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The Genuine And The Spurious In Christianity

The permanent value of Christianity for human life has no higher witness than the presence of spurious forms of Christianity in the world. Only that which has value is counterfeited and the greater the value the more numerous are the counterfeits.

In every age since Christ came into the world false prophets have arisen who have sought to accommodate Christ's teachings to the philosophical taste of their times and to blend Christianity with the Pagan ideas of their day. In all cases, however, these false teachers have made concessions to human nature and thereby have sought the aid of worldly popularity for the spread of their systems. Not unfrequently, therefore, the false prophet has received popular applause while the true teacher of Christianity has found the way hard.

The one doctrine of Christianity which has been assailed with more erroneous conceptions than all other doctrines combined is the doctrine of the Person of Christ. In the days of the Apostles the very existence of Christianity was threatened by false notions concerning the nature of Jesus Christ. The Person of Christ, indeed, has been the pivot in a controversy which has been age-long.

The first century gnostic denied the humanity of Jesus; the twentieth century evolutionist denies the deity of Jesus. Under the spell of his theory (which is of such value in certain spheres) the evolutionist proclaims that Jesus is the best and highest product of humanity. Jesus is the flower and fruitage of humanity's upward toil. Jesus had no "decisive, constitutive

advent" from heaven, as the Scriptures say, but He came as the climax of humanity's struggles and aspirations.

This twentieth century doctrine of Christ carries certain logical and inevitable corollaries. For one thing, it has given us that strange doctrine called the "divinity of humanity." For, if Christ be only the product of humanity, then it follows very naturally and very logically that a humanity which could produce Christ must itself be divine. And thus we have arrived at the divinity of mankind as the fundamental doctrine of the "new" theology and the "new" thought of our day.

Nor is this all. The deadly implication of the evolutionists' doctrine of Christ reaches farther still. The evolutionist has helped us forward to a day when we dare undertake the cure of humanity's ills without any recognition of sin in the individual soul or any need for a personal Redeemer. We hear now of schemes for "social redemption" and racial salvation and it is seriously proposed to effect these ends by a redistribution of wealth, changed environment, a general diffusion of knowledge and the spread of universal democracy.

Are we wrong when we say that in certain quarters this is the accepted Christianity of our day? Are we mistaken when we say that even orthodox pulpits give evidence of having been affected by the contagion of this popular type of Christianity? Are we in error when we say that the propaganda of much of our modern Christianity is based upon this conception of the nature of Christ and the mission of His Church in the world?

We believe that one result of the present world-crisis will be to force the Christian Church back to the doctrinal tests of the Holy Scriptures. The words of Christ and the testimony of his holy Apostles will regain their ascendancy as the criteria by which we shall judge of Christian doctrine. The appeal will be less to "religious consciousness" and "ethical conceptions" in unregenerate men and more to the voice of the Holy Scriptures. And, when that day comes, we shall recognize the popular Christianity of which we have been speaking as counterfeit and spurious Christianity.

We believe, moreover, that this popular Christianity which prates of the divinity of humanity and of Christ as its crowning production will be made ashamed by the evidences of human depravity which we now witness on every hand. Culture has become synonymous with cruelty in the most learned nation of earth. The people who have preached most loudly of humanity's divinity have given the most frightful exhibition of its depravity. This "new" doctrine of Christ and humanity can no more meet the practical test in human character and conduct than it can meet the doctrinal test of the Holy Scriptures.

The crisis now upon the world creates no insuperable difficulties for Christianity. On the contrary, it but affords opportunity for larger victories, but these larger victories can only come to a genuine Christianity—the Christianity of Christ and the Christianity of the Apostolic Church.

Is This The Voice Of Missouri?

The editor of the St. Louis Advocate writes of "A United Methodism" in his issue of May 16th. With much of the editorial we are in perfect accord. We are as deeply depressed over the poor prospects for the unification of our two Methodisms as the St. Louis editor can be. We recognize as fully as he that a real forward movement in many of our border cities is impossible without unification. But we respectfully and earnestly dissent from the following paragraph from the pen of the St. Louis editor:

But our hope and wish cannot utterly fail of fulfillment. Already signs are multiplying that the divine leaven is working and the true spirit of fraternity evidencing itself. The laymen who bear the burden of the Church in its material expression are thinking and talking as never before. Many, if not most of these, have grown up since the dark days of civil strife and are comparatively free from those bitter animosities which have so long prevailed among those who fought and suffered in that other day. And these, under the influence of Christian feeling and common sense, are beginning a movement locally which must and

will widen and extend. Here and there small and comparatively weak congregations, hitherto practically antagonistic, realize the folly, if nothing more, of such a condition, and are coming into a union that, while greatly decreasing the material expense, will magnify the Christian influence given out. This must and will continue, and while the union of the parent bodies may be long delayed, and may never take place, yet local conditions will steadily improve in this respect and the union of congregations in towns and villages will become more frequent. The people should rule, and they will rule!

We dissent from the position here maintained because, first, it is destructive of our connectionalism. Methodism is a great Connectionalism. We move as a unit and not as fractions. We recognize the General Conference as the supreme legislative body of the Church and as the only body capable of formulating the great policies of the Church.

We dissent from the position of the St. Louis editor because, in the second place, we have already provided machinery for the lessening of the evils of which he com-

plains. The two General Conferences have authorized means for the federation of Churches in competitive fields and under their provision properties may be exchanged and local memberships united.

We dissent from the position of the St. Louis editor because, in the third place, the thing of which he speaks will multiply our divisions and will increase the irritation between the two great Methodisms. Neither Church can afford to become the beneficiary of church property illegally taken and neither Church desires to see the disruption of its work.

We dissent from the position of the St. Louis editor because, in the fourth place, it assumes that our General Conferences will remain permanently blind to the imperative needs of our border Methodism. This we cannot do. We have not yet lost confidence in the collective wisdom of the Church. Surely the General Conferences of the two Churches may be depended

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UNANSWERED PRAYER

A man's prayer life is an extremely sacred thing. It is a thing which few men care to discuss, except in a superficial sort of way; for they recognize that it involves the innermost thoughts and aspirations of the soul. It is what makes known the real man. Our speech and behavior before our fellowmen are always more or less deceptive and shallow. We have to make ourselves congenial with them, and deal with topics of mutual interest. We have to say and do things for the effects they will produce. We are constantly asking ourselves, What shall I say? or How shall I behave? Hence, men never know and never can know what we really are. In their eyes we are almost always either better or worse than we would be if the truth could be known. But that knowledge is impossible, even to our most intimate friends. Actions may speak louder than words, and often they do. But both actions and words usually fall far short of the truth that lies hidden in the human heart. It is not until we get in the quiet of our chambers alone with God that our true selves are revealed. Hence, man must look upon the outward appearance while God looks upon the heart, for it is to God alone that these revelations are made.

Thus we see that a man's prayer life is not only sacred, but that it is also an extremely vital thing, for it reveals to the great Judge who the man is. Prayer, however it may be expressed, is nothing more nor less than the sincere desire of the heart. It may be uttered in request with intense longing and earnestness; or it may not be in the form of petition at all. It may be merely a silent wish or resolve, with the consciousness of God's presence entirely absent from the mind. But it is prayer just the same, for "prayer is the soul's sincere desire, uttered or unexpressed." And God will recognize none of our surface petitions, for he can know the true longings which lie beneath the surface. If this is true, and there can be little doubt that it is, it is highly important that these heart longings, which are our prayers, be right.

But our prayer life is vital for another reason. Truly our prayers are our judges in the sight of God. But they are also the battlefield where tremendous victories are won. Our Master has told us that whatsoever we ask in prayer, believing, we shall receive. In other words, if our hearts are right there is no limit to the power of our prayers with God. Christ was sincere when he said that sufficient faith could remove a mountain. And since those words were uttered loyal hearts have never ceased to prove them; and multitudes of such mountains of difficulty and sorrow and disappointment have been removed by simple faith.

But while this is true, there have been other thousands of prayers, which have seemed equally sincere and noble to the hearts that uttered them, but which have seemed to produce no effect at all. They seem only to rebound and mock the ones who utter them. The reasons for such experiences are hard to find, but have long been sought. It is not easy to see why a just and good God will not grant a sincere petition for a worthy cause. Men pray for rain, but the drought continues. They pray for the recovery of a loved one, but the loved one dies. They pray for the success of a revival meeting, but the meeting closes without a convert. And so they continue to pray, but God seems to ignore their petitions. Finally their faith wavers and they begin to doubt the efficacy of prayer. And once their faith is shaken many reasons can be found to doubt prayer.

But is such a procedure wise? Is it not more faith instead of less faith that is needed? The man who loses faith in his ears because he hears an imaginary noise or fails to hear a real one is simple; and the man who puts out his eyes because he sees a mirage in a desert is nothing short of a fool. So is the one unwise who discards his faith in prayer because some of his petitions go unanswered. As the eye is not responsible for the mirage, nor the ear for the imaginary sound, so is the failure in prayer due to some failure on our part and not to God. James says that we ask and receive not because we ask amiss. When we ask that our friend be spared, are we thinking of the welfare of the friend and the good that he can do, or of the enjoyment that his recovery will bring to us? When we pray for the

success of a meeting or for the spread of the gospel in the earth, are we asking it because we really desire it or because we think that we ought to pray for it? And when we pray that we may have power and effect in our preaching or in our personal work, are we thinking of the lost souls who so much need Christ, or are we thinking of the satisfaction which will come to ourselves from having won them? These are indeed pointed questions, and they are searching, but they reveal to us the startling news that our sincere prayers are often not as sincere as we think they are. They help us to see that when our prayers are not answered, the trouble is usually not with God nor with prayer, but with ourselves.

