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## Editorial.

### OUR METHODIST BISHOPS.

In our last issue we copied an editorial from the Arkansas Methodist on the above subject. The latter part of the editorial summing up the qualifications necessary to the office of Bishop we endorse as timely and wise; but the first part of it we regard as unwise, and an injustice to the men now occupying the Episcopal bench. We quote the paragraph to which we take exception:

The position of a Bishop in our Southern Methodism is unique. He has very heavy responsibilities and he has very great powers. His duties are often of the most delicate nature; his powers are such that it is all but impossible to reach a preacher whom the Bishop is determined to protect, and all but impossible for a preacher to get on well in our itinerancy when once he has provoked the practical hostility of a Bishop. In the actual history of the Church it has usually happened that a man who has seriously antagonized a Bishop has had rough sailing for the rest of his career. It has usually happened that one or two of his colleagues have taken the antagonized Bishop's view of the offending brother, and he finds himself oftener than he might wish in unsympathetic hands. He is very likely to be rated as insubordinate. There is a way to punish such men—without form of trial.

It is of the nature of power to strengthen itself. All governments recognize the fact and all sensible constitutions provide checks upon authority. When a man is put into a position so strong as that of a Southern Methodist Bishop, he ought to have in advance such special qualities of head and heart as will afford a guarantee against abuse of power. It is useless to plead that a Bishop is amenable to law. He is so amenable, to be sure, but it would require very powerful engines to apply the law to any Bishop in our Church unless his offense should be of a very flagrant nature. We are bold to say that there are few men in all the Church who could protect themselves against the oppressive use of power upon the part of an aggressive Bishop. The injustice might amount to a personal outrage, it might be an outrage even of public opinion over a wide area, and the outrage might continue for long, and yet no form of law be violated; the whole scheme of things might be, by the technicalities of our law, within the discretion of the Bishop, and he might go serenely on his way, and even ask you what you are going to do about it? Sure enough, what could you do about it? As long as he has kept within the terms of the law prescribing his duties, and so long as he can muster a host of friends—some of whom sincerely believe in him, some of whom have been the beneficiaries of his grace, some of whom have learned that thrift will likely follow fawning and think that "the nod of a lord is breakfast enough for a fool"—so long as your Bishop can rally support for himself by strong men in other parts of the Church, and wield on his behalf the immense powers with which he stands invested, we do not hesitate to say flatly that there is with us no protection of law against abuses by the score, if it is in the nature of the man to inflict them either upon a conference or upon a preacher. If you should complain to his colleagues, he is mightier there than you are, and more trusted there. If you should complain to the committee on episcopacy, he will likely be found mightier there also. If that committee should agree to censure him, he has an appeal to the General Conference—a provision which, in view of all the facts, ought never to have been enacted—and if the offending Bishop is capable of rapid and vigorous action, we say again, that it would be found impossible to secure a conviction for any offense.

The editor of the Arkansas Methodist assumes that Bishops protect certain men from the operation of law, and that they oppress those who provoke their hostility, and that they accomplish these results through the exercise of their Episcopal prerogative in making appointments. Now, it may be that the Arkansas Methodist, under its new management, has wider acquaintance with the administration of our Bishops than the rest of us, but for thirty years and more we have observed the action of our Bishops, and while

they are possessed of the infirmities of other men, yet we have never seen a case where a Bishop has shielded a man from the operation of law, or where he has deliberately oppressed and injured any one whom he did not especially admire. That Bishops, like all the rest of us, make mistakes in some of their appointments, we do not question, but that they set themselves to the task of purposely favoring some and injuring others is out of harmony with the facts in the case. And when the Arkansas Methodist goes further and says that the Bishop thus offending against justice and propriety transmits his feelings of dislike and of favoritism to his colleagues who succeed him, is out of the question. Such a charge is unjust to our Bishops, and it puts the Church in a very bad light before the world. We do not assume that Bishops are above legitimate criticism when they make mistakes of judgment in their administration; but we do protest against charging them indiscriminately with deliberately favoring one man whom they like and of oppressing another who has managed to get their "hostility." Any Bishop guilty of this sort of spirit is not worthy a place in the Episcopacy, and we do not believe that the Methodist Church has such a man in this high office. But if the Arkansas Methodist knows any Bishop to be guilty of the charge it thus makes, it ought to call his name and not cast suspicion upon them all. Furthermore, if this Church organ feels that it is the thing to begin this early to instruct the General Conference on the qualifications to be sought in the men to be elevated to the Episcopal office next May, it is not necessary for it to cast unjust imputations upon the good men now occupying this important position. Or if the Arkansas Methodist entertains a grievance against any member of the present College of Bishops, it is hardly fair to make an exhibition of it in the columns of the public press. Therefore, we hope that the Arkansas Methodist will either be a trifle more specific, or leave the General Conference free to act in the matter of electing Bishops without too much unsolicited advice. Even Bishops are entitled to fair treatment, and the members of the General Conference are supposed to have some ideas about men and their qualifications for office.

### CLEAN UP YOUR CHURCH REGISTERS.

An up-to-date and clean Church register is a rare thing to find when you go to your new pastoral charge. It is the exception to the rule. The contrary is usually found. It is written in a bad hand, many people have moved away and no record made of it, some have died, and their names are still on the roll, others have married and no note made of it. Often it is the case that where you find a membership of four or five hundred, at least fifty or one hundred of them can not be located. Their names are there, but they can not be found. Yet they are reported in the statistics. The Church gets credit for them, and often it is assessed for them, when really they have no Church existence. Why is it thus? Simply because your predecessor was either too lazy or careless to keep

his record straight; or else he was not brave enough to report a loss in membership under his pastorate. He found the register in that condition, and, instead of correcting it, he even added to its imperfections by failing to note changes that took place under his own administration. There is no excuse for this state of things, and we need to begin a genuine reform. Every Church register ought to show at the end of the year the exact number of members. Those who have died and those who have moved away ought to be noted as such. Their names ought not to be counted and left on the roll as members, when as a matter of fact they are not members of that charge. They are gone and can not be accounted for. Yet the next preacher finds them recorded, and he has to find out what has become of them, and it often takes much of his time to learn that they have either been dead or lost sight of for a number of years. The preacher who leaves his register in this condition is either criminally lazy or too timorous to dispose of them and report a loss. In either event, he is guilty of maladministration and the discipline so regards him. Why not look this question squarely in the face, and stop mincing matters about it? There is absolutely no excuse for transmitting to your successor an incorrect and an imperfect Church register. Brother, if you have been guilty of it, begin right now to make amends and leave your register clean and correct. Let it show exactly the status of the membership of your charge.

### THE ART OF GROWING OLD GRACEFULLY.

Old age does not always come to us gracefully. When we begin to reach the shady side and start down the hill, we become sensitive and sometimes morose. Without being fully conscious of it, we develop a sort of morbid selfishness. We are easy to become offended and quick to see little neglects and slights. Then, too, we fall into the habit of dwelling upon the past and of living over the experiences and associations of other days. The present times become new and we find it hard to adapt ourselves to them. The world really passes by us, and we look on and chafe and fret and make ourselves and others miserable. The result is, too many of us reach old age somewhat soured and out of harmony with our surroundings. We imagine that we are in the way and the world cares nothing for us. This sort of old age is very unfortunate, and there is no use for it. As a matter of fact, there is no necessity to be the happiest period of our lives. If we love God and mankind, age ought to bring to us our ripest experience, our sweetest spirit, our most lovable disposition. Old age, from this point of view, ought to be our richest fruitage and upon it we ought to feast and be happy. To reach this sort of old age it is necessary to keep one's spirit young, fresh and modern. We ought never to look toward the past as the golden age, but to the future as the best in the life that God has given us. Our motto ought to be: "It is better further on." And thus we will find it. For

life will give back to us just what we put into it. As we sow, we will reap. If we think less of self and more of others and how to make them happy, then our own petty ills will not have time to harass and annoy us. It is like the golden hues of the setting sun, whose peaceful glow lights up and beautifies the whole horizon. With its departing glory the darkness comes on so gradually and so gracefully we scarcely realize it. So with graceful and cheerful old age. We scarcely know that such a person is old, and when he passes out and up there is left a hallowed influence that the world will never permit to die. What a beautiful period is graceful old age!

### PASTORAL CO-OPERATION WITH THE GOOD WOMEN.

We have two authorized societies for our good women. These are the Woman's Home and Foreign Missionary Societies. Many of our earnest women workers belong to both these organizations, for, after all, the aim of their work is one and the same. Into these two societies all our good women ought to come and give to them their consecrated service. So far they have both done a wonderful work for the Master. And through them the Church has been greatly blessed. No pastor's work is complete until he has gotten both these efficient organizations on foot and in good condition in his charge. If he fails with either one of them he will, to that extent, fall short of doing his best work for the Church. Wherever they exist and are at work the spiritual life of the membership is toned up, the efficiency of the Church machinery is enhanced, and the liberality of the people enlarged. Also every enterprise that the pastor projects is helped by these good women. They put their hands to every needed undertaking; and, being organized, they do this systematically and intelligently. The fact is, these societies develop and perfect the women in their department of labor. They also support and push forward the great missionary spirit of the Church. One of them gives its attention to the home field and the other to the foreign field. They keep themselves informed as to the needs of the Church at home and abroad, and, as a rule, they are the up-to-date members in the congregation. Therefore no live and wide-awake pastor can afford not to take hold of these societies and do all in his power to make them growing factors in his various departments of Church work. The women themselves need the development and expansion that such a movement will give to them, and the Church needs their earnest, intelligent and consecrated service. The pastor, then, ought to help the women, and in turn they will become his best and most successful helpers. To permit from twenty-five to one hundred lady members of the Church to remain unorganized and undeveloped is to let more than one-half of the strength of the charge go to practical waste. No pastor can afford this leakage, neither can the Church afford it. Take care of those women and they will aid materially in taking care of you and the interest of the Church.

### "THE GATES OF HELL SHALL NOT PREVAIL AGAINST IT."

Matt. 16:18.

If we lay special emphasis on the pronoun "it" at the close of the above sentence we will begin to get a clue to our Lord's meaning. "The gates of hell shall not prevail against it." It is not impertinent to ask what? "My Church" is the answer. Now don't fail to emphasize the "my" in contrast to the old ecclesia or synagogue. "On this rock I will build my Church," a thing when Jesus spoke this language still future, "and the gates of hell shall not prevail against it." We have now found the easiest interpretation that is possible in this text of Scripture. The only hitch is in the word "hell." This is an unfortunate translation of the word "hades," both the Revised Version and the American Standard Revision have refused to translate it, and merely insert or transliterate the original word, which never means "hell" as the place of eternal punishment. The "hell of hell," gehenna, is the place of punishment of the wicked—soul and body—after the resurrection of the body. Compare Matt. 10:28; 18:9. R. V. Hades is the place of retention of the soul pending the resurrection of the body. "The rich man also died"—the body—"and was buried," the body, of course, "and in hades" (R. V.) "he lifted up his eyes." (Luke 16:22, 23). It is the soul in hades in a state of conscious life. The body dies, is buried, sees corruption, needs to be resurrected. The soul does not die, is not buried, does not see corruption, needs no resurrection.

Jesus said: "On this rock I will build my Church, and the gates of hades shall not prevail against it." This leads us to conclude that the gates of hades did once prevail, or prevailed against the former saints, the saints of the synagogue. And this is true according to the teachings of the Scriptures. The word "hades" of the New Testament is the exact equivalent of the word "sheol" in the Old Testament. The word sheol is variously rendered "grave," "hell," "pit." I will give a few references where sheol is found: Gen. 37:35, 42:48, 44:31; 1 Sam. 2:6; 1 Kings 2:6-9, 14:13; Num. 16:30, American Standard Revision. Compare the following: Gen. 35:20, 50:5; Num. 19:16. The latter refer to the grave, the place of the dead body. The former refer to the state of the soul separated from the body. It is evident from all the light the Scriptures throw on the question that the souls of Old Testament saints at death passed into sheol. Jacob said: "I will go down to sheol to my son mourning." (Gen. 37:35, American Standard Revision). "He bringeth down to sheol and bringeth up." 1 Sam. 2:6, *ibid*. This is the exact route, so to speak, our Savior took. The Psalmist said prophetically of the Messiah, "Thou wilt not leave my soul in sheol, neither wilt thou suffer thy holy one to see corruption." (Ps. 16:10, American Standard Revision).

Peter, quoting this on the day of Pentecost, said: "Thou wilt not leave my soul in hades, neither wilt thou give thy Holy One to see corruption." (Ac's 2:27, American Standard Revision). Then add verse 31, "Neither was he left unto hades, nor did his flesh see corruption."

Thus the soul of our Savior passed into hades, while his body or flesh rested in the grave, but without seeing corruption. This was the common lot of all saints up to this time, their bodies, however, seeing corruption. But this is not the closing scene. Sad and doubtful would it be if it were. There is an ascension. David prophetically sings, "Thou hast ascended on high, thou hast led away captives." (Ps. 68:18, A. S. Rev.) Paul quotes the above passage in his letter to the Ephesians: "When he" (Christ) "ascended up on high he led captivity captive." (Eph. 4:8). The marginal reading is, "A multitude of captives." The saints before Christ's death whose souls had held captive were now released by him and at his ascension were "led away" to be with him. "Where I am there ye may be also."

Now the solution is clear. Jesus assures his saints since his resurrection that "the gates of hades" (sheol) shall not prevail against the Church he was contemplating building. Sheol of old did prevail; but shall do so no longer. "I will receive you to myself." (John 14:3). Thus for the saints hades has been conquered. Death may triumph for the time being over the body; but it will be conquered when Christ comes again, and the poor suffering body will be redeemed. (See 1 Cor. 15:23-26; Rom. 8:23; Eph. 1:13, 14).

The present abode of the souls of the saints is now a certain and assured fact. Paul said: "I am in a strait betwixt two, having a desire to depart and to be with Christ, which is far better." (Phil. 1:23). "We are confident, I say, and willing rather to be absent from the body and be present with the Lord." (2 Cor. 5:8). The Lord's coming again is the "blessed hope" (Titus 2:13) of all his saints.

Behold the Lord cometh with ten thousand of his saints. (Jude 14).

"If we believe that Jesus died and rose again, even so them also which sleep in Jesus will God bring with him." (1 Thes. 4:14). This faith will be fully justified "at the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ with all his saints." (1 Thes. 3:13).

How beautifully, how sweetly, how triumphantly is our Savior's assurance to the saints of this age that "the gates of hades shall not prevail" verified by the words of divine writ. No such thing now as the saints of the Lord "going in sorrow to sheol;" but

The saints who die of Christ possess—

Enter into immediate rest."

W. E. CAPERTON.

### HELPING OTHERS.

The purpose of every Christian should be to lift up the children of men and help them in every sense of the term. The rich, the poor, the saved and the unsaved all need the help of human hands and human sympathy as well as divine guidance and divine sympathy to aid them in accomplishing the highest possible good in the world. Every Christian is blessed with an opportunity to help some one in some way that will enable his burdens to become lighter, and inspire his heart to become more Christ-like. Too many of us are sitting almost idle while many about us are suffering for the lack of some one to help and sympathize with them. Jesus is always ready to help and sympathize with men; but he has ordained that through human agency, led by the divine Spirit men are to be helped and built up in the most holy faith. As servants and representatives of our Lord we should be careful not to make the burdens of any one heavier by a thoughtless word, a careless deed, or neglect of duty. We should strive to make each day that God adds to the history of our lives the most profitable one of our existence. We should not let a day go by without using the means of divine grace in such a way as to cause some other soul to be blessed. There isn't anything in this world so precious in the sight of God as an immortal soul. I fear sometimes that some of us who profess to be Christians, and even leaders among men, are not as considerate of the real worth of the soul as we should be. It makes no difference how deeply into the cesspools of sin a man may have sunk he possesses an immortal soul of indescribable value. God manifested the value which he placed upon the souls of men, and his love for them, when he gave his only begotten Son "that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life." While sin will blight the hopes of men, destroy their characters and their souls, we should be careful not to impress them with the idea that great crimes render the soul worthless in the sight of God. The soul is not worthless. Jesus is able and willing to save the soul of the greatest criminal if he will comply with the terms of the gospel. The proper way to help men is to place them in a position to help themselves. We should endeavor to beget self-confidence on their part by instilling into their minds that they have the ability to become some account, worth something to God, themselves and their country. To impress a man with the idea that we discount his ability is not the way to lift him up and receive from him his best service. We must make him feel that we believe in him and his ability to do things if we kindle in his heart an aspiration to do better and receive from him his best service. If we are upheld by God's free Spirit and directed by his word, those who come in contact with us will be made to feel that in us assistance, friendship and sympathy have been found. They will go from our presence not regretting that they have met us, but rejoicing in the fact, oftentimes feeling that they have been blessed, and inspired to do more for God themselves and their country. We should all emulate the life and character of Jesus by going about in the world helping others.

W. D. GASKINS.

Fairfield, Texas.

**MEDITATIONS ON THE SUNDAY-SCHOOL LESSON.**

In the last issue we learned of the resurrection of Christ. It would be well perhaps to speak briefly of the interval between this and his ascension forty days later. With all the concurrent testimony, all the apostles save John still doubted the reports of Jesus having risen, but after a time even their disbelief was removed. Jesus first appeared to two of his disciples who were journeying to Emmaus. Though being together during the whole journey, it was not till night when they sat down to partake of the evening repast that they recognized him. Overcome with astonishment at the discovery and fully convinced of

the truth of the resurrection, they hastened back to Jerusalem to a house where the other disciples were gathered. Their story was received with many expressions of disbelief, but Jesus suddenly appeared in their midst. After conversing with and even breaking bread with them, he began teaching just as he had before the crucifixion. After instructing them to go preach to all the world he disappeared. Soon after another disciple, named Thomas, who had not been present with them, now entered the room. Upon being told what had happened he refused to believe it, saying, "Except I shall see in his hands the print of the nails, and put my finger into the wounds, and thrust my hand into his side where the spear pierced him, I will not believe he is risen." Eight days after this Jesus again manifested himself at another gathering of the apostles where the doubting Thomas was fully convinced of his identity. Again he appeared in Galilee at the Sea of Tiberias. The fishing scene and recognition of Jesus are too familiar to need repetition.

Forty days after his crucifixion the last meeting of the Lord and his disciples occurred on a mountain in Galilee. All the disciples were gathered together and here Jesus delivered his last discourse. Here it was made known to all people that he had indeed returned in the flesh and they therefore became witness to the truth of his resurrection.

Following this is the ascension and later the manifestation where each disciple began to speak a different language. This was the sign given that they were now prepared to preach to all nations.

We can trace the career of John alone since it is he alone with whom we deal in our lesson. Following the instructions left him by Jesus, John had preached about him so much that the people in anger sent him off to a lonely island to live; the island of Patmos, a rugged and barren island twenty-four miles from the coast of Asia Minor. He was treated with the same barbarity practiced to-day by Russia on her Siberian exiles. But though John was made to delve in the mines he found opportunity to write a description of many visions, glorious to behold which he saw through the inspiration given him by Jesus. The most beautiful of these visions is shown in our picture. John, the beloved disciple, an old man, sits on a rock in the lonely island of the sea. He is looking and writing. This vision occurred on our Sunday, the first day of the week. The first unusual thing was the sound behind him of a great voice, saying: "I am Alpha and Omega—the beginning and the end. What thou seest write in a book and send it into the seven Churches which are in Asia." John turned to see whence the voice came, and then saw a great and glorious vision. He saw seven golden candlesticks or lamp holders. These symbolized the seven Churches. But in the midst of these great candlesticks, as a sign of his presence with his Churches, was Jesus. While in form he was human, he was more than a mere man. His garments indicated that he was a priest, his golden girdle being a symbol of sovereign power.

The vision may be summed up thus: Christ the first and last and the living One. He is the conqueror of all foes, having power even over death. This glorious, glorified Savior is our personal friend and brother. His message to every soul is "fear not."

EMMA BICKER.

Bremond, Texas.

### MARSHALL DISTRICT CONFERENCE.

The Marshall District Conference met in the little city of Hallville, June 20, 1905. All the preachers except two and a large per cent of the lay delegates were present. Besides we had with us Rev. Jas. Kilgore, Commissioner of Education; Rev. J. B. Sears, Missionary Secretary of the Texas Conference, and Rev. W. K. Strother, President of the Alexander Collegiate Institute.

This scribe enjoyed the conference unusually well, because here he preached to the people last year and rejoiced with them in their successes, and wept with them in their sorrows. How pleasant to meet old friends and acquaintances. He was assigned to the home of Rev. D. P. Cullen, one of our superannuates, for whom he has the highest esteem. He and his companion are as hopeful and as devoted to their Church as ever. It is truly a home. I fear we do not properly appreciate these old veterans who have blazed out the way and made it so easy for us to travel. When they are gone we delight to recount their virtues and speak of their wonderful deeds. O for more flowers and eulogies for the Lord's own while they are living that we might sweeten their lives and if possible make them more fragrant.

The Home Mission Society for the district met Tuesday and was pre-

sided over by Mrs. J. W. Downs with her usual ease and ability.

I glean the following encouraging statement from the Sabbath-school report: "The Sabbath-schools throughout the district are in good working order, and it appears that a school is organized at nearly every Church where it is possible." Some statements made on the conference floor need to be emphasized. Several said, "We make a specialty of singing." A superintendent said: "When a teacher is absent two Sabbaths without an excuse we look for better material. We have a good library of 360 volumes, to which we add \$100 worth of books annually. These volumes were read 1109 times last year." Another said: "The report of the classes are written on a blackboard. This begets a revival spirit between the classes. Before we did this our collections amounted to from \$1.25 to \$1.50. Now they rarely fall below \$4."

The report on temperance embraced this hopeful statement: "The cause of temperance is receiving more attention than ever before. And that where local option has been tried it has gained strength."

The Committee on the Spiritual State of the Church gives us the following: "Much has been said and written about the loss of spiritual power and the cause of the same; therefore let us consider the following facts: If we judge from the prayer-meeting there is not much gain or loss. If we judge from the old way of family worship, we are sadly on the decline. If from the standpoint of Church attendance, there are more people who hear the gospel than ever before. If we judge from the Sunday-school work there is great gain. If we judge from our mission work, the Spirit's power is multiplied a thousandfold."

Mrs. J. W. Downs represented the Home Mission Society and spoke in the interest of the Deaconess work and took a collection of \$102.50 to endow a scholarship in the Scarratt Bible and Training School. The polity of Methodism was a gradual unfolding of Divine Providence. In this new move we feel that our Church has made no mistake in utilizing the God-given power of woman.

