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EDITORIAL

AFTER THE CONFERENCES, THEN WHAT?

Now that the conferences are over a few reflections and a few perspectives will not be out of order. It is not our purpose to gather up statistics of the past year's work for this editorial. We will do that later when we have had time to cast up and to digest results. For the present we only desire to mention a few phases of our observations and then suggest a line of special work for the incoming year.

Upon the whole we have never attended better sessions of the Texas conferences. They were more religious and harmonious than usual. We noted less of solicitude about appointments, and there was but little in the way of what we often hear designated as conference politics. The preachers were more at ease and less concerned about the future. The religious services were better attended, and the preaching was of an uplifting character. The year's work showed good results. Every conference made large gains in the way of membership. Larger numbers of conversions were reported, and the old-time revival seemed to have been abroad throughout the State. Many new church buildings were built and old Church debts were settled. Many new parsonages were reported. It has not been many years ago when there were but few good church buildings and parsonages in Texas. But the past twelve years have been years of material progress. Hundreds of handsome and some of them costly edifices have been built and paid for, and the major part of the charges have good parsonages. We doubt not but that Texas has made greater progress in these improvements than any State in the South or the Southwest. We now have some of the most stately church buildings that we have seen anywhere throughout the connection. The past year is one of the foremost in this character of work.

The pay of the preachers has steadily advanced in most of the charges, though there is room for still larger progress in this department in most of our charges. But the people are learning more and more to appreciate the faithful service of our ministers, and the disposition to give to them better support and more comforts is growing in depth and purpose.

Now since all these things and more are true, we ought to plan for greater things during the progress of the new year. Every charge in Texas needs a deeper work of grace. Without deep spirituality in the membership our advance is not greatly possible. People imbued with closer kinship with Christ enter more heartily into the spirit of a forward movement. Let it be, then, the motto of every congregation to have a good, earnest and sane revival. There is nothing that adds more to the healthy tone of a Church membership than the baptism of the Holy Spirit. It quickens the energy and inspires the faith of the people, and it arouses them to larger activity in spiritual matters. Soul-saving is a great means of grace to any congregation, and the old Methodist revival is the best agency the Church has ever adopted to bring about this result. Let every Church strive for this baptism of the Spirit and for a larger ingathering of people through the agency of regeneration. Methodism was born in a revival, and its best life is in the atmosphere

of a revival. If all our congregations will burn with revival fire then our Zion will move forward with greater spiritual acceleration this year than has ever been known in this Commonwealth. May the Holy Ghost come upon every preacher and every congregation this year, and may the result be monumental in our progress!

THE GREAT PROHIBITION CONVENTION.

On Thursday of last week, according to appointment by a special committee, a delegated prohibition convention met in the city of Fort Worth to adopt a platform and organize for the coming State prohibition campaign. It contained about one thousand representative men from all over the State, and a more business-like and enthusiastic gathering has not met in Texas in the past twenty years. The characteristic feature of the gathering was its absolute harmony of feeling and action and this, too, in the face of the fact that it had men of all factions and personal affiliation in its membership. Men who unwisely fought each other in the recent political campaign were there with their differences buried, standing shoulder to shoulder in an effort to plan for victory over the saloon.

Hon. Thomas H. Ball, of Houston, called the meeting to order and made a telling speech and declared the gathering ready for business. Judge William Poindexter, one of the late candidates for Governor, was unanimously elected temporary chairman, and on taking the stand he delivered one of the most powerful speeches ever heard in Texas against the evils of the saloon. This speech we will publish in full in a later edition of the Advocate. It was the plan of the convention to elect the Hon. Cone Johnson permanent chairman, but illness prevented his being present. However, he sent a ringing telegram that was read and cheered to the echo. We mention these facts to show how far the sentiment of harmony and concord prevailed. There was not one word of bickering or unfavorable criticism heard from any one. The whole gathering was as solid as though one man had been doing the thinking and the speaking. This is remarkable when we remember the state of things among us a few months ago. It shows that we have profited by our experience and that in the future the follies of the past will never be repeated. In the face of the organized liquor traffic, we are one in Texas and indivisible.

The platform adopted by the convention is the most powerful indictment ever recorded against the evils of the liquor traffic. It will be found in another column of this issue. Hon. Thomas H. Ball was elected chairman of the Executive Committee, and he was given seven delegates at large and two from each congressional district as a committee through whom to organize and direct the coming campaign. A list of the committeemen are also published in another column. So we are getting ready for business and the heavy responsibility for it is placed upon the shoulders of stalwart laymen. On with the battle!

THE PASSING OF MRS. MARY BAKER EDDY.

Mrs. Mary Baker Eddy, the founder of Christian Science and the best known woman of the present century, died Saturday night, December 3. The immediate cause of her death was pneumonia. She was in her ninetieth year, and up to the time of her death was remarkably sprightly for one

of her advanced age. She leaves a following said to number more than 1,000,000, but we presume that this is merely an approximate estimate. That she did a great deal of good to hundreds and maybe to thousands of men and women we doubt not, but some of her work and influence had a mixture of error. There was truth enough in it to make the error plausible and to accomplish good results, but there was error enough in her truth to vitiate many of the best results of her teachings.

That the mind has a great deal to do in its influence over our physical conditions is a truth that medical science has long since recognized and applied, and this is the central truth that Mrs. Eddy seized upon and elaborated into her peculiar system. But she made this truth to walk on all fours and she extended it into many fruitful errors and vagaries. When she pressed it to the extreme of denying the real existence of matter, and when she went to the other extreme of denying all physical sensation, accounting for all these experiences of pain and pleasure upon the ground of ignorance and the imagination, using for them the name of the "mortal mind," she made her views of "science" ridiculous and untenable. Her own last experience with pneumonia, followed by her death, is a contradiction of her theory. She took sick, suffered and died just like all other people. Her leading follower said to the health officer when he entered the death chamber to make out the proper certificate, "Mrs. Eddy was in error a week," meaning that she was ill that length of time. It was not error, but a genuine case of physical illness followed by death.

But aside from this her life was an eventful one, and her influence has touched more people during her long existence than has the life of any other woman of her age and generation. She left an immense fortune, but every dollar of it is bequeathed to the Christian Science Church. None of it goes to her only son, relatives or kinspeople of any name.

We give her credit for honesty of purpose, goodness of heart and purity of life; and whatever of permanent truth may exist in her teachings, it is worthy to abide, but the fundamental errors associated with much of her teaching ought to pass and be forgotten. Upon her personally there is no criticism to submit. She will take her place in history, and the years to come will judge her impartially.

CHRISTMAS ALL THE YEAR.

Dickens says: "I will honor Christmas in my heart, and try to keep it all the year." And perhaps this, which he said at another time, is the reason why he wants to keep it all the year: "I have always thought of Christmas time as a good time; a kind of forgiving, charitable, pleasant time."

The true Christmas is all this, and more. It is a time when we not only remember our friends—and enemies, if we have them—lovingly and forgivingly, but we do it for the sake of One who loved us when we were far from him. Any Christmas joy which does not find its spring and source in Jesus, the Holy Babe of Bethlehem, is not the true joy. Let us look to him as One who carries all the world's hope and joy in himself, and be sure that he wants to fill our hearts out of his own great heart. Our hearts are little cups which can hold only a few drops at best, but he loves to have us hold them up to be filled, and he loves to fill them. Shall we believe it, and in this way have a merry Christmas all the year?—Onward.

THE PLATFORM OF STATE-WIDE PROHIBITION

As Statewide prohibitionists, from every section of Texas, assembled in mass convention, without regard to personal, political or party differences upon other questions or issues, having one purpose in common, and that to make "Texas dry," we arraign the liquor traffic before the bar of public opinion upon the specific charges which follow, and submit them to the people of Texas as ample warrant for dissolving the alliance now existing between King Alcohol and our great Commonwealth.

Its History.

The history of the liquor traffic is a history of crime, degradation, sorrow, suffering, poverty, pauperism, insanity and woeful economic waste, without a single virtue to its credit or a sane reason for its license, toleration or existence.

Economic Relations.

Its continuance is so indefensible from an economic standpoint as to challenge the thoughtful attention of the business world and demand its abatement. It stands for absolute waste of at least sixty million dollars annually expended by the people of Texas for alcoholic beverages, hurtful and not helpful to their consumers. It calls for burdensome taxes to meet the cost of State and local judicial and constabulary expenditures and maintenance of prisoners, paupers and lunatics chargeable to its agency.

Its cost for consumption of its products and worse than wasted taxes due to its existence is overshadowed by the fearful results of its daily work of sapping the moral, mental and physical productive force and energy of its victims. Minds weakened or lost, characters undermined or destroyed, bodies diseased or killed, bear constant witness to these facts, when the cry from every sphere of human activity is for honest, sober and industrious men—a demand alike from individuals, corporations and labor unions.

The Work of the Liquor Business.

It is the prolific source of more crime than any other agency, if not of more than all other agencies combined, and its unfortunate patrons constitute a large majority of those who

fill our jails and penitentiaries. It kills more men every year than all the people of Texas kill, and while yearly we hang some and imprison many of our brother men for murder, the liquor traffic, as authority for its dead, offers in evidence a license under the great seal of the State.

It is provable by the highest scientific authority to be without a rival in its contributions to our insane asylums, whose inmates meet the fate of reasoning men changed to empty-minded imbeciles, gibbering idiots or raving maniacs.

It is the brutal parent of a larger family of paupers than any other author can claim to its discredit, and refuses to claim or provide for its own.

It brings shame, woe and poverty to countless homes and an army of helpless women and children. It absorbs the earnings of labor, is a constant breeder of drunkards, and is an ever-present snare for men and boys weak in will power or cursed with a diseased appetite, mayhap inherited from alcoholic forebears.

It is the greatest menace of the twentieth century to civic righteousness, clean politics, pure elections and the sanctity of the ballot box, upon which depends the value and success of popular government.

It is an enemy to the great cause of universal education, declared by our Constitution as necessary to preserve civil liberty, and a foe to all institutions of learning, including denominational schools and colleges and our great related university system, which has its head at the Capital of Texas.

It is the lion in the pathway of the onward march of the Christian religion in its supreme struggle to uplift humanity, save men and women from sin and evangelize the world.

Vanity of Legislative Regulation.

Regulatory laws have been enacted from the dawn of civilized jurisprudence, in the vain attempt to control or regulate by law an evil per se, inherently vicious and without sense of moral responsibility to constituted authority. In Texas it is the only business authorized or permitted by law which, by express constitutional provisions, may be outlawed by popular vote of any local community in the State.

In Texas it is the only business authorized or permitted by law to live which, in effect, is declared by various statutes to be dangerous to the morals of our youth, inimical to the cause of education, repugnant to the Christian religion, subversive of the Sabbath and workmen's rest day, menacing to our homes and firesides, a foe to the wives and female relatives of its patrons, and so destructive of the purity of elections and the sanctity of the ballot box that it must hide its head from twelve hours before until twelve hours after the touch of a ballot by a freeman's hand.

Answer to Liquor Sellers, Defenders and Apologists.

To the propounders of the personal liberty and undemocratic sophistries, we cite the decisions of all appellate courts, State and National, and the statutes of Texas before herein referred to, passed by Democratic Legislatures, for the prohibition, regulation and suspension of the liquor business. These laws occupy more pages in our civil and criminal statutes than do all capital felonies combined, and liquor sellers break them all.

To the real and pretended friends of local option as against Statewide prohibition, we say: If in the business, you are insincere; if not, you are deceived. Before local prohibitory laws, when voted, become effective, brewers, distillers, saloons and their allied bootleggers and hirelings begin the work of preparing for the introduction of their vile decoctions of liquor under alias names by the use of money and lawless emissaries, into dry territory. They overthrow and violate the law until they are a stench in the nostrils of law-abiding citizens, and then with brazen effrontery point to their work as evidence that prohibition does not prohibit, and that the use of liquor is greater under prohibition than under license—a claim which, if true, would make every brewer and distiller a prohibitionist.

To the misleading cry of local self-government, as applied to the whiskey business, we answer that the State is sovereign, and is the unit which should deal with a Statewide evil, which no local community can confine within its borders, away from social and commercial contact with the citizenship of the State; that the principle of local self-government no more

applies to the liquor business than it does to pistol toting, horse racing, gambling, bucket shops or any other crime against the peace and dignity of the State.

To the charge that Statewide prohibition will not prohibit in communities opposed to its passage, we reply: Not we, but you, insult such communities in assuming that because a majority therein may oppose the passage of a law such majority are ready to join the criminal class by nullifying it, although it is by popular vote engrafted in our organic law. Once a part of our Constitution, law-abiding, patriotic anti-prohibitionists, with no masters to serve and no liquors to sell, will join law-abiding prohibitionists and constitute a majority for the majesty of the law to disprove this anarchistic cry.

Political Domination.

The liquor interests, fearful that the gathering wrath of the people of Texas will overthrow their business by popular vote when the constitutional amendment is submitted, not content to confine their activities in debauching the politics of some commercial centers, have emerged from their lair and now boldly undertake to turn loose their ill-gotten gains in perfecting an organization Statewide in its activities and thus protect their business by controlling the politics of Texas and shaping her future policies and destinies. To prevent this unspeakable calamity we have gathered to call the people of Texas, not to arms, but to a battle of ballots, for the sole purpose of applying the only effective remedy to meet existing conditions, that of Statewide prohibition.

Appeal to Law-Makers and Texans.

Upon the foregoing declaration of self-evident truths we call upon the Texas Legislature to submit to the qualified voters of Texas, upon the regular primary day, in July, 1911, an amendment to our Constitution prohibiting the manufacture and sale of intoxicating liquors in our State; and for its adoption, when submitted, we pledge our faith and service and invoke the aid of every Texan, without regard to race or color, age or sex, faith or creed, profession or occupation, personal or political affiliations, who honors God or loves his fellow man.

THOS. H. BALL,
Chairman of Committee.

HOME ONCE MORE.

It was late Saturday night when, with clanging bell and thundering rush, the fast express pulled under the long shed, and the cry was made, "All out for Mobile." Stepping to the ground my feet trod upon soil which they had not touched for thirty-five years. Passing out at the gate, there, as familiar as in the years gone by, though somewhat changed in appearance, was the foot of Government Street. At the head of this street two miles distant I was born to a circuit rider's wife fifty-four years ago.

Did you ever go back home after thirty-five years of wandering? Then perchance you know the emotions that crept over me as I stood there in the shadows of that night a stranger and a wanderer and looked upon that old familiar spot while my mind went swiftly back and in review lived over again my boyhood days.

There swept the old river just the same; there stood hard by its brink, as in the old days, though a more imposing structure, the railroad station; on either side, begrimed by the flowing years were the same old buildings; there, the old-time huckster, the ever vanishing vender of fruits, the familiar cafe, the hurrying throngs, all as they were thirty-five years ago. But there were two truant which came not to my greeting, but sent at their remembrance a tinge of sadness for their going—the old familiar gas street lamp and the old-time mule car with its tinkling bell. These had both responded to the last appointment and, superannuated, had given place to a younger, sprightlier electricity. Time and progress grind mercilessly on while the grist they drop brings life and happiness; but none the less death and sadness.

But memory calls up other scenes, and so passing on to lodging quarters I deposit my luggage and prepare to look again on the scenes of youth, for the morrow must find me on the go to conference.

At Government and Royal there stands the old granite courthouse just as it used to be, the clock in whose steeple points to twelve and admonishes of the presence of the holy Sabbath, and of its observance. Passing on down Royal, here and there are some changes for the better, but to a

"Western" things seem strange. The diminutive and squatty houses, dingy with age, are in such striking contrast with the more pretentious and fresher looking buildings of the more youthful West. Only here and there may be seen the splendid fronts of plate glass and fixtures with pavements of fancy tiling, as is so frequent in the West. On every hand is apparent the absence of that spirit of aggressive enterprise which is the life of the West.

Coming to Dauphin, there on the same spot forty-five years ago and more, is the same old cigar and tobacco stand. What thoughts come trooping here! Forty-five years! They catch up the dying echoes of the last cannon's boom in a nation's strife, and bring them crashing to the ear; the horrors of needless reconstruction pass swiftly in review with the riots, pandemonium and terror; timid women now in memory peer with blanched faces and streaming eyes into the darkness while terrified children cling in dreadful fear to their skirts. Forty-five years! Cotton soars to twenty-five, forty, fifty cents; gold is at a premium; no public free schools bless the land; railroad facilities are nothing; and Texas, unknown and undesired, is called the land of the cut-throat. Ah, princely Texas! Forty-five years! Across the way to the left is where I bought groceries from Vail; on this side to the left is where hung the sign of the lion at the entrance to a dry goods house; to the right a few doors down Dauphin was the store of John Elsworth, my old class leader; over across from him was a gun store—there it stands now; Putnam's was close by, the book man who sold the Bible given me by a friend soon after my conversion forty-two years ago. Forty-five years! I stood here then a barefoot boy. I stand here now a husband and father. I knew it not then. I know now the meaning of "loved ones over yonder." I knew not what it was to say "my boy" then; now "my boys" are "over there," some of them. No little dimpled girl had then ever looked up into my eyes and whispered papa. I have them over yonder now. Forty-five years hence, thank God, I shall be with them. O, I stood in the midst of familiar scenes that night and lived over again my boyhood days as I walked the old-time

streets. Forty-five years from now, please God, I hope to walk the streets of the city of God, and I think I shall there in thought live over again the days of this life. Why not?

The morning found me awake and astir early. There is much to be seen in the few remaining hours. A neighboring restaurant supplied the needed breakfast and then off to catch a car bound for the old homestead. As we spin along how many familiar scenes appear—the identical houses and in many instances where then were suburban stores, now they are still there. But finally the conductor calls "Charles and Charleston," and once again, after thirty-five years, I alight at the corner of my old home. There at the gate still stands the old spreading oak, a hundred years old, I presume. There is the old house, built by my father about 1869. It is as natural as when I left it a small boy. I see mother and father, and the children are there. No, that's only a picture in the mind. But instead, a stranger sits upon the porch, and by his side a mother, but not mine. Children are there, too, but they are not "ours."

As I enter the gate I hear his undertone, "who is that?" A hearty welcome greets my self-introduction and the declaration of my business. How sacred seemed those precincts! There was mother's room. It was hallowed because here within its walls had been experienced the joys and sorrows of wifehood, and the travail of soul and body of motherhood; above there was father's study which was become a holy place, for here he alked and communed with God, and sought to know the truth as it is in Jesus Christ. Here, too, as a boy of twelve I sought to formulate my first sermon. There was the boys' room and over there the girls'. It brought back the days of old, but it was no more home. Other ties and other interests had come and with them another home.

A boy twelve years of age, I gave my heart to God forty-two years ago. Can I find the spot? Yes. The old church is gone, but there is the lot. That is where God in 1868 forgave my sins and adopted me into his family and gave me the witness of the Spirit to this great fact. It happened in class-meeting while kneeling in prayer at the

front pew, next the open window on the right of the pulpit. It was a conscious verity.

The old church had been moved to another part of the city. I found its successor and enjoyed incognito its Sunday-school—my old Sunday-school.

Government Street Church I also visited. My people first and last have been connected with this old organization for a hundred years. It was first the "Old Bee Hive."

Reader, these lines may not interest you, but many hearts in Texas will beat quicker as they read this message from home.

H. B. URQUHART.

LAYMEN'S MISSIONARY MOVEMENT.

The District Conference and the Laymen's Missionary Movement.

C. F. Reid.

Now that the season for holding the Annual Conferences is practically over it is time for our laymen to begin planning in earnest for the district conferences.

Without doubt the district conference presents the best opportunity for organizing our educational campaign and for imparting the enthusiasm and technical information necessary to make the every-member canvass a success. It is pre-eminently the laymen's conference, having a much larger proportionate lay representation than the General or Annual Conference. By making it the rallying point of the Laymen's Missionary Movement we shall be able to invest it with such dignity and importance as to make it one of the most potent gatherings of the Church.

In order that we may turn all the possibilities of the district conference into splendid realities, let me suggest that the first step is to secure the hearty sympathy and co-operation of the presiding elder. Without his active assistance difficulties will arise at every turn, and satisfying success will be well nigh impossible. He is our properly appointed officer, selected by reason of devotion and qualities of leadership for his high office. By a hearty recognition of his authority and assuring him by pledge and practice

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that one of our prime objectives is to assist him to raise his district to the highest degree of efficiency, we shall present a claim to his consideration that no wise presiding elder will ignore.

In planning for the district conferences, I would suggest that the conference and district leaders first interest themselves in trying to secure such an arrangement of the conferences as to time and place that they can be visited in rapid succession with the least cost of time and traveling expenses. Would it not be possible to hold two of the district conferences in any given conference in one week, having the laymen's day of one, say, on Tuesday, and of the other on Friday; and each succeeding week two more, until all are held? In this way the best speakers available and perhaps the general secretary or one of the secretaries from the General Board could make a campaign of the entire conference and the enthusiasm and experience of best methods could be passed on. Also, literature, charts and other accessories to a successful campaign could be more easily transported.

Second, try by all means to have a whole day set aside for the laymen's movement, even though the session of the conference has to be prolonged for that purpose. If the movement means anything it means a great deal, and time is required to make its presentation effective. In consultation with the presiding elder, let a well-thought-out program be prepared. Suggestions for this program and even copies of set-up programs will be furnished gladly by the general office at the publishing house.

A chart showing the statistics of each district, according to the form in "Suggestions for Lay Leaders," should be prepared. Other charts and posters can be ordered from the general office. There is one set of three charts fully setting forth the plan of the movement that is especially valuable and can be had for \$1 per set. Suitable books for sale and samples of leaflets for free distribution can also be had by applying to the general office.

Third, every effort should be made to secure the attendance of all the Church leaders of the district. As a rule, this can be done by having the desirability of their being elected delegates mentioned at the quarterly conferences, either by the presiding elder or preacher in charge. The conference leader, in consultation with the presiding elders and district leaders, will think of other ways to make our work at the district conferences a great success.

The phenomenal results that have been achieved in parts of the Church where our methods have been faithfully and thoroughly applied show what can be done in almost every part and encourage us to hope that at no very distant day we shall, as a Church, be doing something really worthy for Christless men in our home land and those destitute of the Gospel in lands across the sea.

HOW NATIONAL AND ECCLESIASTICAL DISASTER MAY BE AVERTED.

Article Four.

By a brief analysis let us endeavor to rescue Solomon's profound aphorism from the odium which has been thoughtlessly cast upon it. He says: "Train up a child in the way he should go, and when he is old he will not depart from it." Note, it is the ductile child which is to be trained, caused to develop aright, as a vine is trained on a trellis, or a scion is directed upward. To train the child is to furnish him with a wholesome family atmosphere in which to live and grow.

In the second place, note that the child is to be trained in the way he should go, which is equivalent to saying that he should be properly trained. He should go up in God's way, which is the right way.