And the trouble can usually be summed up in a simple but far-reaching phrase: the lack of a living, intelligent, working faith; the lack of a faith which grips our lives, makes the providence of God seem real and directs our thoughts and aspirations in the proper channels. Men often fail in prayer because their faith is intellectual and not vital. It is more belief than life. There is present a belief that God can and will answer us, but we are not there ourselves to help him do it. But God never answers our prayers unless we are ready and willing to co-operate with him in getting the answer. Sometimes there is some impurity in us which prevents this co-operation. We cannot work harmoniously with a holy God when our lives are sinful any more than a thief can co-operate with the sheriff in enforcing the law. And God is not likely to hear our pious prayers for the conversion of the heathen when we ourselves need to be converted. Nor should we expect him to hear us for anything as long as we are lawbreakers and criminals in his sight.

A good many people console themselves for their lack of co-operation with God in their prayers by the idea they are praying for a worthy cause and God will certainly hear them. Many a person has started to pray for some worthy cause and ended up with a survey of an entertainment recently attended. Well did the prophet represent God as saying, "These people worship me with their lips, but their hearts are far from me." Men ask God for things because they believe that they ought to pray for them and not because there is any sincere heart desire that the petitions be answered. Yea, truly men ask and receive not because they ask amiss.

Again, the lack of faith is shown in the blindness of our trust. Some men fail because their faith is all intellect; others fail because theirs is ignorant sentiment. And one is as bad as the other. One farmer prays for rain that his oats may grow; another farmer in the same community prays for dry weather that he may harvest his crop. And each confidently expects God to answer his prayer. A mother prays earnestly that her son, who is called to the ministry, may remain in the home field, because she wishes for him a long and useful career, and there are so many dangers abroad. But the boy is called to China and there lives his long and useful career. The mother was ignorant in making her petition of the best way to get her desire, and God answered her prayer by saying, No. "What discord," says Longfellow, "should we bring into the universe if our prayers were all answered! Then we should govern the world and not God. And do you think that we should govern it better? It gives me only pain when I hear the long, wearisome petitions of men asking for they know not what." And the worst of it is that they are often unwilling to accept God's decision.

The deficiency of men's faith shows itself again in their tendency to substitute praying for their own efforts. Of course, God expects us to have our deepest desires behind our petition, as was mentioned above. But he expects closer co-operation than that. There are ways by which we can co-operate with God in obtaining our desires. We can do it by thinking, by working and by praying. And the person who expects to substitute praying for the other two is simple. Praying is not likely to take us to town as long as we can walk or ride, and God is not likely to bridge our streams or solve our problems in mathematics for us as long as we have hands and intellects to do it for ourselves. He may inspire our minds to think more clearly and strengthen our hands to work more skillfully, but God never does for man what he

can do for himself. Hence, when we pray for the conversion of Korea, we need not be surprised if God sends us to Korea to answer the prayer.

Still again, our small faith often makes our God small and narrow. As Fosdick has said, "God is reduced to the office of a village charity organization doling out small supplies to improvident applicants." This is the child's idea of God, but many people in this regard never cease to be children. A child will pray that Santa Claus may bring him a little wagon and go to sleep fully expecting to find the toy waiting for him the next morning. And many grown-up children ask God for rain and for other material things just as if he had nothing to do but respond to their whims; and they get offended if their petitions are denied. Such prayers as these are the results of ignorance and selfishness, and are not in keeping with the belief in a universal and spiritual God. Contrast with them the prayers of such men as David and the prophets. The Psalmist said: "Teach me, O Jehovah, the way of thy statutes; and I shall keep it unto the end." This is a petition, but it is lifted above the material and reveals the true desire of the heart. David's God was immensely larger than the child's God. Our Master prayed that the cup of affliction and grief might pass from him, but even he would not leave off the other phrase, "nevertheless not my will but thine be done." He knew so much of the magnitude and wisdom and love of God that he willingly left the decision to God. There is nothing wrong with our asking for material things, but we must have enough faith in a perfect God to trust the answer to him.

But there is another side to the proposition. Faith is an absolute essential to effective praying and many prayers are not answered because there is not enough faith behind them. But let us not think that all seemingly unanswered prayers are really unanswered. God has many ways of carrying out his purpose, and he does not always answer us in the way that we expect. He overlooks our shallow, hasty petitions and answers the longings of the heart which prompted them. A man prays that God will make him a great preacher and God permits him to make a few absolute failures in order to teach him to try harder. Another man prays for patience and God sends him a trifling servant, so that he can exercise his patience. A college student prays for missions and God sends him to the foreign field. A man lost in the woods prays that God will protect him from harm, but God shows him a club and then permits a lion to attack him. A mother prays that her son might not be sent to war, because she wants him to become a great man; but God sends him to the battlefield and he becomes a famous general. In each of these instances God refused to hear the petition, but answered the prayer. He ignored what the man asked and answered the man.

And so it is with every prayer that we utter. God answers our petitions only when they represent our real prayers, and he answers our prayers only when the doing so is best for us. But God never fails to answer us when we are sincere. We may not ask for what we really want, and we may not want what we ought to have, for our judgments are very fallible, but we never offer a heartfelt prayer to God that we do not become stronger therefor, provided that we are not too stubborn to submit to God's will and judgment. But many of us ask that we may use it on ourselves, to get for ourselves some sort of physical or mental satisfaction. This is what makes us unwilling to receive "No" for an answer, and this is what makes us fail. Prayer for things mental and physical is always likely to be unwise and to conflict with the prayers of someone else, and must be made subject to God's will.

But the other side of prayer has no limit. No prayer for spiritual uplift and growth has ever yet been denied. "More things are wrought by prayer than this world dreams of," for we can never know the spiritual conquests and attainments of the souls united with God in prayer. The Psalmist had indeed won a victory when he exclaimed, "Bless the Lord, O my soul; and all that is within me, bless his holy name;" and again, "O Jehovah, my God, I will give thanks to thee forever." And thousands of righteous men have won such victories as these by prayer. To such people as these the small physical and temporal things for which they pray are only bubbles in the great ocean of spiritual happiness and attainment.

"Prayer is infinite in quality" because through it men never cease to climb to spiritual heights and to learn new things about the God they love. May such be the goal and ambition of every Christian's heart.

H. H. WASHINGTON,
Austin, Texas.

WE ARE OUT OF GEAR SOMEWHERE.

I have been musing and musing some, and not me only, but other laymen as well. It seems we are in a state of transition, whatever that means. I have had strange feelings. I am a layman. We laymen are not asleep as to the way things move in the pulpit. Bob Shuler in the Advocate some six weeks or more ago, "Gulliver's" letter of last week, and a communication from Whitehurst recently, are all well taken, and have the right ring to me as well as a host of laymen. Things are out of gear somewhere. I remember once upon a time a layman showed signs of "popping off;" in other words, gave expression that something within was boiling up, and wanted an outward expression, and the preacher took the situation in, and at once dismissed the congregation. Probably for the reason that he would be in the plight of the Episcopalian brother with the old black "mammy" Gulliver speaks of, thereby disturbing the equilibrium of his congregation. Did you, reader, ever see a preacher shout in the pulpit? I have, but in the other days. I surmise if one were to do such a thing in these days, his congregation would conclude he had "gotten beside himself," and all tear out at the front door and windows. Our forefathers, no doubt, before going to their pulpits, spent hours in their private rooms, in the woods and hills, talking to God, to go with them into the pulpit, to be able to take their messages and deliver them in an effective way, to reach the hearts of their people, but now, too many have not the time, too busily engaged at theaters, picture shows and what not. Yes, we are moving somewhere, and it seems in a rather roundabout way.

In most all congregations the minister finds members who do not want to be told of things questionable for Christians to indulge in, and to suit the sermons for such he has a government job on hand, I surmise. The other portion of the flock, trying to live up as Christians should, and drink in as food for the soul sermons that smack of the fact the man preaching has been with God, and knows Him from a personal experience, and is not ashamed to so tell it to his people. I have seen preachers making strong endeavors to get from the congregation expressions bordering on experimental religion, who had none to tell themselves it seemed. "Like people, like priest;" "like priest, like people." Something sounds like that in the Book. This would indicate that if the preacher is living himself with God daily experimentally, he is calculated to get his congregation in like manner to ascend the scale of religious experience; and, on the other hand, on going to a work where the people are living at a low ebb, he like manner will get there among them. To my mind Bob Shuler is the man for the hour. If the ministers will line up with him, with sermons seasoned with the Holy Ghost, and if they are not in harness, get in it, hold your own revivals, and things will move somewhat. It's a mystery to me why our pastors cannot do this. I guess they all know; I don't. When I was a boy I well remember of two ministers who lived in the community who always held their own revivals at the log house church. They were Baptists, known in that State as Separate Baptists. One of them was my uncle by marriage. They were filled with the power from above. They shouted and sung religion; they lived it. During their revivals their flock did the same. When a convert "come through," he came shouting.

Yes, we are going somewhere in a kind of a wobbling way.

Evangelists used to ask only their expenses be paid and taken care of; at the close a freewill offering. Not so now. "What will it pay me?" is the answer too often the case. Pastors swap work on their respective charges at the same game, "What will it pay me?"

We are out of gear somewhere.