The following resolution was unanimously passed:

"Resolved, That the chair appoint a committee of five on district parsonage with full power to settle the question of locating the district parsonage, to improve the present one, or sell and buy elsewhere, as they may deem wise and best."

Whereupon the chair appointed H. L. Griffin, R. M. Kelly, W. T. Twyman, L. P. Griffin and W. P. Schluter.

The following lay delegates were elected to the Annual Conference:

H. L. GRIFFIN.  
R. M. KELLY.  
REV. W. N. BROWN.  
R. W. TAYLOR.

Alternates:

M. S. Steger.  
L. P. Griffin.

The conference by resolution expressed its obligations to Rev. J. W. Downs, our presiding elder (and, by the way, the best in the State), for his published programs, "so exhaustive and appropriate," "and so helpful to all."

Rev. E. C. Escoe was unanimously recommended to the Annual Conference for admission on trial.

The good people of Hallville entertained the conference royally. Every preacher and layman felt that he had the best home in town. Much time was given to religious services. The preaching was of a very high intellectual and spiritual order. The devotional services were refreshing indeed. I believe I voice the sentiments of the entire body in saying that this conference was as good, if not better, than any that has preceded it. Friday, 10 a. m., we adjourned sine die to meet next year at Jefferson, if Divine Providence and the Bishop are willing.

JOHN W. HOLT, Secretary.  
Jefferson, Texas.

### KEEP YOUR WORD.

Keep your word. Nothing is more fatal to a high sense of honor than the habit of breaking promises. If your word has gone out, see that you fulfill your contract in letter and in spirit. No matter how trivial the promise, or how unimportant the engagement may seem, you have no right to disappoint those who are depending on you. Even if no one is inconvenienced by your thoughtlessness, your word should mean something. A promise is too sacred to be lightly broken. Read the scriptures and see how solemn a matter God makes of giving a promise and keeping it, and note how many times He reminds His people of His faithfulness to His pledges. Keeping a covenant should not be left to feeling or convenience. It is a question of right and wrong and should be dealt with conscientiously. Make it your rule to do just what you say you will in the home and the social circle, in Church life

and business affairs, and in all other relations. It may cost you something in the way of effort or sacrifice, but it pays.

EDITH SLATEN.

Wichita Falls, Texas.

### SEE HERE!

If the readers of the Texas Advocate have overlooked the articles of Bro. J. C. Carter in June 8th and 15th numbers of this paper, I would urge them to carefully read the articles. They are well worth a second reading. In order to fully appreciate them, the reader should have before him the Intermediate Quarterly of the Southern Baptist Convention for first quarter of 1905, page 30, lesson 13. It is difficult to see how any intelligent individual could make up his mind to perpetrate such misrepresentations as are contained in this "doctrinal lesson." It is strange that such rot should find its way into the Sunday-school literature of a great Church. Stranger still is it that the great mass of Baptist preachers and intelligent members do not unitedly protest against such procedure, for the final and inevitable result will be damaging to Christianity and to the Baptist Church itself. It surely cannot be that such teachings find general endorsement among Baptist people. The matter is worthy the attention of Methodist preachers and people.

J. M. ARMSTRONG.

Kerens, Texas.

### WHERE TOYS COME FROM.

Most of our dolls and other toys are made at Sonneberg, and Nuremberg in Germany, and it is most interesting to visit the doll factories in these towns. It is a strange fact that no factory makes a whole doll; each part is made specially, and by workmen who only make that particular part.

Very little machinery is employed in doll-making, or in toy-making, but all pass through many hands.

A toy turtle, with a clock in its chest, has to pass through the hands of three men and thirty-seven girls before it is ready to be put on the market.

Many children in Germany help in the manufacture of toys, and enjoy the work and the money they thus earn.

"The children of Germany take pleasure in making

What the children of England take pleasure in breaking."—Selected.

### GRATITUDE ON ONE LEG.

Prince Christian, Queen Victoria's grandson, was an earnest and thorough soldier, and England suffered a great loss through his death by fever at Pretoria.

Mr. John Murray publishes a most interesting life of this young prince, written by the President of Magdalen College, and from it we take the following story, showing the kindness of Prince Christian toward his native servants.

The Prince was in Kashmir when one of his servants became ill. He had him put to bed, and himself gave him some medicine, and went from time to time to see how he was getting on. Some time afterwards, when Prince Christian got up in the morning, he found an old man standing on one leg like a stork, at the door of his tent. There he continued to stand. He could not speak any English, and the Prince did not know what to make of him. On his asking his other servants they said, "O, that is the old father of So-and-So. He heard how kind you had been to his son, and he has come all the way from their village to show his respectful gratitude to you, and this is his way of doing it."—Selected.

Poverty may keep a boy down for a time, but if he has in him the true metal, he will rise. Jay Gould was a poverty-stricken surveyor. George W. Childs was a bookseller's errand-boy, at a salary of four dollars a month. John Wanamaker started business on a salary of a dollar and a quarter a week. Andrew Carnegie began life on a weekly salary of three dollars. Abraham Lincoln was a poor farmer's son. Andrew Johnson was a tailor apprentice-boy and learned to read after he was married. James A. Garfield was a poor widow's son, and as a bare-footed boy drove mules on the tow-path of an Ohio canal.

### FORWARD.

Is the way growing more weary?  
Are the waves testing thy strength?  
Look at the goal just yonder.  
Not at the road's dusty length.  
Every day, all the way,  
Jesus will be your friend;  
Every day, all the way,  
Even unto the end.

Lay now your burden upon Him;  
Thou'lt find it growing light.  
Tell Him in secret thy sorrow;  
Jesus will make it all right.

Let not your heart, then, be troubled,  
Tempest-tossed waves can be still;  
Hear the sweet voice o'er the water;  
Trust thou in His gentle will.  
MRS. MAY WILSON MARRS.

# Devotional and Spiritual

## CERTAINTIES IN RELIGION.

The doctrine of certainties in religion is of vital importance—vital in the highest sense. To know Him is life eternal, and not to know Him must be the very opposite! One of the most appalling facts met with to-day is found in the fact that a very large number of professing Christians can give no satisfactory reason for the hope that is in them. They are only guessing at religion—playing a little at Christianity—having a form of goodness, but utterly destitute of its power. Hence the need of emphasizing the doctrine of certainties in religion. Think, if you can, of a person being saved and not know it! Of a person being rich and yet ignorant of such a pleasing experience! Of possessing the pearl of great price and not being assured of the fact! And of being an heir of God and a joint heir with Christ without any assurance of that endearing relationship! This all sounds like a contradiction. But, alas! this is where we find a large number of our members, both young and old. Their condition and experience is well illustrated by the poor man owning, it is true, a few acres of land, rocky and poor, but by hard work he managed to hack out a living, and in due time died as poor as he had lived. His only son fell heir to his little estate, and it was soon discovered to contain a large amount of mineral wealth, so that the son became immensely rich. That wealth was there all the time, but the poor father never knew it; hence he lived and died poor in the midst of abounding wealth. So it is, I am afraid, with multitudes of professing Christians. By reason of their ignorance and lack of knowledge concerning the certainty of these things, they are living and dying poor in the midst of abounding riches. We may know that we have passed from death unto life as surely as the blind man knew that his eyes had been opened. And we may know that the man whom they call Jesus did it, because, as the saved man said, "I was there when He did it." Yes, we may know that we are walking in the light of the Sun of Righteousness as surely as that other man knew the natural sun was shedding his rays upon him, because, as he said, "The sun himself tells me he is shining, and I feel his warmth, and I live because he shines." Above all other certainties in religion I would have us know Christ. To know him as we may know him, and ought to know him, will settle almost every other question that concerns us as Christians. To "know him, and the pow-

er of his resurrection and the fellowship of his sufferings," will settle the amusement question with our young people. It will also settle the question of right relationships, which is all-important. We certainly cannot answer the grand purposes of life for which we are designed unless we stand in our right relationship to everybody and to everything. We may occupy this right relationship to all concerned—to God—to our neighbor—to the church—to the world, and indeed, to all of our environment, and this we must do if we are going to make the best of life. And it will certainly settle the question of our ability to do his bidding. When we know whom we have believed, as the Apostle Paul knew him—and we certainly may—so that there shall not be even a preposition between us and Christ. But we shall know whom we have believed—not in whom, as we are so often wont to quote it. But we are personally acquainted with Him; we know him better than our dearest friends; we have seen the Lord as surely as Paul saw him. We have heard his voice; we have felt his power; we enjoy his abiding presence, and we are actuated by his constraining love.—Rev. Richard Hobbs.

## THE PASSING OF THE FAMILY ALTAR.

Is the home life of to-day pervaded with the same Christian atmosphere as it once was; or has the commercial spirit of the twentieth century crowded out quite largely the Church life in the home? We believe this is a serious question, and one which affects largely the spiritual tone of the Church. We recall distinctly the home life of several years ago. All the children knew father's wishes, and knew, too, that he wanted them respected. Father wanted none of the children late at prayers, so all were down-stairs early in the morning ready for the family devotions. What a familiar picture! Father seated in his armchair, the well-thumbed Bible open. Close by sits mother and the children. Reverently and tenderly the Holy Scriptures are read, then all kneel, while the father, the priest in the home, invokes God's blessing on home and children. After prayers are offered, all are seated at the table, every head is bowed, while the father asks the blessing on the food. How happy and cheerful everybody seems! Then come the separations for the day, each one to his work. Evening repeats the scene. The hours of the evening are enlivened

by music, playing simple games, bright, animated conversation, reading books and current literature. Then singing, prayers and good nights, and the day was spent. This was Church life in the home.

But how different to-day! Home life to-day is almost wholly without God. In the city it has become practically a fashionable boarding-house; an apparent disposition on the part of husband and wife to agree to board together. Husband's thoughts engrossed in business, lodges and clubs, while the wife is immersed in dresses, social functions and club life. The care of the children is handed over to a paid nurse-girl. The modern home is run somewhat after this fashion—Breakfast time: One by one the members of the household drop into the dining-room, and seat themselves at the table. No family altar. No blessing at the table. No thought of God. It is rumored that it has become unpopular and unfashionable to have the blessing asked at the table in the up-to-date home. A writer says of a father: "I have no home any more; my children have turned it into a boarding-house." Here apparently was a yearning on the part of the father for the return of that home life which he had once had a taste.

We learn to-day that young men are drifting away from the Church as never before. The non-Christian influence of home life may have something to do with it. A young man walled about with family prayers from childhood will have a safeguard about him through which it will be difficult wholly to break. A thousand influences and sacred memories will hold him back when sorely tempted, and will carry his thought Godward. We have in this country to-day something like nineteen million Protestant Church-members, and counting five persons to every home, some four million Christian homes. It is estimated that only one Christian home in eight has a family altar, and most of us will agree from observation that that estimate is sufficiently high. Place these Christian homes in a row, and we might pass through three million five hundred thousand homes before we would hear the sound of a father's voice at a family altar, and from these homes one hundred and fifty thousand young men, having reached twenty-one, go out annually, never having heard a parent's voice in prayer at a family altar.

But perhaps conditions are no worse than they used to be. We do not wish to pose as a pessimist; but we fear the commercial spirit of the city and the worldly atmosphere which predominates Church life and chills our Church altars have relegated real heartfelt piety and spiritual fervor to an inferior position.

The following beautiful scene was enacted in the Christian home of George C. Huff, of Rockaway, N. J. He has a family of eight children, all Christians but the youngest, still a child. On a recent Sabbath evening the family gathered together for family prayers. The Bible was opened, and the father read the chapter which told about Absalom's defeat and death, and the tidings brought to King David, and the wail of grief of the broken-hearted father over the death of the wicked son. Then he knelt in prayer, and offered a touching, fervent prayer. As the result of that service held in that Christian home—for it was nothing short of that—a man, once a school teacher, was converted, and the next Sabbath presented himself at the altar of the Church, and the writer received him into the Church on probation. Is it not possible for this to be duplicated in every Christian Church in our country? Instead of the passing of the family altar, may there be a return to the Church life in the home! May the broken family altars be set up again! If this be done, we believe a different spiritual atmosphere

will prevail in all our Christian homes, the chill will be removed from many a prayer-meeting, and the altars of the Church will soon feel the effect, and be baptized with the tears of penitents coming home to God.—The Christian Advocate.

## THE HEART-LIFE.

Emerson well says, "The world is full of judgment days, and into every assembly that a man enters, in every action he attempts, he is gauged and stamped." And that force in man by which he is measured and assigned his rank by his fellows, is his heart-force, that which is his essential self. One's admiration may be given to ability, but one's devotion is given only to character. This may not be true among the devotees of the world, whose accepted standards of manhood are all false, who profess to deal only with the glitter of human life and not with its gold, but true souls everywhere invariably detect the presence of soul in another, and are drawn to it as certainly as the heavenly bodies attract each other, and are drawn in proportion to the measure of the soul that draws near. And even of the superficial ones it is true that, while their vote is given for that which seems, their conviction is for that which is; while their public allegiance is given to the outer life, their trust goes to the heart-life. In the biography of Professor Austin Phelps is the record of his wish that his reputation among his fellows rest on the work of his heart rather than the work of his head. And this must be, for the work of the head, which endures, is the work into which the soul has gone. The heroes whom the world lets live in its history and its love are those toilers with voice, or pen, or sword, or brush, or chisel, in whose work soul is throbbing. And what is true of man is a suggestion of what must be true of God. Is it not significant that in the picture of the judgment given by Christ, those who are welcomed into the joy of the King, where those whose life service has been such an inevitable expression of their deepest lives that they were not conscious of their own goodness? "Lord, when saw we thee hungry or athirst, or sick, or in prison, and ministered unto thee?" And those were rejected who fancied that some special occasion was necessary in order to display love to God; and did not know that in their own confession that service was not their habit, their condemnation was written. It was the true, pure, helping heart-life that was welcomed into the joy of God.

May we be wise in making pure, dominant, and visible the heart-life which at last must bear the scrutiny and judgment of the King when all its earthly homes and trappings are destroyed!—From "The Captain of Our Faith."

## "LEAD US NOT INTO TEMPTATION."

Edward Milit had gone to a hotel at Milan, and, eager to see the sights, hastily left his room, with valuables and money lying on the table. His only thought was that he was once more in Italy. On returning to his room an aged and weary housemaid followed him, wringing her hands in anguish.

"Ah! moi signore?" cried she, going to the dresser table and opening the little drawer. "Is this yours?"

In the drawer lay ten or a dozen gold pieces.

"Yes," he said, "they are mine." "Ah, signore, how could you do it? How could you leave this money about? It was all lying on the table."

"Why, I locked my door. I knew it was safe."

"No," she cried, "it was not safe! It was cruel to put such temptation in my way!" She sank upon a chair and burst into tears.

"Think of me, signore. I am very poor. I have six children to keep and a husband who can do no work. The money would make me rich, and you would leave it on the table, the gold pieces all loose, to dazzle my eyes and to put the devil into my heart! Through your thoughtlessness I might go to jail, my children might starve, my husband die. Ah! signore moi, never do it again! Think of the poor. Be merciful to us. Do not put temptation in our way."—The Parish Visitor.

## "MY BELOVED IS MINE AND I AM HIS."

God and the Christian are lovers. That is the truth which is undeniable, or there never would have been such an interpretation suggested, much less maintained for centuries. No soul has come to the full realization of what others know it means to be in Christ, who can not say of his Redeemer, "My Beloved is mine and I am His."

The love which God has for his redeemed ones is something as different from a universal benevolence as a young man's love for his betrothed differs from his kindness toward a suffering child met in the street. Does not God love every soul? Most surely. So does every real man. But that does not forbid his showing toward one woman an affection different in kind and degree from the love he feels for all his race. Religious experience in every age has said of this specific and determinate and individual love, "That is what God feels toward me. I know it. He has told me so." It is not in the general kindness of the Almighty that our confidence rests. It is a love which selects us, defends us, and asks our love in return. Such a love as that may give us comfort under every trial. No other can.—The Interior.

Good nature is the beauty of the mind, and, like personal beauty, wins almost without anything else—sometimes, indeed, in spite of positive deficiencies.—Jonas Hanway.

## FROM THE EDITOR.

### He Forgot That He Had a Stomach.

Talking of food, there is probably no professional man subjected to a greater, more wearing mental strain than the responsible editor of a modern newspaper.

To keep his mental faculties constantly in good working order, the editor must keep his physical powers up to the highest rate of efficiency. Nothing will so quickly upset the whole system as badly selected food and a disordered stomach. It therefore follows that he should have right food, which can be readily assimilated, and which furnishes true brain nourishment.

"My personal experience in the use of Grape-Nuts and Postum Food Coffee," writes a Philadelphia editor, "so exactly agrees with your advertised claim as to their merits that any further exposition in that direction would seem to be superfluous. They have benefited me so much, however, during the five years that I have used them, that I do not feel justified in withholding my testimony.

"General 'high living' with all that the expression implies as to a generous table, brought about indigestion, in my case, with restlessness at night, and lassitude in the morning, accompanied by various pains and distressing sensations during working hours. The doctor diagnosed the condition as 'catarrh of the stomach,' and prescribed various medicines, which did me no good. I finally 'threw physics to the dogs,' gave up tea and coffee and heavy meat dishes, and adopted Grape-Nuts and Postum Food Coffee as the chief article of my diet.

"I can conscientiously say, and I wish to say it with all the emphasis possible to the English language, that they have benefited me as medicines never did, and more than any other food that ever came on my table. My experience is that the Grape-Nuts food has steadied and strengthened both brain and nerves to a most positive degree. How it does it I cannot say, but I know that after breakfasting on Grape-Nuts food one actually forgets he has a stomach, let alone 'stomach trouble.' It is, in my opinion, the most beneficial as well as the most economical food on the market, and has absolutely no rival." Name given by Postum Co., Battle Creek, Mich. There's a reason.

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## Secular News Items.

The action of the President in appointing Assistant Secretary of the Treasury Keop as the head of an investigating committee to modernize the business methods of the departments at Washington is attracting attention. The amount of red tape that is daily unwound in the department is astonishing and it not only puts the Government to great delays in the transaction of business, but it necessitates the employment of just about twice as many clerks as a business house would require to transact the same business with the utmost dispatch. A few instances will suffice to show this to the satisfaction of any one who thinks for a minute. If a local dealer in Washington sells the Government a dozen typewriter ribbons for \$6 it requires about fifteen signatures or sets of initials to pass it before the dealer gets his pay. The same is equally true of the cake of soap that costs 5c, when it is put out for the use of the clerks in the washrooms of the Treasury or other buildings.

Among the interesting facts made known in connection with the return to Denmark of the Mylius-Erichsen expedition to Greenland is, that from 1890 to 1901 the population increased from 19,516 to 11,893. This increase includes 441 eskimos discovered in 1894. During these eleven years, however, the European population of Greenland decreased from 399 to 272. Since 1894 there has been a tendency to displace Europeans and favor natives for subordinate positions in connection with the administration, missions and trade. About eighty-four per cent of the population live by seal catching, fishing and hunting.

According to the London Daily Mirror, in the report of a war office committee on the improper disposal of military stores at the conclusion of the South African war, a number of officers are censured, and are alleged to have worked in collusion with contractors. The latter are said to have bought stores at absurdly low prices and afterwards resold them to the military authorities at enormous profits, entailing a loss to the government of \$5,000,000.

The German colony in Southwest Africa continues to have trouble. Recent announcement is made of the capture of the German garrison at Warmbad by insurgent natives; this is the culmination of a series of reverses. The total area of Germany's possessions in Southwest Africa is estimated at 322,000 square miles, which is about the size of Texas and half of New Mexico. It has a native population of 200,000, and about 1,700 European inhabitants, principally Germans. The garrison at the beginning of 1905 was estimated at a little less than 1,000. Germany has profited but little by her colonies in Africa, either in the eastern or in the southwestern part of that continent. For the present, at least, German authority seems to have been subverted; it may be restored again. But just how and when is a problem which is causing the German Government much thought.

President Roosevelt received recently \$582 from the United States treasury under a law passed six years ago granting two months' extra pay to all soldiers serving outside of the United States in the Spanish war. He had made no application, and hence the delay.

Secretary of State John Hay died July 1, at Newbury, N. H. The signs immediately preceding his death were those of pulmonary embolism. John Hay was famed as an author and as a diplomat. He had written many books of more than ordinary merit and had been Secretary of State since 1898. He was born in Salem, Ind., Oct. 8, 1838. His ancestor, John, was the son of a Scottish soldier, who left his own country in the beginning of the last century and took service in the army of the Elector Palatine. The son with his family emigrated to this country and two grandsons served with distinction in the War of Independence. John Hay took, while in college, high rank as a writer, and after graduation at Brown in 1858, studied law at Springfield, Ill. He was admitted to practice in the Supreme Court of Illinois in 1861, but immediately afterward went to Washington as Assistant Secretary to President Lincoln, remaining with him both as secretary and trusted friend almost constantly until his death. He moved to Cleveland, Ohio, in 1875, and took an active part in the Presidential canvasses of 1876, 1880 and 1884. Under the administration of President Hayes he was the First Assistant Secretary of State in 1879-81. In the latter year he represented the United States at the International Sanitary Congress of Washington, of which body he was elected president. He has published "Pike County Ballads," one of the best known of which is "Jim Bledso," "Castalian Days," studies of Spanish life and character, and has been engaged many years in writing, in col-

laboration with John G. Nicolay, a "History of the Administration of Abraham Lincoln," which was published in the Century and then in book form. Mr. Hay was appointed Ambassador to England in 1897. He held this post about one year, resigning to become Secretary of State.

Saturday, June 17, a new area dawned for Nevada and the West. On that date, near Reno, Nevada, the flood-gates of the first irrigation system constructed by the Government under the reclamation act were formally opened. And the national Government made a beginning in its work of reclaiming the country's arid lands on a large scale. The entire system, as projected, will not be completed for nine or ten years, and will cost about \$9,000,000. The remainder of the project is to be carried out with the sale of Government land adjacent to the ditches and the sale of water to the settlers who are expected to take up the land. It is predicted that the irrigation system will cause the population of Nevada to rapidly increase.

Thieves are reported to have been systematically at work for months among the exhibits in the American Museum of Natural History in New York City. Specimens of gold ores of the great Bement collection presented to the Institute by J. Pierpont Morgan, valued at \$3,000 have been stolen, and in their places cheaper ones substituted. Artistically gilded lumps of gold and stones are said to have been placed in place of the loot. A Siberian collection of implements and garments has been deprived of some of its best examples and many valuable specimens are missing from the butterfly cases. The theft took place adjoining the alcove in which is a collection of American gems valued at \$200,000, also given to the museum by Mr. Morgan. Altogether twenty specimens of the finest gold ore in the world are missing from the Bement collection. How much they would have assayed is problematical but they cost about \$3,000. Extraordinary precautions are now being taken by the museum officials to protect the exhibits, many of which have been overhauled and rearranged so that they may be better guarded.