Finally, note that the child should be trained up. Up to what? Up to maturity, certainly. When the child has been trained up to maturity in the way he should go, is it likely that he will depart from that way? Solomon states the rule. If there should be found exceptions, these could not invalidate the rule. The exceptions, indeed, might be only apparent. I would sooner believe that the training had been at fault than to attack the wisdom of this proverb. We should make sure that God's wise method had been observed before we charge that his benign purpose in regard to the child has miscarried. When a scriptural interest in the training of the child is once awakened in the

parental heart a whole brood of errors will be expelled from nursery management. Illustrations would extend this paper to too great length. Suffice it to say that instead of binding the child about with distasteful restrictions, he would be pleasantly employed in doing instead of refraining from doing. Conduct presents before him an object lesson which is easier for him to follow than the plainest oral instructions which could possibly be given him. Thus by example the child may be taught to pray, to give, to help, to love—indeed, to obey all the commandments of God. Commandments thus inculcated are not grievous, but joyous. Incarnation was necessary to redemption; even so, the virtues become potential when incarnated in the parents. The infant does not partake more readily of his mother's milk than he does of the sincere milk of the Word when it is given him according to his capacity to intake. Christian principle must be personified in the parent in order that the child be brought up to the nurture of the Lord. Were it not for an occasional miracle of divine grace it might be affirmed that the converse of this picture would always hold true. "Ahabiah walked in the ways of the house of Ahab; for his mother was his counselor to do wickedly."

A bad woman can make a child bad without the intervention of words, even before words are intelligible to the child. If the mother is sinful, an evil stream constantly pours in upon the soul of the young immortal. What matters it if the Holy Spirit does visit the lovely being nestling in the maternal bosom? Is the babe not as utterly dependent on the mother for mental and spiritual as for physical sustenance? But suppose she is God's servant, knowing that the child has been given her to be brought up in his service, with the gracious helps of the blessed Spirit, will she not be able to do so?

Let the good success which attended the efforts of Susanna Wesley make answer. If our lives had supplied the needed pabulum our children would have gone from the Church in the home to the Church in the community, not nominally merely, but richly adorning the doctrine of Christ.

But does the child need no further operation of grace upon his heart when he comes to know himself a responsible agent? Surely he does. Otherwise he could neither retain his birthright nor develop in the symmetrical beauty of the gospel. At this crisis he needs to accept the work Christ has done for him, as when he assumes the vows of the Church he accepts what his parents have done for him. At this early period he is not expected to know the meaning of such terms as conversion, regeneration and sanctification; but he knows right from wrong, and as he faithfully adheres to the right the Spirit works in him these gracious states as surely as they are wrought in adults. He is a real babe in Christ, needing the sincere milk of the Word that he may grow thereby. If at this juncture he becomes aware of actual sin, the way of repentance is open to him. The Spirit tenders his cleansing efficacy at every step of his onward progress. Let no one characterize this plan as being chimerical without first showing it to be unscriptural. And if it cannot be shown to be other than biblical, let us acquiesce in the reasonable conclusion that man's Maker had the right to enjoin such course of training as was best suited to the nature and development of his children.

When the gospel kingdom has fully come there will be no need of oral instruction as to the knowledge of the Lord, for parents living in the love of the Lord will see their spirit reproduced in the children. Thus "they shall teach no more every man his neighbor and every man his brother, saying know the Lord; for they shall all know him, from the least of them unto the greatest of the Lord's nurture through the earlier periods of child-life will put the law in their inward parts and write it in their hearts. It is not said that the time will ever come when it will not be necessary to teach by doing, but they shall teach no more, saying "know the Lord." Teaching will be by example. The life of the parent will lead the way for the child; for he does not learn by being told to do, but by doing what he sees his parents do. It is thus he comes to the knowledge of the truth. "If ye believe not me, believe the works." This is the touchstone by which character is judged. The tree is known by its fruits. "If any man will do his will he shall know of the doctrine." Knowing comes by doing. This plan put in anything like general operation would soon produce marvel-

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ous results. To such as desire to pursue this phase of the subject further, reference is made to "The Kingdom in the Cradle," third chapter, on the "Outgrowing Power of Christianity."

National and ecclesiastical disaster may be surely averted if we are wise to see our danger and our remedy. Following is a summary of what is here written:

1. Man is a fallen being, but he is a fallen-redeemed being.
2. We should not sadden our theology by contemplating the work of the great Destroyer apart from the work of the greater Restorer.
3. That parents are designed to be the special media through whom blessings are to descend upon their offspring.
4. That children are largely affected for good or evil the first year of their existence; consequently to wait till they understand the use of language is a most hurtful postponement.
5. That the living germ is implanted in the child as surely as it is in the corn of wheat.
6. That the gospel lived affects the child from the first day of his existence on earth by virtue of the fact that it influences the mother's touch, tone and facial expression.
7. That we are not to ply our children with "don'ts" and "thou-shalt-nots," but we are to take heed to our spirit and live before them such lives as will make the Christian religion attractive.
8. That the home is the chief agency in the nurture of childhood.
9. That it is damaging to the piety of children to allow them to absorb the idea that they are not expected to be religious till some time in the future.
10. To live so as to have our children grow up in sin is to put off the day when the earth shall be full of the knowledge and glory of the Lord.
11. That habit, instead of hindering, is designed to help piety by commencing a course of well-doing in childhood to be continually reinforced through life.
12. That after due prominence is given to every other important work in the world, none can claim precedence over the early training of the young; and no factor is so important in its accomplishment as the child's own mother.

JOHN FREEMAN NEAL.
Lytle, Texas.

ALBUQUERQUE, N. M.

I was moved from Alpine, Texas, where I had been for two years, to Albuquerque, N. M. We spent two very pleasant, and, I trust, profitable years in Alpine, and hated to say good-bye to our friends but that is part of the unpleasant things in the life of a preacher, and this is an art that takes some of us a long time to get proficient in.

The people here have received us kindly and we start into the new conference year full of faith, with bright prospects for one of the busiest, hardest and best years of our ministry. We have under way the building of a new church that will be a credit to this beautiful city, and also to our great Church. This was launched by my predecessor, Rev. C. A. Clark, of Northwest Texas fame, and the foundation is about complete. We hope to go right ahead with the work. This is a herculean task for our little band. "We are a feeble folk," and the building of a church to cost approximately \$35,000, is no small enterprise, even for a strong church. We have a fine location and we have to build thus largely to take care of the situation in this rapidly growing city of about 20,000 population. I ask the prayers of my friends in Texas for this great work, and if any of you have some of the Lord's money I do not think you could place it where it would do more good.

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Notes From the Field

Wayland.

Preached three times Sunday; attended two Sunday-schools. We start off well. Paid \$25 on home missions. Brother Gus Rickard brought a load of feed, paid \$20 on salary, \$10 on missions, and started a collection to get the preacher a horse, heading the list with \$10. There will be a camp meeting at Wayland the fourth Sunday in July, Rev. M. S. Hoteikiss to lead.—Ben Crow.

Dumas.—Since Wednesday following the adjournment of the conference at Clarendon, I have been at Dumas, where I was assigned for another year. Every day increases our appreciation of this people. Last night the usual pounding came in unusual proportions. For volume and variety this is the best pounding we have ever received. Last afternoon a big generous-hearted member of my Church gave me permission to use his credit for enough pipe to put the water in the parsonage. We have the best equipped little Church plant that I have ever seen in a town of this size, and this far from a railroad. The members of the Women's Home Mission Society have provided some new furniture and are having another flue put in the parsonage. They are an energetic and consecrated band of women, whose kindness is certainly appreciated by their pastor and family. Dumas is adjusting herself to meet the new advantages which will soon be hers in the building of the long expected railroad. I know of no little town on the North Plains which has brighter prospects and which will be a more desirable place to live. The people here are broad-minded, generous and mostly religious. Methodists are vastly in the majority, and hold the respect of all. Our earnest desire is to measure up to the responsibilities and privileges which are ours in this pastorate.—J. T. Howell, P. C.

Fort Worth.

I was appointed at the recent conference at Waxahachie field secretary of the Texas Children's Home Society, of which Rev. I. Z. T. Mor-

ris is State superintendent. I will work among all the Churches and where there is no Church represented. This society is a chartered institution in the State of Texas. It is chartered in thirty States of this Union. It is not an orphanage, but a society organized to find homes for dependent children. It places orphans occasionally when the orphanages can not, for special reasons, take them. It is a corporation without one dollar's investment. It is a worthy institution. Brother Morris furnishes a detention home for the children at his own expense. There is a man and his wife to care for the children until they can be placed. This society has placed probably 700 children, some from the slums who are now preachers of the Gospel, honorable merchants, lawyers, etc. We do not preach the "blue blood" doctrine much, but the blood of Christ for the wrecked and lost. We believe much in giving the poor child a chance. After a sermon by the writer in a certain town last Sunday morning a good man and his wife sought the writer at the parsonage and said: "Since the morning sermon we have been thinking, and we want to help the work." The brother said, "Save the child and you won't have any fallen men and women. Now, I have made some dates for revivals and am open for more. I can book you likely, if I know in time. Wherever I can serve you, brother pastor, or anyone else, command me. If you want to take a child to raise, send for a contract blank and we will try and help you out. This work angels would be glad to do. If you feel, after reading this, that you want to send some money to help the children, do so, and it will be properly directed and a receipt will be sent you. Pray for us.—J. T. Bloodworth, Field Secretary.

Huckabay.

Bishop Atkins and his cabinet, at Waxahachie, in our last Annual Conference, said for me to come back to the Huckabay Circuit to serve it for another year. So I arrived here the second day after conference and was given a hearty welcome by all the people and was made to feel glad that I was returned. Not having to move, I began work at once with a determination to do a better year's work the coming year than I did the last. I have filled one appointment, attended two prayer-meetings, visited twenty families, and the prospects are very good for a pleasant and profitable year. We have had many tokens of love and kindness since our return, but last night the good people of Huckabay came to the Church to prayer-meeting and then they went to the parsonage near by and gave us a great "pounding." They had loaded a wagon with groceries and stationed it near by; then after service the whole crowd repaired to the parsonage, led by Brothers J. A. Poe, G. A. Keahery, M. W. Canbell, J. P. Flin, D. Breedlove, followed by a number of our good mothers, young men and women, boys and girls—Methodists, Baptists, Campbellites—they unloaded the wagon, bringing in flour, meal, canned goods, fresh meat, sugar, fruit and potatoes, and many other things too numerous to mention, and I say that this preacher and family were made to feel glad. We now have enough edibles to last us for weeks, for which we feel very grateful to these good people and the good Lord. After a few words of thanks to the good people and prayer made by the pastor in charge, the crowd left for their homes, leaving us very happy. My prayer is that the good Lord will continue his blessings upon these good people and give us a great year.—J. E. Morton, Dec. 1.

Decatur Circuit.

Since our stay among this noble folk during the last conference year was one of the most pleasant and profitable of my pastorate, it is with genuine delight that we return to serve the same charge another year. While we have nothing of which to boast, we have much for which to give thanks, as our report will show. We had good meetings at all five of the Churches—regret they were not better. At Shiloh we were assisted by Rev. I. F. Burton, L. P., for six days. Good revival; three or four conversions and accessions; had to close too soon. At Sweetwater we were assisted by Rev. J. F. Isbell. Fifteen professions, thirteen accessions; great uplift in Church life. Next came our camp meeting at old Sand Hill, where just fifty years ago the Gospel

was first preached in Wise County. Here we were assisted by Rev. Frank A. Rosser, of Decatur Station. About thirty families were in camp. A good meeting, indeed, with near a score of professions. A second camp meeting was held, which was at Oak Grove, another old meeting place. Rev. M. H. Read, district evangelist for Decatur and Bowie Districts, assisted. Here we had quite a number of professions, with a great quickening of the Church. Our last meeting was held at Oliver Creek. Brother Isbell, of Station A, Fort Worth, was our helper there. About twenty were converted, and an old time revival were some of the results. We have had seventy professions, forty-seven accessions, and a general advance. Found a subscription raised for the building of a church at Shiloh on our arrival. This house is now completed, paid for and dedicated. Our house of worship at Olive Creek had been twice wrecked by wind and stood at one end of the community. Without a dissenting voice this house was torn down, moved a mile and a half east and \$900 was raised and expended, making, when rebuilt, one of the neatest and best rural houses of worship in this country, having inclined floor and a Sunday-school and League room. Here two acres of ground were secured and a 130-foot well drilled. At Sweetwater a board shed was erected at a cost of \$175. Some little improvements at the parsonage, at a cost of about \$20. Salary increased \$150 over the highest ever assessed, and all paid. Conference assessments all paid, with \$17 excess applied on foreign missions, conference claimants and orphanage. Raised for all purposes \$3555.25. One week of the new year has passed and we are able to report three dismissed by certificate, \$1 paid on salary, and \$123 raised for building, repairing, furnishing, etc. Yes, we expect a greater year still. No little of our success is due to the fact that we are blessed with one of our very best presiding elders (Barton).—Jno. L. Sullivan, P. C.

Carlton.

After spending two pleasant and profitable years with the good people of Sipe Springs charge, we have been appointed by the good Bishop Atkins to the Carlton charge. Nothing could have pleased us better. Having served this charge in 1898, gave us some idea of the spirit and character of the people, though time has wrought many changes, yet many of the old stand-byes are here meeting the new conditions heroically. To be returned to those you have known and loved in other times is certainly a pleasure to be coveted. Carlton is a beautiful little town, situated on the Stephenville, North and South Texas Railway. It has just completed a magnificent brick school building; it is the pride, in many respects, of the town. Carlton has been made a half-station with three country appointments—Fairview, Spurlin and Olin. The preacher was on the ground in time to fill the first appointment at Fairview. It was a day of splendor and the community turned out en masse to hear us preach in the nice Church house we built during our stay here twelve years ago. Indeed, we rejoiced as "we sat together in heavenly places in Christ Jesus." We are all housed in the nice little parsonage, left clean as new money by my predecessor and his good wife. They certainly wrought nobly during their stay of four years here. It is cheering to us to hear so many nice things said of Rev. C. E. Gallagher and wife. Nothing so commends itself to the new preacher like nice things said about the former pastor. After unloading and righting up the household matters, Thursday evening came when the bell rang for prayer-meeting, when the folks began to come from the town and from the country and pounded the preacher and family in the good old-fashioned way. We all went to the Church and a real love feast followed. Our reception here has certainly been a hearty one and we make our start into the new conference year with a strengthened faith and a brightened hope.—Mac M. Smith, P. C.

Childress.

Were you ever pounded? Were you ever pounded without having the least intimation that you were going to have such a thing perpetrated? If so, then you can have some appreciation of my condition last Thursday night. Wife, daughter and I were sitting in the warmth of a good fire, waiting patiently and with pleasant expectations of a visit from one of our good members and his wife, when a knock was heard at the door. I hastened to welcome my good friend and his wife, when, behold, a crowd that no man could num-

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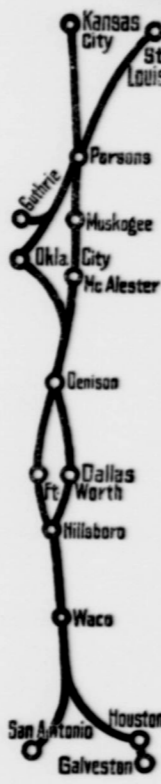
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ber in my condition was seen on the outside with boxes and sacks and rolls and such things, demanding admittance. I surrendered at once. For the first time in my life I was speechless. I had nothing to say. I did not know which way to look, and the old feeling of my boyhood days returned when I discovered that I did not know what to do with my hands. In my helpless condition I ran over to my wife, who never loses her balance, and said, "What must we do?" She replied, "There is nothing to do but to try to seat them." But, alas, there were not enough chairs to be found to seat that crowd. When the crowd had deposited their bundles and seated themselves on the floor and appeared to be so much at home, I found myself again, made them a little talk, had prayers, sang a song, and turned the house over to them. For an hour or more we had a great time socially. Mrs. Ida Blount (nee Miss Ida New-some of Polytechnic Hill) favored us with one of her best readings, as did Miss Annie Butterfield, a daughter of one of my local preachers. When the crowd left, we found that they had left with the preacher's family, flour, sugar, coffee, pickles, jellies, nuts, candies, apples, crackers, breakfast foods, canned goods of all sorts and sizes, and above all a glow of joy and light in the hearts of the preacher and



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his family, in which hearts was born the purpose strong and sure to give to these good people the very best that is in us during this conference year. Would not a preacher be an ingrate not to do for such people the very best that is possible to him? I am going to do it. You watch me, sir, and see if I'm not giving you straight goods. I left good people at Canadian, as good as ever a pastor served, but I find good people here. Mr. Editor, I thank God for the fact that as I grow older I love him more and humanity better, and that not a wave of sourness or bitterness ever rests upon my spirit. I love to preach, to visit my people and pray with them, and to give a word of comfort and a helping hand to every sorrowing son and daughter of our poor fallen race. The fact that the good people of Childress indicate an appreciation of such work makes it easier and more delightful to me. The people speak kindly and lovingly of my predecessor, Brother L. A. Webb and his family, which rejoices my soul. They pronounce Webb a fine preacher. When the appointments were read Webb said to me, "You will have to put on preaching clothes now." The only reply I made was a statement I heard Sin Killer Griffin make, the only time I ever heard him preach, which was, "The white folks tells me that Mr. Sam Jones aint in it wid me." We are starting off very nicely. We found an old debt on the church of about \$3,000, which we have about arranged for in cash and good subscriptions to be paid in monthly installments. We are endeavoring to put new life into the Sunday-school, Junior and Senior Leagues, and prayer-meeting; also into the five local preachers who belong to this charge; they are all fine men and perfectly willing to do all they can to advance the Master's cause. We are planning to get everything into line for our revival meeting, which we hope to hold in January, doing the preaching ourselves. Don't you think that a pastor, with five good local preachers, one good supernumerary preacher, fifteen splendid stewards, an excellent Junior and Senior League and fifteen wide-awake officers and teachers of the Sunday-school, together with numerous consecrated, religious members of the Church, should be able to conduct a revival that would sweep the town with its influence and power? I do. And by the grace of God I expect to have it. Pray for us. Will you spend one Sunday with us this year? Name your date and we will be delighted. The wish of your many friends here is that this may be the best year in the history of the Texas Christian Advocate, and as soon as I get a little further on you may expect a long list of new subscribers. I neglected the Advocate last year, for which I am sorry, but I had all that I could do in finishing up that magnificent parsonage which the splendid

people of Canadian built. I will never forget them, the Palmers, the Fishers, the Thurmans, the Cowans, the Isaacs, the Breyfogles, the Addisons, the Haynes, the Todds, the Teas, the Moodys, the Caylor, the Hamiltons, the Murrells, the Ballanfans, the Andersons, the Teagues, the Tennisons, the Browns, the Hartzogs, the Tepes, the Connells, the Masons, the Pilkintons, the Vandervoorts, and men outside of the Church who were like a friend and brother to this preacher, Dr. Martin, Dr. Caylor, George Caylor, George Gerlach, Judge Hoover, Ed Brainard, John Jones, W. H. Hopkins, Charles Jarrett, A. V. McQuiddy Sam and Will Isaac and others. Upon them all I pray heaven's richest blessings. I bespeak for my successor, Rev. M. F. Hawkins, the same good and kind treatment they gave me, and even better if it be possible. I am going to put myself out for the Advocate this year and do my best to make up for the dereliction of last year.—G. S. Wyatt, Dec. 3.

Cumby.

Well, the itinerant wheel has made another revolution and left us to do business at the same old stand. The record will show that I am the only man ever returned to this charge for the fourth year; so I feel that I ought to redouble my diligence in the service of these good people who have so kindly received me into their hearts and homes. I was two days late in getting to conference this year. Missed the first roll call that I have ever missed since I belonged to the connection—nineteen years. This was due to the sudden sickness and death of our sweet and lovable little boy, Drew, who was three years, 5 months and seventeen days old. He died on the evening of November 21. Three years ago we gave up a little boy six years of age. This one is the third little boy we have given up and was our baby child. Owing to his lovable disposition he was quite a favorite with all of our friends, as well as ourselves. A lady friend said to my wife: "Little Drew had more love and affection bestowed upon him in the three years of his life than many people receive in a whole lifetime." Hence it is a sweet consolation to us to know that a life so brief fulfilled so well its God-given mission and leaves upon our broken hearts the fragrance of so sweet a memory. With this sweet odor in our souls we pass beneath the cloud, to behold the presence of our sweet little children before the face of Him who said, "Suffer the little ones to come unto me, and forbid them not, for of such is the kingdom of heaven." I have been thinking all the while that I was poor; thinking of the long, hard years of service I have rendered on a meager salary, and now that I am bereft of my children I am poor indeed. But when I got to seat of the Annual Conference I found that I was so rich in the love of the brethren. May God bless the Methodist preachers; there is no other class of men like them on earth. They were every one so kind and nice to me; not one unkind word or harsh criticism did I receive. They did not only by the hundreds express their love and sympathy for me, but in a substantial way by acts of kindness that I felt unworthy to receive did they bestow upon me their blessings, and only in the light of Him that seeth in secret but rewardeth openly. Pardon me, by dear brethren, for mentioning names, but you have my grateful remembrance. Such were Brother W. F. Bryan, Brother Willie Thomas and Brother Jack Conkin. I return to my work feeling richer than ever before in the love of my brethren in the ministry, richer in my possessions in heaven, and rich in the love of God in this world. What more should mortal man desire? Well, I must tell you how our fourth pounding came, and it has gotten better all through these years. On last Wednesday evening, on their way to prayer meeting at the Methodist Church, quite a procession of people in a very happy mood of mind and heart, followed by a heavily loaded dray of all good things to eat and some things to wear, as well, with some cash thrown in, were all left at the parsonage. Then the crowd retired to the church for prayer meeting. May God help us to be as abundant in administering to them in spiritual things as they have been to us in temporal things. May God's blessings be upon the editor of the Advocate and all of its co-workers this year.—N. C. Little.

second time in my ministerial life I failed to answer to my name, which fact all but makes me feel there is a vacancy in my life that is more saddening than otherwise. My transfer to the West Texas Conference and my preparation for coming to my new charge during the session of the Central Texas Conference at Waxahatche prevented my being in attendance upon my conference. The occasion of my transfer to this conference was the condition of my wife's health. Being advised by physicians that a change of climate was needful for my dear wife, I at once made my arrangements to take her where she would have superior climatic advantages. I am trusting my coming this way may result in her complete restoration to health. Bishop Atkins transferred me and placed me upon Cherokee charge, in the Llano District. Considering it from the natural surroundings, I certainly think this ought to be one of the most healthy portions of Texas. We have a pleasant charge among a kind, hospitable class of people, and they have certainly manifested that spirit toward us since our arrival at the parsonage. The ladies of Cherokee were in waiting for us, and had arranged everything at the parsonage preparatory to receiving us, and gave us a warm and cheering welcome to our new home. On further investigation we found there had been the usual pounding given to the new preacher and his family, and many tokens of brotherly consideration continue to come in and replenish the larder and make glad the hearts and home of the new pastor and his family. The brotherly kindness of these good people has won our hearts, and we wish for them many gracious blessings in return for their generous and kind ministrations. My brethren of Central North and West Texas Conferences, I ask an interest in your prayers.—H. Bascom Owens.