Reagan, Texas.

J. M. NEAL.

"The man who is in tune with eternity will never be out of tune with the passing centuries of time, though he may seem to be so. Truth is eternal, and the great realities to which human life and destiny are related never change.—Selected.

OUR DISTRICT CONFERENCES

TERRELL DISTRICT CONFERENCE.

The Terrell District Conference was held this year in Mesquite, April 25-27. The attendance was most gratifying, the auditorium of the beautiful and imposing new church being nearly full during the day and overflowing during the night exercises. The presidency of Brother Egger was in keeping with his reputation for urbanity and graciousness. There was much freedom and freshness (or breeziness) on the part of the delegates and members and not the slightest unpleasantness occurred to mar the brotherly spirit and sacred joy of the occasion. The preaching was done by Dr. J. L. Pierce, Dr. S. R. Hay and Rev. M. L. Hamilton. Dr. Pierce spoke learnedly and eloquently on the Resurrection, Dr. Hay delivered a stirring sermon for the times which ought to be printed in pamphlet form and distributed throughout the land; and Bro. Hamilton brought an enjoyable and edifying message on the Spirituality of the Kingdom. On the second night Dr. Paul B. Kern, of S. M. U., delivered a stirring address on the Epworth League. The North Texas College was represented by Prof. J. O. Leith, Texas Woman's College by Prof. E. D. Jennings, Southwestern by Dr. Jno. R. Allen and Wesley College by Bro. Hamilton. W. C. Everett brought a good report concerning the Dallas branch of the Publishing House. All these visitors were felicitous and considerate. We felt like saying to every one of them, Come again.

William Riley Brumley and Raybon Wilson Porter, the latter a son of R. E. Porter, pastor at Garland, were licensed to preach. Hugh Samuel Porter was recommended for admission into the traveling connection and Robert Lee McIntyre for readmission.

Miss Nell Buchanan and Dewey Phenix were elected to the Sunday School scholarships offered by the Southwestern University.

The delegates to Annual Conference are as follows:

- A. H. ABLES.
- E. P. SQUIBBS.
- W. A. TERRELL.
- H. D. HUMPHRIES.

Alternates:

- Chester A. White.
- W. H. Love.

The next seat of the conference is Lancaster.

The hospitality of Mesquite will be long a pleasant memory by the multitude who enjoyed it.

S. C. RIDDLE, Secretary.

CISCO DISTRICT CONFERENCE.

At 9 o'clock Friday morning, April 27, 1917, in the Methodist Church at Eastland, Texas, Rev. E. P. Williams, presiding elder, opened the Cisco District Conference, and after prayer and a splendid address on the "Waning Ministry" by the presiding elder, the conference was organized.

Judge E. A. Hill, of Eastland, gave the welcome address in a very eloquent way with special reference to the war conditions. H. B. Furr, of Breckenridge, gave a very interesting response.

All of the pastors were present except two, J. G. Pollard, of Strawn, who was in Fort Worth, under treatment by a specialist, and C. V. Williams, of May, who was detained at home on account of sickness in his family.

There was the best attendance of lay delegates that has been since the organization of the district.

The following visited and spoke to the conference: D. L. Collie, Agent Superannuate Homes; W. T. Gray, Agent, Waco Orphanage; W. E. Crawford, Missionary Secretary; W. E. Hawkins, of the Conference Sunday School Board, and Judge B. M. Alexander, District Lay Leader for the Fort Worth District, Fort Worth.

The preaching was done by the following: E. L. Lloyd, M. D. Council, R. L. Reese, K. S. VanZandt, M. L. Boone, J. E. Crawford and the Secretary.

Friday night was in charge of the laymen and Judge Alexander delivered one of the most enjoyable and well prepared addresses on lay activities.

Sunday afternoon was given to the celebration of Centennial of Methodism in Texas, with some very stirring addresses from the following: the Secretary, T. G. Deffenbaugh, J. A. Dozier, C. E. Wilkins, E. L. Lloyd, Judge C. B. Frost and J. H. Garner.

All departments of Church work showed improvement over last year. Many new Leagues, Sunday Schools

and better Sunday School Woman's Auxiliaries, better prayer meetings, and much material progress in improving church and parsonage properties and planning new churches and parsonages.

Chas. C. Gibson, David H. Sarels, William C. Harrison and Raymond VanZandt were licensed to preach, and James B. Anglin, a local preacher from the Congregational Methodist Church, was received and his license was recognized.

C. M. Barrack was recommended to the Annual Conference for local elders' orders.

Delegates elected to the Annual Conference were:

- GEORGE MORRIS.
- JAMES IRBY.
- J. H. GARNER.
- M. H. SMITH.

Alternates:

- C. M. Barrack.
- H. B. Furr.

M. H. Smith was elected District Lay Leader.

Carbon was selected for the place for the next District Conference.

Our presiding elder planned well, and directed wisely, making this District Conference one of the most enjoyable occasions we have had.

C. E. Wilkins and his people are royal entertainers, and they did not spare anything to make our stay one of the most enjoyable.

EDGAR M. WISDOM, Secretary.

EL PASO DISTRICT CONFERENCE.

The twenty-seventh session of the El Paso District Conference was held at Deming Station, April 11-15. A full program, including all the regular interests of this conference and running over the Sunday with services in the other Churches and in the country was filled out with an unusual attendance of those appointed. The men did their appointed work and none were ashamed of the workmen. The work of the Woman's Missionary Society was another feature of the conference. Rev. Hubert M. Smith presided.

A tabulated report of the statistical results appeared from the presiding elder in Advocate of April 26, so these items will be omitted from this report. The remarkable data of the report are: Accessions, most by conversion, 816; salary increase, \$3000 approximately.

The attendance was good, only two of the brethren being unable to attend, Brothers J. W. Campbell and Fred Faust. Fifteen laymen, representing eight charges, were present. The visitors were the local pastors, Brothers George Givan, Jas. A. Stout, C. M. E. Church, also Z. Z. Johnson, presiding elder Arizona District, C. M. E. Church; Dr. C. P. Moore, Sunday School Field Secretary.

The attendance of the Woman's Missionary Society included Mesdames W. A. Trayler, S. Birchfield, J. C. Ballard, I. J. Ayers and the women of the Deming Society. On Saturday evening a very pleasant reception was given the whole conference by the local society, Mrs. P. M. Steed being the hostess.

The reports from the charges yielded the usual interesting matter, tears of triumphs of real engagements, not to omit irrepressible humor as well, for the itinerant carries a wholesome heart and tells a good story with the best of them.

The Missionary Institute, under the able leadership of Brother Givan, was an inspiration.

Epworth League work needs added impetus, or in the West Texas our opportunity with our youth will be seriously imperiled.

The Sunday School interests were lightened by the introduction, right and left, of the graded lesson and more scholarly work in the class rooms. Dr. Moore made himself felt in the strengthening of the conference in this matter.

Good collections were given two colored brethren for the "black baby of the Southern Methodist Church," the C. M. E.'s.

Little did we think as we entered into the life and derived the help our grand old man was giving us that Brother Southerland was already standing with feet on the threshold of life eternal. So may it be with all of us, to work efficiently up to the last and die in harness. We realize that the heavenly tasks will the easier become our habit.

Campbell and Knickerbocker added and demonstrated evangelism in the preaching and teaching of this week.

Our local women in Deming were

blessed in the attendance of the delegates who themselves also received much good. Sister Trayler proved herself "a master of assemblies."

Perhaps the vital feature of the survey of this field lies in the fact that unique missionary opportunities abound. Mining and kindred operations have brought into New Mexico thousands of men. Towns of hundreds lie hidden in the hills; model towns are being built here and there. Sections of country are being settled by dry farmers. Millions of money are actually involved, but the Church is not assimilated to these new conditions at all. Thousands of soldiers' lives have been touched with varying effect. Deming's pastor was the only civilian pastor to render actual spiritual aid in the Columbus raid, praying with the wounded and dying and aiding in caring for the bodies of the dead and burned. History, economic and political, is seething in the theater before our eye, the El Paso District. Missionary help beyond petty conference funds is needed. Our presiding elder is working at it like a Bishop. Who among us "is come to the kingdom for such a time as this?"

Argus Hamilton and F. C. Collins were unanimously recommended for admission on trial. The local preachers of the district were duly passed in character and their license renewed.

District Lay Leader, G. L. Jones; assistant, W. U. Carre.

Delegates to Annual Conference:

- W. M. SANFORD.
- O. R. BILBRO.
- DR. P. M. STEED.
- W. U. CARRE.

Alternates:

- W. A. Trayler.
- W. A. Southerland.

This scribe being called home on account of illness in the family, some items of interest may have been overlooked and the personal equation can never be transcribed to paper. It was a good conference.

EDWARD C. MORGAN, Secretary.

LAWTON DISTRICT CONFERENCE.

The Lawton District Conference met at Tipton, Oklahoma, April 25-28, 1917.

J. T. McBride, pastor at Temple, Oklahoma, preached the opening sermon, after which Presiding Elder Lamar administered the sacrament of the Lord's Supper.

Rev. J. S. Lamar presided with the dignity of a Bishop, using fine, good sense as he does in all his administration, and everything moved along harmoniously under his brotherly, charitable and systematical presidency.

Some great spiritual sermons were preached, some of them far above the ordinary. B. M. Nelson, W. U. Witt and N. U. Stout, of our district; Rev. J. W. Sims, presiding elder of Mangum District, and Rev. Willmoore Kendall, of Weatherford, Oklahoma, were the preachers.