Boston is said to lead the United States as a shipping port for apples. The vast orchards of the upper counties in New York State, added to the supply of the big apple-growing towns along the Fitchburg and Boston & Albany railroads, furnished the past season the large total of 667,790 barrels of apples for the foreign trade. In the shipments all kinds of apples were included, from Baldwins to Porters, and from Red Astrachans to crab apples. The American apple has gained a splendid reputation in Europe. American shippers are building up a fine trade with Europe.

The two hundred and fiftieth anniversary of the settlement of the Jews in the United States will be appropriately celebrated. The anniversary of their actual landing, according to Wm. E. Curtis, was September 21, 1904. The first official grant from the Dutch West India Co. permitting the Jews to live in the New Netherlands was signed April 26, 1655, and this event was celebrated by a banquet on the evening of April 29 last. It is proposed to arrange a national celebration next Thanksgiving day, and all the Jews of the United States will be asked to participate. It is planned to hold religious services simultaneously in every Jewish synagogue in the country, to give thanks to God for the blessings enjoyed in the United States by the Jewish people, and to erect some appropriate memorial as an acknowledgment of these blessings. The money will be solicited from among the Jews in every city, town and village where Jews are living to pay for the memorial, the form of which has not yet been decided upon.

The House of Commons, London, England, recently voted the late Speaker, Mr. Gully, \$29,000 yearly on his retirement, so as to enable him fittingly to maintain the title which the King intends to bestow on him.

Our Navy Department recently issued orders excluding all Japanese servants who have been employed for years in the ward rooms and cooking departments of the United States warships engaged in the Chesapeake battle game. It is said that this action is the result of a report made by Rear Admiral Evans on his return from Asiatic waters, in which he said he had met in command of a powerful Japanese war vessel a subject of the Mikado who was at one time the Admiral's cabin boy. This Japanese acknowledged that a number of his fellow countrymen of high birth had served in low stations in the navies of the great powers to gain experience and learn the defense secrets of foreign governments.

The steamer City of Travers, America's first wireless floating pool-room, made her initial trip June 29 out of New York City, and by the admission of the local authorities it means the commencement of a reign of bliss for the local gambling fraternity. Chief

of Police O'Neill said that under a decision written by the legal advisers of the city he is powerless to interfere.

A dispatch from Stockholm, dated June 30, says: A telegram from Tromsø to the Jamtlands Posten announces that almost the entire Norwegian Army has been mobilized and that three classes of conscription are armed and in training. It is added that 5000 infantry were moved toward the Swedish boundary. Sixty-five cars and two engines were sent south from Trondhjem to assist in the movement of troops.

A dispatch from Russia says: Lodz is quieter than it has been for months past. The continuance of martial law makes life and property safer than since the strikes began in January, and insures excellent prospects for the resumption of work in practically every factory in the city. Mill owners are looking forward to at least several weeks of steady work, giving them a chance to fill orders which have piled up owing to the strike. Martial law has permitted the authorities to announce such measures as will make the resumption of disorders practically impossible. The report made by the Associated Press that Russia has accepted the first ten days in August as the time within which the first meeting of peace plenipotentiaries will take place. The precise date depends upon the time of the arrival at Washington of the Japanese plenipotentiaries.

The following statement of the operations of the treasury for the fiscal year ending June 30 was made public June 29. The treasury deficit for the year will be approximately \$24,500,000. This amount is subject to a slight, but no material, change. The receipts for the fiscal year have been about \$543,000,000, \$2,000,000 more than the receipts estimated by the Secretary of the Treasury in his last report. The expenditures have been \$567,000,000, or about \$8,500,000 more than estimated. The month of June just closing shows a handsome surplus of nearly \$2,000,000 and reduced the deficit from \$37,000,000 to \$24,500,000. A comparison of the receipts of this fiscal year with those of the preceding year shows remarkably small changes.

Chief Engineer Wallace was severely rebuked last week and asked to resign his position as member and Chief Engineer of the Isthmian Canal Commission. He is charged with "changing his position over night for mere lucre," and being influenced solely by "personal advantage."

Odessa was the scene of Russia's domestic troubles last week. The trouble originated in a meeting of sailors on the battleship Kniaz Potemkin, the strongest vessel of the Black Sea fleet, and spread rapidly through the city. Practically the entire harbor was gutted by the fire. All the warehouses with large quantities of merchandise as well as four or five Russian steamers were burned. Estimates of the number killed during the fires and rioting run as high as 6000. A far greater number were shot down, but many of the bodies were incinerated. The military commandant appointed Gen. Karakozneff, Commander of the Lubna Dragoons, to the post of Governor General of Odessa. Karakozneff later summoned the editors of the Odessa newspapers and blamed them for their conduct during the troubles. He said that if they published anything contrary to the aims of the Government the papers would be suppressed. The Governor General ordered the editors not to make the slightest reference to the present outbreak nor to the strike.

The Kniaz Potemkin sailed from Odessa July 2 in control of the numerous sailors and at this writing her whereabouts are unknown.

A cloudburst in the mountains around Guanajuto, Mexico, July 3, caused a disastrous flood in that city. Official figures place total casualties at between 200 and 1000 persons.

### Facts About Odessa.

Population—Next to the two capitals, St. Petersburg and Moscow, Odessa is the third largest city in Russia, having a population of 450,000, and being the most important city and seaport in Southern Russia. Foreign population 30,000.

Origin—Founded by Catherine II in 1792, lying on a plateau 150 feet high, from which a magnificent flight of stairs named after the first Governor, the Duc de Richelieu, leads down to the beach.

Chief Industries—The industries of the city which are responsible for its rapid growth are flour mills, tobacco, biscuit, match, iron and machinery works. It is the principal grain exporting port on the Black Sea, 6000 vessels calling there annually.

Exports and Imports—Annual exports amount to \$60,000,000, grain forming 75 per cent; imports \$30,000,000.

Architecture—The city has many fine buildings, including the Cathedral, Bourse, theaters, Governor's Palace, municipal library, twenty-five ortho-

dox Churches, and a number of monasteries and synagogues.

Education—Novo Rossiky Uvy, founded in 1864, and teaching all the branches; has 600 students on its rolls.

### The Morocco Trouble.

As peace dawns in the East, signs of danger to the peace of Europe begins to appear in Northwest Africa. The Empire of Morocco is not so important in itself as its title would indicate; but it is just now the cause of much anxiety to France, and indeed to other European nations. The form of government is an absolute despotism, the Emperor exercising the power of life and death over his subjects. The area of the Empire is about 219,000 square miles, and the population about 5,000,000. The Christian population numbers about 6000, of whom 5000 are in Tangier alone. There are about 150,000 Jews. Morocco has been in an unsettled condition for some years, and insurrections were frequent. As a result of this condition several countries deemed it necessary to come to an understanding regarding their respective rights; of these countries France had most at stake. Not only is Algeria, which adjoins Morocco on the east, a French province, but France had been given control of the customs in order to secure the large sums of money loaned by her to Morocco. In April, 1905, England and France entered into an agreement permitting France to assist in the administrative, economic, financial and military reforms in Morocco, reserving to her, however, the rights which by treaties of usage she now enjoys. This agreement placed Morocco in about the same relation to France that Egypt sustains to England. Morocco has been gradually falling under the direction of France, though the French Government declares that it has no intention of changing the political condition of the Empire.

The agreement between England and France did not have the approval of the Sultan of Morocco, Mulai Abdel-aziz, nor of the Emperor of Germany. The German Government is not a Mediterranean power and has little commercial dealings with Morocco. Therefore when Emperor William, a few months ago, visited the Sultan of Morocco, and in a public speech at Tangier declared that he intended to treat the Sultan as an independent monarch and to preserve the freedom of German trade in Morocco, the speech not only pleased the Sultan, but was accepted as serving notice upon France that her protectorate over Morocco could not continue without Germany's sanction. The French ministers became alarmed and questioned the wisdom of the policy in Morocco. M. Delcasse, Minister for Foreign Affairs, one of the ablest men in France, who was responsible for the policy, resigned. The Emperor of Germany now demands that the question of a protectorate be submitted to an international conference of the powers, a proceeding which France would construe as an international humiliation.

France seems disposed to yield to the demands of the Emperor of Germany as far as self-respect will permit. How far she will yield will depend somewhat upon the attitude of England, which, it is declared, has intimated that she will stand with France in supporting the agreement concerning France's relations to Morocco, Germany in seeking to humiliate France, may be making the same mistake that Napoleon made a hundred years ago in humiliating Germany. Germany now seems to be invincible as against France, but no one can tell what political changes will take place, and Germany may find herself as weak relatively as is France. She may press her demands too far. A conciliatory attitude on the part of both nations will make both for present and future peace.—Exchange.

### MARRIAGES.

Pearee-Shoffner—At the Methodist parsonage, Milano, Texas, July 2, 1905, Mr. M. J. Pearee and Miss Fannie Shoffner, Rev. J. D. Burke officiating.

Bunting-Wise—At the residence of the bride's mother, Mrs. N. J. Wise, in Rockdale, Texas, June 7, 1905, Mr. Knox Bunting and Miss Ursula Wise, Rev. Geo. W. Davis officiating.

Graham-Steger.—At the residence of Capt. C. J. Steger, Thursday, June 29, 1905, 8:15 p. m., Mr. J. P. Graham and Miss Annie B. Steger, all of Quinlan, Texas, Rev. J. N. Hunter officiating.

Chapman-Bland.—At the Methodist Church, Orange, Texas, June 7, 1905, Mr. Monroe Chapman, of Bay City, Texas, and Miss Mattie B. Bland, of Orange, Texas, Rev. H. T. Cunningham officiating.

McCorquodale-Thomas.—At the residence of the bride's parents, Orange, Texas, June 12, 1905, Mr. J. Murf McCorquodale and Miss Annie Thomas, Rev. H. T. Cunningham officiating.

Campbell-Ball.—At the residence of the bride's parents, Orange, Texas, June 14, 1905, Mr. W. Archie Campbell

and Miss Lillian E. Ball, a 1 of Orange, Texas, Rev. H. T. Cunningham officiating.

Stubbs-Hickman.—At the home of the bride, near Florence, Texas, June 25, 1905, Mr. C. T. Stubbs, of Dallas County, and Miss Susie Hickman, Rev. G. W. Kincheloe officiating.

Traxler-Daily.—At the residence of the bride's parents in the town of Hallettsville, Texas, June 25, 1905, Mr. Walker F. Traxler and Miss Bell Daily, Rev. A. G. Nolen officiating.

Black-Green.—At the home of the bride's father, Mr. M. T. Green, in Denton, Texas, by Rev. J. P. Mussett, June 22, 1905, at 10 o'clock a. m., Rev. Samuel W. Black and Miss Annie M. Green.

Page-Bush.—At the residence of the bride's father, Capt. D. T. Bush, twelve miles from Goldthwaite, Texas, June 11, 1905, Mr. Will Page and Miss May Bush, Rev. G. W. Templin officiating.

Boggs-Worsham.—May 31, 1905, by Rev. J. B. Adair, Mr. Jubal Boggs, of Sulphur Springs, Texas, and Miss Annie Worsham, of Cumby, Texas.

Bettes-Blaisdell.—In the parlor of the Methodist parsonage at Mart, Texas, June 11, 1905, Mr. Albert D. Bettes and Miss Arvilla Blaisdell, all of McLennan County, Texas, Rev. A. E. Carraway officiating.

Criswell-Townsend.—At the home of the bride's parents, Mr. and Mrs. R. H. Townsend, of Mart, Texas, June 14, 1905, Mr. Floy F. Criswell and Miss Elizabeth Townsend, Rev. A. E. Carraway officiating. The groom is the popular Deputy Sheriff of McLennan County, and the bride the First Vice-President of the Senior Epworth League of Mart. They start out with the Texas Christian Advocate in their home.

McLeroy-Woldert.—At the residence of the bride's father in Tyler, Texas, June 16, 1905, at 11 a. m., Mr. R. R. McLeroy and Miss Alma Woldert, Rev. V. A. Goble officiating.

Martin-Dixon.—At the home of Dr. Hall, New York, Texas, Saturday 10 a. m., June 19, 1905, Mr. Ira Martin and Miss Sallina Dixon, Rev. Dr. T. H. Hall officiating.

Secrest-Richardson.—At the home of the bride in Florence, Texas, June 21, 1905, Mr. P. G. Secrest, of Georgetown, Texas, and Miss Ora Ella Richardson, of Florence, Texas, Rev. G. W. Kincheloe officiating.

Lawrence-Clements.—At the Summerfield Church June 11, 1905, Mr. John W. Lawrence, of Gregg County, Texas, near Longview, and Miss Louisa Clements, Rev. W. W. Horner officiating.

Young-Johnson.—At the residence of the bride's father June 14, 1905, Mr. B. E. Young, of Aledo, Texas, and Miss Lizzie Johnson, of Groveland, Texas, Rev. J. B. Parr officiating.

### WYNNE MISSION FUND.

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### EXCHANGE OF PASTORS.

At the request of Revs. E. A. Bailey of the Dublin District and James M. Sherman of the Clarendon District, Bishop Key has exchanged Rev. W. B. Wilson and Rev. J. E. Stephens.

Rev. W. B. Wilson goes to Canyon City and Rev. J. E. Stephens to Hico. Brother Stephens is one among our best and most useful men in the West, and we part with him with sadness. We welcome Brother Wilson and his good family in our midst.

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Notes From the Field.

NORTHWEST TEX. CONFERENCE.

Winchell.

C. G. Shutt, June 30: We closed a very interesting meeting here last Saturday night. Several professed conversions or reclamations. Eight persons took the vows of the Church. Others were added by certificate. Six children were baptized. Bro. G. W. Harris preached for us eight days and did good work. Bro. E. N. Lewis, local preacher, did efficient work.

Floydada.

J. T. Howell, June 30: Our third Quarterly Conference occasion was a feast in more than one respect. We had a fine dinner on the ground each day. Our presiding elder, Rev. J. T. Grishout, was with us and brought forth out of his treasure things new and old with which he provided us feasts in three good sermons. Rev. S. D. Waddill, that sweet-spirited "old warrior," preached an excellent sermon to the children after their regular Children's Day program, and we shared with the children the joy of the hour. He is passing down the decline of life, but his light grows brighter for the evening, and God is with him. He has not been able to do active work for some time, but his influence over those who know him grows stronger each day. By his life's record he is preaching a greater sermon than tongue can utter or heart conceive. We are trying to man a huge battle line out here in this great new district, and we have a field marshal in our presiding elder whose heart is wrapped up in the welfare of the people and his "boys." Little can he measure the effect of his deep personal interest in the men under him. When he completes this round he will have traveled over 500 miles by private conveyance and been absent from his family nine weeks. My meetings begin July 9 here in Floydada, with Rev. S. J. Vaughan to assist me. Brethren, pray for us, and may God bless you all in gracious revivals of religion.

Albany.

R. F. Brown: We have just closed a very successful and interesting meeting at Albany. Our meeting was held under a large tabernacle; commenced Sunday, June 4, and closed Sunday night, June 18. More than 50 conversions and reclamations were the visible results, besides the Christians of the town and surrounding country were greatly revived. Rev. R. J. Birdwell came to us on Wednesday after the meeting began and did the preaching to the close. Brother Birdwell is a strong gospel preacher; he is original and has a style peculiar to himself, and is gifted with the power and tact of reaching hard men. His illustrations are full of humor, but each carries with it a fine point so plain and impressive that even the children listen with eagerness to catch every word of his sermons. Brother Birdwell always leaves a place loving their pastor more than when he came; he is a friend to the pastor. On Sunday we took a collection for him amounting to \$235; it was freely given, and at the last service the good people of Albany made up a purse sufficient to send the pastor and his wife to the Epworth League Convention at Denver. We have had a pleasant stay thus far with the people of Albany and Moran. Have organized an Epworth League at Albany, numbering near 70, and a Sunday-school at Moran, doing good work. Have insured our church and parsonage at Albany for three years. Our conference collections are nearly up; have never presented the matter to Moran; we expect to collect all and more. The people are hopeful all over the work. We expect to begin our meeting at Moran the fourth Sunday in July. The people have been kind and good to the preacher and his family. Some of the best people on earth live here. This is our first year in the work, and God is blessing our efforts and we are happy in his service. We have received into the Church about 35 members; have good, live prayer-meetings. We believe the cause of our Lord is prospering in this part of the country, and we expect to go to conference with everything in full and over.

Sunny Lane.

B. A. Myers, July 1: Last Sunday night, about 12 o'clock, we closed our first meeting. Bro. Ledger, of the Northwest Texas Conference, did the preaching for me. He preached plain truths and spared not. He said that he had been preaching for nine years, but never in all of his ministry did he hold a meeting under such trying difficulties. We left Georgetown on Friday, June 16. Saturday evening we reached Oakalla the place where the meeting was held. There was sickness in every home, whooping cough all over the country, two thrashers in the community, a tabernacle to be built, but the worst of all, we were

opposed by other Churches and some of my own members just pulled back and said they didn't want any meeting if they couldn't have it when they could enjoy it. But as there was no other time to have it, we went ahead. Monday morning we did not have a soul out. That night there were about fifteen and we had three conversions. The next day we had five I believe, and so on until the close of the meeting Sunday night. In all we had about twenty conversions and reclamations. We received twelve into the Church on profession of faith. I want to say, too, that they were among the best of the community. The appointment was assessed \$11.50 for the conference collections. They had paid \$6.10 of that, but Sunday morning we raised \$28.00 more in subscriptions. Praise God from whom all blessings flow. We prayed for a Sunday-school superintendent when we went there, and, thank God, we got him. If the Lord be for us, who can be against us? We are going to have four more revivals, build a church and move another from two miles out in the country to town. "Hereby is my Father glorified that ye bare much fruit."

Mart.

A. E. Carraway, July 4: Our meeting led by Bro. Mulkey closed out Sunday night last. It was indeed a great meeting. Something like 100 conversions and reclamations. Forty-two additions to our Church to date and more to follow—twenty-five go to the Baptists and two to the Presbyterians. A religious glow pervades the town. The rain and mud seemed to hinder us. Bro. Mulkey was at his best and did us great good. May the Lord bless and keep him in the work.

Killeen and Nolanville.

W. P. Edwards: We are just closing out one of the greatest meetings Killeen ever had, notwithstanding the rains descended and the floods came during the first few days of meeting. The power of God was upon us from the beginning. The people came through the mud to hear the gospel preached and it is the power of God unto salvation to every one that believeth. Bro. Birdwell has done the preaching in these services. He makes no compromise with sin and the devil, plain, practical and to the point. Up to last night there had been about ninety professions. There have been forty who gave their names for membership in our Church. Others will come in. The most of these will go to some Church. May God bless Bro. Birdwell in his work of leading men to Christ. The praise be given to God for this meeting.

NORTH TEXAS CONFERENCE.

Howe.

D. F. Fuller: We are moving along on Howe Circuit. Material improvements are being made. Ferguson Chapel has been repainted, repaired and platform put in front of the church. Cedar has, or rather her young ladies have, put a nice new carpet on the pulpit. The parsonage at Howe has been leveled up, two small rooms added, the building repapered throughout, and a nice matting put on the floor of the front room. Finally Rev. C. A. Spragins preached us a great sermon on missions at Howe the third Sunday of June, and the collection was fine. Happy the pastor and people who receive a visit from this Missionary Secretary. People give cheerfully after hearing his splendid sermons. I begin protracted meetings first Sunday of July, and will be busy till close of August. I ask my many friends and brethren who read these lines pray for us that God may do wondrous works in our midst.

Bonham.

W. F. Clark, June 26: Meeting at South Bonham closed last night; held twelve days. Brother White is the pastor. I preached every sermon except one preached by Brother Ely the first night of the meeting. It was a great meeting. We had 54 conversions and quite a number of reclamations. The Church has been greatly strengthened spiritually. Bro. White has a fine congregation and is in favor with his people; he is now at Ravenna. Brother Lowery, of Waco, is with him at that place. I will commence a meeting at Ector next Sunday with Brother Huffman.

Nocona.

L. F. Palmer: We are filling our station the best we can. There was a death at the Home June 1 at 9:30 p. m.—(Lucy Moore), our Jersey cow. Since that loss has come to us the good people have purchased another, for which we are truly thankful. We, on our part, promise good care for the new cow. To our friends abroad, will say we are yet in the hands of God and his people; our purpose is to continue with the Lord. We have had a good garden this year yielding us a little revenue; also have had some nice early fru... Our chickens are do-

ing well, nearing the frying size. Ready to enter the ministry. Bro. R. E. Porter is moving to-day into a parsonage purchased in Nocona for Belcher charge at a cost of \$800. Brother Porter is doing right well on his work. The time of his protracted meetings will soon be here, and we are hopeful of a good year for him and his people. Bro. J. P. Lowery is moving on tolerably well. His official board were all on the sick list or caring for the sick but one and he was out to the evening service, but was a little ailing. The new parsonage is on the way; will be a thing of beauty, for which the people should feel proud. Brother Lowery is looking after the work and the subscription carefully. We are looking after the out-of-the-way places, hoping to do some good as the years go by. In mind, we have four or five points where we wish to hold some meetings of a few days, if I am able. There is quite a lot of unoccupied territory in the bounds of Gainesville District. The way I look at it we, as a Church, are failing to do a full work. Our fences should be set out, take in new land, and it will pay in the future. A plan was recommended at the District Conference to look after this territory; a committee also appointed to take the matter in hand, but we have not heard of it since. Awake!

Bowie.

R. G. Mood: Though working under many difficulties, there having been continued sickness in the family for nearly seven months, yet this has been so far the most pleasant and successful of my three years at Bowie. We have repaired our church at considerable cost and it now presents a neat and comfortable appearance throughout. As a result of the meeting held early in May, in which Bro. W. A. Stuckey did all the preaching and worked untiringly, there were over twenty conversions and twenty-five additions to the membership, making forty members received so far this year. In the midst of the cares incident to our boy's sickness we have had innumerable kindnesses shown to us both by our friends here and elsewhere, especially to some of our friends in Dallas, where we took our little fellow for treatment. We are much encouraged and hopeful for the remainder of the year. Salaries are pretty well up and everything moving smoothly.

Anna.