Pinview. We have made a good start on the new year. We received six members the first service and baptized one adult. The salary has been advanced to \$2500. There is a great future for our Church here.—C. N. N. Ferguson, Dec. 3.

Wayland.

Preached at Concord Saturday night. Pounding at close of service amounted to \$11. Preached at the Sunday-school, attended two Sunday-schools; received three in the Church—one by vow, two by baptism. There was not seating room at Concord and Harpersville. The collection for the Orphanage at Harpersville was four times as much as last year. The Weatherford District lost a good circuit when they lost Wayland, but it is Cisco's gain.—Ben Crow, Dec. 7.

Snyder.

"Hence holler till you get out of the woods." I won't next time. Before the article I wrote the Advocate was printed I had been reappointed to Snyder, and I am here. It is a fine town and a splendid Church opportunity. The Santa Fe is building its main line from last year to the Pacific Coast through here. The Roscoe, Snyder & Pacific is already here, and the Central is planning an extension through here from Rotan. Snyder has the finest parsonage in the Northwest Texas Conference, save the one at Amarillo, and proposes soon to build a greater church building. Brother Garvin, my predecessor, did a great work here. If the brethren are all satisfied with their places now, I will settle down to a good year at Snyder, Texas.—J. W. Hunt, Dec. 7.

Hastings, Okla.

Rev. C. F. Mitchell, presiding elder of the Lawton District, came to the North Texas Conference searching for a man to fill this appointment for the year. I agreed that if he could do no better I would come. So I am here, ministering in a nice little five-room parsonage. This is a nice little town of about 1000 people. This is Hastings' first year as a station. The stewards have made a very liberal assessment for our support, so I hope we will live and have a great year. Bless all the brethren.—W. H. Brown.

Roby.

We are making some progress on Roby charge. We have received to date fourteen new members; baptized five infants. Pastor and family have received an old-fashioned Methodist pounding. Have collected in cash nearly one-fourth of our conference collections for the charge. Presiding Elder Shaw is a live wire. He has just closed our first Quarterly Conference. It was a great occasion. Old-time Methodist love-feast Friday night, with preaching four sermons on Saturday, with Quarterly Conference at 3:30 p. m., and four sermons on Sunday following. This was a high day with us. Two new subscribers to Advocate.—C. S. Cameron, Dec. 12.

Blooming Grove.

December 12 was a red-letter day for Blooming Grove Station. The new presiding elder, Dr. John R. Nelson, was with us, and that tells the tale. Sunday morning at 11 the tide began to rise. The presiding elder took for his subject, "The Unused Assets of our Church," with special reference to the laymen. The entire congregation was enthused, and twenty-five strong laymen responded to a proposition to offer themselves for service in a forward movement among the laity. Monday night the climax was reached, when presiding elder, pastors and people with one accord said: "This is the best Quarterly Conference I ever attended." Results: The stewards adopted unanimously before the conference the monthly assessment plan. They voted monthly and pay their pastors at the first of every month. They made a raise of \$500 over last year's salary. As the senior pastor, Brother Wiseman, gives much of his time to the college, the trustees have agreed to supplement his salary, so that he shall receive \$1500 this year. Another most important item was the report of the Missionary

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Committee, with the Lay Leader, Brother Grant, as Chairman. The Missionary Committee is well organized, and has agreed to collect all the conference collections monthly. The first month was reported collected in full. They have launched the "every member campaign," and have agreed to hold service once a month in every school house within reach of the town. We thank God for this hopeful beginning, and ask an interest in your prayers, that we may have a great year. Brother Hotchkiss will be with us in January. — E. R. Stanford, assistant preacher in charge.

Stratford Station.

In my other article I failed to state that our good women here have repapered and beautifully furnished our parsonage since we came. We have an excellent W. H. M. Society here. They have gone to a great deal of expense to make our home comfortable. A good W. H. M. Society will always change the story of "The Circuit Rider's Wife." Our Board of Stewards here are intelligent and faithful. They have local Church pride, and, of course, this is a pleasant station to serve. If these people make good crops next year the preaching of the preacher can and will easily reach \$1200 or more.—J. W. Mayne, Dec. 9.

Nixon.

At the recent session of the West Texas Conference Bishop Atkins returned us to Nixon for the third year. This was in accordance with our wishes and expectations, as we felt that our work was not yet completed and our people had unanimously asked for our return. The new year is begun with the best prospects we have ever had. During the two years we have been at Nixon we have received 140 members into the Church, finished the church building on the inside, painted it on the outside and paid \$700 on the debt we found when we came, and built a parsonage costing \$1800. We raised for all purposes during the two years \$6551. At the last session of the Cuero District Conference (which met with us) two of our young men were licensed to preach and one was recommended to the Annual Conference for admission on trial. So we have two young men preparing for the ministry at Georgetown, and one, who was already a graduate of Southwestern, beginning his first pastorate. In keeping with the other progress there has been a raise of \$175 in salary during the two years. We begin the new year praying that we may be more faithful and efficient in carrying on the Master's work.—W. L. Barr.

First Church, Abilene.

Last evening one hundred Methodists of First Church gave us an old-time pounding. Since conference things have been happening. Thirteen members received into the Church; large congregations; near one hundred present at prayer-meeting. The Church is in the best condition in many years. Stewards, in the face of the most severe drouth in the history of the West, made the salary the same as last year, and met and paid pastor and presiding elder's first month's salaries and had money left in the treasury. How's that? Bro. Woodward has captured everything at St. Paul, and Bro. Curry is moving things at Tenth Street. Dr. Barnes is swinging the whole district. No man knows what we are doing in Abilene unless he knows the conditions. H. A. Thiet is pushing the Sunday-school at First Church, and will have the greatest Sunday-school in the new conference. H. O. Wooten is the new Chairman of the Official Board, and he brings his great business brain and consecrates it to our Lord. Never in all my ministry have I seen such progress under the conditions. Perfect harmony reigns between all the Methodist Churches here, and by God's grace we are going to forge to the front.—J. W. Fort, Dec. 8.

Marfa.

We have been in our new field about two months. Marfa is a three-quarter station, giving Fort Davis one Sunday in the month. We have a very healthful climate here and a most excellent people. We received a royal welcome, which was manifested in many ways. One token was an old-time pounding, consisting of many varieties, including a shoulder of venison. The stewards have made a very

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SUNDAY SCHOOL ITEMS

REV. V. A. GODBEY, Editor, San Antonio, Texas.

All communications intended for this department should be sent to the above address.

EDITORIAL NOTES.

The Sunday-School Magazine for December is excellent, and the articles it contains are of a high order. Every Superintendent should call attention to these articles in the Sunday-school and in the teachers' meeting. If the Magazine is carefully read from month to month, the problems of the schools will be more satisfactorily solved and the quality of work done will improve. We call special attention to an article entitled "The Magazine for 1911," as it suggests some new features which should be carefully considered before the new year. A parents' class in every Sunday-school will soon flood the homes of this country with new light, and we hope that many will be organized now.

Rev. E. Thurston Campbell, one of our missionaries in Durango, Mexico, recently wrote the editor of this page a letter, from which the following is taken: "We are now starting upon our fourth year in this country. The outlook for our work here in Durango is better now than ever before since the work was established, which is almost twenty years. The attendance at Sunday-school last Sunday was one hundred and fifty, which is the largest it has ever been. We are using the Graded Sunday-School Course to good advantage with our Mexican children. We are fortunate in having some teachers who know both English and Spanish, and they are glad to translate these courses. We have one of the best organized schools I know of. One month ago we opened a new mission for evangelistic services in the center of town." The letter continues with news of like encouragement and hope and denies that the revolution in Mexico has disturbed the public peace in that locality in any way. This extract from the letter has been given to show that the graded lessons can be used with success anywhere.

The city of San Antonio recently had the privilege of entertaining the State meeting of the Woman's Federation of Clubs, and the work done by this body increased the esteem of the public for the work of the women's organizations. Much attention was given to the welfare of the child, and the results which will follow are sure to be of great benefit to the communities represented.

A San Antonio lawyer in a public address recently said: "We have had much talk about the conservation of our forests, of our mines, and of other material things which minister to our comfort. But the supreme question of the hour should be the conservation of childhood and youth. Our Nation is in greater peril from the loss of character than it is from the loss of any material things. We may dispense with our armies, our battle-ships, our factories, and all our modern industries and build them again. But we can not regain so soon what we lose in the decay of character and the deterioration of the race physically. Our supreme duty is the conservation of childhood."

The Christmas festivities should be such as to make the children look forward to the occasion with glad and expectant hearts. It is well enough to teach the children to give, but a Christmas tree is a poor place to take a collection. If the grown people are invited to come to Church in order to give their money, many of them stay at home. But there are people who expect a child to do things which people of maturity refuse to do. Let the children be taught to give, and bring voluntary offerings for the poor, but see to it that every child is made happy by some little gift which will make the occasion a delight.

NOTES BY STATE PRESIDENT.

The State Executive Committee, which consists of State President Dr. J. E. Harrison and Mr. W. C. Everett, is busy with the program for the next State Conference, which will be held in Dallas during the second week in April. The time of the Conference will be mainly devoted to such live subjects as the Graded Sunday-school, the Wesley Adult Class and our Missionary Policy as it relates to the Sunday-school. It is our purpose to make these denominational Conferences helpful to the work of

our own denomination. While the Interdenominational Conferences can lay down general principles, the application of those principles must depend upon the denominational system. A method of procedure that would work to perfection in a Congregational Church might only create friction and cause confusion in a Church that is connectional. At Dallas we expect to have such experts as Dr. E. B. Chappell, Dr. Chas. D. Bulla, Dr. E. H. Rawlings, Prof. P. W. Horn and Mrs. V. A. Godbey tell us how to do the things that ought to be done in a Methodist Sunday-school. And we have faith to believe that multitudes of our Methodist Sunday-school workers will be there to hear them.

At its last meeting the State Sunday-school Board instructed its Executive Committee to prepare a suitable program for District Institutes to be furnished to any Presiding Elder that might desire it. Such a program will be ready in a short time and can be had by addressing E. Hightower, Waco, Texas.

The Morrow Street Sunday-school in Waco has asked for the privilege of supporting a Bible woman in China or Korea. They have been studying missions, and now they will begin to practice missions a little. This school recently gave one young man to the ministry and several of its young lady pupils are looking toward the foreign field.

If your school is making decided progress in any line, or has successfully undertaken any new work, let State President know about it and he will write you up, not to sing your praises, but to encourage some one else. Let us provoke one another to good works.

Nothing is more helpful to the Sunday-school worker than a well-planned District Institute or Conference where local difficulties are discussed and remedies for the peculiar conditions are every where the same the application of those principles must be existing in a particular section are applied. While the general principles pend largely upon such local conditions as the style of the Church, the size of the congregation, the intelligence of the people, etc. This is why it is wise for the Presiding Elder of each district to get his own workers together and let each worker who has solved a local problem tell the rest how it was done.

THE PRESIDING ELDER AND THE SUNDAY-SCHOOL.

The Conferences will soon be over and the Presiding Elders are planning for their year's work. They are always burdened and often distressed with many interests. The first round of Quarterly Conferences keeps them on a constant strain. Then there is the District Conference to plan for the Layman's Movement to direct and harass the mind. The Discipline prescribes for the Presiding Elder ten classes of duties, all of which are very important and some of them enough to occupy all of a man's time and thought. One of his duties is "to promote, by all possible means, the cause of missions and Sunday-schools, and the publication, at our own press, of tracts and Sunday-school books." Again the book of Discipline says, "It is recommended that a Sunday-school Conference or Institute be held in each Presiding Elder's District, either during the District Conference or at some other time during the Conference year; and it shall be the duty of the Presiding Elder to furnish in advance a suitable program, which may be used by said Sunday-school Conference or Institute." No part of a Presiding Elder's work is more important than that relating to Sunday-schools, and that for several reasons. In the first place preachers and other members of the Quarterly Conference are apt to place the emphasis where the Presiding Elder places it. If he dwells longest on the eighth question the steward may concern himself chiefly with getting and the pastor with receiving the quarterage. But if the Presiding Elder dwells longest on such topics as missions, Sunday schools and the like

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the attention of the Quarterly Conferences will be fixed upon those things and the quarterage will follow as a matter of course. Again, a Presiding Elder cannot be really helpful to the Sunday-school interests of his district unless he is an up-to-date Sunday-school man. Plans and methods that seemed effective twenty years ago—yes, ten years ago—are now obsolete, and the Presiding Elder who neither sees modern Sunday-school work nor reads about it is in poor condition to do good to the Sunday-schools of his district. And how could a Presiding Elder who is not familiar with such modern features of the Sunday-school as the Adult Class Movement and the Graded Lesson Courses prepare a helpful program for a district Sunday-school Conference? In short, the Presiding Elder who really promotes the cause of Sunday-schools in his district must be a close student of the modern Sunday-school.

Let it be added that the Executive Committee of the State Sunday-school Conference will be glad to furnish a suggestive program to any Presiding Elder who may desire it and will write to E. Hightower, Waco, Texas.

STATE PRESIDENT.

THE WESLEY ADULT CLASS MOVEMENT AND ITS SECRETARY.

Rev. Chas. D. Bulla, Secretary of the Wesley Adult Class Movement, came and saw and conquered the Central Texas Conference. First of all he impressed the brethren as a man among men able to take care of himself any where. Next he proved himself to be a very earnest man, burning with zeal to win men to Christ. He proved also to be a good platform man. His address is pleasing and its matter very germane to the point under consideration. Furthermore, he is a wise man and will keep clear of all extremes in guiding this important and difficult movement called the Adult Class Movement.

The movement known as the Wesley Adult Class Movement was recently inaugurated by our Sunday-school conducted under the control of our own Church. Any one who will write to Bro. Bulla at Nashville, Tenn. can get full particulars as to how to organize and conduct such a class. Any adult class already organized can affiliate with this movement without breaking any affiliation already formed simply by reporting its organization to Bro. Bulla and paying twenty-five cents for a charter. The Adult Class Movement is rapidly solving the problem of how to keep the young man in the Sunday-school. Is there a Wesley Class in your school?

E. HIGHTOWER.

CANADA SUNDAY-SCHOOLS.

The Sunday-school work of the Methodist Church in Canada was never so prosperous as it is today. Last year there was an increase in the membership of nearly 17,000 which is the largest advance ever made in one year. Fully one-half of this increase came from the Senior Department, owing to the development of the Adult Bible Class Movement, which has received much attention in Ontario, the growth being greater in this province, proportionately, than in any other part of the continent. There are a number of very flourishing classes of young men in Toronto, which have made astonishing progress. On November 2 there was held a banquet under the auspices of the Adult Bible Classes, at which 1,000 men sat down. It was a most inspiring occasion.

Last year 13,000 scholars from Methodist Sunday-schools in Canada united with the Church. All the evangelistic agencies of the denomination combined would have failed to keep up the membership without loss, had it not been for the young people who came from the Sunday-schools. The Church that has the largest membership in Canada has not had a revival service of any sort for twenty years, but is today in a most prosperous condition in every way. During these years its numbers have been kept up by a steady stream of young people, who have been prepared for the responsibilities of Church membership by faithful and consecrated teachers

and officers. Nothing could induce this congregation to go back to the old way of depending upon spasmodic evangelistic meetings for its spiritual development, as the members believe they have found a more excellent way.—Selected.

THE WEST TEXAS CONFERENCE.

The recent session of this conference is of especial interest to this writer; most of all that part the Major acted. He has other title, both high and lifted up, yet this is the first one received and means as much as any of the rest. So it sticks. In the year 1887 this scribe was at Bastrop, the boyhood and long-time home of the Major. He was not a member at that time, yet a very regular attendant, and one of the most helpful hearers we ever had. On a given Sunday Bennie Orgain, ten years of age, and not very well grown, joined the Church. As we all walked home the Major reached out his long arm and drew little Bennie up hard and fast, saying, "Bennie, my boy, I am proud of you. You did exactly right today. Had I done the same thing at your age it would have been much better for me in every way than it is." A good story and need be often told, for so many do exactly the opposite. On another occasion, when we were having a heart-to-heart talk, rather jocularly, he said: "After all I do not see how the average lawyer can ever get to heaven, unless the Master should kindly give him at least six months' notice so he can straighten up his books." The next we see of him he is occupying the position of a soldier facing an Annual Conference and like John the Baptist preaching many things in his exhortations. First, respect for age. On this road they fought their battles, winning many victories, hence our peace and prosperity flow like a river and we should be thoughtful. Second, the preachers to be Christ-like. Give no heed to commercialism for my kingdom is not of this world. Give no heed to the speculations of the Thuberg school as they come to us from over the waters, or the polka dot theology that originates in Chicago, but preach Christ and him crucified which by implication means that you must be crucified to the world before you can know anything about it yourself or teach it to others—a thrilling address indeed. Personally to be assured that my special friend and fellow soldier is an active worker in the Master's vineyard is indeed refreshing. Really it is only a question of time and not a long time at that when the roll will be called up yonder and we will all be present to hear what the Master has to say about it.

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Every one should have an opportunity, from the least to the greatest. Superintendents of Sunday-schools, Presidents of Leagues and Home Mission Societies should present this good cause to their members for a free-will offering on Christmas. Our young people should be put in sympathetic touch with the Orphanage and its inmates and made to realize that "it is more blessed to give than to receive." They need the training and we need the money.

It is our sincere desire that every pastor, on this good day when human nature is at its best in devising good things for others, present to his congregation the claims of the Orphanage, and without reference to the amount assessed call for a spontaneous contribution, recognizing the assessment as the minimum rather than the maximum. With concert of action the situation will be relieved at once, and we can begin the new year with a full treasury and be spared the grinding anxiety for funds to meet monthly bills.

The last dollar in our treasury will be necessary to meet the expenses of the year closing, and we will be left with an empty treasury, unless the Church and friends come promptly to our relief, as I know they will.

It will be but a small matter for the friends and supporters of the Orphanage throughout the State to rally to its relief on Christmas, but oh, how much it means to us in being able to meet our current expenses promptly. This is meant as an appeal for cash from every lover and helper of the orphan, and after a nice contribution in money we will gracefully

accept any amount of pounding in the way of things to eat and wear—canned fruits, syrup, rice, potatoes and nice clothes in good sanitary condition for boys and girls from two to fifteen years of age, including bed-clothes for single or double beds.

To every box or package sent the Orphanage the name and address of the sender should be attached, that we may be able to make prompt acknowledgment; otherwise we have great confusion and are unable to respond.

Lastly, the institution is building up rapidly. We need very much a cottage for the accommodation of the little children under seven years of age. This will cost, when finished, about \$12,000. And we need a main building with commodious chapel, school rooms and workshops. Will not some kind benefactor meet these wants?

Brother M. H. Wolfe, of Dallas, a prominent and consecrated layman of the Baptist Church, is giving some very wholesome advice to persons of means who contemplate benefactions to charitable and public enterprises, urging that they make such donations while living and not risk the uncertainty of a bequest. This is good advice, when we remember that two men elected to the Presidency of the United States were unable to write wills that could not be broken when they were silent in death.

Of those prominent in the support of the Orphanage during the past year we should mention our unflinching friends, Rev. Abe Mulkey, W. L. Tapp and J. D. Miller. May the Lord reward them and all who have given us moral and financial support.

JNO. H. McLEAN.

WORK AMONG THE MEXICANS IN TEXAS—THE EFFIE EDINGTON SCHOOL.

This school for Mexican girls began its humble career in the nineties, under Miss Blanche Gilbert, assisted by Miss Lena Kelly. In 1898 we find Miss Effie Edington in charge, assisted by Miss Jessie Burford, and in Miss Edington's report to the Annual Conference is the following: "The school is progressing nicely; has enrolled ninety, and others are knocking at the schoolroom door, but we are compelled to refuse admittance."

"Though our school rooms are unsightly, inconvenient adobe rooms, incompletely furnished with a poor class of furniture, still the children come.

Oh, that a way may be opened for the enlargement of the school work." Soon after the above was written the school had to be closed for lack of funds.

Rev. J. F. Corbin, presiding elder, writes in 1900: "We ought to reopen our schools in El Paso and Nogales, and open a day school in Mazatlan." Again in 1901, after speaking of the laying of the corner stone of the church and school building in El Paso, by Bishop Key, he says: "We must have a boarding school at this place or miss a great opportunity."

In September, 1902, Miss Fannie Montague, assisted by Miss Ora Corbin, reopened the school in the basement of the new building, and reported an enrollment of fifty-six with an average attendance of forty.

Now a word about the name. In 1893 Rev. C. C. Edington, of the Baltimore Conference, who came west the year before on account of failing health, was appointed to Carlsbad, N. M. At this point his sister, Miss Effie, joined him, and came with him to El Paso the following year, he having been appointed presiding elder.

Here, as we have seen, she had a hand in promoting the school for Mexican children. After her mysterious and premature death by drowning while a missionary among the Cubans in Florida, Brother Corbin paid a beautiful tribute to her memory by naming the school for her. And thus the name associates the work with the memory of one whose life was beautiful in its unselfish devotion, and whose efforts are still bearing fruit.

The name also brings to the minds of those who knew him the consecrated life of Brother Edington, whose Christian character was of the highest order, and he was intensely devoted to his calling.

From the foregoing we gain some knowledge of the progress of the school. Since the opening in 1902, Miss Montague has faithfully stood at the helm. The assistants at different times were Miss Ada Humphreys, Miss Tura Compton and Miss Lucretia Brooks. At present the enrollment is one hundred and eight, and applicants are continually turned away for lack of room. Until this year two teachers have done the work. Now there are four. Miss Burford, after taking special training in Chicago during the last summer, has opened a kindergarten department, which gives every promise of success. Misses Anita Corbin and Rosa Brooks are also teachers in the school. All of the teachers

have done and are doing hard, honest work.

Three years ago it was decided to make the school a separate one for girls, since which time the attendance has increased and a better class of patronage has been secured. In addition to the literary work and music classes, something is being done in the way of domestic science. Through the help of the Epworth League of Trinity Church of El Paso two sewing machines were purchased and the girls are taught to sew. Cooking lessons are also given.

A very important and profitable feature is the daily Bible lesson, from which many of the pupils get their first instruction in the Word of God. Eternity alone will reveal the fruits of the toil of these teachers from the beginning down to the present.

The great need now is more room. The young people of the Philathea and Baraca classes of Trinity Sunday-school, and the Epworth League of Trinity Church, have jointly undertaken the work of building a new room. We also need a dormitory. We could secure pupils from a distance if we had a place to board them. Earnestly commending the Effie Edington school and all our Mexican work to the interest and prayers of those who read these lines, I am, your fellow-servant.

ARTHUR MARSTON.

1109 N. Florence Street, El Paso, Texas.

GOOD WORK.