Willmoore Kendall is a wonder. He gave two gospel lectures on the "Essentials of Evangelism." It does you good to hear him; he is spiritual, fervent and intellectual.

W. B. Douglass, M. F. Sullivan, W. E. Humphreys, J. B. Parr, R. S. Satterfield, T. M. Robinson and O. H. Searcy spoke on practical phases of Church work.

T. S. DeArmond, of Mangum, honored us with a helpful lay sermon on Saturday at 11 a. m.

The business of the conference was business-like and harmonious throughout the session.

A Board of Trustees was appointed and instructed to secure a district parsonage. This means a step in the right direction. Also a District Church Extension Society was organized and Board of Managers appointed.

Four new churches are being entered. Tipton, a \$1200 church; Walters, a \$1200 church; Altus, a \$2500 church; a frame church at Colony. Also several additions for Sunday School work are being built.

Two new parsonages have been built—at Grandfield and Tipton—and several parsonages repaired.

An offering of \$125 was asked for Ministerial Loan Fund for S. M. U.; \$155 was subscribed.

The next District Conference will go to Anadarko.

G. W. Wright, in reporting his charge, Snyder, told us of the cyclone that demolished our church and property at that place some time ago. Our people there deserve our sympathy and help at this time. They are trying to rebuild.

Mrs. W. H. Decker, District Secre-

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The Church's Own

"If any provideth not for his own, and specially his own household, he hath denied the faith, and is worse than an unbeliever." 1st Tim. 5:8.

The above Scriptural principle applies to the Church as well as to the family, with equal or greater force.

It is the undenied and undeniable duty of the Church to provide proper support for her ministerial servants, active and retired.

These servants are the Church's own—her own employes and faithful workers. Her spiritual servants. Her indispensable financial agents. Her successful builders. Her history makers. Her beloved wards. Their care is her responsibility, her absolute and unavoidable obligation, and that, too, as long as they abide in the sacred relations of the ministry.

If the Church provide not for her own, who will? And if the Church provide not for her own, is she not in grave danger of denying the faith and acting toward her beloved children as an unbeliever?

The Church's greatest danger lies in the region of forgetfulness, of mere inadvertence or oversight. And this forgetfulness applies especially to the preacher who has dropped out of the ranks, and the widow and children of the preacher who has been removed from his earthly labors.

A part of the Church's obligation rests

ON YOU PERSONALLY,

as a member of the Church.

In order to provide more adequately for her dependent servants, the Church established the Superannuate Endowment Fund. You may help the old preachers, the widows and children by paying into this permanent fund, and thus make a permanent investment in their behalf.

You may thus aid your beloved Church to treat her servants with justice and fairness. You may aid in increasing the efficiency of the ministry. You will contribute to the relief of those who are burdened with infirmities and poverty.

OLD SUBSCRIPTIONS.

On our books there are thousands of dollars in subscriptions and subscription notes given, some of them several years ago. Every reason for your making these subscriptions at the time made, still holds good. The fund is not an experiment any longer. Its steady growth is assured. Pay up your old subscriptions, do, if you please. If impossible for you to do so, do us the kindness to let us know immediately.

For you to participate in this most needed and sacred work of the Church is a great privilege, of which if you avail yourself, it will be to you a joy forever.

J. R. STEWART, Secretary.

Nashville, Tenn.

Notes From the Field

A GOOD DAY AT HOBART.

Sunday, March 13, 234 in Sunday School collection \$17.17. Large congregations at both preaching hours. Pastor has been holding evangelistic services every alternate Sunday afternoon at a country schoolhouse, where yesterday—Mother's Day—eighteen young men and young ladies, plus three smaller boys, made their first profession of faith in Christ as their Savior. Our phone has been ringing today—Monday—in expression of gratitude to God for a day of real spiritual uplift in our Church. I. Edwin Graham, P. C.

FOSTORIA JUNIOR LEAGUE.

Children's Day services were held here Sunday night under the direction of the Junior Epworth League. The writer was ably assisted by Miss Mae Smythe in preparing the program, and Miss Smythe together with the children deserve much praise for the excellent manner in which the program was rendered. The Junior League is progressing in its work nicely. The attendance is increasing and the interest manifested is wonderful. It is a great pleasure to work with children in the Master's vineyard, and we thank God for the opportunity thus given to us.—H. D. Tucker, Supt. Junior League.

DIAMOND HILL.

April 25 we began a revival meeting at Diamond Hill and ran fifteen days, resulting in fifty-four conversions. It stormed, rained and all but froze during the whole time of the meeting. But through it all the people came. The last day of the meeting, which was last Sunday, was the only real pretty day we had during the meeting. The rose service Sunday morning was beautiful and impressive. Rev. W. M. Bowden, our Conference Evangelist, did the preaching. Brother Bowden is an untiring worker and the preacher's friend. If you want help in a meeting, sure enough help, don't be afraid to ask.—C. E. Simpson, P. C.

BARDWELL CHARGE.

Is it advisable to hold early meetings on circuit charges? has been a question for discussion for years. Soon after conference I resolved to test the matter to my own satisfaction. So, beginning at Alma April 8 and going from there to Oak Grove and closing at Bardwell May 20, we have given the matter a fair trial and are well satisfied with results. We have had forty conversions and thirty additions to the Church and most of our conference collections secured. The greatest difficulty to overcome is the prejudice of the people against early meetings. Brother O. B. Turner, of Thornton, did most of the preaching for me at Alma and Oak Grove and M. W. Clark, of Maypearl, was with me at Bardwell. These brethren are good preachers, work in harmony with the pastor and know how to get the conference collections. My people were delighted with their preaching. I prefer the pastor evangelist to the professional kind. Bardwell charge is in good shape because of the meetings. This is my third year at Bardwell and will be much the best one of the three.—G. W. Kincheloe.

MOTHERS' DAY AT TRAVIS PARK, SAN ANTONIO.

It was my privilege to attend the Mothers' Day services at Travis Park Church. I have seldom witnessed such a sight, if ever. The church was full, the gallery was crowded, the Sunday School room was full. There was nothing special to attract, so far as one could discover. The usual music, the pastor in charge, an ordinary service. One discovered as soon as he entered the church that there was something extraordinary about to happen. The people were in a worshipful mood. The tide of power began to rise. The pastor, Dr. Webdell, announced that he was not going to preach, but let each one who would say a word in honor of mother. Such talks! Men, women, boys and girls, several talking at once, four or five waiting to speak; tears, songs, experiences, from preachers, stockmen, bankers, doctors, judges, etc. As is his custom, Dr. Webdell called penitents. When the day's work was over thirty-nine people had united with the Church, most of these by baptism and vows. He was literally kept busy leading men to Christ and

receiving them into the Church all day! People of much prominence in the community, soldier boys, army officers, boys and girls. I have never seen it on this fashion before. Old Travis Park is "humming." One thousand people by actual count at a communion recently. After all bills were paid for the current month there was \$600 in the treasury. Home and Foreign Mission collections paid in full. (Other city Churches might follow suit here to the profit of the Mission Boards.) Webdell is having a great pastorate. The secret of his strength is his faith in God and his submission to him.—J. H. Gloseclose.

MANITOU, OKLA.

I am here in a good meeting, considering all the hindrances—measles and smallpox. The Methodists have altar against altar and the Baptists are scrapping among themselves. Yet strong men and young people are being saved. Crowds are enlarging, interest deepening at every service. Brother Melton, the pastor, is a fine man and the people love him and his family. Brother Lamar, the presiding elder, is universally loved and is doing things. I fear, under this present trouble, we can't have a sweeping revival, but souls are being saved and all will be well when the two Methodisms unite. I am praying for universal peace.—J. D. Edwards.

IOWA PARK.

Yesterday was a great day for the Church-going people of Iowa Park. Three of the leading Churches of the town, Methodists, Baptists and Presbyterians, went in together and had a union Mothers' Day program and invited Rev. H. B. Johnson, of Chico, to deliver the sermon and the crowd that filled the church was an inspiration to all present. Brother Johnson was pastor here for four years and no man can get more folks to preach to them than he can in this community. His subject was "Recognition in Heaven," and it was well received by the great audience that filled the church. During Brother Johnson's pastorate here he doubled the membership of the Church. Our pastor, Rev. A. P. Bradford, is doing nicely with his work.—J. C. Ralston, Steward.

HEAVENER, OKLA.

The commencement sermon of the Howe High School was delivered Sunday morning, May 13, at the High School auditorium by Rev. W. C. House, of the Central Methodist Church, of Heavener, Oklahoma, to a large and appreciative audience. The theme of the sermon was "Christian Service" and Brother House handled it in masterly style. It was a message of deep piety and full of the spirit of helpfulness. Brother House is scholarly, refined and a forceful thinker. He has a fine delivery and a very pleasing voice and pulpit manner. He is fast getting a hold on the people of this section. The baccalaureate address was delivered Friday night, May 18, by Judge D. A. Shaw, of Poteau, one of the strong laymen of our Church in this country—Gretchen Burnett.

BROWNFIELD.