P. G. Smith, L. D., July 3: Rev. I. W. Clark, our presiding elder, held the third Quarterly Conference Saturday and Sunday at Chambersville. Bro. Clark gave us some good preaching, especially Sunday at 11 o'clock, at which time he dedicated the new Chambersville Church. At the close of the service Rev. D. L. Coale, the pastor, announced that dinner was on the ground for everybody, and all were invited to partake of the hospitality of those noble, good people. Bro. Coale is protracting his meeting at this place this week and we devoutly pray that God will give them an old-time revival of religion. The Lord put it in their hearts, under the leadership of Bro. Coale, to build him a house of worship and they went down in their pockets after the money and completed the job and it is certainly a thing of beauty. The people of the Weston Circuit are hungry for religion. We join our beloved pastor in praying that the kingdom of God may come in great and mighty power on the entire circuit. We have not pounded our preacher yet and we want to say in behalf of the whole circuit that we are beginning to feel a little bad over the situation, but the fault is not in the good people of the Weston charge. The trouble is we can't hold him down long enough and we are beginning to think that if we pound him we will have to pound him on the wing. Bro. Coale has church building and the salvation of the people on his mind and he is working to that end and the probability is another church will be built on the Weston Circuit at Melissa before conference.

TEXAS CONFERENCE.

Carthage.

W. L. Pate: We are moving along very nicely with our work at Carthage. We have had two meetings this year. Rev. T. S. Armstrong, of Waco, preached for me in one of them and Rev. J. A. Walkup in the other. The people were edified by their preaching. J. A. Walkup is an earnest, faithful preacher. Quite a number were converted in our last meeting.

POSTOFFICE ADDRESS.

My address from now until November 8, 1905, will be Geary, O. T., as I have been appointed pastor at that place. JNO. W. MAYNE.

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REPORT OF THE TREASURER OF THE TEXAS CONFERENCE FOR JUNE, 1905.

Houston District—League City, Allen Tooke, Bishops' fund, \$3; conference claimants, \$5; foreign missions, \$5; Church extension, \$4; education, \$3; Orphanage, \$3.50; Paine and Lane, \$2. Angleton, J. W. Johnson, domestic missions, \$21.

Beaumont District—Orange, H. T. Cunningham, domestic missions, \$75. China and Sour Lake, A. P. Bradford, Bishops' fund, \$5; foreign missions, \$6.90; Orphanage, \$5; Children's Day, \$8.15. Wallaceville, B. C. Rausch, foreign missions, \$6; Children's Day, \$1. Call Mission, S. H. Allison, foreign missions, \$6; domestic missions, \$9.10.

Brenham District—Brenham, L. M. Fowler, Children's Day, \$2.05. Chappell Hill, J. C. Carr, foreign missions, \$10; domestic missions, \$10. Davilla Mission, C. E. Sampson, foreign missions, \$10; domestic missions, \$10; Children's Day, \$3. Caldwell Station, C. A. McLarty, Children's Day, \$8. Maysfield, A. T. Walker, foreign missions, \$5; domestic missions, \$5; Orphanage, \$5. Thorndale, N. Y. Switzer, Children's Day, \$3.63.

San Augustine District—Geneva, foreign missions, \$6. Burke, J. B. Luker, foreign missions, \$5; domestic missions, \$5; Orphanage, \$5.

Calvert District—Lott, G. H. Phair, foreign missions, \$10; Orphanage, \$2. Wheelock Circuit, J. W. Skinner, foreign missions, \$1.50; domestic missions, \$16; Orphanage, \$9. Marlin, W. W. Watts, domestic missions, \$100. Fairfield and Dew, domestic missions, \$5. Rogers Prairie, J. B. Gregory, foreign missions, \$3; domestic missions, \$3; Orphanage, \$2.

Huntsville District—Bryan, I. F. Betts, foreign missions, \$45. Bedias, A. J. Frick, domestic missions, \$1. Cold Springs, W. M. Foster, domestic missions, \$7.50. Dodge Circuit, J. B. Nutter, domestic missions, \$9.75; Orphanage, \$6.

Palestine District—Crockett Mission, J. J. Murphy, domestic missions, \$18. Alto, D. S. Burke, foreign missions, \$15; domestic missions, \$10. Jacksonville Circuit, J. M. Smith, Orphanage, \$7.00.

Tyler District—Marvin, W. F. Packard, foreign missions, \$150.60; Church extension, \$67; education, \$72.90; Orphanage, \$34.20. Cedar Street, T. T. Booth, foreign missions, \$25; domestic missions, \$25. Lindale, H. J. Hayes, Children's Day, \$3.80. Malakoff, B. W. Allen, Children's Day, \$2.10. Athens, C. B. Garrett, Orphanage, \$5. Mt. Sylvan, J. H. Hamblin, domestic missions, \$5.75.

Marshall District—Longview, B. H. Greathouse, education, \$60; Paine and Lane, \$5. Coffeeville, Sam L. Dale, conference claimants, \$15; foreign missions, \$5; domestic missions, \$5; Orphanage, \$5. Hallville, W. W. Horner, Children's Day, \$2.60. Church Hill, J. C. Steward, foreign missions, \$15.00.

Pittsburg District—Texarkana, J. B. Turentine, Children's Day, \$5.75. Naptes, W. H. Vance, Children's Day, \$1.90. Linden, S. H. Morgan, education, \$8; Children's Day, \$1.50. Big Sandy Mission, A. Little, Children's Day, \$4.10. Dalby Springs, J. M. Mills, Children's Day, \$4.70. Total, \$1067.98.

L. L. JESTER, Treasurer Texas Conference.

SOUTHWESTERN UNIVERSITY NOTES.

Dr. H. A. Shands, who has been with us so long, has resigned his chair of English and goes to the University of Mississippi to fill the chair of oratory and rhetoric. Dr. Shands graduated from this University and the offer thus tendered him by his alma mater is quite a compliment to her distinguished son.

Prof. A. S. Pegues will fill the chair of English lately vacated by Dr. Shands. While we regret exceedingly to lose Dr. Shands, we assure ourselves that our English classes are in competent hands, and Prof. Pegues will work the students just as hard and grade them perhaps a little closer. Prof. Pegues is a native of South Carolina; graduated from Wofford College in 1892 with A. B. and in 1895 took the degree of A. M. from the same University. Has been teaching English in Southwestern University for twelve years, and during that time he has been studying advanced English preparing for advanced work. In 1901 studied English in Cornell under Dr. Hiram Corson, who is perhaps the most eminent Browning student in the world. In 1903 he studied for three months in the University of Chicago, studying middle English and English literature. While he was assistant professor in English in the Southwestern University he was also Principal of Fitting School and manager of Giddings Hall.

Prof. Burcham will step into the Principalship and the Fitting School and be manager of Giddings Hall. The thing will be an assured success with Prof. Burcham at the head of it. He

proposes to spend several hundred dollars in repairing and renovating the hall.

The friends of Southwestern University will learn with regret that Dr. W. L. Nelms has resigned the chair of Practical Theology lately given him by the Curators. He prefers to stay in the regular pastoral work, his loved employ. This news is received with joy by his congregation in Georgetown.

Our own Bro. Hendry (we will always think of him as belonging to us) recently gave the library a cabinet of Chinese curios, god, goddesses, Budas, hair ornaments, coins, etc. This gift is highly appreciated and very much more valued, because we have learned to love Bro. Hendry and family during their stay among us. Our best wishes and love go with them to their far-away field of labor. He leaves us two of his children to be educated.

E. C. Wilm, A. B., A. M., graduate of 1892 of Southwestern University, during the past year has been fellow in the Sage School of Philosophy of Cornell University at the recent commencement. The degree of Doctor of Philosophy was conferred on him. The subject of his thesis was, "The Philosophy of Frederick Schiller and Its Historical Relations with Special Reference to the Influence of Kant." He also won the Messinger memorial prize of \$50, the competition of which is open to the entire school. Mrs. Wilm is remembered very pleasantly as Miss Grace Gridley, a teacher of the piano at the Annex.

Mr. A. O. Applequist will be the new registrar for next session, and will do his part well, as we have proof of his work in the past years.

The Summer School and Normal have enrolled 136 up to date. More coming in all the time. Our summer normal faculty is unexcelled and the teachers all express gratification at the work that is being done. Miss Martin in her primary work receives many encomiums.

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RESOLUTION.

Whereas, Our beloved presiding Rev. J. G. Miller, presides in our District Conference with impartiality and ability, looking well after every interest of the Church; therefore

Resolved, We most heartily thank him for his impartial interest in each member and visitor, and assure him of our continued confidence and support in his faithful administration of the affairs of the Vernon District.

L. W. CARLTON, W. E. LYON.

UNANSWERED LETTERS.

June 29.—J. J. Davis, sub. J. T. Howell, sub. W. R. Thornton, sub. has attention. G. H. Collins, sub. J. H. Braswell, sub. G. J. Irvin, sub. H. T. Cunningham, thanks for correction in name. S. J. Drake, sub.

June 30.—R. N. Brown, sub. A. L. Seales, sub. J. C. Carter, sub. M. W. Clark, sub.

July 1.—O. A. Shook, sub. A. L. Seales, sub. Frank Hughen, sub. Thos. S. Bares, sub.

July 2.—J. A. Foster, sub. H. P. Shrader, sub. P. C. Archer, sub. J. W. Stevens, sub. W. L. Nelms, sub. M. L. Moody, sub.

July 4.—D. W. Gardner, sub. G. H. McNally, sub. Jerome Duncan, sub.

July 5.—I. E. Hightower, change. W. B. Wilson, sub. T. W. Ellis, change. L. B. Saxon, sub.

READ THIS.

Coleman, Texas, March 3, 1892. This is to certify that less than one bottle of the Texas Wonder, Hall's Great Discovery, cured me of severe kidney and bladder trouble. Its effects are wonderful. I can cheerfully recommend it to others suffering in same manner. Respectfully, J. E. McCORD.

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## The Home Circle

### SUSIE SMITH'S BACK YARD.

Around our house the trees are tall,  
The flower beds prim and neat,  
The paths are graveled, all of them,  
There's one hard, rustic seat.  
And James, the gardener, says, "Look  
out!  
You shouldn't play so hard."  
'Tis then we scamper off, and stay  
In Susie Smith's back yard.

You never saw such nice, long grass;  
A big old hammock, too;  
An apple tree with spreading limbs,  
A barn that's almost new,  
The finest swinging that goes so high,  
And sends you down all jarred,  
The loveliest place in all the town  
Is Susie Smith's back yard.

I hope the Smiths won't move away,  
And take their children, too;  
I wouldn't know just where to play,  
I wonder what I'd do?  
No park could be like that, I know,  
Police men all on guard;  
I'd like to stay till I grow up  
In Susie Smith's back yard.  
—Alix Thorn, in Youth's Companion.

### A BIT OF PIONEER LIFE.

Out in beautiful Oregon lived the Winslows. Mr. Winslow's little business in the East had been wiped out by a big trust. After sad talking and planning they decided to go into the great West and take one hundred and sixty acres of Uncle Sam's land, at his very low price. Most of their goods were disposed of. But the books—though they were heavy—and the water-color paintings from nature, the silver and china, which had belonged to Mrs. Winslow's great-grandmother, were all packed to be taken.

"I'm afraid these are not such things as pioneers should have," said the husband.

"I know it, dear. But there are the children. We do not want them to grow up like little barbarians, while we are getting some of the earth's goods for them. I shall insist upon as perfect table manners upon the frontier as here in the town. They must not forget how to handle silver, nor lose their respect for good china."

And that settled it. For the future of his children was the cause of their father's sacrifice.

Three years later the Winslows were settled upon their new farm. They had a cozy little home of hewn logs. And their stable was something to be proud of. Homer, a former clerk of Mr. Winslow's, had come with them and proved most faithful. True to her ideal of a home, Mrs. Winslow had arranged the china about their bright kitchen; while upon the mantel, with the beautiful hand-carved tray in the middle, stood the fine old silver tea service of the great-grandmother. Upon state occasions these were taken down and used. But the silver spoons and forks, the sugar tongs, pie-knife, and other necessary articles were everyday matters.

When distant neighbors came to visit, or stray travelers stopped to ask their way, all were impressed with the bright home and the gentle manners of the Winslows—large and small.

One afternoon an ill-looking man came to the door and asked for food. Dora gave him a glass of milk and some bread. Her mother said that dinner would be ready shortly and asked him to wait and eat with them.

Mr. Winslow, Allan, and Homer came later. They did not like the stranger's looks; but visitors were not frequent and they would not turn him away. Later Homer noted that the eyes of the stranger often roved along the row of shining silver upon the mantel, that he dropped his fork—as if accidentally—and seemed well pleased with its ring, and almost Homer was sure that he caught the man making an effort to bend his teaspoon.

When time came for sleep Mr. Winslow told Allan to bring a bundle of fresh straw and give the stranger one of the new horse blankets, so that he could sleep on the grass. For in Oregon from spring to autumn the rain does not fall; there are few mosquitoes, and it is delightful sleeping under the fair sky.

During the evening Mr. Winslow and Homer discussed their plans for the following day. They were going to Mishawaka. The tramp had said that he was on his way to that place to meet a brother who had come on, some years before, and had written him.

"Very well, after breakfast you may go along with us—if you will walk the hills. We take out very little. Our load will be on the return," said Mr. Winslow.

The tramp did not reply. When morning came nowhere was he to be seen. Blanket and straw lay in an unsightly tumble upon the clean grass plat. Allan grumbled a good deal while he made the place tidy. Mr. Winslow and Homer also were dis-

pleased. "It doesn't look well," they said to each other. But Mrs. Winslow pointed to the shotgun behind the door. "I've been here too long to be afraid now," she said. Nevertheless after the men had driven off she began to think. Allan and Dora began to think, too.

"I'm sure I saw the tramp peering about," Allan said later. "Mamma let's hide the silver under that board in the front room. Then let's take our pails, as if we were going berrying, lock the door, and come out, after a little circle, behind the barn."

"And leave the gun?"  
"O, no! I'll take that. It'll look all right. Boys do things, you know. I've got the lassoes ready in the barn."

"The lassoes! What for?"  
"To catch him if he shows up, and hold him till father comes."

A little later they were in the barn, safely and quietly. Mrs. Winslow rested upon the hay, while the children kept watch. She did not expect any trouble.

"Sh! There he is! He's knocking. Knocks again. Now he's trying the door. Doing his best to break it down. What's he going away for? O, the ax! He's going to chop down the door!"

Pale and excited, the three went downstairs. Mrs. Winslow grasped the gun. "Can you do it, Allan? I'll frighten him with the gun."

They waited until the first blow had been struck against the door of their dear little home. Then Allan swung his arm. There was a sound like the hissing of a mighty serpent, and a rope slid down over the astonished man's head and shoulders. It was drawn up tightly and handed to Dora. As he realized what had happened and began to struggle another snaky rope was drawn up around his neck.

At this his efforts became desperate. Mrs. Winslow drew near. "If you struggle I shall shoot!" Her voice was not like the gentle one that had given him welcome only the day before. "There is evidence against you. Keep still and let us bind you or you never shall walk away."

Allan gave a timely jerk on the rope about his neck. A terrible oath was cut short and the hateful face became purple and hideous.

"Now, quick! Tie his hands and feet, while I hold my finger on this trigger!" commanded the mother.

Allan's quick fingers did her bidding. It was well that the boy's idea of becoming a cattle king had given him a fancy to learn the use of the lariat from passing cowboys. He had not more than finished his work when Mr. Winslow and Homer returned. Not having passed the tramp on the road, they became anxious and had turned about. When on the following day they went to Mishawaka the ungrateful guest, bound hand and foot, was in the wagon. Later on he was sentenced to five years' labor, and was set at work, with others of his kind, at building some new state roads. Strong guard was kept over them, and their presence was ample warning to others who might have been inclined to like mischief.

Ingratitude is one of the blackest of sins.—Christian Advocate.

### NOT LOST MONTHS.

"What a beautiful blending of colors there is on the calendar!" exclaimed Marian Hunt, as she drew near for a closer inspection of the calendar which hung in a conspicuous place in her friend's room.

Helen Russell smiled appreciatively for she, too, admired with the artist's keen perception the harmony of color which had attracted Marian's notice.

Helen was convalescing after a long and tedious illness, and the little calendar had become very dear to her, not for its beauty only, but for the words—words which her friend seemed not to notice: "Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life."

While lying in weakness and pain for weary months, she had been wont at first to repeat the words aimlessly over and over, attaching no more meaning to them than when she listlessly counted the figures on the wall-paper, or the rows of books in her bookcase. But gradually, as she grew stronger, the thought of the Psalmist became clear in her mind, and she found herself wondering if the words on the calendar could possibly apply to her.

Goodness and mercy—surely illness was not of these a part. And then one day the inspired poetry of that wonderful Shepherd Psalm unfolded itself to her in its beauty, and she ceased wondering and fretting while she whispered, contentedly: "The Lord is my Shepherd; I shall not want."

"Well, Helen," said Marian, as she prepared to take leave of her friend. "You have lost almost a year out of your life, while I have been whirling around here and there in a ceaseless round of gaiety; yet even pleasure

becomes monotonous after a time. Our friend Mr. Shakespeare spoke wisely when he said: 'They are as sick that surfeit with too much as they that starve with nothing.'"

"You have lost almost a year out of your life." The words lingered with Helen after Marian had gone, and with a scarcely suppressed sigh she thought of all she had missed in the social world. Then her eyes chanced to rest on the calendar, and again she read the now familiar words "Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life."

"A year lost? Ah! no; how else should I ever learned to appreciate the loving devotion and self-sacrifice of the dear home folks? Every unspoken wish and desire has been anticipated and supplied. And my friends—how stanch and loyal they have been!" And tears of gratefulness filled her eyes as she inhaled the spicy fragrance of a beautiful bunch of carnations which had been sent to her that day. Indeed, the calendar which had given her so much pleasure and comfort was also the gift of a friend.

"No, my year has not been lost," she thought, as she closed her eyes and lay back among the pillows; "for 'The Lord is my Shepherd; I shall not want. He maketh me to lie down—in green pastures; He leadeth me beside—still—"

Helen's sister coming quietly into the room found her asleep, and as she tenderly drew the light covering over the wasted form, and looked at the pale yet happy face on the pillow, she thought: "I don't believe that Helen frets much about all these months she has lost."—Serina Clarke, in Epworth Herald.

### A REAL KNIGHT.

We can never repeat too often the old lesson of love and courtesy toward those who have borne the heavier of life's burdens. A recent writer tells of one lad who did not forget his duty. In a certain village the boys had fallen into the way of jeering at an old lady who was a frequent visitor at the post office.

She lived in the village only a year, and thoughtless people now began to call her half-witted, and to say her son either left her for good or she only had one in imagination.

The boys who had grieved her from time to time before now determined to get all the "fun out of her" they could.

Helplessly she looked about for some escape, but there was none till a tall, slender, awkward fellow came down the steps like a cyclone, and with his long arms and legs sent the boys flying in all directions.

It was Jim Gordon, "the new boy from the backwoods," whose "innocent face" and meek look had made the others think he had no "grit." He stood by the old woman, defying them all.

"I say," called one, derisively, "is she your mother? Are you the long-lost son?"

"No," was the reply, with flashing eyes; "but she's somebody's mother, and any fellow who dares disturb her will have to answer to me till that somebody comes! Am I the only boy here who has a mother?"

The boys for very shame moved away, while the gallant young Gordon went with the old woman to her home.

Carefully he guarded and tended her till "somebody" came—a tall, well-dressed, fine looking sea captain, who had been ill for months during which time his letters had gone astray.

Everybody in the village was at the station to see if he really would come. Jim Gordon half supported the trembling old woman till she was caught up in the arms of her son, who cried, brokenly:

"Mother! mother! mother! It would have killed me if anything had happened to you before I found you!"

And those who saw the answering 'lovelight in the old woman's face, found their own tears hovering, and more than one boy turned away his head and thought more tenderly of his own mother.—Selected.

### THE FLYING PANSY.

Agnes was only four years old, but she liked to play in the big old-fashioned garden. She would wheel Marianna, her doll, in a little green cart up and down the walks, bordered with pinks, or creeping Charley, or velvety grass.

Before Agnes had gone far, Marianna's lap would be filled with blossoms, a pink, a stem of flowering currant, a cluster of snowy syringas, brave little larkspurs, stiff brown and yellow marigolds, or whatever flowers happened to be in bloom; for Agnes felt that Marianna loved flowers just as much as she did.

Agnes cared most of all for the pansies. They had such bright faces and always looked so friendly, nodding their heads when the breeze fluttered the flower folk in the garden, as though they were visiting among themselves.

One day while Agnes, with Marian-

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na in the cart beside her, was looking at the pansy bed that was crowded with bright little faces, a large, brilliant orange and black butterfly was settled upon a pansy of almost the same color.

And when it rose from the flowers and fluttered away beyond the blue larkspurs, Agnes could scarcely believe her eyes, and taking Marianna in her arms, for she had no time to bother with the cart, she ran to her mother and cried:

"O mamma! just think—Marianna and I saw a pansy flying! Yes—a real pansy; and it flew across the larkspur bed and behind the yellow roses, then I didn't see it any more."—Epworth Herald.

### DOLLY'S PONY.

Nearly every fine afternoon Dolly came to play with Betty. So when it happened that for two days she did not come, Betty wondered very much. "And it didn't rain either," she said to mamma.

"O, I expect she will be here tomorrow," answered mamma. But Dolly did not come the next day nor the next.

Betty wondered more than ever, and cried.

The little girl was just getting well after a long illness, and the doctor had said that she must not run nor walk much until her back was stronger, so she could not go up the road to Dolly's house to see what was the matter with her little playmate.

"It's very strange," said mamma. "She must be sick. I wish that I were not so busy so that I could go and see about it."

"O dear, I wish I could go to her house. Don't you think I might go very slowly?"

"No, dear," answered mamma, "you must do what the doctor said."

"It is so lonesome playing alone. I do wish Dolly would come!"

Betty's big brother Dick had been to the city for a week. He came home that evening. When he heard Betty talking about Dolly he said:

"I saw Dolly in town."

"O!" exclaimed Betty, "when is she coming home?"

"I don't know," answered Dick. "She was with her father. I was only speaking to them for a few minutes."

Three or four more days and Dolly had not come. Then one afternoon she came when Betty was not expecting her.

Dolly had a lot to tell about her visit to the city.

"Just think!" she said, "Papa is going to buy me a pony. He looked at some when we were in town, and he is going to buy one of them."

"O, how nice!" said Betty. "I wish I could have a pony; but then if I had I couldn't ride on account of my back, you know."

"It is too bad about your back," said Dolly. "It would be splendid if we both had a pony and could ride together. We could have such nice times."

A few days after, when Dolly came, she told Betty that she had her pony.