Rev. B. L. Nance, Sunday-school field worker, Central Texas Conference, was reappointed for the next year. He organized during the past year seven home departments with 160 members; organized five Sunday-schools, and secured 170 new members for the regular school; sold 1600 books; visited 1062 homes, had prayers in most homes; placed the best books on Sunday-school work in hands of something like 200 teachers, and held forty-one institutes. These four questions were asked and a record made of them in each home:

1. Are you a member of the Church, and a Christian?
2. Are you a member of the Sunday-school?
3. Does the family hold family prayers?
4. Do you take Texas Christian Advocate?

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We showed by expert testimony that many cases are healed without a knife, but by stopping the use of food which did not digest, and when food was required again it was helpful to use a predigested food which did not overtax the weakened organs of digestion.

When a pain in the right side appears it is not always necessary to be rushed off to a hospital and at the risk of death to be cut.

Plain common sense shows the better way is to stop food that evidently has not been digested.

Then, when food is required, use an easily digested food. Grape-Nuts or any other if you know it to be predigested (partly digested before taking).

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Some of the State chemists brought on by the "weekly" said Grape-Nuts could not be called a "predigested" food because not all of it was digested outside the body.

The other chemists said any food which had been partly or half digested outside the body was commonly known as "predigested."

Splitting hairs about the meaning of a word.

It is sufficient that if only one-half of the food is "predigested," it is easier on weakened stomach and bowels than food in which no part is predigested.

To show the facts we introduced Dr. Thos. Darlington, former chief of the N. Y. Board of Health, Dr. Ralph W. Webster, chief of the Chicago Laboratories, and Dr. B. Sachs, N. Y.

If we were a little severe in our denunciation of a writer, self-confessed ignorant about appendicitis and its cause, it is possible the public will excuse us, in view of the fact that our head, Mr. C. W. Post, has made a lifetime study of food, food digestion and effects, and the conclusions are indorsed by many of the best medical authorities of the day.

Is it possible that we are at fault for suggesting, as a Father and Mother might, to one of the family who announced a pain in the side: "Stop using the food, greasy meats, gravies, mince pie, cheese, too much starchy food, &c. &c., which has not been digested, then when again ready for food use Grape-Nuts because it is easy of digestion?"

Or should the child be at once carted off to a hospital and cut?

We have known of many cases wherein the approaching signs of appendicitis have disappeared by the suggestion being followed.

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BISHOP W. B. MURRAH, D. D.

The three conferences in Texas assigned to Bishop Murrah have been held and he has returned for a season of rest to his home in Jackson, Miss. His work has been very satisfactory. Of course it would be impossible to please every body where so many men and so many charges were involved. That a mistake here and there will occur, is taken for granted; but in the main the appointments made by the Bishop are wise and satisfactory. Every body gives to the good Bishop credit for having done his best to meet all the demands of the Church and the convenience of the men assigned. And we are sure that the best results will follow the work done.

As a man Bishop Murrah is courtly, refined, and very brotherly. No one was abashed by his presence. He is easy of approach, considerate of the feelings of all, and kindly disposed in his relation to the preachers and the laymen. In his social contact he has left a most favorable impression. The brethren esteem him highly.

In the chair he was cautious, painstaking, and observant. His rulings were discrete and his conduct of the business orderly and expeditious. No one has the least cause to complain because of any ruling or treatment concerning him. The Bishop was fair, impartial and just as a presiding officer. He will be remembered by all as a most pleasing and courteous man in the chair. The humblest man in the conference had the same recognition as the man who stands out conspicuously and leads the hosts.

In the cabinet we are told that he was exceedingly open and frank in his dealings with his advisors. He kept nothing concealed from them, neither did he act adroitly in any particular. He listened attentively to his presiding elders, and as far as possible gave weight to their counsels. Occasionally, where the presiding elders themselves could not agree, he settled their differences of judgments for them. He gave most earnest consideration to every man's claim before he agreed to his final appointment, and under all circumstances did the best he could with the men to be appointed and the appointments to be served.

In the pulpit he was clear, direct and well prepared. He does not pose as a great orator and he makes no attempts at flights of eloquence. He is a plain and earnest gospel preacher, striving at all times to give enunciation to a well digested system of truth. He strives to edify rather than to entertain, and as a result he is a good preacher of the Word. We are all glad that he came to us and we will remember his visit and work with lasting pleasure.

The new members of the Joint Board of Publication for the Texas Christian Advocate for the North Texas Conference, are Rev. W. D. Meuntensteele, Rev. F. O. Miller and Rev. L. S. Barton. They succeed Rev. J. W. Hill, Rev. J. M. Peterson and Rev. O. S. Thomas, and they will serve four years.

DALLAS LAYMEN GIVE AN ANNUAL BANQUET.

A while back the Dallas laymen gave their annual banquet at the Oriental hotel. This time it was in honor of the three retiring preachers of the city, Rev. J. W. Hill, Rev. W. D. Bradfield and Rev. A. L. Andrews. These brethren had completed their quadrennium and the conference assigned them to other fields of labor. They had greatly endeared themselves to their respective congregations and it was a general regret that they had to depart under the statute of limitation.

At the banquet they were the honor guests. The only one of three absent was Dr. Bradfield, and he was represented by proxy. Judge J. M. McCormick, President of the First Church Board of Stewards, was toastmaster, while Judge Henry King, of Grace Church, presided. The spread was an elegant one and greatly enjoyed by the large company present. The speeches were appropriate to the occasion, and those of Drs. Andrews and Hill were especially entertaining. They bristled with witty points and their humor was very captivating. It was a most enjoyable occasion. It brought together the representative laymen from all the congregations in Dallas, gave them an opportunity to renew their acquaintance and form closer fellowship; for it is a fact that in a city of the size of Dallas many of the leading Methodist laymen are entire strangers to each other. Hence this annual banquet, with a good social feature, brings them into contact and creates a bond of brotherly relation between them. At the close of the entertainment, Judge McCormick was unanimously chosen President of the club for the ensuing year. He is one of our most wide-awake and enterprising laymen.

THE WILL OF CHAS. F. SIMMONS.

The will of the late Charles F. Simmons, of San Antonio, has been probated, and he leaves in money, notes, stocks, bonds and lands an estate valued at \$850,000. Among other dispositions of this great fortune, there is provision made for sixty-three superannuated ministers of the several Texas Conferences to be selected by the proper authorities of the Church. He owned three large tracts of land in Live Oak County, one of which is in litigation, and his will provides that these tracts are to be divided into sixty-three farms upon which homes are to be built not to cost over \$1,000, with a well of water to be supplied to each home, and the Bishops presiding at the conferences from time to time shall have authority to designate the superannuates and their families to reside in these furnished homes and have the use of these farms, free of charge and as long as the Bishops thus presiding think right and proper. "This church donation is directed to cost not exceeding \$100,000," says the will. Whatever else may be said of fixing these sixty-three homes permanently on these farms, the provision of the will is a very generous one and shows that Mr. Simmons had a kind place in his heart for the worn out preachers of Texas.

A DELIGHTFUL OCCASION.

Last Tuesday night was a week ago the Trinity Church Epworth League of this city gave an annual banquet to its members and a few invited guests at the Oriental Hotel, and we have never participated in a more delightful occasion. There were present about one hundred and fifty persons, mostly young people, and the menu was delicious. The social feature of the occasion was fine and every one present had the largest enjoyment.

Gus Thomasson was in charge as toastmaster. He introduced every speaker in a most felicitous manner and he put both the speaker and the hearers at their utmost ease. The speeches were witty, wise, humorous and religious. Each one contributed some measure of pleasure and entertainment to the gathering. At the close some prizes were awarded to those who had won conspicuous merit in League service, and a magic lantern life-sized picture of Mr. Thomasson was thrown upon the canvas, greatly to his surprise, and while the lights were lowered so as to see it more distinctly a member of the League recited some few of the many excellent services rendered to the local organization by Mr. Thomasson.

The Trinity League is one of the best in the connection. In fact is one of the few Leagues that have been greatly successful in this section. It has nearly three hundred active members, and at one of the recent

Sunday evening services at the church they had present through their special work and influence something over six hundred persons. The members are divided into two companies known as the "Whites" and "Golds," under two captains, and the friendly rivalry is a stimulus to all of them to do their best to promote good works. And they are bringing things to pass. If all the Leagues would prove as active and helpful as the Trinity League, they would be great blessings to their pastors.

DEATH OF MRS. HUGH N. FITZGERALD.

Dallas lost one of her brilliant women when Mrs. Hugh Nugent Fitzgerald died Tuesday morning, the 13th inst. She was the wife of the popular editor of the Dallas Daily Evening Times Herald, Hugh Nugent Fitzgerald; and she herself, was proprietor and editor of the Dallas Beau Monde, a society paper of more than ordinary merit and distinction. Her death was unexpected and sudden, and the whole community was shocked by the announcement. In a large circle of friends she was popular and influential. As a writer she was possessed of striking gifts and her pen gave forth bright and pungent deliverances. She was generally held in high esteem by the newspaper fraternity of the State and her death will be everywhere regretted. She leaves a husband and three children to mourn her departure, and her friends are numbered by thousands. We extend to the husband and his stricken household our deepest sympathy, and pray for them the comfort that can come alone from the Good Father above.

Let the readers observe what Dr. McLean says in this issue about the orphans. This is a good time to remember them with many little acts of kindness. While providing good things for your children, also send something to the orphans at Waco.

NOTES AND COMMENTS.

Attorney General R. V. Davidson has determined to locate in Dallas, after years of residence in Galveston. Three times he served the people of the State as their chief legal adviser, and among them he stands high as a man and an attorney. He comes of old North Carolina stock, and they were Methodists to the manor born. When he came to Texas a good many years ago he strayed off into the Protestant Episcopal Church, but he has a fond liking for the Church of his mother and father. Dallas will welcome him to her midst as a citizen worthy of their esteem and confidence. He is now out of politics and will devote himself to his law profession.

Rev. George M. Gibson, the newly appointed pastor of First Methodist Church, was present last Sunday and preached morning and evening to his congregation. We heard his morning sermon and it was good to the use of edifying. He made a most favorable impression upon his people and he was given a cordial welcome. We predict for him a prosperous year of service. He is a delightful speaker, a genial gentleman, and he has the name of being a persistent and attentive pastor.

Rev. New Harris, now pastor of Trinity Church, arrived last week and on Sunday delighted his congregation with two helpful services. He made a most auspicious beginning and his sermons are highly spoken of by his people. He is a man of most agreeable personality, has more than ordinary gifts as a public speaker, and success has always attended his ministry. The Trinity congregation are very much pleased with him, and the prospect is bright for a successful pastorate.

Rev. and Mrs. Thos. H. Morris, of Bryan, but recently appointed to Trinity charge in the Navasota District, have issued invitations to the marriage of their accomplished daughter, Martha Grigsby, to Mr. Thomas DeWitt Hathaway, and the happy event will transpire the 22d of December. The wedding will occur at Bryan.

The Commissioners of Education appointed by Bishop Murrah and his cabinet for the North Texas Conference are, Rev. J. M. Peterson, Rev. C. M. Harless, Judge M. M. Brooks and J. W. Blanton. These names ought to have appeared in the issue giving an account of the proceedings of the conference, but we had to leave for Galveston before we learned them. They are strong men.

PERSONALS

Rev. R. B. Moreland, of Celeste, dropped in to see us this week. He is full of energy and hopefulness, and wants this to be the best year of his life.

Rev. L. O. Rogers is now living in Dallas and his address is Station B, this city. Let his correspondents take due notice thereof and govern themselves accordingly.

Rev. T. S. Armstrong, presiding elder of the Waxahachie District, was in to see us recently. He starts off hopefully on this third year on that work.

Brother J. N. Robertson, of Center, called in to see us the other day. He had been in attendance upon the great Prohibition Convention at Fort Worth.

We had a delightful call from Rev. F. O. Miller, of Farmersville, this week. He begins his second year with that charge under most favorable auspices.

Rev. E. B. Thomas, of the North Texas Conference, paid us a delightful visit last week. He is now on the retired list, but formerly was an active member for years in this body.

Prother M. J. Norrell, of Sherwood, was to see us this week. He lives far out on the firing line, and he is a devout and enterprising member of the Church and stands by his preacher in all his work.

Rev. T. G. Whitten, of Port Arthur, stopped to see us recently on his way from the session of the Texas Conference to visit friends at Mineola. He is in robust health and full of hope for his new charge this year.

Rev. J. D. Dorsey, of the Martindale charge, West Texas Conference, brightened up the Advocate force with a brotherly visit the other day. This is his third year on that work and the indications are favorable for successful work for another term.

Rev. W. L. Clifton is spending a few days in the city for medical treatment. His health is fairly good and now he hopes to be well and back home in a few days. We have had the pleasure of a number of visits from him and always enjoy his wholesome company.

Rev. E. W. Potter, of Carthage, was in to see us recently. He took in the Prohibition Convention and enjoyed it very much. He is one of the leading younger men of the Texas Conference and always brings up good reports. We want to spend a Sunday with him soon.

Rev. J. W. Stevens, the old man eloquent and the friend of everybody, called pleasantly to see us the other day. For years and years he was a resident of Hill County, but for sometime he has been working in the Texas Conference as a supply. This year he goes to the Brookeland charge.

We are pained to hear of the serious illness of Rev. J. D. Whitehead, of Terrenton charge, North Texas Conference. He was well at the session of the conference, but on his return home had an attack of blood poison. We hope for this speedy recovery, for he is one of the most faithful members of our conference. No truer man lives in Texas than Brother Whitehead.

APPRECIATIVE WORDS

Corseana, Texas. The Advocate came this morning. And a beauty it is! Accept my congratulations for such excellent service. J. P. PATTERSON.

Corseana, Texas, Dec. 12, 1910. Dear Sir and Brothers: Greetings to the Christmas number of the Advocate of 1910! I hardly knew you with your holiday robe on. I thought you were just in from the city of New York. ABE MULKEM.

Meridian, Texas. The Christmas issue was a capital number, sure. W. F. CRAVER.

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Utterly Wretched

Nervous Prostration Long Endured Before Remedy was Found.

Miss Minerva Reminger, Upper Bern, Pa., writes: "For several years I had nervous prostration, and was utterly wretched. I lived on bread and beef tea because my stomach would not retain anything else. I took many remedies, but obtained no relief until I took Hood's Sarsaparilla, when I began to gain at once. Am now cured."

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THE TEXAS CONFERENCE AGAIN.

Last week some of our matter concerning the session of the Texas Conference was crowded out on account of the press of other things, and we failed to get in our report on the work of the presiding elders. So we give below a summary of the reports they made when their names were called:

D. H. Hotchkiss reports the Beaumont District as having had a smooth year, with a good degree of prosperity. Two new churches have been built, one purchased from another denomination and another so thoroughly renovated as to make it a new one. There are two new parsonages. Three churches have been cleared of debts and dedicated, including our splendid First Church, Beaumont. The district parsonage has been extensively repaired, and is much more attractive and comfortable. There have been about 800 accessions to the Church, and the finances will make a gratifying show. The Preachers' Missionary Institute early in the year, the District Conference and the District Epworth League Conference were all well attended and helpful. The first district meeting of the Woman's Foreign and Home Mission Societies was held in September. Five missionary rallies embracing different sections of the district were features of the year's work.

Rev. A. A. Wagnon, who has been on the Brenham District for three years, is one of the younger presiding elders of the conference and is magnifying the office. The district has made splendid progress under his administration. There has been a net gain in membership, which means a great deal in this section, where the foreign population has been gradually crowding out the American people. The salaries of the preachers show a handsome increase, and all the conference collections were paid in full and some \$500 were paid in specials for missions. One splendid church has been built at Wharton, and several new enterprises are on foot. Altogether the outlook for our work in this most difficult field is brighter than it has been for many years.

Rev. Ellis Smith, of the Houston District, reported about 1200 additions to the Church, good revivals throughout the district, three new Churches organized, five new Sunday-schools, five Foreign Missionary Societies and four new pastoral charges organized, three new churches completed and one parsonage, and all the financial obligations of the Church met, with a special for missions of about \$3000.

F. M. Boyles, presiding elder of the Huntsville District, reported the purchase of a district parsonage at Navasota. The assessments on the district for the support of pastors and conference were nearly paid in full. A good deal of special work being done along missionary lines, the Huntsville Church undertaking the support of a man and his wife on the foreign field, and to raise \$1100 annually for this purpose. Other charges raised specials for the purpose of taking up surrounding country district. The laymen of the district have been especially active along the lines of the Laymen's Movement. The spirit of progress prevails in the district.

Rev. J. T. Smith: The Jacksonville District has had a fine year. The pastors have been well and have been faithful. Gracious revivals have been had in almost every charge. Something over 1500 conversions have been reported; between 1200 and 1300 additions to the Church. We have built four good churches, counting the handsome new Centenary building nearing completion. Three brand-new parsonages have been built, worth respectively \$3000, \$2000 and \$1000 dollars. We have also bought a district parsonage at a cost of \$1250 and have spent about \$200 in furnishing it. It is one of the prettiest spots in the pretty town of Jacksonville, and I have no doubt is the best district parsonage in the State. It is two and a half stories high, with eight large rooms and halls and ample galleries. We are very happy in it. You must send us back. The finances of the district are well up. Every charge has paid every cent assessed for the general claims, and some have overpaid, while perhaps \$100 will cover all the shortage on the pastors' salaries. We have

raised for all purposes between \$55,000 and \$60,000. We have only one whisky town in the entire district, and it will go dry, I think, when we vote again.

Rev. E. L. Shettles, of the Marlin District, has served on this district for the past four years and on the San Augustine one year. He is one of the strong and substantial men of the conference, and has made a fine record on the district. His district has reported out in full each of these years on the benevolences of the Church. The past two years each charge in the district paid itself out. During the quadrennium the district has built ten new churches; one other under construction. One new parsonage has been built and several others repaired. The district parsonage has been moved from Calvert to Marlin and a new building erected. The spiritual welfare of the Church in the district has kept pace with the material advancement. There has been an increase of ten per cent in the Church membership each of these years. These facts show that the work of the district has been eminently successful.

Rev. H. T. Cunningham reported for the Marshall District as follows: Approximately a thousand additions to the membership; one new parsonage; five new churches built; including a \$15,000 church at Gilmer. Considerable increase in salaries paid; great revival in Sunday-school and missionary work. Three great prohibition victories in Harrison County this year, the center of the district, in which our preachers were enthusiastic leaders.

Rev. J. B. Sears: In view of the earnest and faithful pastors, it is not surprising that the Pittsburg District is in a prosperous condition. Good revivals have been almost the universal rule in the country Churches, and some few of the towns have been greatly revived. The evidences of a good spiritual life are evident in all departments of Church work. The new parsonages have been built because more were needed. Three new churches have been built and a fourth is on the way. The finances are in splendid condition, though there are about three weak charges that will report shortages; but these are offset by several creditable excesses. Zeal among our own preachers and loyalty among our own people are making the district bright. Last, but not least, we have carried local option in the last two counties of the district, and we now have a sweeping revival on that subject all over the district.

Rev. Charles A. Tower finished what was almost two quarters of the San Augustine District. He has had seven full years of service down there, and they have been years of work and faithfulness and progress along all lines. Every department of the Church has prospered, and Brother Tower has the friendship and good will of all the best and truest people. He has been kindly and brotherly with his preachers; their friendships have been sincere and strong, and the parting is sad. Brother Tower carries away the prayers and love of those with whom and for whom he has so faithfully labored.

Rev. C. B. Garrett, presiding elder, reported that in the Tyler District two new churches had been built; 800 conversions; 1000 accessions to the membership. The mission collections full except on a few charges. They expended on almost every parsonage in the district. A good spirit prevails throughout the district. The pastors have been hard at work. Sunday-school interests have advanced in many places. Special notice in this is due Willis Point, Marvin Church and Mineola.

SPECIAL NOTICE.

The presiding elders of North Texas Conference will meet at the Methodist Publishing House, 294 Commerce Street, Dallas, at 10 a. m. December 27, 1910.

SPECIAL NOTICE.

On account of railway schedules and in response to requests, the District Stewards of the Hillsboro District will meet in Hillsboro at 7:30 on the evening of December 13, instead of December 20, at 2 p. m., as previously announced.

TEN SERMONS.

To the Preachers of the Northwest Texas Conference.

Dear Brethren—Please permit me a word in behalf of an able minister of the gospel, and also in behalf of his work. I have not asked his permission to write this article, but, believing in the character of his work and believing also in the man, I do not hesitate to pen the following:

Rev. J. P. Calloway has a series of ten sermons on "Christian Living" which if preached in any church cannot fail to do great good. I know Brother Calloway, and know him to be an excellent preacher. He is also one of the most brotherly men I ever knew.

Are you striving to get your Church

in condition to have a great revival? I know of no better way than to have him come to you and preach these sermons.

I have also had him with me in revivals, and can say truthfully that he is fine help. Brethren, you need not fear to use him. He will do you great good, while at the same time you will be greatly helping a worthy brother. Address him at Lubbock, Texas.

C. M. SHUFFLER,
Clarendon, Texas.

ORPHANAGE REMEMBERED.

The Oakland Methodist Sunday-school, Van Zandt County, has sent us \$6.60, and we beg to acknowledge the donation through the Advocate. This leaves us all well; excellent health. Good things are coming in, and my children are happy. W. K. RUCKER,
Waco, Texas.

GRIM REAPER'S STEADY WORK.

The following memorial address was delivered by Rev. S. C. Littlepage, Chaplain of Pat Cleburne Camp, at the meeting recently:

It has been truly said: "Not to lay it to heart when the righteous die is criminal insensibility to the dispensations of heaven."

It may be as truly said when our comrades—heroes of the war of the sixties—are called away, we owe it to ourselves, to our children, to the future of our great country, to embalm in our memory the names and history of our fallen brethren, members of our camp. The more so since with the rapidity of time they are passing to the great beyond.

Our mortuary roll will show the dreadful inroads the grim monster is making upon our ranks; even during the current year we have been called upon to bury out of our sight the following named comrades: W. C. Clay, W. J. Jeanes, John Grant, J. N. Bradley, E. J. Cornebe, Fautley Johnson, C. P. Albea, R. G. Pidcocke, W. D. Vivrett, W. H. Lessing, W. F. Creasy, W. H. Goldman, J. F. Robertson, Wm. S. Hill, E. P. Carroll, John W. Sedberry, E. C. Smith, John M. Orand, R. F. Wingo, R. R. Chandler, Dr. R. W. Park.

It is too late in the day to enter upon the defense of the principles that actuated our Southern soldiers in leaving their loved employ and cherished homes for the tented field; it is safe to say that a more intelligent, heroic and virtuous soldiery never quit the walks of private life to follow the banners of any cause, than those who followed the stars and bars of the Confederacy.

Our armies were not made up of the "riff raff" of the slums, or the hireling hordes of a recent emigration. They were of the bone and sinew of as noble a citizenship as ever occupied any country. Many a young husband left his blooming bride at his country's call, encouraged by the partner of his early joys who was no less patriotic than himself, and many a father left his wife and children when they needed his protection and watchful care more than they ever could again.