We have been too busy since conference to write much, but Brownfield is still on the map. The Santa Fe is building into town and the growth for the past five months has been marvelous, and we look for a still greater growth after the railroad gets here, which will be within the next thirty or sixty days. The Church is growing with the town. Since conference we have built a new five-room parsonage and are now occupying it. Cost was about \$1000, and there is only \$300 indebtedness. The Woman's Missionary Society has purchased a piano for the church. Brownfield now has one of the most comfortable and modern parsonages in the Big Spring District. We have received thirty-one members since conference. We will begin our revival at Brownfield June 3. We are praying for a gracious revival. We have just closed a most successful Sunday School campaign. Brother B. L. Nance, our Sunday School Field Worker for the Northwest Texas Conference, spent a week with us, and we have never found more efficient and tireless worker. He knows how to get people to come to Sunday School and keep coming when they start. He is spiritual, enthusiastic and earnest and the people respond, and he can put any Sunday School on its "feet" and lay a foundation for its future success. During the week he was with us we enrolled more than

one hundred and eighty-five and had more than one hundred present the first Sunday. Brownfield is fast forging to the front and we praise God for his blessings upon the work. May the Lord continue to use Brother Nance in the great work of the Sunday School. Eternity alone will tell the good that he is doing. As our revival follows this great Sunday School campaign, pray for us that a great revival may come to this charge. With success to the Advocate.—J. M. Fryar, P. C.

SPIRO, OKLA.

Dr. W. F. Bryan, of Marlin, Texas, spent a week with us, preaching day and night to the edification and delight of all our people who were able to hear him. He came May 1 and left May 9. Brother Bryan's father is a member of our Official Board and his two sisters, Mesdames Dunklin and Redwine, are leaders in the Baptist Church. We had what might be called a genuine union meeting. The spirit of unity was fine. So far we have had six accessions to the Methodist Church as a result of the meeting. The attendance and unbroken interest to the last service indicated the hold the preacher had upon the people. Personally, the association with Brother Bryan was an occasion of helpful, joyful fellowship. I enjoyed every one of his sermons. A hearty welcome awaits him when he comes to make another visit.—L. C. Craig.

CRANDALL.

Last Sunday was a great day in the history of the Lawson community. Lawson is a very fine country appointment in the bounds of the Crandall charge. It is situated on a hill that cannot be hid, about six miles southeast of Mesquite in Dallas County. For several years this community has been struggling to build and pay for a Methodist church building. They finally succeeded, the building paid for and the second Sunday in May of this year was set apart as the day for dedicating it. The time came, Rev. Caspar S. Wright, of the Southern Methodist University, was on hand to preach the sermon. A great crowd of folks was present to hear the sermon. It was most assuredly an inspiring crowd. A man that could not preach with that crowd before him could not preach at any time. To say that Brother Wright preached a great sermon is putting the matter lightly. He is one of our strong men. He selected for his text Psalms 33:12, "Blessed is the nation whose God is the Lord." He selected as his theme, "The debt the world owes to the Church." He began by saying "The whole world is looking to America for its ideals." As he demonstrated his proposition, he plunged into the history of the past, illuminating his argument with logical conclusions and with philosophical reasoning, brought his hearers up to a point where they could clearly see that Christ and his Church was all after all. It was indeed a great sermon. Then followed the dedication service. The singing was good, most of it after the old-time sort. The congregation seemed to catch the spirit of a good song service and everybody went away happy.—T. M. Kirk, P. C.

FRISCO STATION.

I feel that a few notes from Frisco would not be amiss at this time. On Sunday night, May 13, we closed a very glorious meeting, after a two weeks' duration. That spiritual tide ran high and indications are that the results along these lines are going to be abiding. We protracted these services from our District Conference, which met with us. There was no previous planning for a revival at this time, but our District Conference was of such character that the revival started and we did not feel that we could get in the way and stop it. So the services of our good brother, Lewis Stuckey, were secured and under his wise and masterly leadership we waged the battle for fifteen days, closing on the above named date. The visible results in way of conversions and Church membership were as follows: Forty-seven conversions and reclamations, thirty-six additions to Church. Of this number, four were by certificate and thirty-two on profession of faith. During these services valuable work was done by men and women who felt an interest and a burden for the lost. We have a corps of personal workers here that can be relied upon. Our Church was greatly helped and is on a much higher spiritual plane than before. In regard to Brother Stuckey, I want to say he is

a preacher of the gospel, the like of which is not always found among the younger generation of preachers. He holds to the time-honored and God-blessed landmarks of Methodism and preaches them in a way that convinces men that there is a hell to be shunned and a heaven to be gained, and in a way that makes men realize they are lost without Jesus Christ. I have never had a man with me whose services I appreciated more than Brother Stuckey's. Brethren, you can always count yourselves fortunate indeed to secure his services. His wife was with us also and rendered much valuable services as a personal worker, and especially her work with the children was of the best sort. May God bless this young couple in the work of the ministry. All in all, we are making some progress at Frisco. This is due not so much to the labors of the present pastor, but to the labors of our worthy predecessors and the loyalty of the good people here. We covet an interest in your prayers that God may lead us to the accomplishment of greater things for him.—E. H. Crandall, P. C.

FORT WORTH, WEATHERFORD STREET.

It might be interesting to some of the readers of our excellent Advocate to know how Weatherford Street, Fort Worth, is progressing. Easter Sunday closed our spring revival of two weeks, conducted by the pastor, and resulting in a revival of the Church and thirty-one conversions. The general state of the Church is good. We have had forty additions since conference, the salary is paid to date, conference claims cared for in cash and good subscriptions, fifty per cent cash in hand on claims and two hundred dollars old accounts paid since conference. We have a live Official Board, live Missionary Society of forty-four members, wide-awake League of forty members and splendid Sunday School with one hundred sixty-five present last Sunday. Our District Conference, which closed Sunday, May 13, was an inspiration and a lesson. Within fifteen minutes after the devotional exercises, conducted by the presiding elder, organization of Methodism was in the hands of separate committees and the business was dispatched in a most judicious and orderly manner. Written reports from all the pastors in the district on every phase of the work were on the table at the opening of the conference; hence, the lesson to us of how easy it is to do a thing when prepared. The Lord is blessing us and may he richly bless the Advocate. Yours for more Advocates in my charge.—Clusitor Q. Smith, P. C.

MARSHALL—FIRST CHURCH.

Half of the conference year is gone. We have some things to write about that may be of interest to the readers of the Advocate. We have all the organizations working well. All the conference assessments have been provided for and half paid. There is a general response to the work of the Church which is healthful. The Church invited Evangelist Holcomb and his singer, J. Douglas Swagerty, to hold a great evangelistic campaign for us in April. They came April 8 and began the campaign. A tabernacle was erected capable of seating 1800 people, and Holcomb turned loose to shell the trenches of the old devil, and for a month the fight was waged with energy and power. Two weeks and a half were given to the Church. The results are encouraging. Our Church in Marshall is in much better shape. Large numbers of our people were revived and uplifted. There was something like 150 reclamations and conversions. Each Church in Marshall received members from the meeting totaling about thirty. To date I have received fifty-four into the Church as direct result of the meeting. I will have ten or twelve more. The Church took good care of the evangelist's financial interests. Holcomb is a splendid preacher and an untiring worker. He exalts Christ and Church. He preaches against sin and the devil with invective and logic that is withering. He showed here less of the clap-trap than the usual evangelist. Mr. Swagerty is a trained musician. He is a fine soloist and director. He excels with the junior organizations. Along with his skill he is a trained worker and conference evangelist for Louisiana Conference. God bless them. Listen about our men's class. It's coming. Thanking God for his blessing thus far, we turn to Palestine with the prospect of a great year, Bishop.—Chas. T. Tally.

WORD FROM EAST OKLAHOMA FROM A FORMER TEXAN.

Something over a year ago I wrote a letter to the Advocate and in it I promised to write again sometime. This I do now, since I am able to report some progress since that time. I find myself happy here in this great conference. I do not know of a country with more possibilities of a great future than this good State. All the natural resources are here—oil, gas, coal, lead, zinc, manganese, granite, asphalt, hardwood, pine, excellent water, rich agricultural lands, etc. Can any country boast of more than these? To be sure, we have not developed these vast resources yet, but there is a dawning of a great day in material things. The future will not find a better developed State, a richer State than this. Our work, too, here is coming to the front. There are a goodly number of splendid men here and the work, as I see it, gives promise of a rapid development. Good inspirational conferences have been held in different parts of the territory, interesting District Conferences have just closed, a goodly part of the missionary money is in hand all ready. There are many signs of progress. The men who have stayed by the stuff during the territory days and planted Methodism here deserve special mention, for they have wrought well and made it possible for future development. Boston Avenue had a good day May 13. Eighty were received into the Church. At the close of the morning service the \$9000 mortgage was committed to the flames, as the congregation rose and sang, "Praise God From Whom All Blessings Flow." There was much rejoicing in the hearts of the people. This gives us a property here worth well towards \$100,000. We are right in the city. Three skyscraper buildings within one block of us puts us veritably under their shadow. But the Church is well located on a good corner and it will be some time before the congregation will be willing to give up this strategic location to catch the movements of this rapidly growing city. In addition to this financial report we are glad to record that the conference collections of \$1500 were all in two months ago, that the congregation is now supporting Dr. Cline, of Soochow University, taking half of the support of Dr. Collyer, of Korea. In addition to this, members of the congregation are supporting four day schools in China. We hope to make our missionary offering \$2500 this year, having already secured \$2250. The Missionary Committee has employed a good man at salary of \$200 a month as pastor's assistant. In addition to assisting the pastor in the general work, the committee has planned to purchase a tent soon and try to reach some of the outlying districts of Tulsa. With a further improvement of \$1000 on the splendid parsonage, now located on Boston Avenue, and the expenditure of \$18 000 for all purposes so far, the Church is looking forward to doing larger things in a spiritual way for God and Methodism. As soon as the word is given the two great Methodisms here will unite and make one of the greatest Methodist cities in the connection for the size of the town. In two blocks of our church there is a great M. E. Church of 1200 members. I have had the pleasure of being pastor of this Church one month of each year I have been here, and will this year. We unite the congregations for July and August (worshipping in one church one Sunday and the other the next) and the pastors take month about for their vacations. It has been with some difficulty that we have been able to make the people see the necessity of waiting until the Churches have spoken on the question of unification. They have thought it was a waste of men and money to maintain two Methodisms here where we are a unit in everything. I wish the brethren who see such great difficulties in the way of unification could see the way our two Methodisms get on together here. All we need in this State is the word and we will come together in by far the greatest organization in Oklahoma. But I might add we must have the word from the Commission before we come together. There is no disposition now (though there was for a while) to become insurgents, but the Churches must speak before we do that which (if done) will cause no friction here. Let the brethren back from the border take note of this. Tulsa has continued a steady course of growth in spite of the European war and now the world war. Great buildings are in course of construction, the population continues to increase, and the spirit of