"He is a beauty," she said. "He is brown with a white star on his forehead. We've named him Dot. He is so gentle! Papa is teaching me to ride. I wish your back were all right. I'd let you ride him, too."

"I wish so, too," returned Betty sadly.

Dolly did not come to play with Betty as often now, that she had her pony. Riding took up a good deal of her time.

"I wish she hadn't the pony," said Dolly one day when she was feeling particularly lonesome.

"That is selfish," said mamma.

Then came a week when Dolly did not come to play with Betty once.

"I suppose she is having too nice a time on her pony," said Betty. "I wouldn't do that way with her if I had a pony and she had not. I'd go to play with her just the same."

And just then something happened. A little cart dashed up to the gate. Dolly was driving, and it was drawn by Dolly's pony.

Dolly jumped out and ran up to Betty sitting with her mother on the porch.

"O Betty!" she cried, "it was so lonesome riding alone, so I begged papa to buy me this cart. Now we can always go out together. The doctor says that won't hurt your back, for I

asked him. Get your hat and we'll drive down to the river."

"O!" exclaimed Betty, throwing her arms around Dolly's neck, "and I thought you did not think of me any more, Dolly. Isn't she good, mamma?"

And mamma smiled and said, "She is a dear, unselfish little girl."—Selected.

### BILLY AND THE BUSHY TAILS.

Mrs. Perley, an American story writer, tells a pretty story of a little boy and a family of red squirrels, which we here repeat in fewer words than used by the author.

Billy was on his way to school when he saw Mr. and Mrs. Bushy Tail run up their front steps, a great leaning beech tree, and enter their front door, a big knot-hole under one of the beech's high limbs. Billy was soon up the tree and had his hand thrust into the door. Quickly he found what he sought for, the Bushy Tail's storeroom. In a little while he had filled his two bulging trousers' pockets with rich, brown nuts, the entire winter store of the house. It was January, and now what should the poor little Bushy Tails do? They went out to seek for food in the snow, but a few dry buds were all they could find. It seemed as if they must starve.

In the meantime Billy went on to school, but his conscience smote him whenever he thought of the cold snow and the empty larder of the innocent Bushy Tails.

When recess came on, Billy was busy with a task. The boys took advantage of this and ate his lunch—"for fun," as they said. But it was not fun to Billy. All the afternoon, as his hunger gnawed him, he thought of the empty little home and the hungry squirrels in the beech tree. That evening as he passed it, he climbed again to the door and put the rich, brown nuts back in their place. That night the Bushy Tails were happy, and who doubts that Billy was not happy too?

### Giving is the secret of growing.

One day, not long ago, little Paul came running in to his papa, panting: "Oh, papa! the snow's two feet deep on our front porch!"

"How can that be, Paul?" said papa. "It hasn't been snowing very long."

"Why," replied Paul, "it's over my shoe-tops, and haven't I two feet?"

Then Paul ran to tell his mother "how he had a joke on papa."

### IN COLONEL'S TOWN

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Miscellaneous Questions—First Paper.

- 1. (a) Name the different kinds of teeth and tell how many of each kind. (b) Trace the digestion of the food from the mouth to the blood. (c) What is the effect of alcohol on the digestion? 2. Correct the misspelled words in the following sentences: (a) The sheep and goats are in separate pastures. (b) The girl in blew is very nice, and she studdies diligintly. (c) Be shure to anser immediately, when you recieve the notice from the relief committee. 3. (a) Of what conferences is the Texas Christian Advocate the official organ? (b) When, where and by whom is it published? (c) Who is the editor? 4. Write out in full the analysis of the following question in simple multiplication: When oranges sell at five cents each, what will be the cost of four oranges? 5. Name and locate the principal ranges of mountains on the two continents of the Western Hemisphere. 6. Name and locate one range of mountains on each of the continents of the Eastern Hemisphere. 7. (a) Name the longest river in the United States. (b) Name the longest river in South America. 8. What are the chief resources of Texas? 9. Who were John and Charles Wesley and where did they live? 10. What organization is named for the home of the Wesleys?

My Dear Boys and Girls:

When this reaches you our first picnic will be a thing of the past, and I am wondering which one of you will have the happiest time. By this, I mean which one will on that day think least of self and most of the comfort and happiness of others. Don't forget that I asked you to write me of anything you did to make some one else happy on that day.

One lunch basket has already come in and it is indeed a tempting one. I hope that those of you who are studying for the teachers' examinations will succeed in getting certificates, and it makes me happy that you say the contests have been a benefit to you.

Cora, what a merry time you must have when all the brothers and sisters are at home. If each is considerate of the others there are many delightful memories in store for all.

Several of you write that you have been sick, or that there is sickness in your families. I hope your next letters will report all better. Susie G., you wrote a nice letter, but failed to inclose your answers to the questions.

Eula C. writes that her brother is the one boy in a neighborhood who boasts of ten girls. Now if these girls are inclined to tyrannize because of their superiority in numbers perhaps some of Cora's eight brothers had better go to the rescue of this one brother of Eula.

I hope none of you will feel discouraged when you fail to get a star by your names, for it frequently happens that some of the very best papers contain some slight mistake, while some others, in many respects not so good, may answer the questions correctly.

I am glad so many of you are members of the Sunday-school, Epworth League and other young people's societies. If you will carefully study the lessons they will be for you an education, mentally and spiritually. You may be well versed in the languages, the sciences and the arts, but if you possess no knowledge of the Bible your education is, at least, a very defective one; whereas, if you are well versed in the Scriptures, no matter what your other qualifications may be, you can never be considered an ignorant man or woman.

Price S., I have enjoyed your Scripture stamps and have intended to express my appreciation, as well as to ask where you get them. I wish to follow your example, and place one on each letter I write. It is a new idea to me, but I think it a most excellent one. Suppose you tell us through the Advocate where and at what price these stamps may be procured. Perhaps some of the other boys and girls would

like to use them, and who can calculate the good that may be done? Beatrice, Webster's International Dictionary will, I suppose, cost you something near \$10, but you can get the cheaper electrotype editions for perhaps from \$1 to \$3. If you will write to Smith & Lamar, Dallas, Texas, they will send you a price list of such books. I presume the other books to which you had reference are the separate volumes of the Encyclopedia Britannica, but these are expensive.

I appreciate the struggles some of you are making, and deep in my heart I wish I could help every boy and girl who is striving for an education. But you are all young, and must not be discouraged if your advantages are not such as you desire; for you can accomplish a great deal without a teacher, and there is doubtless near you some one who will gladly help you over difficult places. Read only good literature, and do not try to read too many books. Do not read hurriedly and skim over words and passages without knowing their meaning. Read your Bible and read the Advocate. It is usually considered the preacher's duty, as well as his pleasure, to solicit subscriptions to the Advocate; but are there not some people who subscribe for the paper just from a sense of duty, or just because the pastor asks them to do so, and then fail to read it, thinking they had done their part in only paying the subscription price? Now I hope all you girls and boys and older people, too, who read this will henceforth determine that it shall not be in your homes that the Church paper remains in its wrapper until it finds its way to the waste basket.

Most of you found and gave me a good definition to the word olla-podrida. Some of you, I suppose, forgot to answer, and two said they could not find the word in any books they had, and asked me to explain. Mr. Webster says olla-podrida is a Spanish dish, consisting of a mixture of several kinds of meat chopped fine and stewed with vegetables. I, of course, used the word figuratively and meant that the questions for July would be a miscellaneous collection.

I wish I could comply with the requests of those of you who wish the answers published. But I have not the time, even if the Advocate would grant the space. However, if any of you wish your papers for the future returned and will send me with each paper a self-addressed stamped envelope I will return your paper marked and graded. However, please be patient if I cannot return them as early as you may desire, for my time is very limited. All my work for the boys' and girls' page has to be done in the heat of the afternoon or late at night. So you see I am giving you my rest hours, and must, therefore, ask your indulgence if I cannot do all that you ask. I cannot return papers that I have here-

tofore received, but upon the above conditions will return any you may desire in future.

The willingness with which some of you are already complying with my request to assist me in collecting sayings of children is very gratifying to me. I do not get my Advocate until Saturday morning, and I most always get the following Monday several answers to the questions and my letter in the last paper.

Hoping to hear from you each week, your friend, (MRS.) ELSIE MALONE McCOLLUM

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There is no better way of saving your meal than sharing your cake.—Ram's Horn.

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Be sure to use that old and well-tried remedy, Miss Winslow's SOOTHING SYRUP, for children teething. 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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LOCAL OPTION DEFEATED IN LAMPASAS.

Local option was carried in Lampasas County two years ago by the slim majority of twenty-six votes. The anti brought on another election, and it came off one week ago. They won it by seventeen votes. We regret this, for it is the first dry county won by them in the past six years, except Midland, and we recaptured that two months ago. But they recovered Lampasas only by the skin of their teeth. However, local option did not have a fair trial down there. It was tied up in the courts several months, and then the anti took advantage of the Criminal Court decisions to violate the law in every particular. But we will not be discouraged. Two years from now we will go after them again.

LOCAL OPTION WON IN MILAM.

The anti brought on a second election in Milam County last Saturday. It was a hotly contested fight. All the forces that the enemy could muster were thrown into the campaign, and they left no stone unturned to defeat the cause of local option. And they spent lots of money in the effort. But the local optionists won by a good majority. Those people in Milam who stand for local option have nerve and vigor. They put up one of the strongest fights yet waged in the State. They meant business, and they came out with flying colors. The anti down that way are greatly downcast. They had great hopes of winning. Some of their local talent staked everything on their success, but they went down. While in the county we made two unsuccessful efforts to meet Mr. Mont Moore, the local champion of the bar-room outfit. But he did not come to time. However, when we had left the county he took advantage of our absence to make personal attacks on us, and in doing so he did not handle the truth wisely. But life is too short to take up one's time with small matters of this character. We helped the good people down there to keep bar-rooms out of that county, and that is reply enough to the mouthings of the apologists of the liquor business. Poor things! We are sorry for them. On with the battle!

Some of us never know our own families until we have to look up to heaven to count them all in.—Ram's Horn.

A GREAT DAY AT FIFTH STREET, WACO.

Last Sunday was a red-letter day for our pastor and people of Fifth Street Church, Waco. It was the occasion of the opening of their new church structure. We say new, but it is the old church improved and renovated until it is really a new building. It has been so completely changed that the old place is hardly recognizable in the new one. They have spent about \$18,000 in the improvements. They have widened the building several feet, put the pulpit in the south side and graduated the floor, with curved seats, toward the pulpit. They have put in a dead wall along the side next to the railroad the whole length of the edifice so as to shut out the noise from the passing trains. In a measure, the wall is a success. There is an elaborate curved gallery, which will seat about 200 people, and the lower floor will seat at least 500. The auditorium is one of the handsomest in the State. The walls are beautifully decorated, the floor is handsomely carpeted and the pews and furniture are of golden oak, highly polished. The altar work and the pipe organ, together with the pulpit, are very exquisite. The whole room is furnished with electric fans, and it is a very comfortable place in the hottest weather. All these conveniences are on the second floor, while below is the best equipped Sunday-school arrangement we have ever seen. It is supplied with every modern convenience and facility for work of this sort. The fact is, the church structure is not lacking in anything to make it complete. There is still a small debt on the improvements, but that will be paid in a few months or a year. On Sunday morning there was a great congregation, and it filled the entire seating capacity of both floors. The good ladies had beautiful floral decorations and the choir had splendid music prepared for the occasion. We had a most excellent service. The spirit of it was very fine. We have never seen better attention given to a religious service. In the afternoon we had an Epworth League service, and I spoke to them. At night there was another large congregation, and by request I preached on "The Obligations of Good Citizenship." It was a warm deliverance, and good heed was given to it. Thus ended a very happy day for our Fifth Street congregation. This old and reliable membership has taken on a new lease of life, and it is a very robust and stalwart organization. Rev. Jerome Duncan, the wide-awake and stirring pastor, has taken hold of things with a firm hand, and the Church is forging forward. He has the undivided co-operation of his people, and they are as true as steel. This is his first year, and he has received in the membership of the Church something over eighty persons, in addition to the material work accomplished. We have no more active preacher than Brother Duncan, and he is as fearless as a lion. You know where to find him on all questions of public morals. The saloons and the gambling dens all know that he is doing business at Fifth Street Church. There is no uncertain note in his ministry; and, with it all, he is prudent and discreet. But he is a live wire in our Waco Methodist organization. We predict for him a continued and successful pastorate in that important charge. He has the downtown Church, and, with his present improvement, he will command the situation for us in that city. Adjoining the church is one of the best parsonages in Texas, and we know of no better Church plant in the State than Fifth Street, Waco. Long may this grand old Church live and flourish and build up aggressive righteousness in the city on the Brazos!

BELL COUNTY HAS LOCAL OPTION NOW.

Two years ago local option carried in Bell County by over 500 majority, but Temple went wet by a small majority, so when the law went into effect some of the barkeepers proceeded to convert their barrooms into "clubs," falsely so called. In this way, and under this guise, the liquor business went serenely on in Temple, Belton and one or two other places. Then a few of the prominent anti sent out the report that the condition of things was worse than ever in Temple. They painted their town in black and horrid colors. By and by the local option sentiment awoke from its apparent sleep, employed a good lawyer, had a consultation with the sheriff and the other county officers and arranged to go after the clubs. Last week the enterprise reached a climax. The sheriff and his deputies raided all the clubs in the county, took charge of the liquor and locked them up, and now Bell County is as dry as a bone. This shows what can be done when people make up their minds to see that the law shall be enforced. Let all other communities take a lesson from the Bell County turn in things, and the clubs will go out of business instantly. Hurrah for the Bell County pros and their officers! On with the battle!

THE DALLAS LIQUOR BUSINESS.

The Dallas liquor business is insolent and defiant. It does not want any of the restraints of law imposed upon it, and it takes about sixty policemen and the Sheriff's department to force it into anything like decent observance of the statutes. Recently the Legislature amended the city charter so as to give the city the right to put more stringent regulations upon the business; and the City Council has passed two laws, one fixing a saloon limit ordinance, and another one requiring the owners of bar-rooms to close up their places of business at 12 o'clock each night and remain closed till 6 in the morning. But the liquor business is fighting these ordinances in the City Court. If these laws fail, which is probable, then the saloons will continue to run in the residence sections

TYLER DISTRICT CONFERENCE.

The Tyler District Conference met last week at Mineola, Rev. E. W. Solomon in the chair. We had the privilege of spending one day and we were given the right of way by the presiding elder. Rev. Weems Wootton, the pastor, left nothing undone to make the entertainment of all perfectly de-

lightful. By the way, he has done a wonderful work at Mineola this year. He has not only had a fine meeting, with gracious results, but he and his people have built one of the nicest and coziest church structures in the conference. It is brick, located on a new lot and in a most desirable part of the city, and it is modern, commodious and convenient. Its furniture is brand-new and exquisite. The whole property is a credit to the city and an honor to the Master. Dr. Ridley began the successful agitation of the project under his pastorate and secured the lot; Bro. Milam followed and gave it an impetus, and at last Bro. Wootton came and made the matter a success. The conference was well attended. The preachers were all present and there were also many laymen. The spirit of the gathering was fine, the preaching good to the use of edifying, and the proceedings were orderly and businesslike. The reports showed a good condition of things throughout the district. Bro. Solomon is a bundle of energy and things hum under his administration. We were glad to meet Rev. T. G. Whitten and family once more. Formerly he was a member of the Northwest Texas Conference, but for the past few years he has been in the Indian Mission Conference, and in charge of Hargrove College. Some months ago he resigned that position and located in Mineola. His son is in the lumber business there, and Brother Whitten is hiding his time till conference. He is also helping the brethren in meetings. We enjoyed the hospitality of this good family while in Mineola. There were several visitors present; among them W. C. Everett, Dr. Seth Ward, Rev. James Kilgore, Rev. J. W. Downs, and perhaps others. We were permitted to address the conference on the interests of the Advocate, and received a good hearing. The Advocate is popular in that section.

MORE CIVIC VIRTUE AND LESS POLITICS NEEDED IN TEXAS.

Every citizen of Texas should know the moral side of the question as to whether our law-makers should return to Austin to correct and make the law read the way they passed it. After the most exciting debate of the session the Legislature, on the very last night, and near midnight, voted on section 129 of the Terrell election law, and by an overwhelming vote of both houses repudiated a sentence in that section that had been placed there by the Senate. The Conference Committee, in reporting on the matter, recommended that this sentence should not be the law, and after drawing broad black lines across it returned the bill to the clerk of the House in open session. And yet, that very sentence thus repudiated by both houses was enrolled as a part of the law and delivered to the Governor Monday morning by Mr. Speaker Seabury after being signed by the President of the Senate and himself. The mistake, or fraud, remains a mystery to the public. Judge Terrell discovered the fraud, or mistake, Monday morning, after Mr. Seabury delivered it, and he pointed it out to the Governor. But it was too late to correct it. The Legislature had gone home, and the Supreme Court had decided that no law can be corrected by the journals (the journal would correct the whole matter). Though every member of the Legislature knows that by a deliberate vote they repudiated that section, it will be published as a law of Texas, and there can be no relief unless the Legislature convenes to correct it. Under these circumstances our own Dallas Senator and Representatives united with several other members and requested through the newspapers that all the members unite with them in agreeing to go back to Austin without expense to the State and make the law read as they passed it. Nearly a quorum of both houses have expressed their willingness to do so; the others remain silent, or refuse. It is believed that perhaps all our law-makers, except Curtis Hancock,

of the city, and they will keep their places open all night, as usual. The City Court has predilections in favor of all the liberty that is possible to the saloon element, and it is very doubtful if either one of these laws will ever get before the higher courts. If they are decided against the city, then there will be no appeal, as the city cannot appeal from itself.

In this event we have no alternative left but to bring on a local option election in Dallas County. We would rather not do this at the present time, but people cannot stand everything. That we will have a hard fight we do not question; but such a campaign will agitate and educate the people, and local option can only win out by agitation and education. We are in favor of the campaign in Dallas County. What do the people think of it? We have had enough of the unrestrained deviltry of these Dallas bar-rooms and we ought to go up against them in a local option election. We will never have a better time than right now. They have reached the limit of endurance.

A GOOD APPOINTMENT.

The last Legislature authorized the Attorney General to appoint a special assistant in anti-trust suits and in Railroad Commission matters. Acting upon this authority, Attorney General Davidson has appointed the Hon. Jewel P. Lightfoot, of Pittsburg, Camp County. Mr. Lightfoot was County Attorney of his county for six years, and besides the experience gained as such official, has been connected with the prosecution and defense of important criminal causes in his section of the State. He has also met with success in the trial of civil causes. His testimonials are of the highest character, both as to his moral character and professional attainments. The Attorney General in selecting Mr. Lightfoot has, no doubt, made an excellent appointment.

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Whether the section as enrolled is good or bad is not the question; but in a government where the only king is the law, can laws be made that way? Are we to obey clerk-made laws in defiance of the will of the Legislature? If so, a corrupt clerk, on the last night of a session, can smuggle through a bill to oppress the people with taxation or any other burden. Too much of this sort of work has been done in recent years, and hushed up or whitewashed by grafters and partisans; but now the masses of the people, who do not make politics a trade, are being aroused, and they, in the end, constitute the supreme power.

Does not a proper regard for civic virtue demand that the Legislature do something, and without expense to the State, to make the law read as they enacted it? The question rises above all politics. It involves the right of the people not to be governed by clerk-made laws.

Whether that sentence in the section was falsely enrolled through fraud or mistake is alike unimportant. Now why was that sentence in Section 129 thus falsely enrolled? It was a provision that requires a nominating convention which meets to nominate for Senator or other office in any district composed of more than one county, to allow the candidate who gets a majority of the votes of any county all the votes of that county.

How would that section thus doctored through fraud or mistake operate in nominating a State Senator? Suppose a senatorial district is composed of three counties, one of them having a large city vote, as follows:

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Judge John Henderson, whose term will expire next year. Col. Seay is a man of acknowledged ability and a leading member of the Cumberland Presbyterian Church in this city.

The Pacific Methodist Advocate has the following note concerning Rev. Thos. R. Stewart, of Phoenix, Ariz.: "Rev. Thos. R. Stewart, originally of Baltimore, but for a number of late years has lived in Texas and Arizona, is now eighty-six years of age, but his mind is like lightning. Totally blind, but preaches occasionally and reads his lesson out of both the Old and New Testament from memory."

**CHURCH NEWS.**

McKendree Church, Nashville, was destroyed by fire last Tuesday night.

Bishop E. R. Hendrix is reported as very much pleased with the splendid site recently secured for the Barnes Hospital fronting Forest Park on two sides.

At the recent commencement Emory and Henry College conferred the degree of Doctor of Divinity on Rev. John W. Perry, pastor of Church Street Church, Knoxville, Tenn.

The degree of Doctor of Divinity was conferred upon Dev. W. N. Alinsworth, pastor of Mulberry Street, Macon, by the Board of Trustees of Emory College, at the last commencement.

The Monterey News of recent date contains the following: "A bold thief entered the home of Rev. J. F. Corbin, pastor of the Methodist Church, Wednesday night and succeeded in making away with about \$200 worth of clothing and other articles."

Bishop Charles B. Galloway has been elected president of the Board of Trust of the Vanderbilt University to take the place of Bishop Hargrove, who resigned on account of feeble health. He says that while he will continue to make his home in Jackson, Miss., he considers that his duties in this position will require him to spend a good deal of his time in Nashville, especially during the winter months.

At the recent commencement of Vanderbilt University it was given out that the main building, or University Hall, will be rebuilt at once, largely as it was through three stories. The fourth story (if one is added), the roof, and towers will be left to the taste of the architects. The building is to be made as nearly as possible fireproof, with steel ceilings and cement floors. The chapel will be looked upon as temporary, and left so as to be easily converted into recitation rooms.

Dr. Newell D. Hillis, of Plymouth Church, Brooklyn, has just completed six years of ministry in the pulpit formerly occupied by Henry Ward Beecher. The event was commemorated in a highly practical fashion by one of the trustees presenting Dr. Hillis with \$1,000 for each year he has been at Plymouth. Dr. Hillis, it seems, responds so generously to innumerable appeals both in and out of the Church that his financial resources have been heavily drained. During his ministry he has received five hundred members into the Church, a net gain of 250, and the income last year was higher than in any year since 1880, when Mr. Beecher was still in the heyday of his ministry.

**EARLY METHODISM IN CORPUS CHRISTI.**

H. G. H.

At the sixth session of the Texas Conference, held in Houston January 7, 1846, Bishop Joshua Soule presiding, Chauncey Richardson Secretary, John Haynie was appointed to Corpus Christi and Mordcai Yell presiding elder of the Western District, embracing everything west of the Colorado.