Indeed, it would be difficult to tell where the greatest heroism was found, whether in the tented field or in the frugal homes where noble women and growing children carded, spun, wove and made garments for themselves and for the brave soldiers in the army. Oh! I wish I had preserved as I might have done some of those relics of these heroic days.

And then there was a buoyancy and cheerfulness on the part of the soldier and his loved ones at home which robbed those terrible years of much which otherwise would have been intolerable. While we realize the importance of perpetuating the memory of our noble dead, it is with gratitude unspeakable we mention the fact that we are aided so "efficiently by our good women who by their various organizations are doing more to this end than it is in our power to do," justifying the poetic statement:

There's not a place in earth or heaven,
There's not a task to mankind given,
There's not a whisper, yes or no,
There's not a life, a death, or birth,
That has a feather's weight of worth,
Without a woman in it.

But we are admonished by the evening shades, which are gathering about us, that we too will soon follow our fallen brothers. Oh! let their departure and life's setting sun not appeal to us in vain. Let us be ready, our lamps "trimmed and burning," that we may greet each other in the "sweet by and by."

"There is a future, Oh! thank God,
Of life, this is so small a part;
'Tis dust to dust beneath the sod,
But then, up there, 'tis heart to heart."

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A glad thanksgiving thou shouldst bring
As tribute to his word.

His words are spirit, life,
For all who hear and heed;
The Spirit in his word is rife
With blessings which we need.

Life from his word flows out
As water from the spring;
The dead awake his praise to shout,
For life from death they bring.

Then join the loud acclaim,
For mercies that they bring;
O shout aloud the Savior's name,
With life and spirit sing.

GEO. A. LeCLERE,
Houston, Texas.

CORRECT ADDRESS.

My address will be R. F. D. 1, Paudon, Tex., instead of Munger, Texas, as the conference appointments indicate.

GUS M. SAWYER.

Rev. E. E. Vann is teaching in Granberry College in the place of Rev. J. L. Bruce, now on furlough in the United States. Mr. Vann's place is filled temporarily by Rev. Claude L. Smith, of Porto Alegre. The latter was appointed to the Central Church in the last named city, but the exigencies of the work have required the shift for the time being. The short-handedness in Brazil among our missionaries is putting burdens upon them almost impossible to be borne. Reinforcements must be sent. The Bishop writes they are at the breaking point on the field.

The Church in Petropolis has just been presented with a beautiful organ by Mr. Walker, of England, who has done so much to make possible the great Central Mission in Rio, which has been so successfully conducted by Revs. Tucker and Vann.

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TURKEYS, HO!

I have just returned from a visit to the Orphanage, where I left two little fellows, otherwise without home and parent. Everything was lovely and the only thing needed to make perfection perfect was sixteen turkeys for Christmas dinner. They didn't have them last year; let's see to it that they get them this year. The way to do it is send a big turkey at once. Come on, you-uns and so will we-uns! Get them there by Friday before Christmas, express prepaid. Nobody asked me to do this. Charge it to me. R. P. SHULER.

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Give love and love to your life will flow,
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And honor will honor meet,
And a smile that is sweet will surely find
A smile that is just as sweet.

For life is a mirror of king and slave,
'Tis just what we are to do;
Then give to the world the best you have,
And the best will come back to you.
—Madeline S. Bridges.

THE ALLAN RAGSDALE TESTIMONIAL.

Chairman J. E. Harrison, of the State Epworth League Board of Trustees, has proposed the raising of the sum of \$10,000 in popular \$1 donations as a testimonial to the faithful service of Mr. Allan K. Ragsdale, President of the organization. The



A. K. RAGSDALE, State President.

fund thus raised is to be applied to the lifting of the indebtedness on the Assembly grounds at Epworth and to the further improvement and development of the plant. The proposed memorial is unique in that it honors the services of a man while he is yet alive and among us. Usually memorials are raised after one is dead and gone. But in Texas we have a way of doing our own way regardless of precedents, and this graceful act on the part of our distinguished Chairman will meet with the hearty approval of the Leaguers of Texas. We shall most cheerfully contribute one dollar, and we trust that the full sum may be speedily reached and the next Encampment may be a season of unusual enjoyment and religious jollification.

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THE PEABODY MEMORIAL.

That's a nice thing the South Georgia Leaguers are doing, and we bid them Godspeed in their noble undertaking. They are planning to build a \$5000 structure at the South Georgia Conference Orphanage property in Macon, Ga., as a memorial to their late President, E. Prentiss Peabody. It is a fitting monument to the great-hearted worker, and will be an honor to the Leaguers doing it.—Alabama Advocate.

SOUTH CAROLINA DOINGS.

As our talented and tireless editor, Miss Montgomery, is still visiting and resting in New York and Brother Howard is sick, you'll have to "excuse" the League page this week and blame your First Vice-President with its contents.—Charles R. Gaillard, State First Vice-President, in Southern Christian Advocate.

A CALL FROM MEXICO.

4a Balderas 47, Mexico, D. F., November 24, 1910.
Mr. L. E. Appleby,
Box 703, San Antonio, Texas.
My Dear Brother—Your letter of October 22 was received some time ago, but I have been so thoroughly busy that I have not answered it up to the present.
Of course, you have seen from the press that there has been some disturbance in the country, but the Government seems to have the matter in hand.

By the way, I have just received a letter from one of our preachers near the city, asking me to secure money to open up a day school. It would cost us about \$15 gold per month. The community is a poor one, and this would be a great service, and peculiarly so just at this time. Can you get some Epworth League to take this matter on its heart? If so, please write to Dr. Ed F. Cook, offering to furnish us this \$15 gold a month.

It seems to me that now is a providential time for us to show the Mexican people that our love for them is a disinterested love. You may rest assured that the thinking element of the Mexican people are in no way disposed to trouble foreigners.
Help me if you possibly can. With best wishes to you and your wife I am,
Most sincerely yours,
JACKSON B. COX.

I am sure that this is a worthy enterprise, and it would be an inspiration to some chapter in the State to take upon itself commendable an undertaking.
L. E. APPLEBY,
State Secretary.

ASSEMBLY TALK.

California.

Already letters are coming in wanting to know when the next State Conference will be held and where. This year we should begin early to work for that very important occasion and plan for it long in advance. The last Conference was necessarily worked up quickly, and was not altogether without success, a good indication of what a well worked up Conference could be.
Your President was in attendance at the Annual Conference during a part of the session, and accepted an invitation to present our plans. There seems reason to believe that the plans found favor with the audience present on that evening (Saturday), and if the recommendations made by the Epworth League Board met with favorable action, we may hope to have a working Board of Directors soon and a movement to hold our next State Conference at "Epworth-by-the-Sea."—Pacific Methodist Advocate.

President W. H. Brown, of the North Carolina State League, has written a pointed, business-like inquiry to the central office in regard to establishing an Assembly in the Tarheel State. And, by the way, South Carolina Leaguedom is agitated over the same question among themselves. Virginia,

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North Carolina, and South Carolina are all in the race. It will be interesting to see which one lands the ship first.—Epworth Era.

Some of our Leaguers have an Assembly bee buzzing in their bonnets. There is going to be a race between North Carolina, South Carolina and Virginia. Who will launch the Assembly ship first? We shall see what we shall see.—Raleigh Christian Advocate.

The Epworth League Assembly of the East and West Conferences of Oklahoma has signed a contract with J. D. Ramsey accepting as a free offering land at Sulphur, Ok. Permanent improvements will be erected and the grounds put in readiness for next summer's State Encampment. The Methodists are negotiating with Mr. Ramsey for another tract upon which to erect homes for superannuated preachers.—Dallas News.

A NEW FIELD SECRETARY FOR ALABAMA.

At the recent meeting of the S. A. C. E. L. Cabinet, Miss Lucy B. Cryer, of the Anniston Chapter, was chosen Field Secretary for the coming year. Miss Cryer needs no introduction to the Leaguers of the conference. She has been actively engaged in League work several years, and has been an untiring worker and officer in the Conference League since its organization at Birmingham three years ago. She is thoroughly familiar with the organization and workings of the League in all its departments. Her qualifications, therefore, eminently fit her for her labors and give us reason to expect great results during the year. Let all the Leaguers co-operate with her in every way possible.—League Department, Alabama Advocate.

FLORIDA COMMENT.

The Texas Christian Advocate has a live League Department edited by Mr. Gus W. Thomasson. The Leaguers of the Lone Star State are wide-awake and doing things.—D. B. Sweat, League Editor, in Florida Christian Advocate.

A CALIFORNIA REPORT.

The Simmon's Epworth League of Salinas is doing efficient work. Officers were elected at our regular monthly business meeting in September and their names duly reported.
Friday evening, September 30, we gave a very enjoyable "Bird Social" at the residence of Captain and Mrs. J. T. Massengill.
The house was beautifully decorated with greens and pink sweet peas. Canary birds in their cages were merrily singing in every nook and corner. Two large parrots occupied places of honor, suspended from the chandeliers in the front and back parlors.
The musical and literary program was greatly enjoyed, all being selections pertaining to birds. The bird

games were both amusing and instructive.

We are planning for better work in our Chapter for the new conference year.—J. Lilburn Adeock, Reporter, in Pacific Methodist Advocate.

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THE RIGHT DOCTRINE.

In his great address delivered in Dallas November 20, Mr. W. J. Bryan said:

"The saving of one boy may be the means of accomplishing for the world greater things than that money in any other way could have brought. Much as I am interested in government, I am more interested in religion. (Applause.) Anxious as I am that men shall vote right, I am more anxious that men shall live right and vote as they live. This doctrine of election has always been a big thing with me. It is the only doctrine of the Church to which I belong that has bothered me. I have come to the conclusion that election is simply this: God is voting for you, and the devil is voting against you, and whichever way you vote, that carries the election. There is much more in a man's being in harmony with his Creator than in harmony with his party." (Applause.)

The reader will agree that that is a luminous paragraph. It contains a number of vital truths that ought to have great weight with thinking men. Two or three things are pointed out for the purpose of emphasis:

First. "A boy is worth more than any amount of money." Theoretically all agree to that statement, but practically many deny it. Go where one will, on railroads, in hotels, business and money-making freight the very air. Governmental policies that are wrecking and damning boys by the multiplied thousands are condoned and even approved because they result in making money for certain people. Mr. Bryan said when one's own boy is involved he understands that that boy is worth more than any amount of money, but when his neighbor's boy is imperiled it is another proposition. This is another way of saying that unless it hurts them in their own family circles many men will agree to the destruction of boys, if only the process fattens their bank account. The whole thing is utterly discreditable to those who are guilty.

Second. Note again: "Much as I am interested in government, I am more interested in religion." Mr. Bryan stoutly affirmed that no one is really prepared to live until he is in right relations with God. This is a great truth that needs to be pressed down on the consciences of the masses. There are many people who believe that it is impossible for any one to be active in politics and a great Christian character at the same time. Mr. Bryan is the best sort of refutation of this devilish idea. There is no incompatibility between Christianity and the science of government.

It is no idle statement to say that Mr. Bryan is doing more than any other single layman to enthrone in the affairs of this country the practical doctrine announced by Christ: "Render unto Caesar the things that are Caesar's, and unto God the things that are God's." The fact is that through his whole life, he has preserved this proper co-ordination, incumbent on every Christian citizen, is perhaps the thing that gives him the wealth of confidence he enjoys, not only in America, but throughout the world. It is said of this that no American ever traveled abroad who more profoundly impressed the practicability of Christianity on the minds of heathen countries. If Christian men in America would live up to the mandates of Christianity in citizenship matters, it would prove the solution of every vexing problem that confronts the country. The demagogue will not understand this because he does not know heaven's philosophy, but every man who knows Christ understands it when he thinks.

Third. "There is much more in a man's being in harmony with his Creator than in harmony with his party." Never was a greater truth than that told by a preacher or layman. When Church members in Texas come to have more concern about preserving their harmony with God than they have to maintain party regularity, there will not be a saloon left to haunt and terrorize the women and children of this State. Can it be that any real Christian is more concerned about political party harmony than harmony with God?

A WOMAN'S APPEAL

To all sufferers of rheumatism, whether muscular or of the joints, sciatica, lumbago, backache, neuralgia, or neuritis, to write to her for a home treatment, which has recently cured all of these troubles. She feels it her duty to send it to all sufferers FREE. You cure yourself at home, as thousands will testify—no chance of climate being necessary. This simple discovery banishes uric acid from the blood, loosens the stiffened joints, purifies the blood and brightens the eyes, giving elasticity and tone to the whole system. If the above interests you, for proof address Mrs. M. Summers, Box 137, South Bend, Ind.

In this matter Mr. Bryan does not advance an undemonstrated theory, but has shown by his own conduct that such a thing is not only practicable, but the only sane thing for Christian men to do. He has shown that a Christian citizen can keep in intimate touch with God and at the same time not only maintain, but grow in the confidence of his fellow citizens. This is an important lesson for Christian men everywhere to lay seriously to heart. The final explanation of all abnormal conditions that are distressing humanity in this world is that people are out of harmony with God. No man can stand for the inequalities among people in this world without putting himself out of peaceful relations with the Ruler of the universe.

It needs to be said pointedly that when political parties, whatever their name and whatever they pretend to stand for, become sponsors for injustice among God's creatures, they forfeit every atom of claim on the Christian manhood of the country. More than this, when political parties set themselves against God and his edicts of justice, they invite the divine wrath, and are sure to find a day of lamentation and dissolution. Mr. Bryan quoted Tolstoi as discussing "Thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thy heart," etc., and added: "Not enough do we emphasize the first part of this commandment, for until a man loves God he has not learned to know his neighbor." Tolstoi had run the whole gamut of human experience, and in the closing years of his life the language quoted from him shows the conclusion that he had reached.

No sober-minded Christian man has a doubt that right relations with God will issue in proper recognition of our relations to each other, to the enthronement of these obligations above all monetary or other considerations. Whether men will today or not, the time will come when the peoples of this earth will literally "seek first the kingdom of God and his righteousness." Those will be halcyon days, in which all needed things will be added unto those who thus live. It is plainly the duty of every Christian citizen to do his might and main to bring in that day for his own generation. J. H. GAMBRELL, Superintendent Anti-Saloon League, Dallas, Texas.

MISSIONARY SPECIALS.

At its meeting in October the Board of Missions adopted by-laws covering several important points raised in a statement made by the General Secretary. Three of these by-laws were as follows:

All new enterprises and advance movements shall be considered by the board on the same basis as current expenditures, and if approved shall be put on the list of appropriations.

All special objects to be put before the Church or assigned to individuals, Churches and other bodies shall hereafter be selected from the list of appropriations; and it shall be the duty of all connected with the board to encourage and assist in the full collection of such specials.

No person shall be allowed to solicit special gifts without authority of the board.

These by-laws were adopted with the following purposes in view:

1. The prevention of an unwise multiplication of specials, thus creating confusion, defeating their successful completion and endangering the financial interests of the board.

2. The securing of a just and equitable share in the specials by all our fields, and insuring the advocacy of the enterprises most needed in the various fields as specials.

3. The proper correlation of these specials with the logical development of the whole work of the board, thus preventing the evil effects of over-emphasis and one-sided development as to enterprises or fields.

4. To save us from deficit and insure the completion of enterprises undertaken as specials by concentrating on those selected by the board and pressing them through without dividing our forces and diverting attention by the springing of new ones.

5. To encourage pastors and people in the raising of their assessments by identifying specials and assessments, and allowing the specials authorized by the board to count on the regular collections.

Experience has amply proven the evils for which these by-laws are meant to be a remedy. It is also clear that if the policy adopted by the board is adhered to we can remedy these evils. On the other hand, if special calls are to be made in the interest of certain fields and enterprises during the year, and indepen-

dent of the board action, confusion and harm must result. The fact is not changed by the worthiness and urgency of the causes, nor by the prominence and good intentions of their advocates. Such causes should bide their time and take their chances with other interests for orderly and authoritative presentation.

The sum total of specials that we can hope to raise is, like the assessment, limited. Whenever this sum is in part diverted from those objects that the board is already committed to, there is danger of deficit or of failure at one point or another.

Specials as conducted by us are in the nature of an additional assessment. They constitute a call on the Church, and are a levy on its liberality and loyalty for missionary needs, just as the assessments are. In order that the board may direct its affairs intelligently, it can be seen at a glance that it alone is competent to make these levies. Moreover, new enterprises bear a logical relation to the annual budget of expenses, and are to be considered, not alone, but in that relation. We have now work in hand, missionaries to care for and enterprises projected already to consume all our income for several years, unless there should be a large increase in receipts, for which we hope and pray. If we unitedly stand by the present policy of the board and concentrate on those enterprises that are set forth by it as most urgent and important we can keep the work going and provide for its logical and orderly growth in all our fields. But if we divide our forces and yield to special pleas, however important they may be and however high their sanction, there will inevitably result hurtful and discouraging retrenchment at some points. The Board is composed of men and women chosen for their wisdom and ability to handle the missionary interests of the Church. They have adopted this policy after a careful study of the conditions and with their eye on the whole field. We believe we can rely on the whole Church to co-operate on this rational and businesslike basis, which will deliver our missionary administration from some of its chief embarrassments and greatly contribute to safe and orderly progress.

We shall be happy to correspond with those Churches or individuals who may desire to support missionaries or other workers, aid our schools, build churches or otherwise give special help to any of our fields. We will do all in our power to assist in the selection of an object that will appeal to the interests of the people and at the same time be in harmony with the policy above outlined.

THE "OUTSIDE ROW."

As I read "The Outside Row" in the Texas Christian Advocate of October 20, written by "Uncle Isham," my mind runs over the list of men I have known who have worked that row, and after a square, impartial look at them and those on the inside rows, I could see no reason for criticism of the former. Guess our old uncle means well; perhaps he is in his dotage. Or he may be one of our young relatives and be suffering from a bad spell of cerebral vacancy and has not tarried long enough under treatment with the great physicians to be cured of the malady. Be that as it may, his ideas smack of unsoundness somewhere. I am an advocate for an educated ministry, mind you, but when I think of the self-sacrificing, noble men who have always, and are now, working that terrible outside row, and whose hearts are indeed burdened for the salvation of lost souls, I don't see how a man who really loves God can get up his sentiments. Did Christ die to save those fortunate enough to occupy the inside or middle row alone, or was it for all who would repent and believe? Before He ever saw the light of day countless thousands of non-college preachers told the correct story of God's redeeming love, and "many believed and were saved." It's a fact that some people look at a man's college training or the way he is togged instead of what he is spiritually.

I contend no man's sermons are "thin as skimmed milk," if he is called

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of God to preach and has the baptism of the Holy Ghost. Christ never sent thin, flimsy-minded men to carry His gospel to a dying world, but we have no assurance that He stipulated that they must be able to display a "sheepskin" before they could address the multitudes. Uncle Ish says "they will come around in due time, and they will all know that you know much, if you never do tell it, and put up with you without a word." Pears to me if I were on that row I would be insulted at his presuming on my ignorance.

He "don't want you boys on the outside row." He aims to let the thorns take it when the tired hands won't weeding it have quit the field. I infer from his remarks he is slightly behind on the commissions to those Christ sent out. He said, "Go ye unto all the world and preach my Gospel," but the dear uncle is going to confine the Word strictly to a chosen few. The rest are not worth worrying about. For my part I would not give a good case of heartfelt religion for a diploma from the greatest institution of learning in the universe. We do not discount any man's godliness because he is a college man, but the brother seems to think the Lord ought to change His mode of doing business and call only those who are, or can, soon be armed with a collegiate shield. Tut, tut, uncle! Now, my dear boys, as a mother in Israel I am going to offer you some advice. I, too, am your friend, and would screen you from the privations of that thin row, but if the Father says go, do you go, no difference if you can't carry a diploma. There will be one awarded you, signed by the blood of the Redeemer if you do what you can. If you know you are called to preach and you see you can't get first class passage on the good old Methodist ship, there are other vessels making for the port of peace, and doubtless they will take you on board and give you useful employment, and the great Paymaster will honor your check when you have finished your work. True, it looks kinder hard to leave the craft that has carried father and mother over in safety, but you would better do that and deliver your message than to be turned down by some of the uncles and drift into neglect and be lost for not even being allowed to work the "outside row." Perhaps our uncle and those of his views will some day be able to adjust matters to their liking, but in the meantime people on the "outside row" are suffering for the Gospel, and many being lost while those of our denominations who have heard the call are in college getting ready to work the "middle row." We don't need any "skimmed milk sermons" out here in New Mexico. We want the rich cream of the Word delivered by men who love God more than the applause of the world. My sons, if you fail to get a job in Christ's army of Methodists, get a job in some other brigade and fight satan and sin, and though I am a loyal Methodist I will take you in when you pass and give you the best entertainment an "outside row" preacher's wife can afford. I know it's hard; have tried it long, but blessed be God ere long we will lay down our tools here and enter into that rest which means so much to the tired pilgrims on the row next to the fence.

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THE WOMAN'S DEPARTMENT

All communications in the interest of the Woman's Foreign Missionary Society and the Woman's Home Mission Society should be sent to the address of the Texas Christian Advocate, Dallas, Texas.

"A HAPPY THANKSGIVING."

Thanksgiving of 1910 is one long to be remembered in the hearts of the students of Scarritt Bible and Training School, for the joys it brought to each young lady are such as are not to be forgotten. For several days both teachers and students had been planning not only for the feast which was to be spread on that day, but to show their thankfulness to a loving Father for the many blessings He has given by trying to make the occasion a joy to others.

On Wednesday all the Home Mission students met at Institutional Church, where had been prepared by Miss Howell and the deaconesses in charge many large baskets filled, some with dinner for an entire family, others with the most delicious fruits, also many beautiful flowers.

These were distributed among the poor and the sick of our districts.

The foreign mission students were supplied with baskets from the Training School with which to cheer the unhappy ones in their districts.

One cannot imagine the joy it brought to each of us to see these poor people, ranging from tiny tots to gray-haired grandmothers, as with thankful hearts they received the offering. It makes our hearts ache now to think that only a part could be reached.

The next day, which dawned clear and bright, was to be a happy one for the students. Early in the morning the Juniors were rushed off to church and the Seniors were left in full charge of the household. We went to Central Church, where we heard, preached by Rev. Caskey, of Melrose Church, a most interesting as well as inspiring sermon on the feast of the tabernacles.

On returning we were soon ushered into the large dining room which had been made beautiful with decorations, and where had been spread by the splendid Senior class the lovely Thanksgiving feast.

Dinner over, we were entertained for a while in the dining room. We then went some to take a pleasant walk, others to spend an hour of rest and meditation in their own rooms.

At 8 o'clock we assembled in Memorial Chapel for a praise service in which each young lady told of the blessings for which she had most to be thankful. It is interesting to note that almost every student spoke of her gratitude to God for having brought her to Scarritt for training.