optimism is everywhere. Tulsa will, in my humble judgment, make a real city. There are companies here worth their millions investing their money here, building their great homes. One building in one block of the church is the home of an oil company, said to be a \$50,000,000 corporation, the office occupying the entire building except the first floor. Another building the same distance from the church in another direction sixteen stories. One company will occupy the entire building, first floor and all. This will give an idea of the magnitude of their great company's business which is making Tulsa. One great company recently sold part of its holding for \$35,000,000. The president and vice-president of this concern are Southern Methodists and are investing largely in Tulsa property. There are about a dozen refineries here, besides other manufacturing interests. The agricultural lands are the famous Arkansas Valley lands, as well as good black lands on the prairie. In less than a hundred miles from Tulsa are the Miami lead and zinc mines. There must be a hundred great mills there, much of this interest being financed and operated by Tulsa capital. This will give some idea of the promise of Tulsa for a great city in the future. Some of my good friends in the North Texas Conference, where I labored for twenty-one years before coming to Oklahoma, said to me about my last letter to the Texas Advocate that it sounded like a homesick preacher writing home. Well, I do love Texas, and North Texas in particular, and I would not be worthy of having hailed from that wonderful State if I did not, but I do not think my friends can say to me that this letter sounds like one homesick. The fact is, brethren, I am happy and have found such a welcome from these splendid Oklahoma preachers that even though I were inclined to pine some they would bring life and happiness to my spirit.—L. S. Barton.

PHOENIX, ARIZ.—CENTRAL CHURCH.

The West and Southwest is at this time most interesting. The war situation is such as to lend to this section added activity. Arizona, bordering on Mexico and having a large Mexican population, brings us in such close touch with factions and elements which tax the local as well as national tact and wisdom. The immense mining development in this State is one of the wonders of our modern life, and the wealth it is producing is beyond all forecast. The political conditions within the State have been unsettled for several months, pending a contest in the Governorship, but only recently has it been decided who Arizona's Governor is, and with this decision the State comes under a Republican leadership as far as the head is concerned. This is a case where party lines were broken and a Republican was elected by Democratic votes. The State is Democratic and, with this change in Governor, with a Democratic House and Senate, no decided change will take place for the next two years. Phoenix, the Capital City, is located in one of the world-famous valleys and under irrigation from the Roosevelt Dam, some seventy-seven miles east of the city. Several hundred thousand acres are thus given water and the amount of water stored is sufficient to irrigate for three years, if no other rains or snows should fall, but such is not at all likely to occur, as the State is becoming more seasonable with each passing year. Prohibition is as well enforced in this State as any other law on the statutes, and hundreds and thousands who did not favor a dry State in the first election would not and did not in the last election vote for the return of the old-time saloon. The result of prohibition within this State is seen in the growing bank deposits, the toning up of public morals and a growing religious community. Business was never so good in the history of the State, and building is everywhere to be seen over the State, and a wave of prosperity is sweeping over this section of which no one could have ever dreamed. Church life within the State is to the forefront, and her influence is felt in all departments of our economic and political life. Among the potent forces working for righteousness Methodism is to the front. The M. E. Church is covering a good part of the State, while our own Southern Methodism is well organized and occupying important centers of population. At Phoenix, Central Church is located in the business district of the city, and every man who visits the city sees Central

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Church, and we command a position here that is an asset to our work, which we should not and will not foolishly barter away. This is our fourth year at Central and we now have a membership of over seven hundred and well organized and a property valued at around \$75,000. Thus far we have received 115 members this conference year, and for the four years, or three and one-half, we have added about or received 500 members. Bethel Church in the north part of the city is a new \$20,000 modern church which is being completed, and every modern convenience is provided for social Christian work. Rev. Eustace Anderson is the pastor of this Church. Seven miles from Phoenix is our Cartwright Church, a splendid brick building with a good parsonage and excellent membership, supporting a minister for full time paying him a good salary. Alhambra Church, four miles, is a new organization which we have organized since coming to Central, located on the boulevard leading from Phoenix to Glendale, where the great sugar factory is located. This is a growing community and the Church has all the organizations provided for in our modern congregation work. Rev. D. Scarbrough is the presiding elder of this important and growing district and a most brotherly man, giving his time and strength to his very important duties. The future is bright for Arizona. She is destined to become a very wealthy State, and in our National history will play her part with credit and honor.—W. J. Sims.

A GREAT DAY AT HIGHLAND PARK METHODIST CHURCH.

Last Sunday was a red-letter-day in the history of Highland Park and S. M. U. Methodist Church, Rev. Clovis G. Chappell, pastor. It was the occasion of the opening of the new church, situated on Mocking Bird Lane and Bishop Boulevard, also near Highland Park and University car line.

The church is a modern structure, ideal in its appointments, the platform, class rooms and auditorium all happily planned for convenience, comfort and economy of space, with a seating capacity of one thousand, and excellent acoustics.

All honor to those, clerical and lay, who planned and executed this admirable piece of up-to-date church architecture, and withal a model of economy.

The services were happily planned, with Sunday School at 9:45 a. m. Mr. Frank Reedy that princely Sunday School superintendent, and wide-awake assistant, Mr. Moerner, in charge; Professor Todd, of the University faculty, presided at the piano, with his orchestra and splendid choir of young men and women, aided by the University quartette, rendered most impressive and delightful music, swaying the emotions of the great congregation throughout the entire exercise, from deepest, tenderest, emotions to rapturous heights of spiritual joy. The song service contributed largely to the success and impressiveness of the occasion.

Dr. McLean, for his long conspicuous service in the ministry, was chosen to offer the first public prayer in the building. It was of a dedicatory nature, through not formally so, outlining the sacredness of the uses and purposes of the Church, and the hope of great spiritual good to be accomplished in the transformation of life and character after the model of the Master.

Sunday School over, the occasion being on Mothers' Day, three elder mothers, Mesdame Hudgins, Ragsdale and McLean (the last being sick could not respond), were called to the platform, adding much to the impressiveness of that special feature of the service, and Dr. Hyer delivered a most appropriate and felicitous address upon the primacy and supremacy of motherhood.

Next came the preaching service, observing the usual form of opening,

the singing was most impressive, especially that by the quartette "Tell Mother I'll Be There," and a very devout and appropriate prayer was offered by Dr. Bradford of the Texas Christian Advocate. The pastor, Dr. Chappell, then delivered one of his best and most impressive sermons on the theme, "Almost Saved."

At these services, both Sunday School and preaching, the attendance was at high water mark, and the fellowship most delightful, with brightened hope and quickened zeal for greater achievement under the new conditions.

The services at night were well attended and are to be continued through the ensuing week—preaching by the pastor.

This Church, closely related as it to the University, has unusually grave responsibilities and great possibilities. Its lines are gone out through all the surrounding country, possibly is remembered in as many homes and at as many family altars as any other of our entire connection. The pastor is in great favor with his people and will doubtless have their loyal support.

J. H. McLEAN.

"BUT SATAN HINDERED US."

For months I prayed and planned for a great meeting in Newcastle. The town had never been stirred to its depth by a sweeping revival. This was what I longed to see. Rev. Albert C. Fisher and his party were secured to conduct the meeting and a tabernacle erected. We felt like things were ready. Then came the hindrances, a short time before our meeting began Number Four mine closed down indefinitely. This is our largest mine which employs a strong force of miners. Many of the miners moved away and a feeling of unrest and uncertainty came over the business men.

After the meeting began, lo, a street carnival had paid their occupation tax and were dumped in on us for a week. We bucked the carnival and came out ahead but that did not end our troubles. The cold, disagreeable weather was too much for people under the tabernacle. Sandstorms and northers did their utmost. Then an epidemic of measles rounded out its work.

In spite of it all we had a splendid meeting. Bro. Fisher is eminently fitted for evangelistic work. He has a passion for lost souls and few equals as a forceful and effective preacher. His burning messages reached and stirred hundreds of hearts. Mrs. Fisher's work among our young people will never be forgotten. She has done much more good than she dreams of. Her solos are among the best I have ever heard. She is great at the piano.

Bro. Garth is unique—all in a class by himself. As a choir leader he stands high. The folks sing for him in spite of themselves. He has a rich religious experience and is a most effective personal worker. The moral tone of our town has been elevated and the Church is held in greater esteem. Every Church in town has been greatly benefited by the meeting. There were many conversions and a number will unite with each of the Churches. Had it not been for insurmountable difficulties it would have been an epochal revival.