Mr. Haynie's home was at Ruter-ville, where he left his family and struck out on horseback for his distant field of labors. When he reached Goliad he was furnished a guard from Capt. Price's Rangers, as the Mexican War was on hand and the country was infested by Indians. Mr. Haynie found Taylor's army at Corpus Christi preparing to march into Mexico. The town was filled with a floating population and it was difficult to get board, lodging or a place in which to preach. He says he ate at a restaurant, lodged on "three bags of shelled corn" and preached in the morning in a theatre and a dramatic performance going on at the same place at night.

Taylor's army passed on to Mexico, almost depopulating the town, and Mr. Haynie was compelled to return to Ruter-ville.

For a number of years we have no record of Methodism in Corpus Christi,

but the old concrete church there in use long before and for some years after the war was built by Henderson S. Lafferty, then a local preacher, but traveling everywhere as an evangelist. The year of its construction is not remembered, but we believe the land was donated by Col. Kinney, who was an officer in Walker's disastrous expedition into Nicaragua.

Mr. Lafferty joined the Texas Conference in 1846. In building the old concrete church in Corpus Christi he did much of the work with his own hands, carrying the gravel and lime upon his own back. For years that old church, built near the waters of the bay, was the center of a great Methodist influence. I remember as pastors of it before the war, O. B. Adams, John L. Harper, Nicholas H. Boring, and I was pastor there in 1861. The most prominent and influential members at that time, for many years before and many years after, were the Headens, two Irish brothers, with their wives, and especially William, son of the oldest of the brothers. He was Sunday-school superintendent and at one session was a lay member of the General Conference. He spoke Spanish fluently and had a large class of Mexican children in his Sunday-school. It was in this old church under William Headen's influence, that our first Mexican missionary, Alejo Hernandez, joined our Church.

After the war I recall as pastors H. A. Graves, I. W. Brown, George Hinson, I. K. Waller, Cullen M. Rodgers, H. S. Thrall and many others, including myself again. I think it was under Cullen M. Rodgers that the new wooden college building was converted into a church and the old concrete building into a parsonage and property there was reported at a valuation of \$4000.

My presiding elder in Corpus Christi in 1861 was Ivey H. Cox. Annual Conference was held there in the fall of that year. Church house was too small and sessions were held in the court house. I. W. DeVilbiss was President and I. H. Cox Secretary. During the session \$1000 was raised for missions. During that year we had a great revival, twenty-five young persons standing around the altar at one service to be baptized. Jesse P. Perham lived west of Corpus Christi and preached for us in town once a month. He was one of the most brilliant men who ever came to Texas. He died in 1867 with yellow fever, while he was president of the Howard Association.

On the Nueces Mission in 1861 was Theodore Gillett. He held two camp-meetings on his work that year, one twelve miles up the river on the east side, and the other thirty miles up the river on the west side, giving this brother (who is still living) the distinction of holding the first camp-meeting in Texas west of the Nueces River. He was then in the prime of young manhood and full of energy.

As this article is already too long, I will reserve for something additional a sketch of my leader of song in Corpus Christi in 1861, Samuel A. Edgerly, who afterwards was the noted leader of music in old Ryland Chapel, Galveston.

The Epworth League encampment grounds are not a great distance from the spot on the bay where Taylor's army was camped and where the old Coafeds, tramped around later on. Bro. Gray must tell the young people of Hernandez's work at Corpus Christi.

**NOTICE.**

To the Members of the M. E. Church, South:

The Methodists of Dayton, Texas, who are few in number and not financially able without outside help, have commenced the erecting of a church to cost about \$1200 at Dayton, Texas, and believing that there are members of means that would help in this laudable undertaking, take this method of asking such assistance from those who feel so disposed, as they deem proper. Such remittance can be made to Mrs. Dora Bozeman, Treasurer of Building Committee, Dayton, Texas, or J. R. Ritchie, pastor.

C. C. BRUNSON.

**TWO NEW PIPE ORGANS.**

Grace and Trinity Churches, this city, have two large and handsome pipe organs. The one in Trinity is already in place and ready for service. The one in Grace is being put in place and will soon be in shape for the use of the congregation. These are two of our most enterprising congregations, and they prosper along all lines. Their growth is marvelous, but then they are wide-awake and always rustling. They are desperately in earnest.

**MEETING AT CROSS PLAINS.**

The protracted meeting at Cross Plains will begin on Saturday night before third Sunday in July, to continue about fifteen days. Rev. C. L. Ballard is engaged to do the preaching. Come praying that we may have a great victory. Everybody invited.

T. W. ELLIS, P. C.

**A PATHETIC INCIDENT.**

I have just been to the morgue in Longview to look at the remains of two young men who were killed in a wreck near here last night. The name of one is Washington, who perhaps has relatives at Fort Worth; the name of the other is Chas. Mason; but nothing can be found out about his relatives. They were killed in a freight wreck and were in a box car trying to get to Dallas. I know nothing of their antecedents or personal character. Mason had a card on him that showed he was a member of the Painters' Union. They did not look like dead beats, but looked more like young men who were hard up—but fairly well dressed—and might have been looking for work. Not every young man who is out in the world penniless as they were is worthless. As a preacher I have learned long ago that it is not an uncommon thing for good, poor young men to be in that condition, and I have long wished that either the State or some philanthropic society or individual would make some sort of provisions to furnish employment to such young men where they could earn a living till they could show what sort of work they were capable of doing, and through the help of such organization secure positions. Men of wealth who can furnish labor to young men who want to work ought to do so if they can only make the laborer pay expenses without loss to themselves. It is a critical period in a young man's life when he wants to make an honest living and all doors are closed against him. Prosperous men, men who have been born with silver spoons in their mouths, are often ready to say, "A man who is any account can always get work when he wants it. Honest labor is always in demand." But I have lived long enough to know such expressions are not always true. I have seen men anxious to do any kind of work and have seen work denied them by men who could have employed them with no loss to themselves. I saw a Jew not long since who honestly failed in a racket store, and like an honest man gave up everything he had, and when he was penniless, with a family dependent upon him, he tried hard to get work from men who could have employed him. I spent some time myself trying to get work for him at unreasonably low wages—he wanted to keep the wolf from his door—but I failed. He told me all the time that he was offered work in a saloon in Corsicana, but he said he would do everything but let his family starve before he would be a bartender. In the last extremity what business he went into I don't know, but he went to Corsicana. If he went into a saloon it was not because he wanted to, but because nothing else opened to him, and if he did I don't blame him, for I know to what extremities he was reduced and how hard—with my assistance—he tried to get work. I have seen him cry like a child when he or I had failed to get work where we hoped to get it. He had a nice family and loved them tenderly, and wanted to raise them honestly and in good society. If he sold whiskey I have often wondered if he did not sometimes reason about this way, "Does it pay to be honest? I have seen men fail in business in such a way as to leave themselves splendid residences and a business house as well, for the laws of Texas allow that; but I gave up all and now I am forced into this saloon to keep my wife and children from suffering."

This preacher believes—knowing the circumstances as he does—that that little Jew if he did go into the saloon is a better man than the men who failed in business full-handed and still holds his membership in some Christian Church, and this preacher also believes that he is as good a man as the men who could have employed him without loss to themselves, but would not, and yet they would spurn the idea of attending bar or even intimately associating with a bartender.

I wish by some means we could impress the wealthy men of Texas with their responsibility on this labor question and get them to see that it is their duty to invest their wealth in a way that would bring them a good return and furnish labor for the poor. It is not an uncommon thing in Texas to see five or six banks in a town of 10,000 or 12,000 inhabitants and not a single factory of any kind to employ the poor. Such a policy, I believe, is selfish and short-sighted. It seems to me it ought to be the joy of a Christian man's life to furnish labor for the multitudes and give them an opportunity to live honest, comfortable and happy lives. I hope the time is not far off when a man will be considered a philanthropist and great citizen when he invests his wealth in a way that furnish work for his neighbors. That will be clothing the naked and feeding the hungry in a way that will help them maintain their self-respect, and will secure for their benefactor their everlasting gratitude and the "well done" of the Master. I believe this kind of service will be more useful to men and acceptable to God than the building of great libraries or expensive churches,

or the endowment of great schools that are beyond the reach of the poor. If the steerage passengers are reduced to starvation the cabin will not be safe. Our Savior is interested in the feeding of the poor. One of the first questions he asked after his resurrection was, "Children, have you any meat?" No man can be very patriotic to a wealthy government or Church while he and his suffer unavoidable hunger. Don't answer this by saying there is no such thing as unavoidable hunger in this country when every man with open eyes knows there is. A young man gave one of these dead boys 25 cents with which to get his last meal. For all I know some man who could have given work to one or both of these boys and didn't do it may hear at the judgment, "Inasmuch as you did it not to one of these you did it not to me."

B. H. GREATHOUSE.

**TO THE PREACHERS OF OUR WEST TEXAS CONFERENCE.**

The San Antonio District Conference Record was misplaced last year at our Annual Conference. Brother Elliott says he left it at Cuero in the church. He was suddenly called away during the session of the conference on account of sickness. Diligent search has since been made by Brother Morris about the church for the books, but so far no trace of it can be found. If anyone can give us any information that will help us in finding said book, we will be obliged to him.

A. B. DAVIDSON, District Secretary.

**NORTHWEST TEXAS MISSION MONEY NEEDED NOW.**

It is important that each pastor in the Northwest Texas Conference write to me immediately to let me know what to expect from him on or before the first of August. Our missionaries need their money. Brethren, please send it now if you can, but if you can't, then let me know by early mail what you think you can do by above date. Will the Methodist people enable their pastors to meet this call by handing in their mission money without delay?

J. H. WISEMAN, Treasurer, Moody, Texas.

**CAMP-MEETING POSTPONED.**

Owing to the recent rains and general crop condition the camp-meeting at Shady Grove has been postponed from the second Sunday in July to the third Sunday in August. We have not the time to get ready for the meeting by the second Sunday in July, hence it has been postponed till third Sunday in August. By that time we will have arranged for a real old-fashioned camp-meeting, and we expect a large number of campers.

The Quarterly Conference will stand as previously announced—the second Saturday and Sunday in July. Dinner is expected to be on the ground both Saturday and Sunday. A large attendance is expected. Please remember the regular quarterly fasts on Friday before the quarterly meeting.

W. W. ADAMS, P. C. Rusk, Texas.

**CAMP-MEETING.**

Our camp-meeting for Thornton will begin at Steele Creek Friday night before the third Sunday in July. Preachers who labor with us cared for. Fine shade and water for man and beast. Let all come for victory.

F. M. WINBURNE, P. C.

**CHURCH DEDICATION.**

Dr. G. C. Rankin will dedicate the new Methodist Church in Liberty, Texas, the fifth Sunday in July at 11 a. m. All former pastors and friends are cordially invited to attend. We are expecting a great occasion.

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ENCAMPMENT, CORPUS CHRISTI, AUGUST 8-18, 1905.

TEXAS AND THE INTERNATIONAL CONVENTION.

By the time this appears in print the great International Convention of Epworth Leagues will be in session in the city of Denver. We had hoped to see 1000 Texas Leaguers attend this meeting, and we laid plans early in the year for such a result. At that time we had verbal promises from the railroads that the rate from Texas would be on a 70 per cent basis...

What to Bring With You. You will be expected to furnish your own bed sheets, pillow slips, towels, soap, hair brushes, combs, whisk brooms, drinking cups, wash basins, mirrors, face powder, curling irons and other toilet articles. You will need also a lantern if you do not have an electric light strung in your tent.

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Board in Private Homes. The Board of Trade of Corpus Christi, in a house to house canvas, has secured accommodations for 1500 people, and these may be had at \$1 per day per person. Names for these accommodations should be sent to Rev. S. B. Beall, Corpus Christi. Those who take these accommodations will be at an additional expense, in most cases, not in all, for transportation to and from the grounds.

A CIRCULAR OF GENERAL INFORMATION CONCERNING THE STATE EPWORTH LEAGUE ENCAMPMENT

At Corpus Christi, Aug. 8-18, 1905.

Location of Assembly Grounds.

The Assembly grounds, embracing a tract of fifteen acres of as fine shell beach as human eye ever looked down upon, are located one mile north of the city of Corpus Christi, on Corpus Christi Bay, and are reached by a spur of the San Antonio and Aransas Pass Railroad. This spur extends 400 feet into the bay and at its termination there is now being constructed a recreation shed 100 feet long for the convenience and pleasure of the visitors to the Assembly grounds.

location of the grounds is such that a breeze blows almost continuously, especially during the month of August, from the bay, and there are no mosquitoes except on the rarest occasions, when the breeze is from the land.

Regulations.

A keeper, vested with police powers, will be on the Assembly grounds at all times. The strictest decorum must be observed, the committee reserving the right to refund lease money and remove objectionable campers at any time.

Tents.

Tents are 9 1/2 x 12 feet in size, made of 10-ounce duck, and are all new. They are what are known as wall tents. Each one is sufficient to accommodate four persons, but may be used by a less number. These tents will be furnished at \$4 each for the season of ten days. Hay will be furnished free with tents to those who prefer pallets. A deposit of \$2 per tent is required, which will be credited on one's bill, and this money must be sent with order for reservation to A. K. Ragsdale, Dallas. The committee has not arranged for any tents other than this one size. Where more than four persons are in a party the requisite number of tents may be put together, giving the convenience of separate rooms. One may bring his own tent and use it if he desires. In this case a charge of \$1 will be made for camping privilege, entitling one to a lot 20x50 feet. Larger space will be charged for in proportion.

Equipment.

The committee will supply cots, blankets and pillows only. The prices for the season of ten days will be as follows: Cots, 50 cents each; pillows, 25 cents each; blankets, 25 cents per pair. The blankets are all new and have never been used. Campers are at liberty to bring any or all of the above equipments with them, and their expenses may be correspondingly reduced thereby. In ordering tent reservation be sure to state exactly how many cots, how many pillows, and how many pairs of blankets you will need. Don't overlook this.

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Hotels.

There are a number of good hotels and boarding houses in Corpus Christi where accommodations may be had at reasonable rates. Inquiries about accommodations at hotels should be addressed to Royall Givens, President of the Board of Trade, who will refer them to the proper sources.

Water Supply.

Water for domestic purposes will be supplied from the Assembly's own waterworks system. Filtered water will be supplied for drinking purposes in railroad tanks daily. No charge will be made for water.

About Bathing Suits.

A limited number of bathing suits will be available for rent, but the better plan will be to make your own suit. Mohair suiting, such as may be found in any dry goods store, is recommended as a serviceable fabric. Navy blue and black are preferable colors.

Athletic Sports.

All kinds of innocent sport will be permitted, such as lawn tennis, croquet, base ball, basket ball, etc. Mr. A. W. Fisher, Y. M. C. A. physical director at Galveston, has been secured to superintend this feature. His presence in and around the baths will be a great assurance of safety to the bathers. We count ourselves fortunate in being able to secure Mr. Fisher.

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dations desired. But this advance notice must be given. This means if you want a tent, if you want a cot, if you want a pillow, if you want a pair of blankets, if you want only a camping lot, we must be advised of just what you have in mind. Tell us what you want and we will arrange for you. But if you don't do this you are likely to be disappointed when your reach Corpus Christi. There will be the usual rush and somebody is going to have to wait. It may be you. If it is, and you have failed in these things we have asked of you, don't fall out with us. We are only human and have our limitations. On the other hand, if all will write us before they come who they are and what they will need, due and ample arrangements can and will be made. Any other information desired will be cheerfully furnished upon application to either of the undersigned. GUS. W. THOMASSON, GEORGE S. SEXTON, ALLAN K. RAGSDALE, Committee on Arrangements.

distance talking, it being about 700 miles. G. W. T.

**ITALY JUNIORS.**

Italy Junior League elected the following officers Sunday, June 25, 1905: Vernie Cummings, President. Carrie Norris, Secretary. Nellie Bowen, Treasurer. Fannie Mitchell, Organist. Cllette Carlisle, Assistant Organist. Vernie Cummings, Violinist. Lillian Collier, First Vice-President. Clara Maude Carlisle, Second Vice-President. Listen Dunaway, Third Vice-President.

We organized with a band of sixteen some time ago, but have been training for the work. But we have ordered our charter and will begin work as an organized Junior League Sunday, July 2. Our membership has grown until we now have forty good, wide-awake members. On Easter Sunday we occupied the night service with an

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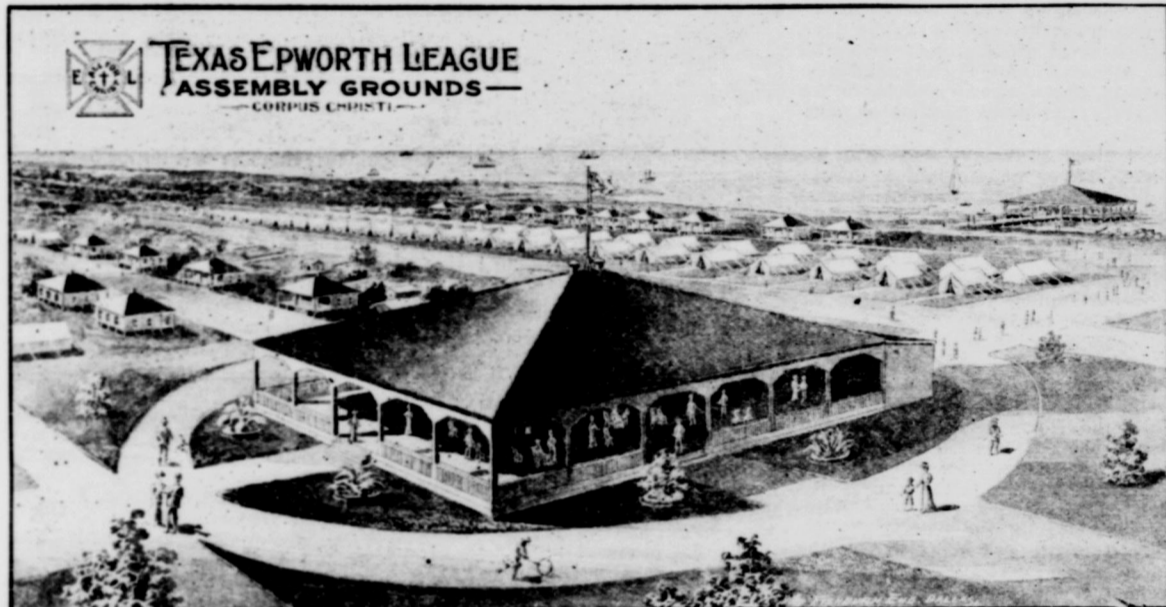
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**About Parking Cars.**

Cars containing special parties may be parked in the siding near the Assembly grounds. Arrangements for space must be made with Mr. G. F. Lupton, San Antonio.

**Special Meetings.**

The North Texas Conference will meet in the auditorium on Aug. 16th, and the Texas Conference Epworth League will meet on the 17th. Following the Encampment session, beginning Aug. 19th and continuing ten days, will be held a camp-meeting, conducted by Rev. L. S. Barton, of Terrell. All who can should arrange to stay for the camp-meeting. Tents and accommodations may be had for the camp-meeting at the same ratio as charged for the League meeting.

**Delegates.**

Each district is entitled to ten delegates, no more and no less, who shall be elected by the District League Conference, if any, or appointed by the presiding elder.

**Badges.**

The official badge is of a pin design. Each Chapter will have a ribbon badge printed containing name and number of the Chapter. Use white ribbon of the number 9 width and have the printing done in black letters.

**State Dues.**

There is due from every Chapter of the League in Texas 50 cents for every twenty members, or fractional equal to two-thirds thereof. Very many of the Chapters have not paid these dues. It is hoped every one will pay up before the State meeting. Remit all money on this fund to Theo. Bering, Jr., Houston.

**About Renting Cottages.**

There will be no cottages for rent during the Encampment session, as they will be occupied during the period by their owners. Following the Encampment a number will be for rent. Arrangements for them will have to be made with the owners direct, as the committee has nothing to do with this feature.

**General Information.**

The committee desires it understood that it can accommodate all who come up to the number of 2000, provided advance notice is given of the accommo-

**NOTES.**

Work on the buildings on the Assembly grounds at Corpus Christi is progressing nicely. Three forces of men are engaged at this time, one on the auditorium, in charge of a Houston contractor, another on the railroad improvements, in charge of the superintendent of construction of the company, and a third on cottage and concession buildings, in charge of a firm of local contractors. There is a busy hum about the grounds, we are informed. There seems to be no doubt of everything being in fine shape for the Encampment session.

The camp-meeting which is to follow the Encampment session promises to be one of the great occasions in Methodist circles in Texas. It is an enterprise of the preachers of the West Texas Conference, and these men, having a direct and personal interest, will not stop short of success. Even up here in North Texas we hear of people who are going with the intention of remaining through the camp-meeting.

Noel H. Garrison retires from the editorship of the League Department of the Pacific Methodist after a service of three years' duration. The management of the paper express a high appreciation of his work. His successor is not named.

The Tennessee Conference Epworth League has just held its fourteenth annual session. The enrollment of delegates reached the number of 153, which, says the Era's report, was more than double that of any previous year. The sunrise prayer-meetings had an average attendance of sixty.

The North Mississippi Conference Epworth League held its fourth annual meeting in June and is reported by Bro. Henry G. Hawkins, in the New Orleans Advocate, as the best one yet held. The attendance is not stated. Mr. W. D. Hawkins, of Meridian, was elected President and McComb City was chosen as the next place of meeting.

The Raleigh Advocate gives first place in its League Department to a reproduction of our recent description of the Assembly grounds, heading the article, in bold type, "Epworth League Assembly Grounds at Corpus Christi." Now, Bro. Anderson, if you any your good Leaguers will come and see us we will make you a pretty bow for all the nice things you have been saying about Texas.

Chairman Sexton has been in Corpus Christi much of late. We held a conversation with him once over the telephone, which broke our record for long

appropriate program. Our collection (\$4.70) was turned over to our pastor to be given to missions to our credit. We have a very earnest band of children for our officers, and, by the help of God, the co-operation of parents and presence of the children each Sabbath, we hope to do great things in His name, and learn to be true soldiers and fulfill our motto, "All for Christ."

MRS. SUSSIE DOSS, Supt.