The spiritual blessings received on this day will ever remain with many of us. And best of all, since then each day has been to us a day of thanksgiving and praise in our own hearts.

NELLIE WYNN.

REPORT FROM CARLTON HOME MISSION AUXILIARY.

At the end of another quarter we are found still continuing service for our Master, though not so active as we were last quarter. We are steadily moving onward with deepened interest. Even though we have not been organized for the membership campaign, we have four new members to report.

We are very much delighted to enroll as a member Mrs. M. M. Smith, she being the wife of our new pastor. We find in each of them a deep sympathy for the work. We are very thankful that they have been sent to labor with us.

We paid \$20 on our preacher's salary. Twenty-six leaflets, together with literature on the campaign, have been distributed. The mite box collection amounted to \$2.37.

We are very much encouraged to press forward and our prayer is for more laborers.

(MISS) ONA HILL, Press Reporter.

THE W. H. M. SOCIETY OF POST CITY, TEXAS.

A short while ago I ask for space to make a brief statement of our work in Post City, mentioning the fact that we had our plans laid for our fall and winter's work. Now I ask for space to give an account of the successful working of our plans so far. We observed the week of prayer by condensing the topic for the week into two topics and appointed a leader for each one. We found these two days a great means of grace to all who attended. The amount of money

contributed during the week was \$12.40, which was forwarded to the Ruth Gargrove Institute.

This was the opening gun of our campaign for the fall, so the next thing was for each member who would take a dime from the treasurer and make it grow into a dollar within one month's time. Eighteen ladies took a time and when we met to give an account of our stewardship each lady told in rhyme how she made her dime to grow. The results was \$20.40 from this little effort. Our next enterprise was a Thanksgiving dinner for the public, charging 35 cents for adults and 25 cents for children. After all expenses were paid we had \$105.40. You can't imagine how happy we were when at our next meeting our treasurer told us that we had enough money to make another six months' payment on our parsonage. With thankful hearts we all voted that it should be done.

Our membership is steadily increasing and every one is interested in our great work. We have undertaken to build our preacher a home and the good Lord intends that it shall be done, for He is wonderfully blessing us in our efforts.

MRS. T. C. WILLETT,
Press Reporter.

KAUFMAN W. H. M. SOCIETY.

Had I been as punctual all during this year as was my duty, I should not now find it so difficult to give a report of our work. Though silent, we've not been idle.

Kaufman Auxiliary has a membership of fifty-two. We have two meetings each month—first and third Mondays. First Monday meeting is always held in the church and is devoted to the business of the society. Third Mondays we meet in the homes and use programs as given in year book, which are both interesting and instructive. We have an average attendance of about half the membership.

For nearly two years our society has been keeping what we call a "Saturday market," can truthfully say funds have been more easily raised in this way than any we have yet tried.

Hear a report from November, 1909, to November, 1910: November, 1909, sent one box to Waco Orphan Home, value \$56.50, August, 1910, one box Dallas Mission Home, value \$11.25, November, 1910, box to Waco Orphanage, \$13.50. Cash raised during year, \$836.26. Cash disbursed \$632.78.

Week of Prayer was observed at the appointed time; offering \$10. Our present work is to place a concrete walk across the front of church lot.

Our beloved pastor, Rev. A. R. Nash, was returned to us for the fourth year. We are truly grateful and feel that great things are in store for us.

MRS. H. M. PHILLIPS,
Press Reporter.

MEMBERSHIP CAMPAIGN HOME MISSION CONFERENCE, NORTH-WEST TEXAS.

Some of our auxiliaries are doing fine work, and fighting hard for home missions during this campaign for new members. So far, I have heard from only a few auxiliaries. Let the others write, and let me know what you are doing.

From Snyder comes the good news that seven new members have been brought in the past month. Mrs. C. L. Ezell, the Press Reporter, writes that their plan is that each member constitute herself into a committee of one to bring a new member. Then the auxiliary is divided into two sides with a captain for each. At the end of a given length of time the winning side will be entertained by the losing one. This auxiliary boasts of sixty members. Hope other auxiliaries will follow Snyder's plan.

Vernon District Secretary writes that she is doing all in her power to keep the campaign "going" in her district. We feel sure this district will come up with many new recruits at the close of the campaign.

Fluvanna: This little auxiliary, though hindered in many ways, is working hard to double its membership.

Stamford Auxiliary is having an exciting time during this campaign. The enthusiasm runs high at some of the meetings. We are using the circle plan, with chart, as described in the Advocate a few weeks ago. This aux-

iliary expects to come out ahead at the end of the campaign.

Is your auxiliary working? If so, let us hear what you are doing. Perhaps your plans may help some other auxiliary. If you have not done anything yet, you have the month of December before you. Let us beset the women of the Church who are not members of the Home Mission Society this next month, and bring them in to help in this great work of "saving America to save the world."

MRS. ROBERT GOODRICH,
Campaign Manager.

MARRIED.

Curtis-Boyd.—At the Methodist Church, in Midlothian, Texas, November 16, 1910, Mr. Alphonse Curtis and Miss Eva Boyd, both of Midlothian, Rev. S. W. Turner officiating.

Wheatley-Morgan.—At the Methodist Church, Midlothian, Texas, 6 o'clock p. m., November 23, 1910, Mr. Ward W. Wheatley and Miss Eula Beatrice Morgan, both of Midlothian, Rev. S. W. Turner officiating.

Johnson-Derrick.—At the home of the bride, Dallas, Tex., November 26, 1910, Mr. J. M. Johnson and Mrs. Katie Derrick, Dr. T. H. Hall officiating minister.

Taylor-Wesson.—At the home of the officiating minister, at Goldthwaite, Mills County, Texas, November 20, 1910, Mr. Octor Taylor and Miss Julia Wesson, Rev. G. W. Templin officiating.

Duran-Green.—At the home of the bride's father, Mr. Hink Green, four miles from Mullin, Mills County, Texas, November 27, 1910, Mr. R. C. Duran and Miss Ada Lee Green, Rev. G. W. Templin officiating.

Morgan-Gann.—Mr. T. A. Morgan was married to Miss Emma T. Gann November 27, 1910, at Bridgeport, Texas, Rev. J. J. Hines officiating.

Griffin-Stalcup.—In the parlor of the

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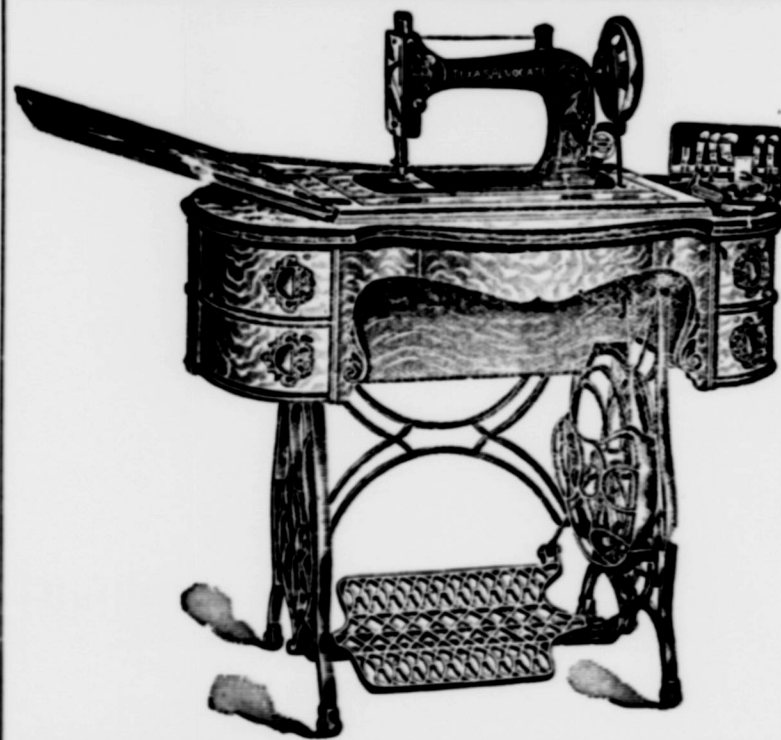
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parsonage, on November 6, 1910, Mr. Roy Griffin and Miss Vera Stalcup, Rev. Ira C. Kiker officiating.

Young-Hayden.—On November 9, 1910, at the Court House in Fort Worth, Texas, Mr. Joe Young and Miss Lillie Hayden, Rev. Thomas Reece officiating.

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MATHEMATICS ("MATH") DEPARTMENT.

Reaching a Conclusion.

I was born on the eighth day of the fifth month of the year 1893. I weighed seven pounds. When three years old I had twelve teeth. My grandmother counted my teeth. I am now seventeen years old, five feet, ten inches high and weigh 128 pounds. I wear number three shoes, and it takes twelve yards of cloth, at 12 1/2 cents a yard, to make me a dress. I go to bed at 9:30 p. m. and rise at 6:00 a. m. I eat breakfast at 7:30. By bread, to be good, is made by proportion; my pie is cut into sectors; my cake into segments. I breathe about seventy times a minute, and need about 500 cubic feet of air everywhere. I am about 33 degrees north of the equator and about 92 degrees west of the meridian of Greenwich. The earth on which I live is moving eighteen and one-half miles a second. I cannot buy apples, take medicine or make fluid without the help of math. I must study math. I need it to know where I am and how big am.

Some Questions and Answers.

Who used numbers? Joshua, in numbering the children of Israel and in throwing down the walls of Jericho. Who used geometry? The Egyptians. The Nile overflowed, washed down their fences and made the ground too muddy to work and repair their fences. So they put up geometrical lines to keep the goats out of their fields. They, also, used parallelepipeds in building pyramids. I could build parallelepipeds. What was the Indian unit of numbers? A man. A whole man meant twenty (fingers and toes). What is helpful in learning geometry? A good board. What is needed in teaching geometry? Two boards. What is discouraging about algebra? The farther you go, the more unknowns. What do you understand by the three ex (XXX) coffee? Coffee with three unknown quantities in it. What made people so long in discovering the true laws of astronomy? Because the Masons and the Church taught that the circle is the perfect figure, and therefore God made the heavenly bodies to move in circular orbits. If there is a perfect circle, or a perfect sphere, in nature, nobody has ever found it.

Age and Rank of Math.

Next to the Bible, Math leads closest to God. Not God's love, but God's majesty, omnipresence, wisdom and power are wonderously revealed by Math. When God resolved to create the universe, the first offspring of infinite wisdom was Math. Math, be thou the chief and the helpmate of all the sciences. Go, bring order and system out of chaos and confusion. Count the atoms that not one be lost or destroyed. Give them their combining laws and equate their reactions. Weigh the planets and fix for each his path and pace. For planets, stars and systems, I put the reins in thy hands. See that there be no collision nor breach of schedule time and man is under thy tutelage. Each him equity and rectitude. By thine unerring laws teach him respect for law. And by the sweep of thine infinities lift him to purer and grander heights. Teach the artist to find beauty and symmetry in proportions. Let music come to thee to tune her harp and test her chords. Mix colors for the rainbow, and write the recipe of fragrance for every flower. Show man what is saved by avoiding crookedness and choosing the straight path; and how to weigh himself and his works in a balance. Apply thy rule and line to the scales of justice and equity and kingdoms and thrones and every creature. Take thine infinities and measure

time and space and light and heat and every extension and quantity save Love. She is older and bigger and greater than thou.

To measure the length and breadth and height and depth of my love shall be the new task and everlasting pleasure of my people in the New Jerusalem. POLLY GON.

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NOTES FROM THE FIELD.

Continued from Page 5.

liberal assessment for the preacher in charge and presiding elder—\$1140—which is far in advance of anything they have ever done. We have a very fine Sunday-school here in Marfa, with an average attendance of about eighty. Since coming to the work we have organized a Senior Epworth League of about twenty members which is moving off nicely. We have a W. H. Society at each place, both of which are doing very fine work. Our first quarterly conference has come and gone. Brother J. B. Cochran was with us and held our quarterly conference and preached two very inspiring and thoughtful sermons on Sunday. Brother Cochran is very much loved by his preachers and the people of this district. All in all we are very highly pleased with our work, and expect to do the best year's work possible, with the Lord's help.—A. C. Bell.

Moody.

We arrived here Tuesday, November 29. We were received cordially at the depot. The people were there in their autos, carriages and on foot to give us a warm reception, and the family was placed in an auto and escorted by a company up to one of the finest parsonages in the conference, and it is also completely furnished. The ladies had a splendid supper prepared, and all were so kind in their greetings and their efforts for our comfort that we have already fallen in love with our people, and we are glad we are here. We have a splendid body of men for our officials, and the salary has been advanced \$200 over what it was last year, and better still, the board has arranged that the pastor shall get his salary each month at the bank, contributing to the pleasure and good start we have had were the presence and service of our presiding elder, S. J. Vaughan, who came last Saturday afternoon and was with us the first Sunday and preached a splendid and helpful sermon Sunday morning, and listened with sympathy and patience to this scribe as he preached at the evening hour, conducting our first quarterly conference Monday morning, with the greatest satisfaction to pastor and officials. Having had some experience with presiding elders, I want to say that S. J. Vaughan is a presiding elder to the manor born. We are delighted with him, and my people feel very much attached to him, as he was once a popular pastor here. Never in all of our life did we feel more like doing our best for this goodly people who have been so kind to us, and have assured us in so many ways that they are glad we have come.—W. J. Hearon, Dec. 7.

Sacramento Mission, N. M.

I regret very much that I am not a college man, for I realize that thorough equipment is a great thing in any line of life, most especially in the ministerial. I am thankful that there is an outside row, and that God needs men to work in these waste places. I am glad that he has given me a place to work in his vineyard, a place where men are hungering and thirsting for the story of Christ's love. I consider it the greatest privilege of the ministry to be sent to the relief and encouragement of the faithful soldiers of the cross that are on the frontier of our Church. This is the privilege that I enjoy. Followed by the Lamb of God, isolated, without Church service and without the oversight of the minister of Christ, have remained faithful and true all through the temptations and trials of these many years. They certainly deserve credit and a place in the Church militant and in the Church triumphant. Now that reinforcement has come, sounding the note of advancement, they take courage and rally for one more fight with the prince of darkness. The prospect is indeed, for some, of great revivals in this field. We will spend the winter preparing our munitions of war, drilling and disciplining our forces, and when the buds begin to burst in the spring we will begin our campaign against sin; and with God's help we will wage war until the foe is vanquished and Christ is Lord, indeed. We have visited in the past five weeks Elk, Mayhill, James' Canon, Clouderoff, Weed and Duncan, and as a result of these visits we received twenty-seven members, baptized one baby and organized three Sunday-schools. We thank God and praise his name for his goodness to us and for the success he has given. We pray for his presence with us in the future.—R. H. Lewelling.

Stratford.

We are pleasantly situated in our new charge at Stratford, but not Stratford-on-Avon, because there is no water in such abundance. However, we have a people of the Shakespearean spirit—intelligent, big-hearted and noble, and best of all, deeply religious and devoted to Christ. Our reception here has been all that heart could wish, and we follow a preacher deservedly popular with these good people. We do not know, however, that the Bishop will let us stay as long as did our predecessor, inasmuch as very few preachers today remain at any charge four years. We were greatly surprised in one sense in being moved from Anson. We had moved eleven

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hundred miles and had been there only two months. The Official Board and the people were unanimous in their request for our return. The Secretary of the board informed the presiding elder of the action of the board, and the Bishop was asked to return us. But there were many who had to move for some reasons, and the Bishop had to move us. We believe he did the best he could for all concerned, having first in view the interest of the Church. We were loath to leave the good people of Anson. We can never forget their love for us, but truly our lines have fallen in pleasant places, and ours is a goodly heritage. Last Monday night about fifty people stormed our parsonage and left many things as a token of their love. After a social hour we sang "Blessed be the tie that binds," and then we knelt in prayer, after which we were left alone to meditate; to think of God's blessings. During our past seven years in the pastorate we have reported each year from forty to ninety additions to our Church, but we can't make the record here unless the Lord will send us some material, as there are very few non-Church members in this little city. One reason we left New Mexico was because the altitude was too great for my mother. However, as it is now, we had just as well be back there, so far as that is concerned. She will stay in Central Texas till spring. We desire, however, to spend a few years with these good people, if possible and if best for the Church. If it were not for the malaria we would be back in our old home conference, the Texas, but we believe this is a great conference and we appreciate the privilege of working with these Western people.—J. W. Mayne.

Hilton.

After a short period of twelve months' service on the Buffalo Gap charge, this finds us comfortably domiciled in a very nice four-room house, with everything lovely and the outlook fine, taking into consideration the drouth-stricken conditions. We have only met one appointment; had a good caterer from the gallery, and who should it be but a crowd well prepared to give us a downright good thrashing. Well, who ever heard of a preacher getting pounded at this time? Was it because they wanted to get rid of us, or because of love? We take it for the latter. They filled the house with folks, and the table was well filled with good things. After a social time, Aunt Sallie Young told us the purpose for which they came. This was in part their appreciation of and love and esteem for our past year's work, and to bid us God-speed in our new field. In reply to her the writer expressed gratitude for this benevolence, calling on Brother Medroy for a short but fervent prayer. We then sang "God be with you till we meet again," and with a hearty handshake and exhorting each other to be steadfast and immovable, we closed one of the most remarkable year's work in many respects that this scribe ever witnessed.—J. M. Slatten, Dec. 9.

Waco Methodism.

The Waco Pastors' Association met in the study of the Fifth Street Methodist Episcopal Church, South, at 10 a. m., and organized for the year. The following officers were elected: W. E. Andrews, presiding elder, Chairman; H. D. Knickerbocker, Vice-Chairman; Ashley Chappell, Secretary. Rev. McCown, of Stamford, was present and led in an opening prayer. Presiding Elder Andrews took the chair and presided with as much ease as the Bishop. H. L. Munger, who has charge of the north end of town, has taken hold of his work, and he is bringing things to pass out there. J. N. McCain, who has charge on Bell's Hill, has rented a house for services and held services there yesterday. The work is moving out splendidly. Austin Avenue is

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booming under H. D. Knickerbocker. He is keeping up his custom of having conversions every Sunday. Good day yesterday, with a number of additions. Things are starting off splendidly at Fifth Street; eleven additions yesterday. The presiding elder, Brother Andrews, has everything well in hand, and we feel sure his district will be up with the best at the end of the year. J. J. Creed, of Elm Street, is delighted with his new field, and he started off yesterday with five additions. We are now ready for Bishop Atkins to come to see us. From every viewpoint Waco Methodism is moving up. We are all happy and expecting great things. The presiding elder preached at Elm Street at morning and Morrow Street at night.—Ashley Chappell.

FORT WORTH METHODIST PASTORS' ASSOCIATION.

The first week of active service with the new pastors who have come to labor among us was a week of great discoveries. They are finding all grades of folks and all kinds of problems, but there seems to be a prevailing opinion that things have been moving and that the pace must be kept up by them. J. H. Stewart has had a most royal reception at Mulkey Memorial. The Board of Stewards has fixed a budget which includes all the finances of the Church for the year, including the conference collections. Extensive improvements and furnishings have been done to the parsonage. J. B. Berry has been kindly received at Glenwood, and has already done considerable improving about the church. New electric lights have been installed and the church heated with natural gas. He is very hopeful of accomplishing some extensive plans before the year has closed. C. A. Evans rejoices over the happy heritage which has fallen to him at Riverside. Finds a beautiful and cozy parsonage. The church is inadequate to the needs of the Sunday-school and may be enlarged. Dr. John A. Rice, reporting for First Church, said: "The enthusiasm in both services yesterday was beyond what I have ever seen before. I find a genuine determination on the part of the Church to work. This is the ideal of all my dreams. I had never hoped to realize it. My great problem is to mobilize the forces. My policy shall be to stand for a united Methodism and to help every man who labors under the banner of Methodism in this city. We will strive earnestly to care for every Methodist who may cross our threshold, but we will strive to have the new membership go to the church nearest them." When Dr. Rice had finished his report every pastor present was pleased to recognize that a broad-minded, liberal-spirited and brotherly man had been appointed to the old mother Church. Jerome Duncan is a very busy man, and is rapidly coming to know the detail work of the district. Most general satisfaction is expressed in the appointment of all our new men, mutual admiration seems to exist among both old and new, and a great year is before us. H. M. LONG, Secretary.

WORKS SUPPLIED.

Harleton Circuit and Elysian Fields Circuit, in the Marshall District, have both been supplied. Rev. L. P. Davis, by authority of Bishop Murrah, is charged from Wallisville, Beaumont District, to Harleton, and I have supplied Elysian Fields with Rev. Louis T. Pierce, a young local preacher. H. T. CUNNINGHAM, Presiding Elder Marshall District.

The Killeen Circuit has been supplied. This will answer all letters of inquiry. S. J. VAUGHAN, P. E., Gatesville, Texas.

NOTICE.

I am now making dates with some of the brethren. If any brother wants my help in meetings for the new year I hope he will write as early as possible, so I can properly adjust my work. I am ready for the hard fields as well as the good. R. J. TOOLEY, Weatherford, Texas.

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ELLISOR.—Mr. J. T. Ellisor departed this life at Evergreen, in San Jacinto County, Texas, August 29, 1910, at the age of 62 years and 11 days. He was born in the State of Alabama on August 18, 1847, and removed to Texas in his early childhood. His life was that of a sturdy farmer, plain, unassuming, but upright and honest in all his dealings and associations, with a Christian character and life, which, by the way, began in his early youth, and from which he never deviated to the time of his death, when in truth he could say, as did Paul of old: "I have fought a good fight; I have finished my course; I have kept the faith; henceforth there is laid up for me a crown of righteousness, which the Lord, the righteous Judge, shall give me at that day, and not to me only, but to all also who love his appearing. And just here let me say: There are some who do not love his appearing, either here on earth or at that "great day" in the beyond. Yes, Brother Ellisor began his Christian life in early youth and grew in Christian strength and manhood till it proved a great source of strength and comfort in old age. He was always a devout, consistent member of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South, from his early connection with it, and was one of its most faithful stewards for more than thirty years. He was first married to Miss Julia Elizabeth White, with whom he lived happily one short year, after which she died. He afterward married Miss Sarah Elizabeth Adams, who made him a good wife, and during which time they were blessed with six children—three boys and three girls—of whom are members of the Church. Their mother died in the year 1884. Brother Ellisor again married, in 1885, Miss Sue Weisinger, and to them were born five children—two girls and three boys—who, with their mother, survive this good old father; and it is with great pride and love to God that we find these five children also members of the Church, making all of his eleven children one Christian family, united to God on earth; and we hope for them all a happy reunion with their father in heaven in that great city of the New Jerusalem, where our Father has many mansions for his children and people. It is a happy if not a proud record Brother Ellisor left them, and all of us who knew him; and no doubt when these his survivors in the flight of life step down into the cold stream that divides this life from the great beyond they can look across the rolling waters and see their father standing on the other side with outstretched arms, ready to welcome them to the green shores of everlasting deliverance, and with abiding faith we say: "So mote it be."