SEBA KIRKPATRICK.

DUFFAU AND CLARIETTE.

We have had two great revivals on the Duffau charge. At conference I engaged Rev. A. P. Lowrey, of Fort Worth, to assist me in a meeting at Duffau. We began on the first Sunday in April. This was his third meeting with me. The people here say it was the greatest revival Duffau has ever had, and old men say the greatest they ever saw. And one month afterwards the revival looks even greater than it did the day it closed. The Sunday School has about doubled in attendance and more than doubled in interest. Our prayer meetings have come to be the most like Pentecost of any service I have ever seen. The

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For Old and Young

"THE STAR SPANGLED BANNER."

Near the close of the last war with England, Francis Scott Key, a lawyer of Baltimore, was detained under guard on a British warship at the mouth of the Potomac, where he had gone under a flag of truce, seeking the release of his friend, Wm. Wm. Beanes, who had been captured. The enemy's fleet was preparing to bombard Fort M'Henry, and Mr. Key's return with his friend was forbidden lest the plan of action should be disclosed. Being an unwilling witness to the attack on his country's flag, he paced the deck through the long night of the bombardment until "the dawn's early light" revealed the brave standard still flying over the fort. Greatly relieved and inspired with burning patriotism he wrote his song on the back of letter, and within twenty-four hours it was printed on flyers, circulated and sung in the streets of the city to the old English hunting air "Anacreon in Heaven." This old melody, which was first used in America to Robert Treat Paines' son, "Adams and Liberty," was composed by John Stafford Smith, who was born at Gloucester, England, 1750.

The "Star Spangled Banner" that waved above Fort M'Henry, when the poet composed the famous hymn, was made and presented to the garrison by a girl of fifteen, who afterwards became Mrs. Sanderson. The famous old flag is still preserved in the family home in Baltimore. The additional stanza of the hymn beginning with the line, "When our land is illumined with Liberty's smile," was composed in 1861 by Dr. Oliver Wendell Holmes. Three stanzas, the first, second and fourth are given here:

O say, can you see by the dawn's early light
What so proudly we hail'd at the twilight's last gleaming
Whose broad stripes and bright stars through the perilous fight
O'er the ramparts we watch'd, were so gallantly streaming,
And the rockets red glare, the bombs bursting in air,
Gave proof through the night that the flag was still there:
O say, does the star-spangled banner yet wave
O'er the land of the free and the home of the brave?

On the shore dimly seen through the mist of the deep,
Where the foe's haughty host in dread silence reposes,
What is that which the breeze, o'er the towering steep,
As it fitfully blows, half conceals, half discloses?
Now it catches the gleam of the morning's first beam,
In full glory reflected now shines in the stream,
O say, does the star-spangled banner yet wave
O'er the land of the free and the home of the brave?

O thus be it ever when freeman shall stand
Between their loved homes and the war's desolation;
Bless'd with vict'ry and peace, may the heaven rescued land
Praise the Power that hath made and preserved us a Nation,
Then conquer we must, when our cause is just,
And this be our motto, "In God is our trust."
And the star-spangled banner in triumph shall wave
O'er the land of the free and the home of the brave.

C. W. HARDON.

A LIVING SACRIFICE.

When Paul declared himself the bondslave of Jesus Christ, he had in mind the condition of servitude which still maintains in Africa, well known as the land of the bondslave. As Dan Crawford points out, the simple and luminous meaning of the word "slave" is a "person who had no power over his own body." Paul, therefore, meant to say that he was a man who had no power over his own body. It is this man who said: "I beseech you, * * * present you bodies a living sacrifice." It is easier to speak the words glibly than it is to carry out the spirit and meaning of the glad surrender of Paul.—Exchange.

A MUCH USED BIBLE.

When we turn to the Supreme Court, instead of many Bibles we find but one small volume, now celebrated as the Justices' Bible, used continuously during the one hundred and sixteen years since 1800 for the installation oaths of all the justices and the pledging of allegiance of all the attorneys who have practiced before that court. No wonder that on an average for about every decade of this period a new or extra outside cov-

er of black leather has been required to keep the red morocco binding of the little Book in such freshness as it still possesses. This Bible is five and a half inches long and three and a half inches wide, and tradition says that it formed one of twenty thousand which Congress imported in the early days of the Republic to relieve the Scriptural dearth of the country. The title-page shows that it was printed at Oxford in 1799. This Bible has always been in the care of the clerk of the Supreme Court.—The Christian Herald.

THE TRUE AND THE FALSE.

The president of a bank, when asked by a young clerk how he could distinguish the counterfeit bills from the good, said: "Get familiar with the good bills, and you will recognize the bad bills at sight."

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The man accustomed to handling only good corn, good potatoes, good diamonds has no difficulty in detecting the faulty. He does it intuitively. Even without recognized thought he fixes upon the fault. The skilful egg-candler passes good eggs before the light with a rhythmic rapidity that is amazing, but an imperfect egg instantly breaks his routine and interrupts his process. To the trained musician, accustomed to high grade work, a false note comes like a stab of pain.

In any occupation or line of endeavor, any man fully engaged in doing the right thing will have no difficulty in recognizing the wrong. Right and wrong are as far apart, as unlike, as day and night; and he that is most accustomed to the light is quickest to note the shadows.

There is only one way to know the bad, the imperfect, the false, and that is by knowing the good, the perfect, the true.—The Christian Herald.

CORAL.

We suppose every little girl in the world at some time in her life just wished and wished for a coral necklace—one of those beautiful ones with a cunning little gold clasp that slipped into the other gold end and fastened with a snap. She could not have wished for anything more beautiful, and we wonder if she had an idea where the little pieces of hard, polished stuff came from.

Well, they are found way down in the sea, probably near some island in the Pacific Ocean. There is a little creature so tiny that it takes a good pair of eyes to see him at all that is to be thanked for the coral in your necklace. These little sea folks are called polypi; and as there are just millions and millions of them, they have been able to do some big things in the world. The beautiful red substance that we call coral is just the cast-off bones of skeletons of countless millions of the polypi family for thousands and thousands of years. As these little creatures die the skeletons, or what is left, accumulate and form the substance we know as coral. Molded by the action of the waves, it takes on the shape in which it is found, usually like some vegetable growth with branches sprouting from one common stem. As the ages pass these accumulated bones, we will call them for want of a better name, grow very slowly but very surely; and some day in the world's history they lift themselves near enough to the surface to form what sailors call reefs, one of the greatest dangers of the deep. More ages come and go, and the reefs become higher still and appear above the surface. Then seaweed and other substances floating in the water lodge on these coral bushes. Seeds may be washed by the ocean currents and find a resting place among the weeds. After a time the seeds spring up, and the green of plant life begins to show. More years pass by, maybe thousands of them, and trees and soil find a footing; and a lovely island, crowned with tall palms, through whose whispering leaves are heard the cries of tropical birds, stands where once was only a waste of waters. All this is the result of the tiny polypi, who have lived out their little lives and died.—Charles A. David.

LAWTON DISTRICT CONFERENCE

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tary of Woman's Missionary Society, gave us an interesting talk on Friday afternoon.

Four hundred and sixty-eight members have been received since conference, eighty-five on profession of faith and fifty-three adult baptisms. Most of our revivals are to be held yet.

Four young men were licensed to preach, namely, Emmett Guy Smith, Tipton; Herbert Luther Rogers, Grandfield; Edward Wilson Davison, Alfalfa; Thomas Cleveland Rogan, Hastings.

E. W. Davison was recommended for admission on trial into Annual Conference.

The following delegates were elected to Annual Conference:

- J. C. NORMAN.
- E. C. SHIPLEY.
- W. C. LUKENBILL.
- T. M. ROBINSON.

Alternates:

- J. M. Oliver.
- S. L. Ripley.

Three lawyers and one banker. Some General Conference prospects.

We failed to see our Dallas representative, but we know you missed something.

Tipton is a bright new town, situated in the richest farming country of Oklahoma. Brother Humphreys and his people seemed to have formed a mutual admiration society and all preachers who think of enjoying the honor of preaching in that new church and living in that new parsonage may as well content themselves to go somewhere else if the time limit is removed. Humphreys says he is going to stay on and on forever. We don't blame him. Our entertainment was most hospitable, and not one complaint was heard. Some of us preachers only wish, when our quadrennium is up, that we shall hear our names read out for Tipton.

Lawton District is well manned from presiding elder to only one supply, and he is one of our best preachers. Everything indicates progress and life. We love our leader and willingly follow him.

J. T. McBRIDE, Secretary.

ALBUQUERQUE DISTRICT CONFERENCE.

The Albuquerque District Conference convened in the city of Albuquerque, New Mexico, April 25 to 29. The presiding elder, George H. Givan, prepared a splendid program, which made this an unusually delightful and helpful conference.

All of the preachers of the district except four were present. There were also a number of visiting ministers, among whom were: Rev. S. E. Allison, presiding elder of the Roswell District; Rev. H. M. Smith, presiding elder of the El Paso District; Rev. J. H. Fitzgerald, presiding elder of the Chihuahua District of the Mexican Border Conference; Dr. C. P. Moore, Sunday School Field Secretary, and Rev. J. Robt. Moose, returned missionary from Korea.