**FROM CORPUS CHRISTI TO MEXICO.**

The Mexican National Railroad has kindly offered to those who attend the coming Encampment at Corpus Christi the following low rates to points in Mexico: From Corpus Christi to Monterey and return \$9.50, to Saltillo and return \$11.40, to San Luis Potosi and return \$18.25 and to Mexico City and return only \$25. These rates are less than one fare for the round trip, and will give those desiring it a fine opportunity of seeing something of Mexico and looking in upon some of our mission work there. August is the charming time of the year on the plateaus of Mexico, the atmosphere being delightfully cool day and night. The service on this road is unexcelled. The General Passenger Agent has taken up with the I. & G. N. the matter of allowing the holders of return tickets to go direct from Laredo to San Antonio, thus avoiding the trip back to Corpus.

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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 B. Howell, 170 Mason Street, Dallas, Texas.

### JOE'S PUNISHMENT.

Me and Brother ran away, Only just the other day. Brother said, "Suppose we go off to spend the day with Joe." I said, "Let us go and ask Mother." "No, let's run away," said Brother. Well, I thought it would be fun. Hand in hand away we run. Joe lives up a quiet street. Not a person did we meet. I felt kind of scared and queer, And held tight to Brother dear. "Brother," said I, "I'm afraid." "That's just like a girl," he said. I was kind of cross at that; Then he called me "Fraidy-cat." So I kept on a-going. Tho' the wind was 'gainst us blowing. When we got to Joe's house, All was quiet as a mouse. We thought Joe would be out playing. Soon we heard his mother saying, Just inside the kitchen door: "If you run away once more I shall have to lock you in For a whole long Saturday. So you can't go out to play. And because you run away To the ball ground yesterday, I shall have to spank you hard!" My, how quick we left that yard! Me and Brother, scared to death. Ran till we were out of breath. We got home 'fore Mother missed us. But that night, when soft she kissed us, We both felt so very mean. That we told her where we'd been. And we promised her right then Not to run away again.

—Selected.

At the annual meeting of the Woman's Board of Home Missions of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South, held in April in Montgomery, Ala., an appointment was made which is of special interest to those who have been connected with the work of the Settlement Home in Dallas. As a member of the City Mission Board of Dallas this writer (Editor Woman's Department) from the organization of the board became acquainted with Miss Haskins, the head resident of the Settlement Home, and learned to love her because of her sweet personality and fine Christian character. We give the following quotation from the King's Messenger regarding the appointment of Miss Haskin to the position of traveling missionary under the auspices of the Woman's Board of Home Missions:

"Miss Estelle Haskin, Head Resident of the Dallas Settlement Home, receives new honors. It is with no small regret to us personally—to the city of Dallas and the whole of Texas—that we relinquish our Head Resident to the general field. For more than two years, with a firm, steady hand, she has piloted the interests of the Settlement. Among the Church people she has won a host of loving friends, while to those who have labored with her and the community she has served in the Master's name, many hearts will ache saying 'good-bye.' But it is Methodism, and, though it breaks our hearts many times, we know we must lose that others may gain. Though there is this consolation, Dallas is to share with other cities, and may we not claim to be headquarters? A little, just a little, less important than Nashville?"

"Now, sister, while we drop a tear at parting, we've a smile of welcome for your successor, and it's the way. In two years there will be more heartaches and more tears to shed, when some other place will want Miss Ogilvie, Miss Mary Ogilvie, a Virginia girl, comes to us with splendid endorsements and years of rich experience in large cities."

"We welcome you, dear Miss Ogilvie, to our hearts and homes. Come and be one of us, and we will help you carry on the great work so dear to us all—our Master's work!"

We give below the report of the Committee on Finance, as adopted at the recent annual meeting of the Woman's Foreign Missionary Society, North Texas Conference, held in Paris. This is done by request, in advance of the publication of the minutes of the annual meeting in pamphlet form, in order that the members of auxiliaries may thus have at once an opportunity of informing themselves regarding the obligations placed upon them by the Committee on Finance. We ask and urge a careful study of this report at the monthly meetings of the auxiliaries.

### REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON FINANCE, W. F. M. SOCIETY, NORTH TEXAS CONFERENCE.

Your Committee on Finance begs to submit the following:

1. We endorse the pledge of \$750 given at the last annual meeting of

the Woman's Board of Foreign Missions by the Corresponding Secretary of our Conference Society for the support of our own missionary, Miss Norwood Wynne, in Mexico.

2. That each Auxiliary President impress the Treasurer of the auxiliary with the importance of collecting the "Conference Expense Fund" of 25 cents per member for adults and 10 cents per member for Golden Links and Juveniles, and this money be sent the Treasurer of the Conference Society in future the first quarter of the fiscal year, to defray expenses of the Conference Society.

3. That each Auxiliary President urge the Treasurer of the auxiliary to collect at once five cents per member to defray the expense of printing the minutes of the annual meeting of the Conference Society, and send same to the Treasurer of the Conference Society by close of the present quarter, if possible.

4. That the Treasurer of the Conference Society be instructed to pay the Corresponding Secretary of the Conference Society \$12.50 per quarter to defray office expenses.

5. That we do not attempt any special work as a Conference Society this year other than that of devoting all effort in a special way to the purchase of a lot in Havana, Cuba, on which to erect the necessary permanent buildings for the Eliza Bowman School, now in operation there, thus concentrating our efforts and means to that end.

6. That we continue to support our scholarships already established.

7. That each auxiliary be more faithful in providing a local fund to meet expense of a delegate to the annual meeting, as the life of the auxiliary depends largely upon its representation at the annual meeting of the Conference Society.

8. That the auxiliaries shall prayerfully consider and practice the Biblical doctrine of tithing, as we feel fully assured this would solve the problem of funds for our work in foreign fields and for the local expenses of the auxiliaries. Respectfully submitted,

MRS. R. H. RIVERS,  
MRS. C. B. BRYANT,  
MRS. J. A. STINNETT,  
MRS. J. C. WILEY,  
MISS MARTHA TINNIN,  
MISS ELIZABETH DAVIS,  
Committee.

Report of W. H. M. Society, Sulphur Springs District, North Texas Conference, read at district meeting held in Como, June 14-16:

Members of the W. H. M. Society: Friends and Visitors—We greet you all. We come to you with glad, thankful hearts, believing that our being together will prove a blessing to each one. We will miss those who have failed to be with us—those whose auxiliaries are not represented. But we know we have their prayers, and believe that if their pleasures and wishes alone were consulted we would have with us every Home Mission worker in the district.

In regard to our work during the year, we have so much to be thankful for. We have worked and we have been blessed. Our success and the growth of our own Sulphur Springs Auxiliary are indications of our Father's good pleasure. Not alone have we been blessed as an auxiliary, but our entire district has increased in numbers, in faithful workers.

First, in regard to auxiliaries attending strictly to business, duty, etc. I want to especially thank and compliment Mount Vernon, Como, Willsboro and Cooper for promptness. Their reports come on time without that "urgent little note" I am compelled to write if they are negligent. I thank you for your promptness. I appreciate it. Then, too, Como and Mount Vernon deserve special mention for their willingness to do anything we ask them.

Since our last meeting, which was held at Mount Vernon on June 24, we are glad to report one auxiliary added to our number, which makes eight in our district. It was organized at Pecan Gap last March by Rev. N. C. Little. Mrs. B. B. Thomas is their much interested and enthusiastic President. We welcome them among us.

Let us notice a moment the increase and decrease in some of our auxiliaries: At our last district meeting Sulphur Springs reported 58 members, now we report 69, an increase of 11; Como 7, now 8; Willsboro 20, now 30; Mount Vernon 15, now 14; Cooper 22 now 18. Can't give Cumby, Lake Creek and Pecan Gap; failed to receive reports from them this quarter. You see some are increasing while others are decreasing. However, it is not the greatest number that accomplishes the most good every time.

The number of subscribers to Our Homes has increased twenty-four, and

that does not include Cumby, Lake Creek and Pecan Gap. Let us resolve now to begin at once with renewed energy, a stronger determination to accomplish more another year than ever before. Ours is a glorious work, so let us look onward and upward, and God will bless our efforts.

MRS. S. S. SHEPPARD,  
District Secretary,  
Sulphur Springs, Texas.

### DISTRICT MEETING.

The district meeting of the Woman's Home Mission Society was held at Hallville, Texas, Monday, June 19, at the Methodist Church, Mrs. J. W. Downs, District Secretary, presiding. The eighth chapter of Romans was read by Mrs. Downs and commented on in such a consecrated spirit we all felt glad to be there. Mrs. Downs read the auxiliary reports, and district reports from Henderson, Longview, Marshall and Hallville were read, and all showed an improvement over last year, but how much more we could do and should do.

The presiding officer spoke of foreign immigration coming to our land and the great problem confronting us as a Home Mission Society, and also spoke of the work we should do for preachers and their families on poor circuits.

Mrs. Lacy of Longview read an excellent paper on foreigners in our land and our duty to Christianize them. Mrs. Lacy has a sister, Miss Maria Elliott, who is a deaconess in California, and she is therefore doubly interested in the work.

Brother Cullen, a much beloved superannuated preacher, was present and encouraged us with his talks and prayers.

Two committees were appointed—on literature and parsonage work. While the Home Mission paper, Our Homes, has a circulation of only sixty-nine in the district, we hope to have a larger circulation in the future. Reports on parsonages were read, showing that most of the parsonages are in good repair and some undergoing improvement.

The Juvenile Society from Longview was represented by a bright little girl, Aelene Jarrett, who had a good report. Quite a number of preachers came in before our meeting was over and spoke encouraging words. Brother Horner entertained us well, giving us the best homes in the town. Brother Downs was with us at every session, and always helps in the women's work. Brother Massey dismissed us with prayer. MRS. P. G. WHALEY, Marshall, Texas.

### TREASURER'S REPORT OF NORTH-WEST TEXAS W. H. M. SOCIETY.

Summary of report of Treasurer of the Woman's Home Mission Society, Northwest Texas Conference, for quarter ending June 20, 1905:

Dues	\$809.20
Baby roll	13.20
Baby mite boxes	6.39
Adult mite boxes	1.50
McEachern mite boxes	15.18
Shares in Dallas Home	37.00
Deaconess' Home	46.40
Deaconess' scholarships	6.00
Specials	78.73
Our Homes and King's Messenger	2.40
Conference collection	23.50
Expense fund	103.15
Minutes	42.00
General treasury for expense	384.50
Preachers' wives' loan fund	5.00

Total receipts for quarter, \$1574.15  
Balance in bank Mch. 20, 1905 148.26

Total cash for quarter	\$1722.51
Disbursed During Quarter—	
To Deaconess' Home, April 13, 1905	\$104.01
To Mrs. W. H. Johnson, June 2, 1905	31.00
To accounts presented at Conference	123.05
To Conference Secretary	18.75
To Conference Treasurer	25.00
To Deaconess' Home, June 16, 1905	46.40
To General Treasurer, June 16, 1905	929.20

Total disbursements, \$1277.41

Balance in bank June 20, 1905 \$445.10

Amount in General Treasury March 20, 1905, \$38.50  
Fifty per cent of dues June 20, 1905 404.60

Total, \$789.10

Returned for expense from general treasury 384.50

Balance in general treasury June 20, 1905, \$404.60

Total cash on hand June 20, 1905 \$849.70

Local Work—

Number parsonages reported 101

Amount expended on parsonages \$1267.42

Amount expended on local

church work	1519.84
Relief of needy	186.46
Local supplies	415.79
City mission work	165.75
Delegates expenses to annual meeting	26.75
Supplies sent Dallas Home	22.00
Supplies sent off and reported	18.15

Total amount for local work reported, \$3622.07

Total amount for Conference work reported, 1574.15

Grand total for quarter, \$5196.22

It is with pleasure that the foregoing report is submitted. The amount of dues sent enables us to pay \$400 of the appropriations made at conference. Waxahachie takes the distinction this quarter in amount of money sent—\$64.96; also in amount of dues—\$48.15, and expense fund—\$16.75. What auxiliary will come first next quarter? Clarendon ranks first in amount sent for Deaconess' Home. I am in receipt of a letter from the President of the Board of City Missions in Waco, and she tells me that the need for money for the Deaconess' Home is very great. My letter to the Auxiliary Treasurers are usually about money; but I assure you I do not put it in to use space, but because it is my duty to urge these claims. I earnestly ask each District Secretary to present this claim in a way that will, if possible, bring the money by the close of the next quarter. I will be away from home until September 1, but if you send any money it will receive attention, and will be receipted for on my return.

MRS. NAT G. ROLLINS, Treas. Asperment, Texas.

### TREASURER'S REPORT OF NORTH TEXAS W. H. M. SOCIETY.

Report of Treasurer of Woman's Home Mission Society, Texas Conference, first quarter, June 15, 1905:

Dues	\$566.49
Baby roll dues	10.25
Adult mite boxes	2.00
Baby mite boxes	18.85
Florine McEachern Brigade	13.47
Conference pledges (\$1 extra per member)	72.15
Conference expense fund	80.80
Christmas offering	.20

Total receipts for quarter, \$764.21

Total amount remitted to General Treasurer 683.41

Balance for first quarter, \$80.80

Balance brought forward from March 124.82

Balance from General Treasurer for 1904 and 1905, 389.13

Total, \$594.75

To conference expenses, 266.41

Balance in bank June 15, 1905 \$328.34

By voucher to General Treasurer from City Mission Board, Houston \$186.41

Number auxiliaries reporting to Conference Treasurer for first quarter 87

Number members reported, 1886

Fifty per cent dues in general treasury, 1904-05 \$1014.13

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North End	125.00
League City	150.00
Buckholts	50.00
Jacksonville Circuit	50.00
Kennard Mission	50.00
Park Mission	100.00
Wills Point Circuit	50.00

Total, \$625.00

(Donation to Wills Point Circuit has been withheld; failed to meet conditions required.)

Local Work—

Value supplies reported to Supply Department	\$63.73
Value of supplies given locally	472.28
Expended for assistance of needy	252.98
Expended on parsonages	1172.90
Expended in furnishing church	2349.74
Amount expended for city mission work	5.45

Total, \$4317.98

An increase over the corresponding quarter of last year of \$2205.95, while in the amount remitted to the General Treasurer for the same quarter last year, there is a decrease of \$72.59. I regret very much to report this decrease. Let us not permit this to happen next quarter.

I thank the Auxiliary Treasurers for their prompt reports during the present quarter, and also for all past kindnesses shown their Conference Treasurer. MISS ELIZABETH L. HILL, Livingston, Texas.

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### NORTHWEST TEXAS CONFERENCE BROTHERHOOD.

Dear Brother: Again our Brotherhood is called to mourn the loss of a fallen brother, and to gather up his fallen tent and with his loved ones take comfort to ourselves by recounting the virtues of the departed, and fondly anticipating a happy reunion, after the resurrection of the just. Rev. D. T. Holmes, a member of the conference and of the Brotherhood, died at Hico, Texas, 5 a. m. June 26, 1905. Your mortuary fee of \$2 is due, and should be paid within thirty days. The responses to the last call are coming in rapidly. Rogers' call expires July 22; the Holmes' call expires August 1. Prompt responses forbid forfeitures.

M. S. HOTCHKISS, Sec. N. W. T. C. Brotherhood, 216 N. Second St., Temple, Texas.

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### SULPHUR SPRINGS DISTRICT CONFERENCE.

The thirty-ninth session of the Sulphur Springs District Conference was held at Pecan Gap June 22-26, 1895. The presiding elder, C. B. Fladger, had an outline prepared for the business of the conference which he dispatched on schedule time.

The writer was assisted at the Secretary's table by C. L. Bounds. The attendance was not as large as usual. Three pastors were providentially detained and the laymen, for the most part farmers, were wrestling with grassy crops. But those present were hopeful and entered heartily into the work of the conference. The reports from pastoral charges were gratifying. There was a marked advance along all lines. The number and state of Epworth Leagues has increased. There are forty-nine Sunday-schools in the district. The women's societies are doing excellent work. The salaries have been increased, and material improvement has been made in churches and parsonages. And, best of all, already more money has been secured for home and foreign missions than the entire district paid last year. The Orphanage assessment has been paid on nearly all the charges.

The conference was a revival throughout. Eighteen or twenty souls professed faith in God, down in the altar of straw; eleven persons joined the Church by ritual, and four infants were baptized. Bro. Fladger was at his best. He planned wisely and led valiantly to victory. The old-time revival power came to him. His exhortations and prayers indicated a flood-tide of faith and hope and love. The conference caught it. All the preaching was unctuous, pointed and powerful. The singing was characteristic revival singing, the congregations rejoiced and were glad.

C. A. Spragins was present and spoke and preached appropriately upon the interest which he came to represent. E. H. Casey, J. R. Wages, C. Pugsley and F. H. C. Elliott were among the visitors present. John F. Holmes, an influential lawyer at the Cooper bar, was licensed to preach, and also recommended to the conference for admission on trial. S. J. King and J. W. Evans were recommended to the conference for deacon's orders.

The following brethren were elected delegates to the Annual Conference:

- REV. S. J. KING.
- C. H. MORRIS.
- B. F. SHEPPARD.
- O. L. GUY.

#### Alternates:

- W. C. Simmons.
- R. N. Romey.

The pastor, N. C. Little, and people of Pecan Gap entertained excellently. The congregations were large throughout the sessions of the conference and the preaching hours. On Monday evening as the conference was departing a large number of the good folks who had so kindly entertained us, headed by Sister Warren and Brother Crawford, came to the depot, where we sang sweet songs and our hearts burned within us. Brother Bounds led in prayer, and as the train came in the crowd sang "When the Roll Is Called I'll Be There." Memories of the occasion will abide through the years. The next conference goes to Como. JNO. E. ROACH, Sec. Mt. Vernon, Texas.

### TYLER DISTRICT CONFERENCE.

We had a great District Conference. The people of Mineola prepared for it, prayed for it, expected it, and were not disappointed. All the pastors were present, and they are great men; great in faith and knowledge and love and prayer. Many of the local preachers were here, and they are good men—Stephen like, full of faith and the Holy Ghost. Many laymen were here, full of zeal and good works; in sympathy with the Church and in harmony with their pastors. Revs. Seth Ward (our own "Brother Seth" beloved in the Lord), J. B. Sears, presiding elder of the Palestine District; James Kilgore, Commissioner of Education; G. C. Rankin, Editor Texas Advocate; and T. J. Milam, Financial Agent of Alexander Institute; and Brother Everett of the Publishing House, were our visitors. Also Rev. J. M. Downs, presiding elder of Marshall District. You know we had a great time. Rev. E. W. Solomon, our presiding elder, was in the chair, with hand on the helm, guiding with discretion and presiding with firmness and good judgment; courteous alike to all. He may think in italics and speak in emphatics, but no man loves the Church with a deeper devotion than Emmet Solomon. The preaching was all good to the use of edifying. The people rejoiced and shouted as in the old days. The sweetest harmony and brotherly love prevailed throughout. The good people of Mineola "laid themselves out" in entertaining and felt amply repaid. The conference will go down in history as the best up to this date ever held in this district. Athens secured

the next one, and if God wills we will all be there.

The following brethren were elected delegates to the Annual Conference: L. L. JESTER. CONE JOHNSON. J. W. OGBURN. HENRY C. GEDDIE. Altogether nearly one hundred were in attendance—members and visitors. Mineola, Texas.

### THE WEATHERFORD DISTRICT CONFERENCE AT GRAHAM.

The Weatherford District Conference met at Graham, June 23, 24. The presiding elder, Rev. E. F. Boone, had arranged for a District Missionary Institute for the 22nd, in which were delivered some excellent addresses by the presiding elder, Revs. J. P. Patterson, G. G. Hamilton, J. D. Crockett, W. A. Manley and others, closing with a magnificent address on "Methodism and Missions," by Rev. J. W. Rowlett, Thursday night.

The District Conference was wisely and expeditiously directed by the President, Rev. E. F. Boone. D. M. Alexander, of Weatherford, was elected Secretary. The attendance was fair. The interest in all the work unabated from the beginning to the end; the discussions and reports being pointed and helpful. The preaching by Revs. H. B. Owens, A. P. Smith, J. R. Nelson, J. D. Young, J. W. Rowlett, C. V. Oswalt, W. A. Manley and J. P. Patterson, was of a high order. The spiritual interest was deep, reaching high tide on Sunday morning at the love feast led by Presiding Elder Boone. Rev. J. R. Nelson, of Dallas, presented the claims of Southwestern Medical College in his usual forceful manner and added \$250 to the building fund. Rev. J. D. Young, of Fort Worth, was present, urging the claims of Polytechnic with success. Mineral Wells was selected as the next meeting place. The following were elected delegates to the Annual Conference:

- D. M. ALEXANDER, Weatherford.
- T. C. HAMILTON, Bethel.
- S. D. COOK, Graham.
- W. E. FLOWERS, Whitt.

#### Alternates:

- J. L. Williamson.
- M. Briscoe.
- J. M. Keen.
- B. W. Akard.

Rev. E. V. Cox and his people entertained in a most gracious manner.

### WACO DISTRICT LEAGUE CONFERENCE.

The Waco District League Conference and Sunday-school Institute has gone to the "minutes," yet its influence will remain through the days.

The sixty delegates went to their homes more enlightened, encouraged and determined.

Only three whose names appear on the program were absent, two on account of sickness, one of whom furnished a substitute.

The conference convened in the Methodist Church of Hubbard City June 21-22. Rev. J. G. Putman, presiding elder, presiding, whose ability to get the best work out of such an occasion no one who knows him will question.

Rev. C. B. Meador (or Bruce as he is generally called) was all that could be desired as host. If he was as large of body as of heart there would not be a "bigger preacher in the conference. Hubbard is a thriving business town of some 2000 or 2500 inhabitants. Our Church is in the lead. The conference was royally entertained.

The growth of the Epworth League in the district has been marked, while the Junior has more than doubled in membership this year.

The full number of delegates to the State Encampment was elected. Waco District will be well represented.

The following were elected as officers for the ensuing year: President, Sam J. Smith; First Vice-President, Dr. B. O. Hester; Second Vice-President, Mrs. Alice Clark; Third Vice-President, Mrs. A. D. Porter; Fourth Vice-President, S. De Arman; Superintendent Junior Work, Miss Audrey Sparks; Secretary-Treasurer, A. Fauquet.

Walnut Springs was unanimously chosen as the place of next meeting.

In the judgment of the writer the District League is the most helpful conference for our young people; but, of course, the time has now come when if we would keep it such we should attend the "State Encampment." A. D. PORTER, Sec.

### OUR ORPHANAGE.

On June 22 the school closed at the Orphanage. Bro. Reed and family have moved to their own hired house in the city, and Brother Dunn, the other teacher, is taking some needed rest with his parents at Morgan before he enters some college in the fall. This leaves Brother Vaughan, the manager, at the Orphanage with two cases of scarlet fever. All necessary precaution is being taken to prevent as far as possible the spread of the

disease. Brother Vaughan and the children need greatly the prayers of the Church in Texas and he certainly is entitled without any further delay to whatever financial help that has been assessed the Texas Conferences for the support of this worthy institution of Texas Methodism, and it also is a splendid time for some voluntary help over and above our regular assessments. Let every preacher in our Church in the State rally at once to this institution and give Brother Vaughan and his large family of little ones their sympathies in some real solid and substantial way. May God bless our Orphanage.