ED PRATHER, Pastor.

HOGAN.—Brother Homer Hogan was born in Upshur County, Texas, February 14, 1885; moved to Taylor County in 1906; was married to Miss Ellen Stanley, of Nubia, August 15, 1910; died at his home of his father-in-law, Mr. Stanley, in Nubia, November 7, 1910, of typhoid fever. He leaves a wife, father, mother, two brothers, five sisters and a host of friends to mourn their loss. Brother Homer was a bright young man. In the summer of 1909 he was gloriously converted to the religion of Jesus Christ. This writer received him into the Church and baptized him. He lived a consistent Christian life and died in the triumph of a gospel faith. He left a bright evidence that all was well. We greatly miss him, but we know where to find him. We commend the broken-hearted young wife, the sad parents and other loved ones to the Giver of all grace, and patiently wait the glorious resurrection morn, when we shall meet him and other precious loved ones on the eternal shores, where sad partings will be no more. His old friend and ex-pastor, T. H. DAVIS.

GRAHAM.—Mrs. Sarah Elizabeth Graham was born in Horry County, S. C., February 28, 1827, and died in Milam County, Texas, November 25, 1910. She was very early in life converted and joined the Methodist Church, and lived a faithful Christian life to the end. She was married to George M. Graham in 1847, unto whom five children were born, two of whom survive her. She was married a second time to Edward W. Graham, and four children were born of the last marriage, two of whom are living. A large concourse of friends witnessed her burial on Sunday, November 27, 1910, at which time the writer officiated. May many blessings attend the bereaved ones. G. W. RILEY.

SANDERS.—At 4 a. m., November 21, 1910, the soul of little Lorene Juanita, infant daughter of Brother and Sister C. C. Sanders, took its flight from the body and left fond parents with empty arms and aching hearts. This tender flower had only been with them since October 9, 1910—one month and twelve days—but it was long enough for their fondest affections to be so closely entwined about her that it was like tearing her heartstrings out for mother to give her up. But look up, dear friends. We weep not as those who have no hope, for God gave her to you for awhile and then took her to himself, and now calls you, dear parents and brothers, to come and live with him and her forever. We laid the little body to rest in the cemetery to await the resurrection morn, May God help us all to be ready when called. J. E. GILBREATH, L. P.

REV. T. T. BOOTH.

Rev. T. T. Booth, enfeebled by age and worn by sickness, fell on sleep, the sweet sleep that God gives his beloved, and was gathered to his fathers November 1, 1910. Thus passed from the Church militant to the Church triumphant, from the Texas Conference to the general assembly and Church of the first born, which is written in heaven, a valiant soldier of the cross. Brother Booth was born in Limestone County, Ala., August 12, 1810. He came of religious parents, and, as might have been expected, was converted and joined the Methodist Church at the early age of fourteen years. He came from the first a faithful and active member, and when God called him to preach he was close enough to hear the call and consented enough to answer. He was licensed to preach in 1829 in Rusk, Texas, by Rev. L. P. Lively and was admitted on trial in the East Texas Conference in the late fall of 1856 and was in that conference ordained a local deacon by Bishop Duggott. The conference was held at Henderson, Texas, and he was sent that year and the two succeeding years to the Palestine Circuit, then one year to the Crockett Circuit, then three to the Kickapoo Circuit and next a quadrennium on the Larissa Circuit; 1858 and 1859 were spent on the Jacksonville Mission. From here he was returned to the Larissa Circuit for the next two years. For the years 1862 and 1863 we find him on the Whitehouse Circuit. In the years 1864, '65 and '66 he was stationed at Cedar Street, Tyler. From this appointment he went to Laikin Station for 1867. Then followed two years more on Jacksonville, then three on the Kilgore and one on Big Sandy Mission, and then back to Cedar Street, Tyler, for the years 1869 and 1870. This closed his active ministry. He was granted the superannuated relation at the conference in Pittsburg in 1895. It will be seen that the twenty-nine years of Brother Booth's active ministry were confined to ten pastoral charges, eight of them being circuits and two stations. The circuits were, with one exception, large and involved much hard travel and long series of protracted meetings and almost continual absence from home. In all these instances, whether on stations, circuits or missions, the salary was small. But he had counted this as part of the cost of entering this ministry, and it is doubted if any man ever heard one word of complaint fall from his lips. His was a successful ministry, and to those who knew him the cause was not far to seek. Nature had done well by him. His was a splendid physique. A body large, symmetrical and sinewy and capable of the highest physical endurance. He had fine intellect and, while his early educational advantages were meager, yet by close attention to good reading and the study of men and nature he became a well informed man and strong expounder of the Word of God; and when he stood in the pulpit his commanding appearance and clarion voice gained and held the attention of men. He was a man of faith. He believed with all his heart in the gospel he preached, and because he did, he died because he prayed and wrestled with God he had power, and prevailed with God and men, and men repented and turned to God, and God turned them and heard their prayers, and many, many were spiritually born. Brother Booth was married at a little past twenty years of age to Miss A. E. Vinson, and they became the parents of eleven children, and a kind consideration of a good family is to be attributed much of the success attending him in his God-chosen work. While he traveled large circuits on small pay, they were at home and ran the farm, supplementing the salary so that they were never in want. But his work is done, or at least he has ceased from labor. When the end came he met it like a hero. He saw the king of terrors, but was not afraid, and gave forth the shout of a victor. He came to the valley of shadows with a faith that death could not shake and a hope that banished and chased the shadows and lighted his way, and leaning on his Lord, he passed from our view in a halo of glorious triumph. "He believed God and his faith was counted for righteousness," and he, being dead, yet speaketh. His wife and eight children survive him. J. T. SMITH.

McKENLEY.—Our true friend and brother in Christ Jesus, Brother Chas. Wesley McKenley, entered into the rest that remaineth unto the people of God. He was born in Georgia, November 3, 1836; came to Texas when sixteen years old and settled in Limestone County, where he grew to manhood. He was united in marriage to Miss Susan L. Bentley in 1857. To this union were born nine children. One preceded him to the glory land, and eight of them are highly-respected citizens. Brother McKenley and I served in the Civil War together. He professed faith in Christ when a young man, and lived a consistent Christian life until God called him to receive his crown that was laid up for him in glory. After prayer by the writer, he was then laid to rest with Masonic honors. He was buried by the side of his faithful companion in the cemetery at Mart, Texas. We can say of him: He was a good man, full of the Holy Ghost and faith. We shall see him again. God bless the bereaved friends and loved ones. T. L. LUMMUS.

BENTLEY.—Willie Lawson Bentley, only daughter of Dr. W. R. and Mrs. Mary E. Bentley, aged nineteen years, departed this life at Lubbock, Texas, on November 28, 1910, and her body was brought to her home in Midlothian, Texas, and her funeral preached at her request by the writer in the Methodist Church at 2 p. m., November 30, 1910, and then she was laid away to rest in the beautiful cemetery at Midlothian to await the resurrection of the last day. Willie had been a member of the Methodist Church since ten years of age. She was a faithful, good girl, true to her Church, her pastor and to God. She was conscious to the last, and willing and prepared to go. Peace to her sleeping dust, and may God keep all the loved ones. S. W. TURNER.

Afraid of Ghosts

Many people are afraid of ghosts. Few people are afraid of germs. Yet the ghost is a fancy and the germ is a fact. If the germ could be magnified to a size equal to its terrors it would appear more terrible than any fire-breathing dragon. Germs can't be avoided. They are in the air we breathe, the water we drink.

The germ can only prosper when the condition of the system gives it free scope to establish itself and develop. When there is a deficiency of vital force, languor, restlessness, a sallow check, a hollow eye, when the appetite is poor and the sleep is broken, it is time to guard against the germ. You can fortify the body against all germs by the use of Dr. Pierce's Golden Medical Discovery. It increases the vital power, cleanses the system of clogging impurities, enriches the blood, puts the stomach and organs of digestion and nutrition in working condition, so that the germ finds no weak or tainted spot in which to breed. "Golden Medical Discovery" contains no alcohol, whisky or habit-forming drugs. All its ingredients printed on its outside wrapper. It is not a secret nostrum but a medicine of known composition and with a record of 40 years of cures. Accept no substitute—there is nothing "just as good." Ask your neighbors.



ABERNATHY.—Mr. Dave H. Abernathy, son of Rev. and Mrs. B. Abernathy, was born in the State of Arkansas in the month of May, 1858. He came of good family, being the son of a local Methodist minister, and was richly endowed by nature and training for the work to which he gave his life. His parents moved to Texas, settling in Pittsburg, when Mr. Abernathy was six years old, which place he made his home until the day of his death. He received his education in the common schools, after which he went to Nashville, Tenn., taking a thorough commercial course, fitting himself for a business career, which he had selected as his occupation. He was married to Miss Mary Lou Pitts, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. W. V. Pitts, in 1880. She was of the family of the first settlers of the community, and after whom the town of Pittsburg was named. Two children were born to them—Mrs. H. H. Luederke and Mr. Walter B. Abernathy, both of whom, with his devoted wife, are living. On Sunday morning, October 9, 1910, at 10:30 o'clock, at his home in Pittsburg, he answered the call of the death angel and his great spirit went to meet God. As a citizen he was enterprising and progressive. In every enterprise that looked to the upbuilding of his town and country he was a prominent factor. It can be well said of him "that he was a man of the hour." When convinced of the need of any movement he set about to see that it was accomplished. He believed in building well on broad foundations, and had little patience with any movement which did not promise permanent development. In commercial life he was a successful man. Beginning as a clerk in a dry goods business in 1874 at a salary of \$30 per month, by his close attention and courteous manner he soon acquired an interest in the business, and by his continued activity he rose until he became the sole proprietor, owning both the house and the business, which was one of the leading houses of East Texas, and enjoying the reputation of one of the most prosperous merchants of towns of even large population. In social life he was a charming personality, tender in spirit, gentle in disposition, having a high regard for his friends and a kind consideration for all mankind. Who that ever knew him can ever forget his cordial greeting, his sunny cheerfulness, his chaste conversation and his ready ability to answer questions. His soul was noble, his heart was generous, his spirit full of sympathy. One had to be with him in the home circle to fully realize the grace that gave such a charm to his life. As a Christian his character stood in majesty and grandeur. His conversion was clear to his own consciousness, and was attested by the presence of the Holy Spirit bearing witness to the fact that he was a child of God. His faith in Christ was clear and strong, and was of that type that believed in spiritual regeneration through the power of a crucified Redeemer. Doubt and distrust had no place in his great soul, for he carried with him the full persuasion that God for Christ's sake had pardoned his sins, and the joy of an experimental religion glowed and expressed itself everywhere in his life. He served faithfully and efficiently in every place the Church called him—steward, trustee, Sunday-school superintendent, delegate to District and Annual Conferences. He was a member of the last three General Conferences. It was in the Sunday-school work he exhibited a special fitness and created a lasting enthusiasm. Southern Methodism, he has been said, had three great Sunday-school superintendents—Pepper, of Tennessee; Green, of Alabama, and Abernathy, of Texas. He was elected superintendent of his school soon after his conversion, which office he held for more than twenty years, never laying down its responsibilities till the Master called him to the school above. When the leaders of the Sunday-school workers of the Church believed the time had come for the Methodist Church to organize a Sunday-school Conference of the State of Texas, he was unanimously chosen as President, which office he filled with credit to himself and satisfaction to the Church for two years. He was one of the leaders in the Laymen's Movement, being a member of the Executive Committee which gave the movement to the Church. To him belongs the honor of holding the first service in the meeting of the committee. From that time to the day of his death he gave the movement his loyal support and sympathy. But he is gone—my pen trembles in my hand as I write these words. The noble, generous-hearted Abernathy, whose life promised so much to the Church and world, gone! His voice is silent, his strong presence will not be with us in our deliberations, his gentle spirit and noble soul will not be heard in our plans for the establishment of the kingdom of Christ among the nations of the earth. How much he will be missed! But the things for which he stood will live and grow. We shall meet him again; until that time, farewell. JAMES W. DOWNS.

WILLIAMS.—John H. Williams was born in Fayette, Howard County, Mo., January 8, 1834; removed to Sherman, Texas, in 1868 and engaged in the mercantile business, thence to Denison and performed editorial duties on a newspaper, and then to Preston and the farm. He was married to Miss Belle Smith June 8, 1858, with whom he lived happily until his death, October 27, 1910. Captain Williams had a large and full life. No newspaper obituary can do his memory justice. He was brave and tender, calm and fearless. Early in 1861 he enlisted in the Confederate Army and aided in making some of this world's greatest history. He served full four years, and at the surrender in 1865 had won the rank of Major, being A. A. G., and Chief of Staff to General Parsons. Good as is his war record, perhaps more is his civil life. He was peaceable, and earned the reputation of "peacemaker" in his community. He took deep interest in public affairs, and labored for the general welfare. He was a member of the Methodist Church and filled the offices of steward, trustee and Sunday-school teacher for a term of years. Recently a widely-circulated Sunday-school journal gave a splendid picture of the Captain and his class, together with a brief history of the school and Captain Williams. To his fellow men he was kind and courteous. His tenants always praised him. The children and young people loved him. In his home he was kind and considerate. His wife knew his worth, for to her he was devoted, and her devotion to him was beautiful. Most truthfully may it be said, death has broken tenderest ties. In his fatal suffering he lingered some three months. He often warned and bade others warn the young against the idle and vicious life, and exhorted all to be religious. Almost daily he spoke of the Sunday-school and his class. His desire was granted in his funeral arrangements. From the home to the cemetery the Church and Sunday-school had charge, his class being guard of honor; and the writer delivered the sermon from I Corinthians 15:19. At the cemetery his Masonic brethren took charge and buried him according to their ritual. He has gone. To wife, sisters and loved ones there comes sweet consolation in the promises of Him who "is the life of men." May his grace be their strength and condolence. D. F. FULLER.

GRAHAM.—Robert Graham, born February 1, 1842, in Lyon County, Kentucky, came to Sherman, Texas, in 1875; from there to Wise County in 1882, where he lived until the day of his death, which took place on the morning of November 6, 1910, in Decatur, Texas. He was married in 1864, and there were born to this union four children, three of whom have died, leaving one, Robert Graham, living, who is a conductor on the Chicago, Rock Island & Pacific Railroad. Brother Graham was converted in 1866 and joined the Methodist Episcopal Church, South, and was a continuous member from that time until his death. Brother Graham was a faithful member of this church, and when I became pastor was our janitor, and an extra good one, always at his post of duty, considerate and kind. Afterward he was the janitor at the court house, and all those who had dealings with the court, as well as the county officials, were his friends. So passed away from the walks of men a soldier of the cross. He rests from his labors, and his works do follow him. May God comfort and bless his wife and son and bring them at last to the city of God. F. A. ROSSEK, Pastor.

STANFORD.—A sad accident happened near Caddo November 29, 1910. Mrs. Mary Stanford was sitting by the fireside at her home playing with her four-months-old baby. As she started about her daily work she discovered that her clothes were on fire. Becoming frightened, she started to run and began to scream. Her husband ran to her assistance, but was unable to quench the flames until she was fatally burned. Mrs. Stanford leaves her mother, her husband and baby, one sister and one brother, a number of other relatives and a host of friends to mourn her death. She was loved by all who knew her. Little before she died she called her mother to her bedside and said: "Mother, I hear the sweetest music and I see Jesus on his throne. He has a beautiful crown on his head. And I see papa and little sister and little brother; and they have harps, and they gave me a harp and we all played. And then we all went to gather flowers, and papa asked me if I did not want to come and live with him. And I told him I wanted to live with husband and baby and mother until baby was a little older, and then I would come and live with him. Then papa gathered a big white rose and said: 'Take this to mamma, and tell her I love her still.'" With these words on her lips she passed peacefully to rest. A FRIEND.

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GAGE.—Mrs. Mary Jane Gage was born in Missouri February 7, 1838. She was the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. James Burleson, and had one sister and two brothers. Only one brother is now living. Her father came to Texas in 1845, when she was seven years of age. They settled in Bastrop County. At the age of fourteen years she was converted and united with the Methodist Episcopal Church, South, in Bastrop County. In this same county on August 11, 1856, she was married to I. C. Gage. To them six children were born—one girl and five boys—all of whom are living except one, who died in infancy. They moved to Comanche County in 1872; lived there one year and then moved to Coryell County, where they remained till 1884, when they moved back to Comanche County, at which place she died. Sister Gage had not been in good health for two or three years, and was not able to attend services at the church. She was an old-fashioned mother who gave her life for her children and home. She assumed heavy responsibilities in early life. God heard her prayer in that she should live to see her children grown, and when the end came, November 1, 1910, they stood around her bedside and watched while her sweet spirit took its flight to that world where, thank God, no more partings are ever had. May the family so live as to one day strike hands with mother again, is the prayer of her pastor.

R. F. BROWN, P. C.

RUSSELL.—The death angel visited the home of our friend, Bob Russell, and took away his precious wife. The sunshine of his life is gone. Estella Russell was born September 20, 1889; died January 29, 1910. She was the beloved daughter of J. F. and Amelia Henderson. She professed religion and joined the Methodist Church in 1908. She was sick only a short while, and suffered much, but all the time she manifested a sweet Christian spirit. She left this testimony: That Jesus was precious and with her in trying hour. She told her loved ones and friends she was not afraid, but willing to go. She was the life of the home. Husband, mother, father, sister and brothers, we know you miss her; but if you live for Jesus, as she did, you know where to find her; and you may clasp her hand again, hear her sweet voice once more, and that forever in that heavenly home where there will be no more good-byes. Stella, it is hard to realize we will never hear you lead us in prayer in the house of God. No one ever drew us nearer to the throne of grace or melted our stony hearts than did you in your humble but able prayers. Even now I feel the same wooing influence to God I have felt so often under the sound of your pleadings for Dexter and vicinity. How strange God's dispensation in taking you from our midst! How we need, how we miss you, Stella, darling! She went home to heaven away out yonder in Oklahoma. Her husband, sister and brothers brought her back to Dexter, Cooke County, Texas, for interment. They arrived at the home of her cousin, Brother Adrian, on January 20, 1910, where the heart-broken father and mother met her precious body, looked at the mortal body of their youngest daughter! The father uttered these words: "Stella, thou art gone; our home has lost a precious jewel." Heaven has gained one, well we know. Her funeral was held by Rev. J. K. McMillan, then we laid her to rest in the North Cemetery amid an immense throng of sorrowing relatives and friends, to await the triumph of God on the resurrection morn. Fond loved ones and friends, weep not, for we shall meet again. One who loved her.

MRS. J. F. MARSHALL.

SWITZER.—On the first day of November, 1910, the sweet spirit of Aunt Georgia Switzer passed to its reward. She had completed her work on earth, and the Lord called her home. Aunt Georgia, as everyone called her, was born in O'Brien county, Tenn., September 19, 1814. She was the sister of an only brother in her father's family, whose name was Rhodes; came to Texas, stopping in Comanche county, in 1855. On July 20, 1898, she was married to W. C. Switzer. She was converted in middle life, and later united with the Methodist Church, South, in which Church her husband had been a lifelong and faithful member. Aunt Georgia was loved by everybody who knew her. Her friends were legion. Her greatest pleasure was to make others happy. She loved her Church and pastor as only few Christians do, and was faithful to the end. She leaves her husband, Uncle Cape, to go the way of life without her. Our Church has sustained a great loss: a grand, good, sweet, old-fashioned mother has gone from our communion. But we know where to find Aunt Georgia, and we hope some day to hear that sweet voice again, and to clasp her hand once more, where the flowers never wither and where the partings are no more. As her pastor, the writer wishes to say that Aunt Georgia was to him a mother, and he and his family will never forget the kindness, and the tokens of love, shown by this consecrated Christian woman. Our sympathies go out for Uncle Cape, and we pray God to sustain our dear good friend in this sad hour. And this is the wish and prayer also of the entire Church to which Uncle Cape belongs. Let us all be faithful and it won't be long till we will meet again.

R. F. BROWN, P. C. Comanche, Texas.

IF THE BABY IS CUTTING TEETH.
Be sure to use that old and well-tried remedy, Mrs. Winslow's Soothing Syrup, for children teething. It soothes the child, softens the gums, allays all pain, cures wind colic, and is the remedy for diarrhoea. Twenty-five cents a bottle.

A CALL TO THE PRESIDING ELDERS AND LAY LEADERS OF THE WEST TEXAS CONFERENCE.

The presiding elders, the Conference Lay Leader and the District Lay Leaders are urgently requested to meet in Travis Park Methodist Church, San Antonio, Texas, December 29, 1910, to discuss matters of vital interest to the Church.

- A. J. WEEKS
- S. H. C. BURGIN, P. E.
- A. L. SCARBOROUGH, P. E.
- S. B. BEALL, P. E.

Facts for Cataract Sufferers.

The mucous membrane lines all passages and catarrhs communicating with the exterior. Catarrh is an excessive secretion, accompanied with chronic inflammation, from the mucous membrane. Hood's Sarsaparilla acts on the mucous membrane through the blood, reduces inflammation, establishes healthy action and radically cures all cases of catarrh.

Weatherford District—First Round.

- Weatherford Cir., at Lambert, Dec. 10, 11.
- Mineral Wells Cir., at Garner, Dec. 14.
- Couts Memorial, at C. M., Dec. 15.
- Alamo, at A., Dec. 17, 18.
- Springtown, at S., Dec. 21.
- Azie, at A., Dec. 22.
- Weatherford, First Church, Dec. 23-25.
- Peaster, at P., Dec. 27.
- Milsap, at Brock, Dec. 29.
- Strawn, at S., Dec. 30, 31.
- Thurber, at T., Jan. 1, 2.
- Gordon, at G., Jan. 3.
- Santo, at Brazos, Jan. 4.
- Graford, Jan. 7, 8.
- Whitt, at W., Jan. 10.
- Mineral Wells, Jan. 14, 15.
- Graham Cir., at Henry's Chapel, Jan. 21, 22.
- Graham Sta., Jan. 22, 23.
- Hlasville, at E., Jan. 24.
- Loving Cir., at L., Jan. 25.
- Farmer Cir., at F., Jan. 26.
- Newcastle, at N., Jan. 27.
- Olney, Jan. 28, 29.

JAS. CAMPBELL, P. E.

Jacksonville District—First Round.

- Alto Sta., Dec. 30; preaching Sunday evening.
- Alto Cir., at Cold Springs, Dec. 31, Jan. 1.
- Sacul, at S., Jan. 7, 8.
- Caro and Cushing, at Caro, at night, Jan. 8.
- Troup and Overton, at T., Jan. 14, 15.
- Bullard, Jan. 18.
- Maiakoff, at M., Jan. 21, 22.
- Athens, Jan. 23.
- Lafue, Jan. 25.
- Eikhart, at E., Jan. 28, 29.
- Grace Church, Palestine, at night, Jan. 29.
- Eustace, at E., Feb. 4, 5.
- Jacksonville Sta., Feb. 6.
- Jacksonville Cir., at Dailville, Feb. 11, 12.
- Mount Selman, at M. S., Feb. 15.
- Kelty's, at K., Feb. 18, 19.
- Rusk, at night, Feb. 19.
- Frankston, at F., Feb. 25, 26.
- Centenary, Palestine, March 1.
- Neches, at N., March 2.
- Brushy Creek, at B. C., March 4, 5.

