. Temple, at Gregg, Mch. 18, 19. Hastings and Walter, at Lone Star, Mch. 19, 20. Mariow sta, Mch. 26, 27. Lawton cir, Apr 1, 2. Lawton sta, Apr 2, 3. Bailey cir, at Bailey, Apr 8, 9. East Duncan cir, Apr 9, 10. Bush Springs cir, Apr 15, 16. Duncan cir, Apr 17, 18. Comanche cir, Apr 29, 30. Waurika cir, Apr 30, May 1. The District Conference will be held at Temple, O. T., April 19 to 23. N. L. Linebaugh, P. E.

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"GET THE BEST."

By J. B. Cranfill.

Far back in my childhood, too far to even recall the number of years, my mother placed in my hands a Webster's Spelling Book. I cannot remember when I first began to learn the little words, but I do remember that after I learned to spell them out I not only read the little exercises, but I read the advertising pages of the book. On the inside cover, pasted down, was a page of advertising of the Webster's Spellers and the McGuffey's Readers. The caption of these advertisements was these words: "Get the Best." Of course the publishers of the Webster's Spellers and the McGuffey's Readers, which in the evolution of the years are now the American Book Company, meant to convey the idea that the Webster's Spellers and the McGuffey's Readers were the best of all school text-books.

Opinions may differ about this, but all sane, well-balanced people will ever be impressed with the soundness and the wisdom of this splendid motto. It is good to remember it when you go to the dry goods store. The best dry goods are always the cheapest in the end. The best shoes are the cheapest, the best harness, the best plows, the best furniture, the best wagons, the best buggies. The farmer makes a great mistake who buys second and third-class implements. They last but a season, and are gone. The preacher makes a mistake when he buys a second or third-class suit of clothes. They always look common and fit indifferently, and the first time they get wet or meet with any other misfortune, disaster comes.

When a man goes to place his fire insurance he needs to get the best. Of course none of us want to have a fire, but if a fire does come and destroy our home and furniture, we want to be sure that the insurance will be paid. I suppose that nearly all of our readers are careful about their fire insurance. They read their policies and keep an invoice of all the furniture, according to the policy contract, and they GET THE BEST possible company in which to place the risk.

I believe, however, that the most important of all earthly interests is your life insurance. When you come to insure your life let the old Webster motto be your beacon light to be sure to "Get the Best." I believe in fire insurance. However, it is a fact that only one in every 1250 insured houses ever burns down. If we are to have indifference on the question of insurance, we can better afford to be indifferent concerning our fire insurance than we can concerning our life insurance. But I sadly fear that most of our readers are indifferent about their life insurance instead of their fire insurance.

A life insurance policy should be irrefragably safe. Whatever else you do, GET THE BEST when you come to taking a life insurance policy. Cheap life insurance is not the best. Lodge insurance is not the best. What is known as fraternal insurance is not the best. You may pay on your insurance in one of these fraternal lodges year in and year out, and if the order lives you still have only been protected on your life and have accumulated no loan value, no extended insurance, no cash surrender value, and no paid-up insurance value. You have not had the best, and if you are depending upon one of these fraternal orders now you haven't the best insurance. It is a fact that during the last twenty years 1720 of these cheap life insurance organizations have been born, have lived out their little span, and have died. They are not organized upon sound life insurance principles, and many are the homeless widows and hungry orphans in our land to-day who would have been well housed and clothed and fed if the husband and father had declined to fool with these cheap forms of insurance, and had remembered the great motto, "Get the Best."

It is the same with our Ministerial Aid Associations and other organizations of a like class. There is only one association of this class on earth to-day that can be counted a success, and it was organized and is being conducted on old-line life insurance principles, the same as the standard life insurance companies. Assessment insurance has never been safe or sound, and no man when he gets it gets the best.

Having said this much, I take pleasure in calling the attention of your readers to what is really THE BEST. After a somewhat careful study of the life insurance problem, I believe that the best policy contract written in the world to-day is the policy contract of the RELIANCE LIFE INSURANCE COMPANY. Our total disability provision, which at no extra cost is incorporated in every policy, combines both health and accident insurance. If the policy holder shall become disabled by either bodily injury or disease (and those two cover all the possible risks of injury), the policy at once becomes paid up for life and premium payments cease. This is an ab-

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I close this article as it was begun—"Get the Best." Even if you buy your dry goods at the bargain counter or farm with third-class implements or read paper-bound books, you have not done either yourself or any one else any wrong, but when it comes to your life insurance, I adjure you by all the great interests involved to GET THE BEST. You might be justified in taking some risk in your fire insurance, but since death is certain and our tenure of life cannot be known, you owe it to your loved ones to get the best in your life insurance. I shall be glad indeed to hear from you, but whether you write to me or not, remember what I said, "GET THE BEST." Dallas, Texas.

MONTEREY, MEXICO.