J. G. PUTMAN, Presiding Elder Waco District.

### A NOTE.

I want to say a word to my friends en masse and the Advocate is the medium for it. I am going to Southern California next week. It is on the account of the continued effects of a very severe attack of la grippe eighteen months ago on my wife's health. Her physician says it is the best thing to do. I have cancelled all my engagements for meetings for the summer. I regret very much to leave the field of labor so long enjoyed and the brethren so tenderly loved, but it may be only temporary. They will all fully sympathize with me because of the cause of my going especially, and will be good enough to think of their comrade some time when they are at the mercy seat with the Lord. All blessings be upon all of you. My address will be San Marcos, San Diego County, California, for some time. Good-bye. JEROME HARALSON.

### CHURCH EXTENSION—THE LOAN FUNDS.

The present capital of the loan funds of the Board of Church Extension is \$220,093.40. The outstanding loans at the close of the last year amounted to \$205,208.79. Since that time we have loaned out all the balance we then had in the treasury and all we have been able to collect, so that now the treasury is empty, and we have on our books unpaid grants amounting to \$52,000, and many of the grantees are very anxious to get the money from us as soon as possible.

It is of very great importance to the work of the church that we should be able to pay these grants as fast as the grantees get ready for them. There are two ways by which we may be enabled to do this. One of these is, that all those who have borrowed from us should pay us promptly all that is past due, and that payments, as they fall due, should be promptly met. And inasmuch as this is not at all likely to enable us to provide fully for our grantees, I am very anxious to secure as large additions as possible to our loan funds from any of our people who have money that they can afford to give to the Lord for this part of his great work. There is a class of good people who have reached such an age that they can no longer pursue the form of business life to which they were accustomed when younger, who have no children and who have sufficient means to live comfortably on their income. Our annuity plan is very desirable for such persons. They give us their money, and we pay them six per cent annuity on it, if they are as much as sixty years of age or over during their life, paying it promptly semi-annually. If their money is invested in the usual way there is a liability to lose it, and it is subject to taxation, and the income from it is not in all cases reliable. If put in the hands of the Board of Church Extension there is not the slightest risk to the annuitant, and it

not only enables the board to provide for borrowers promptly, but it can be made to serve a very important purpose in some of our foreign fields. In many of these the Board of Missions is renting much of the property they need, and in some of these cases if the Board of Church Extension had the loan money in hand they could lend it to the Board of Missions and enable them to buy the property they are now renting, and thus become the owners of the property at once and pay for it in less than eight years with the money they are now paying out for rent. We would gladly receive any amount of money from any of our people as a gift to be added to our loan funds, and we could safely and would gladly receive on the annuity plan as much as \$35,000, and any of our people who give us as much as \$5000 have the right to name the loan fund permanently for themselves if they so desire. I most cordially and heartily invite correspondence with any of our good people who may be willing and able to add to our loan funds. Most respectfully,

P. H. WHISNER, Corresponding Secretary, 705 West Chestnut Street, Louisville, Kentucky.

### TREASURER'S REPORT.

San Marcos, Texas, June 30, 1905.

June—	Amount.
1, Amount previous reported	\$2409.43
3, E. D. Mouzon, Travis Park	90.00
3, C. W. Myers, South Austin	28.77
7, E. G. Hocutt, Smithville	25.00
7, F. J. Perrin, Manchaca	30.00
7, W. A. Dunn, Kyle	10.00
8, E. P. Ledbetter, Shiner	17.00
12, T. A. Mathews, First St.	57.55
16, J. T. King, Kerrville	14.75
17, J. E. Buck, Kennedy	12.50
17, J. T. King, Kerrville	10.00
20, A. Y. Old, Bexar	4.00
21, D. C. Ross, Water Valley	5.00
22, E. G. Hocutt, Smithville	17.00
22, A. B. Davidson, Prospect Hill	40.00
23, F. B. Buchanan, Seguin	5.00
26, D. K. Porter, Hotchkiss	89.51
28, J. W. Long, Buda	2.50
29, S. L. Burke, Sterling City	15.00
Total to date	\$2883.01

June—	Foreign.	Amount.
1, Amt. previously reported		\$587.44
1, A. B. Davison, Prospect Hill		25.00
7, F. J. Perrin, Manchaca		20.00
7, E. E. Swanson, Llano		10.00
12, G. M. Hall, Hondo		10.00
13, M. J. Allen, Willow City		.75
16, J. T. King, Kerrville		9.65
17, J. T. King, Kerrville		20.00
20, A. Y. Old, Bexar		1.00
21, D. C. Ross, Water Valley		1.00
28, J. W. Long, Buda		2.50
29, S. L. Burke, Sterling City		10.00
Total		\$701.34

J. E. PRITCHETT, Treasurer Mission Board, West Texas Conference.

Beaumont District—Third Round. China and Sour Lake, at C. July 15, 16. Cartwright Chapel, Wed. night, July 19. Livingston, at Providence, July 26, 27. Corrigan, at Chester, July 29, 30. Sabine Pass and Pt. Neches, at Nederland, Aug 5, 6. North End, Aug 6, 7. Orange, Wed. night, Aug 9. Woodville, at Holly Ford, Aug 12, 13. Liberty, at Raywood, Aug 19, 20. Wallisville, at Wallisville, Aug 20, 21. First Ch., Beaumont, Thu. night, Aug 24. Burkeville, at Burkeville, Aug 26, 27. Jasper cir. at Magnolia, Aug 29. Silsbee, Sept 2, 3. Kountze, at Kountze, Sept 3, 4. Port Arthur, Wed. night, Sept 6. Warren, at Saratoga, Sept 9, 10. Call, at Cairo Springs, Sept 16, 17. O. T. Hotchkiss, P. E.

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**RUARK.**—Miss Myrtle Ruark, youngest child of R. B. and M. F. Ruark, was born in Fannin County, Texas, June 24, 1885, and on the evening of June 19, 1885, her pure spirit took its flight to the celestial regions beyond. Myrtle professed religion at a children's meeting at the age of 11 years, and in the summer of 1904, under the ministry of Bro. Eber Parish, she reconsecrated herself to God, and joined the M. E. Church, South, to whose ordinances she remained faithful till the Master called her home. We can't understand why she should have been called from us in the fair bloom of life's early morning; but we know that God doeth all things well. She was indeed the light of her home—always happy, always singing, ever ready to serve others, she was loved by all who knew her. We shall miss her sadly when we go to visit at the old home; and, oh! how lonely it will be for the dear old father and mother, but we know that she is safe in "that house not made with hands." And though many bright hopes are shattered and our happiness has been poured out like water on the earth, and we have mingled hot tears with its wasting flood, and even the vessel in which its sweet perfume was distilled has broken at our feet, we can still look with hopeful eyes afar, where the sweet fields of eternal green lie placid beyond death's surging tide. We watched beside her while the chilly waters crept higher and higher, and in fancy we could hear the dip of the oars as the pale boatman drew nearer and nearer; and when the shadowy ship that waits for passenger souls by the shores of time dropped anchor at the other side we felt that for her "the day had broken and the shadows had flown away." The funeral services were conducted by her pastor, Rev. F. L. McGehee, assisted by Rev. J. E. Vinson. The flower-laden casket was lowered to the earth at Rahobeth Cemetery amid a host of sorrowing relatives and friends, to await the sound of the trumpet. Among the ever blooming flowers of God's beautiful garden we shall find her again. Her sister,

MATTIE SWAIN.

**WEEKS.**—Miss Sallie Weeks died at the home of her nephew, D. R. Weeks, near Turnersville, Texas, June 9, 1905. She was 76 years old and had been an invalid most of her life. It was simply amazing to see how her days were lengthened and she so frail. She united with the M. E. Church, South, at the age of 17 and lived a consecrated Christian life up to her death. The writer has so often heard her sing on Jordan's stormy banks, and the gentle, trusting love she had in her manner of song and prayer was soul-inspiring. She was ready and waiting for the call, for she had in her sufferings prayed so earnestly to go. Her earthly remains were laid to rest in the Prairie View Cemetery near Hurst, Texas, Rev. Turner conducting the funeral services. May God bless dear grandfather, her only surviving brother, and the last one of her father's family, her nephews and nieces, and help us meet her where she so often sang of "where sickness, sorrow, pain and death are felt and feared no more." Her great niece,

SARAH BUSTER.

**PENNINGTON.**—Little Garner, son of Mr. and Mrs. Robert Pennington, closed his beautiful eyes for the last time June 22, 1905. After four days' suffering he died of a dreadful disease, flux. He was eighteen months old. He was such a beautiful and promising child. While they miss his loving presence, and that sweet voice and the little prattle of her feet, they know he is walking the golden streets in heaven, and know he is safe in the arms of Jesus and the great hosts of angels gone before. Thank and praise God for the bright hope of heaven, where parting will be no more.

GINCY LAWLER.

**HARTSHORN SHADE ROLLERS.**  
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**BURT.**—James J. Burt was born in Dawson County, Georgia, Oct. 12, 1864, and departed this life in Chico, Texas, March 30, 1905. Bro. Burt professed religion and joined the Missionary Baptist Church August, 1884, and moved to Chico, Texas, in 1888. He was married to Miss Lillie Mincey Feb. 6, 1890. They had only one child born to them, and she preceded her father to the glory world about four months. Bro. Burt was made a Master Mason in Chico in 1891; moved to Wellington, Texas, in 1897, and in 1900 joined the Cumberland Presbyterian Church there, and was made ruling elder of that Church. I have known him since 1888, and to know him was to love him. He was a faithful friend, a true husband, a loving father, a zealous Mason and a Christian gentleman of high order. A few days before his death he said to me: "The religion of Christ is all in all to me." Thank God for such a character and the impress of it. To the wife mother, brothers, sisters and friends, look to the Christ that Jim trusted, worshiped and served. Jesus said: "My grace is sufficient for you." Let us believe it and trust Christ for it, and it won't be long until we can all meet where there will be no more good-bye.

T. P. TURNER.

**BURT.**—Mary Ellen Burt was born in Chico, Texas, Oct. 30, 1890; moved to Wellington, Texas, with her father and mother, James J. and Lillie E. Burt, in 1897, where she entered school; professed religion in September, 1903, and joined the Cumberland Presbyterian Church, and died Dec. 6, 1904. Ellen was the only child of her parents. She was always a good girl, and since she professed religion she has been a model little Christian. She was so congenial and sweet in disposition that she won the affections of all that knew her. It is hard to give up those that attach themselves so closely to us here, and so it is that they become strong ties with Christ in heaven to draw us away from the love of the world to God, and finally to heaven with all the pure and good. The Lord has brought heaven and earth closer together by taking Ellen to himself. We can't bring her back, but, thank God, we can go to her.

T. P. TURNER.

**KELLER.**—W. M. Keller was born in Shenandoah County, Virginia, May 28, 1829, and died in Erath County, Texas, Jan. 25, 1905. He was married in Virginia to Miss Wisman, and in 1876 they came to Texas. To them was given nine children, all of whom lived to be grown except one. Bro. Keller never made a formal profession of religion, but was always identified with the right side of all moral questions, and was strictly a man for law and order. His wife and all his children are useful members of the M. E. Church, South, and while Bro. Keller was not a member of the Church, it seemed a delight to him that his family did; and he always cheerfully responded to the financial claims of the church, and always kept open doors for her ministers, and was delighted to have them visit his home. He always seemed to be glad when the Church prospered, especially so when it prospered at Bunyan, where he lived and died. In his last illness he was conscious to the last, and while he never said anything about his prospects for the future, yet he was patient, and did not murmur, and, though it was intensely cold on the day of his funeral, yet there was a large company of people present to pay a last tribute to his memory, and we all hope to meet him again in a brighter and better clime.

U. V. MORTON.

**AVERITT.**—Marvin Pope, the little son of J. F. and Eva Averitt, was born April 25, 1903, and died May 26, 1905. He was sick only twelve hours, during which he suffered intense agony, but God called him to rest and with a bright, heavenly smile on his sweet face passed over the river to be with the angels forever. Nothing can fill little Marvin's place in the home he brightened for two happy years. Oh, how we miss the patter of his little feet, his sweet words and bright smiles, for he was an affectionate child and won the love of all he met. Dear papa and mamma, do not grieve for your loved darling, for the little form you loved so well has gone to make heaven bright. The sweet voice has joined the angelic choir. Look upward and strive harder to follow where his little spirit is calling you. God grant that the memory of little Marvin may draw us all "close to Thee."

E. L. A.

**PATE.**—Little Earl, son of Brother Letch and Sister Vera Pate, was born March 17, 1904, and died June 27, 1905. Little Earl was a sweet child with such winning ways. He was the joy of his parents and the pet of his grandparents. How they will miss him! But they love God and will see him again.

W. H. CRAWFORD.

**BRIGANCE.**—Nora Brigance (nee Pryor) was born in Pendleton County, Kentucky, March 24, 1874; was converted and joined the M. E. Church, South, in 1887; came to Texas in 1893; was married to Samuel A. Brigance Aug. 16, 1897; died at the home of her sister on Polytechnic College Hill May 31, 1905. This last date marks the transference of one of God's purest saints from earth to heaven. Sister Brigance had been afflicted for five or six years and had been confined to her room for some months. She suffered much, but her sufferings are now over. She now experiences the truth of the apostle's statement when he says, "Our light affliction, which is but for a moment, worketh for us a far more exceeding and eternal weight of glory." In that sweet paradise to which she has gone "there shall be no more death, neither sorrow nor crying, neither shall there be any more pain." The writer knew Sister Brigance—was once her pastor—and can testify to her personal excellency. She leaves a husband and two little children; also four brothers and three sisters. Her father died before the family came to Texas. Her mother, a most excellent Christian woman, went to heaven about two years ago. One brother, the Rev. W. C. Pryor, of the North Texas Conference, preceded her to the glory world. It was a happy meeting "over there." God bless the surviving kindred and friends and bring them all to a happy reunion in heaven.

H. P. SHRADER.

**HINTON.**—Corena Hinton (nee Lewellen) was born April 8, 1878, and departed this life June 1, 1905. She gave her heart and hand to W. R. Hinton Dec. 16, 1895. To this union were born three children—one daughter and two sons—all of whom with the father survive her. Sister Hinton was converted when 16 years of age, and joined the M. E. Church, South, of which Church she remained a consistent member until death. She was a lady of excellent character, sunny, amiable, cheerful and patient. She was indeed a faithful, devoted wife and a loving, true mother. But she is with the Father in the better home. Her home, family, relatives, community and the Church have lost one whose absence will be felt, and whose presence will be missed. Though gone, her name and model life will live behind. After bidding her pastor farewell and telling him that she was prepared to go, she bade her husband, children and relatives good-bye, telling them to meet her in heaven, and then sweetly fell asleep in her Savior's arms. God grant that the sorrowing husband, children and relatives may so live as to meet her in the beautiful home above. Her pastor,

D. C. COALE.

**WARREN.**—Mrs. Julia K. Warren was born in Mississippi June 19, 1855. Her maiden name was Fate. She professed religion and joined the Methodist Church when about 16 years of age. She was twice married. Her first marriage was to Jas. Y. Gondeloek Oct. 26, 1875. This union was blessed with five children. Three of them survive her. Her first husband died Dec. 21, 1887. She remained a widow nine years, and was married to W. N. Warren, of Boyce, Texas, where she lived a true, devoted Christian until her death, which occurred June 1, 1905. For some months she had been in declining health, and for several weeks before her death she suffered great pain, but she was patient and resigned to the will of God. She had set her house in order and was ready to go. Her children and husband were with her in her last illness, and all that kind, loving ones could do was done for her. She has left her loved ones a goodly heritage. Her funeral was conducted by her pastor, and her body laid to rest in Waxahachie amid a large number of friends and relatives, who, with tearful eyes, paid the last sad rite. Her pastor,

I. E. HIGHTOWER.

**COOKSEY.**—Jos. Hillard Cooksey was born in Russell County, Alabama, April 5, 1845. He entered the Confederate Army in the spring of 1864, and served with valor until its close. He was a member of the Third Georgia Cavalry. After the close of the war he returned to Alabama in 1869. In 1872 he was married to Miss Annie Brown, with whom he has lived until his death. He then moved to Georgia, and resided there ten years. In 1882 he moved to Texas, and with the exception of two years spent in Southern Texas, he spent the balance of his life in Denton County, Texas. He was a good man, loved and honored by all. He had been a faithful member of the M. E. Church, South, the greater portion of his life. He exemplified the Christian graces to his life and character. His departure was in peace with God and all mankind. It is with such jewels that the crown of the Master will glow through eternity.

T. H. MORRIS, P. C.

**KELLER.**—Ola Keller, infant daughter of Will and Mary Keller, was born Aug. 10, 1903, in Erath County, Texas, and died Feb. 29, 1904. Little Ola was only permitted to stay a few months when some form of aggravated throat trouble brought on her death. Oh! how her parents, grandparents and little Louise loved her and tried to nurse her back to life and health, but they are resigned to the will of our Heavenly Father and feel that heaven is richer to them than ever before.

U. V. MORTON.

**WILLIAMS.**—Mrs. Elizabeth Williams (nee Headstream), the subject of this obituary, was born Dec. 28, 1828, and was married to P. W. Williams Dec. 7, 1843. They moved to Bosque County, Texas, in 1869, and settled near Eulogy, where they lived the rest of their natural life. Sister Williams united with the Methodist Church when she was 17 years old, and when they came to Bosque County joined the Church at Andrew Chapel, where her membership remained until her transfer from this world. Her husband and eight children had already preceded her, and she was ready to go. Her only solicitude seemed to be for the spiritual welfare of her children and grandchildren, who survive her. On Feb. 15, 1905, she passed peacefully away, with hardly a struggle to mark her passage from time to eternity.

R. F. DUNN, P. C.

**SEAY.**—Mrs. M. A. Seay was born Oct. 6, 1826, and departed this life June 17, 1905. She was converted in early life, joined the Methodist Church and was devoted to her Master's cause until the silver cord was broken. Her example will last long with us to teach us patience and humble trust. She was a fine, social character, a modest lady, a kind friend, a true wife, a devoted mother, and an exemplary Christian. She has gone to a better world. It has been her desire to go, and may we live so we can bear life's burdens, meet death and greet eternity as did this noble soul. Her grandson,

T. D. McCRARY.

**MATTHEWS.**—Mabel, the 16-year-old daughter of L. A. and Effie Matthews, entered into the joys of the Lord June 4, 1905. She talked separately to each member of her family telling them of her blessed acceptance; that Jesus himself would meet her and she would ever more rest in God's house. With perfect calmness she gave directions for her funeral, requesting the songs "Nearer, My God, to

Thee," and "Rest Under the Shade," be sung. For three years Mabel has been a sweet Christian. Her cheerful, self-sacrificing spirit endeared her to all. A lovely maiden just entering a sweet womanhood. It seems hard that these jewels must go; but the Lord has taken and we must not charge him foolishly. Father, mother, three sisters and one brother are left. A treasure is now stored in heaven for you. "Let not your heart be troubled." Rev. Long, of Buda, conducted the services and her pure, chaste body laid to rest in the old Live Oak Cemetery. We think of her now forever with the Lord. When he called she answered, "Behold thy handmaidens." Her aunt,

EDNA CARPENTER.

**GRAY.**—Carpenter Stuart, son of L. A. and Nellie Gray, was born in Franklin, Robertson County, Texas, March 30, 1904, and died Jan. 9, 1905. He was sick only three days. His suffering was short. His stay here was also short, but long enough to become a light and flower of the home, but alas! the joy and gladness that he brought to the home was soon turned to sorrow and mourning by the ruthless hand of death. He has gone where the effect his departure has left in the home can never come—sorrow and grief. Let the grief-stricken mother and father look up to Him who said, "Let them come unto me," and let his word of promise be your support; "For all things work together for good to them who love God."

A. G. SCRUGGS.

**HOLLEY.**—Sister Martha Hellen Holley was born in Franklin County, North Carolina, Sept. 11, 1839, and died at Pennington, Texas, March 7, 1905. She moved with her parents to Harrington County, Texas, in 1846, and from there to Houston County in 1856. She was married to Josiah Dill on April 19, 1861, who died in 1879. She was married a second time in 1883 to Washington Holley. She was the mother of ten children, all of whom preceded her to the grave except one, Mrs. J. M. O'Neill, of Pennington, Texas. Sister Holley was converted and joined the M. E. Church, South, in 1874, and lived a consistent member until her death. She leaves an aged husband, one daughter, several grandchildren and a host of friends to mourn her departure. A patient, suffering Christian is gone, but her influence still abides. God bless the bereaved ones. May we all live so that we meet her in the sweet-by-and-by.

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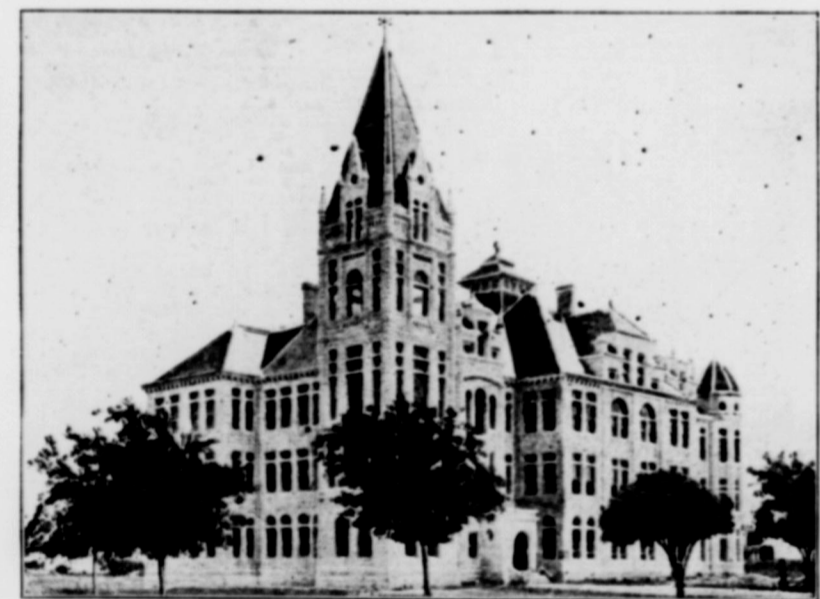
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