The District Stewards will meet in Jacksonville January 12, at 10 a. m. They are: H. G. Hatchett, Bascom Holcomb, Knox Henderson, A. W. Elrod, J. D. Vauter, W. C. Berry, Ben Jackson, J. J. O'Neal, W. W. Armstrong, J. B. Winn, W. C. Bolton, W. E. Williams, J. H. Kurth, Dr. B. C. Wallace, J. H. Crawford, B. H. Butler, T. J. Coffey, Jeff Mallard, J. M. Sleagle, A. F. Earl, J. A. Caswell. As this may be the only notice of the meeting of the District Stewards, it would be well for each one to clip this notice and keep it till he learns the time and place by heart.

Bowie District—First Round.

- Crafton Cir., at Park S., Dec. 19, 11.
- Blue Grove Cir., at B. G., Dec. 17, 18.
- Burkburnett, Dec. 19.
- Bellevue, Dec. 20.
- Montague and Dye Mound, at M., Dec. 21.
- Sunset Cir., at S., Dec. 25, 26.
- Bowie Sta., Dec. 26.
- Bonita, at Pr. View, Dec. 31.
- Bowie Mis., at Stoneburg, Jan. 2.

Preachers' Institute, Bowie, Jan. 3-5.

- Post Oak, at P. O., Jan. 7, 8.
- Newport Mis., at Truss, Jan. 9.
- Nocona Cir., at Pr. M., Jan. 14, 15.
- Nocona Sta., Jan. 15, 16.
- Archer City Sta., Jan. 18.
- Archer Mis., Jan. 19.
- Dundee Mis., at E. Bend, Jan. 21, 22.
- Holiday Mis., at Allendale, Jan. 23.
- Wichita Falls Sta., Jan. 24.
- Iowa Park Cir., Jan. 27, 29.
- Electra Mis., Jan. 29, 30.
- Henrietta Mis., at Willow Springs, Feb. 3-5.
- Henrietta Sta., Feb. 5, 6.
- Byers Cir., at B., Feb. 10-12.

JOHN E. ROACH, P. E.

Bonham District—First Round.

- Dodd and Windom, at D., Dec. 21, Jan. 1.
- Honey Grove Cir., at Rock L., Jan. 7, 8.
- Honey Grove Sta., Jan. 8, 9.
- Gober Mis., at Bartley, Jan. 14, 15.
- Ector Cir., at E., Jan. 21, 22.
- Balley Cir., at B., Jan. 28, 29.
- Randolph Cir., at R., Feb. 4, 5.
- Petty and White Rock, at W. R., Feb. 11, 12.
- Brookston and High, at H., Feb. 18, 19.
- Trenton Cir., at Marvin, Feb. 25, 26.
- Direct Mis., at Tiger Town, March 4, 5.
- Ravenna Mis., at R., March 11, 12.

J. B. GOBER, P. E.

Beaumont District—First Round.

- Cartwright and S., Dec. 11.
- First Church, Beaumont, Dec. 18.
- Nederland, Jan. 1.
- Orange, Jan. 8.
- Burkeville, Jan. 11.
- Buna (Call Mis.), Jan. 11, 15.
- Amelia (Port Bolivar and A.), Jan. 18.
- Warren, Jan. 21, 22.
- Silsbee, Jan. 25.
- Port Arthur, Jan. 26.

- Sour Lake, Jan. 28, 29.
- Wallisville, Feb. 1.
- Jasper Sta., Feb. 4, 5.
- Byerly, C. G. (Jasper Mis.), Feb. 4, 5.
- Saratoga, Feb. 11, 12.
- Kirbyville, Feb. 14.
- Brookeland, Feb. 15.
- Kountze, Feb. 18, 19.
- Dayton, Feb. 22.
- Liberty, Feb. 23.
- Woodville, Feb. 25, 26.

Corsicana District—First Round.

- Mount Zion and Harmony, at M. Z., Dec. 17, 18.
- Dawson Sta., evening, Dec. 18; 10 a. m., Dec. 19.
- Barry Cir., at B., Dec. 24, 25.
- Corsicana, Eleventh Ave., evening, Dec. 25.
- Chatfield Cir., at Tupelo, Dec. 31, Jan. 1.
- Rice Sta., evening, Jan. 1; 10 a. m., Jan. 2.
- Corsicana Cir., at Pleasant Grove, Jan. 7, and evening, Jan. 8.
- Corsicana Sta., morning, Jan. 8.
- Wortham and Thornton, at W., Jan. 14, 15.
- Richland Cir., at R., evening, Jan. 15; 11 a. m., Jan. 16.
- Horn Hill Cir., at Forest Glade, Jan. 21, 22.
- Mexia Sta., morning, Jan. 22.
- Mexia Cir., at Cotton Gin, evening, Jan. 22; 11 a. m., Jan. 23.
- Kerens Cir., at K., Jan. 28, 29.

Cleburne District—First Round.

- Blum, at B., Dec. 4, 5.
- Mansfield, Dec. 10, 11.
- Grandview Cir., at Watts, Dec. 17, 18.
- Joshua, at J., Dec. 31, Jan. 1.
- Lillian, Jan. 8.
- Granbury Mis., Jan. 7, 8.
- Granbury Sta., Jan. 8, 9.
- Brazos Ave., Cleburne, Jan. 11.
- Godey, at Bono, Jan. 14, 15.
- Anglin St., Cleburne, 7:30 p. m., Jan. 18.
- Glenrose Mis., at George Creek, Jan. 21, 22.
- Grenrose Sta., Jan. 22, 23.
- Cresson, at C., Jan. 28, 29.
- Main St., Cleburne, 7:30 p. m., Jan. 31.
- Burleson, at Everman, Feb. 4, 5.
- Alvarado, Feb. 11, 12.
- Morgan and Kopperl, at M., Feb. 18, 19.
- Wynona Springs, Feb. 19, 20.
- Grandview, Feb. 25, 26.

Bowie District—First Round.

- Crafton Cir., at Park S., Dec. 19, 11.
- Blue Grove Cir., at B. G., Dec. 17, 18.
- Bellevue Sta., Dec. 19.
- Montague and Dye Md., at M., Dec. 21.
- Sunset Cir., at S., Dec. 25, 26.
- Bowie Sta., Dec. 26.
- Bonita, at Pr. View, Dec. 31.
- Post Oak, at P. O., Jan. 7, 8.
- Newport Mis., at Truss, Jan. 9.
- Nocona Cir., at Pr. Mound, Jan. 14, 15.
- Nocona Sta., Jan. 15, 16.
- Archer City Sta., Jan. 18.
- Dundee Springs, at E. Bend, Jan. 21, 22.
- Archer Mis., Jan. 19.
- Holiday Mis., at Allendale, Jan. 23.
- Iowa Park Cir., Jan. 27-29.
- Electra Mis., Jan. 29, 30.
- Henrietta Mis., at Willow Spr., Feb. 3-5.
- Henrietta Sta., Feb. 5, 6.
- Byers Cir., at B., Feb. 10-12.
- Wichita Falls Sta., Feb. 13.
- Burkburnett, Feb. 25, 26.
- Bowie Mis., March 4, 5.

JOHN E. ROACH, P. E.

Paris District—First Round.

- Roxton Cir., at R., Dec. 11, 12.
- Clarksville Mis., at Liberty, Dec. 17, 18.
- Clarksville Sta., Dec. 18, 19.
- Bagwell Mis., at B., Dec. 24, 25.
- Blossom and Sylvan, at B., Dec. 25, 26.
- Deport Cir., at Halesboro, Dec. 31, Jan. 1.
- Pattonville Cir., at P., Jan. 1, 2.
- Woodland and Kanawha, at W., Jan. 7, 8.
- Detroit Cir., at D., Jan. 8, 9.
- Rosalie Cir., at R., Jan. 14, 15.
- Annona Cir., at A., Jan. 21, 22.
- White Rock and Williams Chapel, at W. R., Jan. 28, 29.
- Avery Mis., at A., Feb. 4, 5.
- Emberson Cir., at Bethel, Feb. 11, 12.
- Paris Cir., at Reed's Chapel, Feb. 18, 19.
- Bonham Street, Feb. 19, 20.
- Centenary, Feb. 25, 26.
- Lamar Ave., Feb. 26, 27.

The District Stewards, pastors and Lay Leaders will meet in Centenary Church at 1 p. m., Jan. 3, 1911.

JNO. M. SWEETON, P. E.

Gainesville District—First Round.

- Rosston, at R., Dec. 10, 11.
- Marysville, at Spring Hill, Dec. 17, 18.
- Denton Street, 7 p. m., Dec. 18.
- Woodbine, at W., Dec. 24, 25.
- Broadway, 7 p. m., Dec. 25.
- Dexter, at Walnut Bend, Dec. 31, Jan. 1.
- Hutto, at Round Rock, Jan. 7, 8.
- Collinsville, at Tioga, at C., Jan. 7, 8.
- Wesley and Bethel, at W., Jan. 14, 15.
- Sanger, at S., Jan. 15, 16.
- Denton, Jan. 22, 23.
- Era and Spring Creek, at E., Jan. 28, 29.
- Valley View, Jan. 29, 30.
- Myra and Hood, at H., Feb. 4, 5.
- Aubrey, at A., Feb. 11, 12.
- St. Jo., at S. J., Feb. 18, 19.
- Pilot Point, Feb. 25, 26.

District Stewards will meet at 2 p. m., Dec. 15, in Denton Street Church.

E. H. CASEY, P. E.

Georgetown District—First Round.

- Corn Hill and Weir, at W., Dec. 10, 11.
- Holland, at Three Forks, Dec. 17, 18.
- Bartlett, Dec. 20.
- Granger and Jonah, at G., Dec. 21.
- Georgetown, Dec. 24, 25.
- Florence at Mount Horeb, at F., Dec. 29-Jan. 1.
- Troy, at T., Jan. 7, 8.
- Temple Sta., Jan. 10.
- Salado, at S., Jan. 14, 15.
- Hutto, at Round Rock, Jan. 17.
- Belton Cir., at Midway, Jan. 21, 22.
- Temple, Seventh Street, Jan. 22, 23.
- Rogers Mis., Jan. 28, 29.
- Rogers Sta., Jan. 29, 30.
- Taylor Sta., Feb. 4, 5.
- Belton Sta., Feb. 11, 12.

District Stewards will please meet in Granger at 10:30 a. m., December 21, 1910.

W. H. VAUGHAN, P. E.

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There are over one hundred diseases of the kidneys. Each disease requires special treatment, diet and hygiene. No one remedy can cure all these various diseases. Each case demands particular treatment, and that is why the Invalids' Hotel and Surgical Institute at Buffalo, N. Y., has had such great success in curing kidney disease in its various phases.

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One of the most wonderful electrical appliances is the X-ray used at the Institute which may be used both in the treatment of various diseases and in the diagnosis of many obscure conditions. With its aid the interior of the human body is no longer the sealed book it has been heretofore. Abnormal states of the bones, gall stones, stone in the bladder or in the kidneys, are shown plainly by what are known as X-ray photographs. Internal tumors and the enlargement of the deep-seated organs, are also discovered by this means and in the diagnosis of tuberculosis of the lungs this agent has proven a most valuable aid. When applied to some of the less fatal chronic ailments of germ origin it has proven very effective as a curative agent.

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Those who have been patients at Dr. Pierce's Invalids' Hotel, in Buffalo, N. Y., highly commend this wonderfully equipped Sanitarium, where the above mentioned electric machines, high-frequency current, and other most modern and up-to-date apparatus are used for the cure of chronic diseases. The treatment of the chronic diseases that are peculiar to women have for many years been a large factor in the cures effected at the Invalids' Hotel and Surgical Institute.

This remedial home as established by Dr. Pierce is supplied with every known apparatus and means of cure, for its aim is to avoid surgical operations whenever possible.

Great care is exercised not to over-encourage those who consult the specialists of this institution that no false hopes may be raised.

Many thousands are annually treated both through correspondence and at this Institute. Every one consulting by letter or in person receives the most careful and considerate attention. All communications are treated as strictly confidential. No charge whatever is made for consultation.

Write the Invalids' Hotel and Surgical Institute, Dr. R. V. Pierce, President, at Buffalo, N. Y.

Terrell District—First Round.

- Pleasant Mound, Dec. 10, 11.
- Messique, Dec. 11, 12.
- Scurry, Dec. 17, 18.
- Kaufman, Dec. 18, 19.
- Forney, Dec. 25, 26.
- Fate Cir., Dec. 31, Jan. 1.
- Royce, Jan. 1, 2.
- Rockwall, Jan. 7, 8.
- Garland, Jan. 8, 9.
- Mabank, Jan. 14, 15.
- Elmo, Jan. 21, 22.
- College Mound, Dec. 28, 29.
- Crandon and Seago, Feb. 4, 5.
- Kemp, Feb. 11, 12.
- Shrsholm, Feb. 18, 19.
- Terrill, Feb. 19, 20.

District Stewards will meet at Terrell Tuesday, December 13, at 10 a. m.

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J. E. Harrison \$100.00 C. H. Beneke 100.00 Speak up, brethren.

J. E. HARRISON.

CENTRAL TEXAS CONFERENCE JOURNAL.

The matter for the Journal was put into the hands of the printer within three days after adjournment of conference. Notices of change in post-offices received in time were compiled with. Some reached me too late. We hope to have the Journal in the hands of the brethren soon.

JNO. M. BARCUS, Editor Central Texas Conference Journal.

POSTOFFICE ADDRESSES.

Rev. J. M. Baker, Childress, Texas Rev. C. M. Shuffler, Clarendon, Texas Rev. C. W. Glanville, Cooper, Texas Rev. W. H. Carr, Petersburg, Texas Rev. I. J. Coppedge, Lufkin, Texas Rev. J. A. Biggs, Polytechnic, Ft. Worth, Texas.

HE IS CORRECT.

I am preaching to the people & subscribe for the Advocate, and saying no man can be an intelligent Methodist without reading the Texas Christian Advocate. S. B. BEALL, San Antonio, Texas.

CORRECT ADDRESS.

A number of the brethren seem to be confused as to my present address I am still at Station A, Fort Worth where I have been for the past four years. A. P. LOWREY, Evangelist.

The expression, "dry-farming," is somewhat misleading in so far that it implies farming without water, which is an improbability. A better description of it would be "irrigation by conservation." The wonders already accomplished by it and the greater wonders predicted are described in an article soon to appear in The Youth's Companion by Senator Newlands of Nevada, who has been one of the most powerful advocates of conservation, and has on his own lands proved what can be done in making the desert fertile. It is estimated that conservation will add fifty million acres to our farming lands and gardens.

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W. P. ZUBER.

MISSIONARY ITEMS FROM THE MISSION ROOMS.

From the Firing Line in Brazil.

Our missionary laymen would be greatly interested in a Brazilian dentist who has been instrumental in bringing over 200 men and women to Christ during the years since he became a Christian. This has nearly all been done through personal interviews and by the distribution of tracts. He never permits a patient to leave his office without handing him a tract on some religious subject, or engaging in prayer. This brother has just moved to another town in order to help a weak Church which seems to be going into a decline. This is Christianity in earnest.

The British and Foreign Bible Society has erected a small pavilion within the grounds of the exposition at Buenos Ayres, which contains samples of the Scriptures printed in 424 languages and dialects. A most enthusiastic colporteur, an Italian only recently converted, is selling hundreds of copies of the New Testament in Spanish to the Argentinians.

Bishop Lambuth and his party dined with Dr. Monteverde, a distinguished professor in the engineering department of the National University, in

Montevideo. The professor has recently entered the Y. M. C. A. work, having become a Secretary by the invitation of the International Committee in New York, of which Mr. John R. Mott is a member.

Rev. Joseph Parkin, in charge of our Seamen's Mission in Rio de Janeiro, has just housed and cared for twenty-five shipwrecked sailors whose vessel went ashore on the rocks last week immediately outside the entrance to the harbor. These men were clothed, fed, supplied with a small amount of money each and sent back to their homes in England. Here is a helping hand worthy of our Methodism.

A meeting of a union committee has been held in the city of Rio de Janeiro for the consideration of plans for the development of an evangelical literature in Portuguese. This movement is the outcome of a meeting held during the World Missionary Conference, in Edinburgh, and will probably be favorably considered by the several Boards of Missions interested in Brazil, since the supply of such literature is very meager.

Two significant meetings have been held in the city of Rio since the revolution in Portugal. These meetings have been attended by some of the most prominent and influential Brazilians, and were for the purpose of protesting against the coming of the friars and the Roman Catholic sisters into this country. The assertion is made in the daily press that there are more orders in South America now than is good for the prosperity of the country, and a violent opposition to the entrance of others have developed in many quarters. Soldiers have been placed to guard the several convents and monasteries in and about Rio de Janeiro.

Again Dr. Vollmer, our new presiding elder of the Porto Alegre District, writes to the Bishop: "There came to me the other day an invitation signed by some of the most influential people of a locality near here to make them a visit and see if it would not be possible to organize a Church among them. They are willing to pay my expenses hither, to build a church when necessary, and to contribute to the utmost of their ability toward the support of their pastor. As soon as God opens the way I hope to go there and give a listening ear to this Macedonian cry. We cannot afford to pray for the conversion of a thousand souls and then shut our eyes and ears to such prompt responses to our prayers."

Sulphur Springs District—First Round.

Cumby Cir., at Cumby, Dec. 19, 11. Pecan Gap and Ben Franklin, at P. G. Dec. 17, 13. Sulphur Springs Sta., Dec. 25. Mount Vernon Cir., at Holmes Chapel, Dec. 31, Jan. 1. Lake Creek Cir., at Enloe, Jan. 7, 8. Cooper Sta., Jan. 8, 9. Riley Springs Cir., at Shook's Chapel, Jan. 14, 15. Yowell Cir., at Moss Chapel, Jan. 21, 22. Klondike Cir., at Good's Chapel, Jan. 22, 23. Hagansport Mis., at Lavada, Jan. 28, 29. Sulphur Bluff Cir., at Nelta, Feb. 4, 5. Weaver and Saltire, at Mahony, Feb. 11, 12. Brashear, at Shirley, Feb. 18, 19. Winstboro Sta., Feb. 25, 26. Como Cir., at Como, Feb. 28, 27. Purley Cir., at Harmony, March 4, 5. District Stewards will meet in Sulphur Springs, at the Methodist Church, December 28, 1910, at 1:30 p. m.

W. D. MOUNTCASTLE, P. E.

Brenham District—First Round.

Dec. 17, 18, Giddings, at G. Dec. 18, 19, Lexington, at L. Dec. 25, 26, Brenham. Dec. 30, Jan. 1, Bellville, at B. Jan. 1, 2, Sealy, at S. Jan. 7, 8, Thorndale, at T. Jan. 9, Rockdale. Jan. 14, 15, Hempstead. Jan. 15, 16, Chappell Hill. Jan. 21, 22, Lane Cir., at L. C. Jan. 22, 23, Wharton. Jan. 28, 29, Van Vleet, at V. V. Jan. 29, 30, Bay City. Feb. 4, 5, Waller, at New Hope. Feb. 11, 12, Richmond.

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Feb. 12, 13, Rosenberg, at R. Feb. 14, 15, Fulshear, at Brookshire. Feb. 18, 19, Caldwell. Feb. 19, 20, Caldwell Mis., at Lyons. March 1, Somerville. The District Stewards will please meet me at Giddings Memorial Church, Brenham, December 27, at 2 p. m. We will hold our Missionary Institute and Pastors' Conference at Rockdale January 19, 11, and 12. Programs will be sent out later. All the Lay Leaders and as many others as possibly can are urged to attend. This meeting will be of great importance to every member of the Church. Let the stewards of each charge strive to make a good report, for the pastor will need all he can get to start him off well with the new year. Brethren, do your best. A. A. WAGNON, P. E.

Gainesville District—First Round.

Woodbine, at W., Dec. 24, 25. Dexter, at Walnut Bend, Dec. 21, Jan. 1. Collinsville and Tioga, at T., Jan. 7, 8. Wesley and Bethel, at B., Jan. 14, 15. Sanger, at S., Jan. 15, 16. Denton, Jan. 22, 23. Era and Spring Creek, at E., Jan. 28, 29. Valley View, Jan. 29, 30. Myra and Hood, at H., Feb. 4, 5. Rosston, at R., Feb. 5, 6. Aubrey, at A., Feb. 11, 12. St. Jo, at S. J., Feb. 18, 19. Marysville, at Spring Hill, Feb. 25, 26.

Let every pastor collect the Orphanage assessment on Christmas Day.

As many of the pastors have had long and expensive moves, let the stewards immediately make a round among their members and secure funds for the present needs of the preachers.

I wish to meet every pastor of the district at Denton Street Church, Gainesville, Thursday, at 1:30 p. m., December 29. Mr. Hawkins, Field Secretary of the Sunday-school Board, will be present and has some plans to present to the pastors. I wish to counsel with the pastors about the regular and some special work for the year. Let every pastor be present. E. H. CASEY, P. E.

Llano District—First Round.

Willow City, at W. C., Dec. 18, 19. Cherokee, at Valley Springs, night, Dec. 21. San Saba Cir., Jan. 7, 8. San Saba Sta., Jan. 9. Richmond Springs, Jan. 10. Fredonia Cir., at F., Jan. 21, 22. Mason, Jan. 24.

Rev. Henry Brannon, District Missionary Evangelist, will spend most of his time holding meetings in unorganized places and on missions. As Rev. R. B. Wilkes will not have time at present to do evangelistic work, the Llano District will also be open to Rev. M. J. Allen, our Conference Missionary Evangelist. J. D. SCOTT, P. E.

Marlin District—First Round.

Buckholts, at Salem, Dec. 17, 18. Cameron Sta., Dec. 18, 19. Davilla, at Minerva, Dec. 24, 25. Hearne and Bremond, at H., Dec. 25, 26. Petteway, at Boon's Prairie, Dec. 31, Jan. 1. Durango, at D., Jan. 7, 8. Lott and Chilton, at L., Jan. 8, 9. Marlin, Jan. 11. Kosse, at K., Jan. 14, 15. Calvert, Jan. 15, 16. Centerville, at Redland, Jan. 21, 22. Iola, at Normange, Jan. 22, 23. Fairfield, at F., Jan. 28, 29. Teague, Jan. 29, 30. Travis, at T., Feb. 4, 5. Rosebud, Feb. 5, 6. Franklin, Feb. 11, 12. Jewett, at J., Feb. 12, 13. Wheelock, at Edge, Feb. 18, 19. Maysfield, at M., Feb. 25, 26.

The District Stewards will meet at Hearne December 19 at 2 p. m. Every steward is urged to be present. I. F. BETTS, P. E.



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