Rev. John E. Green, of Houston, my friend and fellow-laborer of Texas Conference days, left us Wednesday night for Texas, after a meeting in my charge of twelve days' duration. His coming to us was of great good, for God blessed his ministry by the conversion of souls and the reviving of the Church. Our workers were refreshed, encouraged and strengthened. Some backsliders were revived and sinners were saved. Ten accessions to our Church so far, five on profession of faith, and there are others to follow as soon as certificates can be procured. Many of the railroad people of this city were specially interested in the services, and it is confidently hoped good will continue to accrue to them because of the meeting. Sister Green came out with Bro. Green, and their stay in this preacher's home was to us specially pleasing, as they seemed like kinfolk. I am off in February to conference at Laredo. How strange it seems to me to be going to conference in February, when heretofore I have been going in November or December. The conference assessments, amounting to \$583, will be in full. The pastor's fund (which is not paid to the pastor, but goes to the board) assessed at \$1200, will not go over \$1000, but in the face of the fact that for eight months of the year the city has felt the effects of the yellow fever epidemic of last year, it is believed the report is a good one. There have been twenty-five accessions this year. It will be pleasant to tread Texas soil the few days of the conference session and to see the familiar faces of the Advocate editor, and the Dallas Book Agent, who have promised to attend our conference.

D. H. HOTCHKISS.

Monterey, Mexico, Jan. 28.

DEDICATION.

Our beautiful new church will be dedicated by Bishop Hoss on the 26th of February. All the old pastors, especially those who had to do with the construction of the building, are cordially invited to be present on this interesting occasion. All goes well with us, and we are happy.

P. M. RILEY, P. C.

Mansfield, Texas.

A PARSONAGE FOR ED AND EMMA.

Ed Pilley is a Texas man, a graduate of Southwestern University. He was reared in McLennan County. He has been a missionary in China nearly ten years. Two years ago he married Miss Emma Poteet, a missionary to Japan, from Salado, Texas. They are stationed at Huchow, where they will probably live for many years. Their salary is small; they are living in very uncomfortable quarters. A Chinese home is not attractive, agreeable or even comfortable. Our Texas man ought to be better cared for. A letter from Bishop Galloway requests that I undertake to raise twenty-five hundred dollars to build a parsonage for him and his good wife to live in. It will take that much to give them a comfortable home. I had expected to raise the money in my visitations, but I am not now in the field. I hope to get the money by publishing this appeal, and by private correspondence. I want to find two hundred and fifty persons to give ten dollars each for this purpose. This proposition does not exclude larger or smaller contributions. It is only a basis of effort. I will be delighted if twenty will give fifty each, and fifty will give twenty each. I will also be glad to find fifty to give five or two and a half. Any amount will be welcome and acknowledged. What say you Methodist folks? Let us build a home for our messengers to the heathen. HORACE BISHOP.

Ennis, Texas. C. M. S.

SOUTHWESTERN UNIVERSITY NOTES.

Prof. J. C. Hardy is busy this week registering new students and rearranging the courses of the old students. There are quite a number of new faces among the students.

An electric light plant is being installed at the Ladies' Annex. The trustees, with Dr. Allen at the helm, are determined to make this the most up-to-date building of its kind in the South. If the proposed new wing can be added by September 1, the capacity will be greatly increased.

The debating team is somewhat surprised to learn that one of Arkansas' debaters is a member of the Legislature. This, however, will not intimidate such a pair as Black and Tarver. The Epworth League was conducted by the President the past Sunday.

The meetings are growing in interest and attendance. Rev. J. A. Campbell, '05, preached Sunday evening.

CHURCH EXTENSION AID NOTICE.

The Board of Church Extension of the Texas Annual Conference will meet on the 6th day of March, 1905, at 7:30 o'clock p. m., at Timpson, Texas, to pass upon and grade all applications to the General Board for aid by donation or loan. That board, at its annual meeting, will consider only such applications from the conference as shall have been approved by the Conference Board. Send applications to the undersigned at Henderson, Texas. IRA M. BRYCE, Secretary. H. C. WILLIS, Chairman Pro Tem.

It is better to win a man's commendation than the devil's commendation.

Fort Worth District—Second Round.

- Trinity and Riverside, Mch 1. Mansfield, Mch 4, 5. Kennedale, at Forest Hill, Mch 11, 12. Glenwood, Mch 15. Grapevine, at Minters, Mch 17, 18. Smithfield, at Keller, Mch 19, 20. Bono, at Godley, Mch 25, 26. Arlington, Mch 29. Cleburne, Main Street, Apr 1, 2. Cleburne, North Side, Apr 2, 3. Polytechnic College, Apr 4. Blum, at Kopper, Apr 5, 6. Mulkey Memorial, Mch 15, 16. Missouri Avenue, Apr 16, 17. North Fort Worth, Apr 19. Azle, at Harwell, Apr 22, 23. Peach Street, Apr 25. Joshua, May 6, 7. Cresson, May 13, 14. Grandview cir, May 20, 21. Covington, May 21, 22. First Church, May 29. O. F. Sensabaugh, P. E.

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Granger.

J. B. Berry, Jan. 30: Immediately after the meeting of the Northwest Texas Conference we arrived at Granger, and Bro. J. D. Campbell, the President of the Board of Stewards, met us at the depot and conducted us to the parsonage, where we met the Home Mission Society. They had prepared an excellent dinner, and the parsonage was swept and garnished and in fine readiness for our reception. The parsonage was matted, shaded and lace curtained from the parlor to the kitchen hall. After we had partaken of the feast and had had a social talk, the ladies repaired to their respective homes, promising that we should see more of them. Since that time they have shown themselves friends both to the Master's cause and the pastor and family. Dr. Chapman, our presiding elder, held our first Quarterly Conference Jan. 21-22, and he said that we made the best report of any charge which he had held up to that time. Our fixedness of purpose is to surpass in all good works. Last Wednesday evening the people of Granger gave us a "box party"; these boxes, however, were not tiny, delicate boxes, but they were good, large goods boxes; they were full to the brim and running over with the very choicest of articles. They ranged from a horse brush to a half ton of hay. This occasion was not confined exclusively to our membership, but the whole town contributed liberally. Packages continued to come in through the next day. The inventory must have run between thirty and thirty-five dollars. The Home Mission Society brought on the attack, and others readily co-operated. What would we do without the good women to suggest and lead out? This token is certainly indicative of an appreciative people. We never expect to serve a better people than the people both here and at Jonah. They have the motto, "Go Forward," fixed in their hearts, and they carry it out in practice in the Master's name. Bro. Moore, their immediate former pastor, has wrought well here, and by his persistent and untiring efforts has endeared himself to the hearts of the people. We find traces of him wherever we go. We are looking forward and expecting the greatest year's work of the charge's history. Pray for us.

Gatesville District—Second Round.

- Meridian, Feb 4, 5. Crawford cir, at C. City, 2 p. m. Feb 9; preaching Mch 12. Valley M. and C. at C. City, Feb 18, 19. Hamilton, at P. V., Feb 25, 26. Pearl, at Cox Ch., Mch 4, 5. Brookhaven, at R. Ch., Mch 18, 19. McGregor, at McGregor, Mch 25, 26. Oglesby, at Sta. Cr., Apr 1, 2. Gatesville sta, Apr 9, 10. Killen and Nolan, at N., Apr 15, 16. Gatesville mis, Apr 22, 23. Turnersville, at Mt. Zion, Apr 29, 30. Jonesboro, at Union, Apr 29 3 p. m. May 1. Maxdaie at Elmore, May 6, 7. China Springs, at C. Creek, May 13, 14. Evant, at L. C. H., May 20, 21. Copperas Cove, May 27, 28. Preachers' meeting at Valley Mills Feb. 7 and 8. District Conference at McGregor March 7 and 9. Bishop E. E. Hoss will preside. Let every local preacher be on hand with written reports. Let Recording Stewards have Quarterly Conference records on hand and in proper condition. Let us have a full attendance of delegates. Would be glad to have as many of our people to be in attendance as can come. And let us pray that the occasion may be a great spiritual blessing to the district. The following are the committees: On License and Admissions—J. S. Tunnel, J. D. Hendrickson and S. P. Brown. On Orders—J. W. Story, W. E. Caperton and W. P. Garvin. S. W. Turner, P. E.

The man who never prays except when he petitions never prays at all.—Ram's Horn.

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Vernon District—Second Round.

- Chillicothe cir, Feb 4, 5. Quanah sta, Feb 11, 12. Quanah mis, Feb 18, 19. Childress sta, Feb 25, 26. Esteline cir, Mch 4, 5. Quail cir, Mch 10. Wellington sta, Mch 11, 12. Crowell cir, Mch 18, 19. Paducah mis, Mch 25, 26. Vernon sta, Apr 1, 2. Vernon cir, Apr 8, 9. Seymour cir, Apr 15, 16. Munday and Goree, Apr 16, 17. Knox City mis, Apr 18. Spring Creek mis, Apr 21. Seymour sta, Apr 22, 23. Matador cir, May 3. J. G. Miller, P. E.

Bonham District—Second Round.

- Bonham sta, Feb 5. White Rock, Feb 11, 12. Lamasco, Telephone, Feb 18, 19. Petty, Forest Hill, Feb 25. Honey Grove sta, Feb 25, 26. Bailey Hickory, Mch 4, 5. Honey Grove cir, Rock Point, Mch 11, 12. Guber, Hill, Mch 18, 19. Brookston, Brookston, Mch 25, 26. Randolph, Randolph, Apr 1, 2. Ladonia sta, Apr 8, 9. Ector, Mt. Pleasant, Apr 15. S. Bonham, Ravenna, Apr 15, 16. Lammus, Brotherton, Apr 22, 23. Dodd, Dodd, Apr 22, 23. Trenton, Orangeville, Apr 27. Delegates to District Conference elected this round. District Conference will meet at Trenton, April 27, 3 p. m. Jno. H. McLean, P. E.