There was a distinct spiritual atmosphere prevailing at all times and the preaching service occupied a prominent place on the program. The following preached during the conference: H. M. Smith, S. E. Allison, J. H. Fitzgerald, R. E. Stevenson, Grover C. Emmons, Arthur Marston and E. D. Lewis.

On Thursday evening Dr. C. P. Moore delivered an address on modern Sunday School work, which was very interesting and helpful. Dr. Moore always finds a hearty welcome before a New Mexico audience. He is a live wire and is at home when it comes to discussing Sunday School problems.

It was a real treat to have Rev. J. Robert Moose present at all the sessions of the conference. He has recently returned to America from Korea, and on Sunday afternoon gave an inspiring lecture on that interesting mission field.

On Friday morning the District Lay Leader, John F. Simms, addressed the conference on "The Laymen's Relationship to the Church." He is a loyal Methodist and a wide-awake layman. He was unanimously re-elected for ensuing year.

The reports from the pastors indicated progress along all lines. However, two features stood out prominently in the reports. The first was the large number of accessions to the Church membership since Annual Conference, and the second was the progress that has been made in cleaning up Church debts. There were

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"God's beautiful out-of-doors" with an open mind we are forced to the conclusion that there is a power controlling the universe who is wise and beneficent and who, we may also learn from Jesus Christ, is forever loving, too.—Howard A. Bridgeman.

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ALBUQUERQUE DISTRICT CONFERENCE.

(Continued From Page 6) splendid reports from most of the Sunday Schools and Woman's Missionary Societies.

Interesting addresses were delivered at the Ministers' Conference and at the Missionary Institute, which were held on Wednesday and Thursday afternoons respectively.

The ladies had a splendid meeting of the Woman's Missionary Council on Friday afternoon. Mrs. C. H. Hittson, District Secretary, was present and had charge.

The following were elected delegates to the Annual Conference:

- W. J. HANNA. T. W. MEDLEY. N. M. CUDABAC. C. H. HITTSON.

Alternates:

- C. L. Owens. John F. Sims. Z. T. McDaniel. Guy H. Vail.

Tucumcaria, New Mexico, was the unanimous choice as the place for the meeting of the next conference.

Before adorning, the conference adopted a strong resolution commending the efficient services of Rev. Geo. H. Givan, who is rounding out his quadrennium as presiding elder of the district. Brother Givan has made good in every sense and is loved by all of the preachers. The following resolution, which was adopted during his absence, speaks for itself:

"Whereas, Our beloved presiding elder, George H. Givan, is rounding out his quadrennium on the Albuquerque District, and, according to the law of our Church, must soon go to another field of labor; therefore be it

"Resolved, That we, the members of the Albuquerque District Conference, do hereby express our sincere gratitude for his wise leadership, his consecrated life, unselfish labor and the warm brotherly spirit that he has manifested at all times. We pray that God will grant him strength for continued service, and that his labors in his new field may continue to bear abundant fruit in the building up of the kingdom of our Lord Jesus Christ."

The conference was delightfully entertained by the people of Albuquerque. Rev. J. C. Jones, the conference host, and his people showed a splendid spirit of hospitality and made the visit of all the preachers and delegates thoroughly enjoyable.

G. C. EMMONS, Secretary.

WICHITA FALLS DISTRICT CONFERENCE.

The Wichita Falls District Conference convened in regular session on April 27 at Byers. Friday, Saturday and Sunday were crowded with splendidly attended services. Our presiding elder, Rev. J. Sam Barcus, had not made a set program previous to our meeting, but with an eye for the business of the Church as well as for the spiritual angle he guided the proceedings with poise, insight and adaptability.

In view of the tremendous distance many of our people had to travel the attendance on the part of the laymen was remarkable. There were more than one hundred laymen outside of Byers in attendance on the conference from beginning to end. All the preachers save three were present.

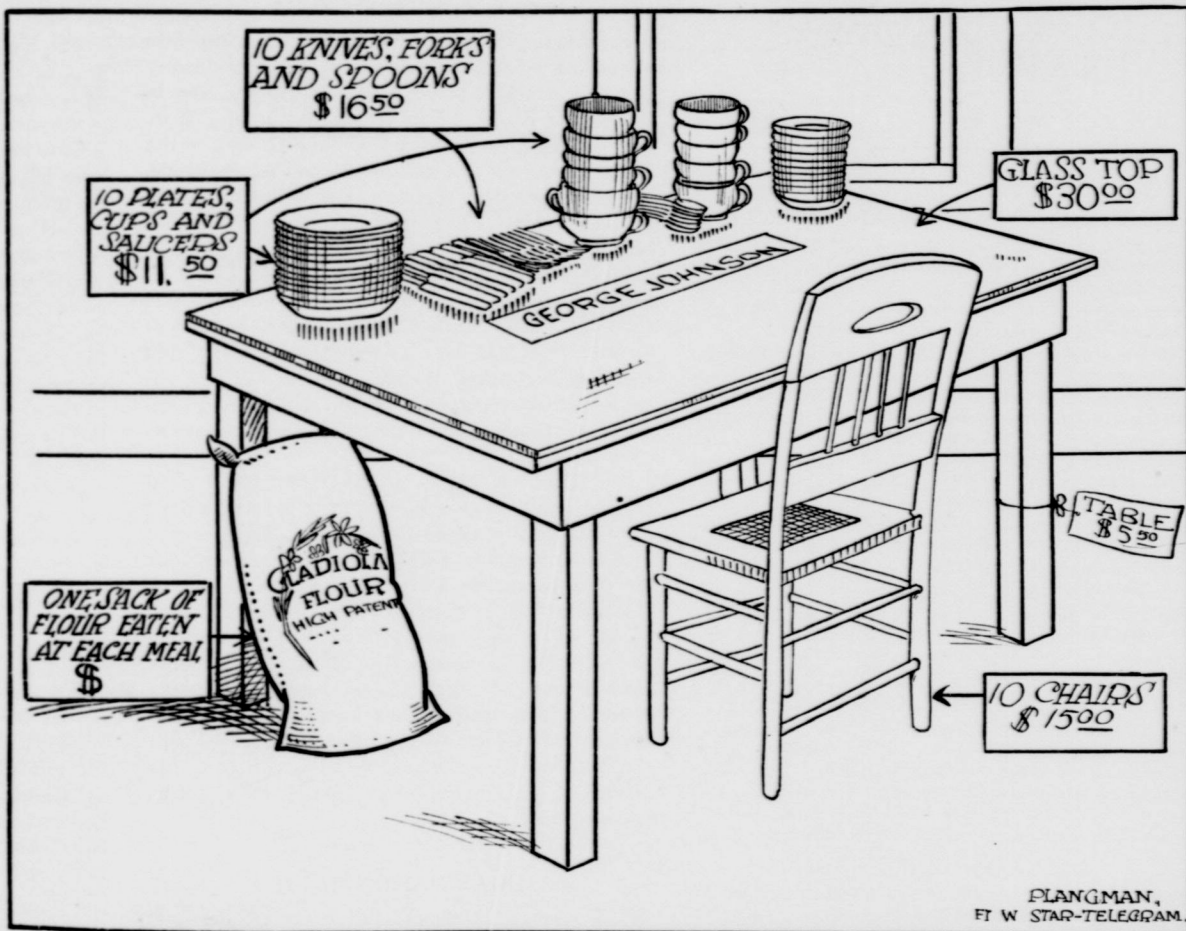
After organization Friday afternoon, Rev. T. G. Whitten, of Electra Station, preached at night to a splendid congregation despite a heavy rain. Saturday morning was a well-attended session with the regular run of business. At 11 o'clock Rev. T. L. Huffstutler, of Burkburnett Station, preached a very inspiring sermon on "Soul Winning." The conference felt that it had already received a decided impetus. Saturday afternoon the conference convened, after a sumptuous dinner served by the Byers people at a local hotel. Delegates to Annual Conference were elected as follows:

- P. A. MARTIN. W. F. MANNING. W. T. LYNN. T. H. MARBERRY.

Alternates:

- J. S. Hopkins. C. W. Snider.

The conference ordered the presiding elder to edit a District Bulletin and R. B. Curry to publish it. Two of our superannuates were in attendance all the time, Revs. I. N. Crutchfield and J. A. Kerr. At 3:30 Bro. Crutchfield addressed the conference on the triumphs of the Cross in the Wichita Falls District. He spoke with fervor and power. We have no men among us who deserve more praise and more cordial fellowship than



The picture shows some of the things that are needed NOW at the Methodist Orphanage. Without them the new building, which has been completed, can not be used. A few hundred dollars will finish furnishing the dining room and kitchen. Where can you invest a little money that will bring greater returns?

\$5.50 will buy one table; \$30.00 will buy one heavy glass top for table and put donor's name on it as shown in picture above; \$16.50 will buy the silverware for one table; \$15.00 will put the chairs around one table; \$11.50 will buy the dishes for one table. Ten children will eat at one table. We are asking for the things that are absolutely needed and we should have them, without further delay.

Will not the Sunday Schools, Epworth Leagues and Woman's Missionary Societies help us in this worthy work? I know that you have many calls. We have them, too. Calls for homes for homeless children. We can answer the cry of the orphans as you help us. If any Sunday School, Woman's Missionary Society, League or individual wants to give top for table, and do not have all the money, send your cash payment with your pledge for the rest within a few months. By giving to this cause you bring a ray of sunshine to the homeless child, you help place it in a Christian home where the influences are such that more than ninety per cent of our children are making good dependable men and women.

Remember, too, that the high cost of living makes it necessary for us to ask for more liberal offerings to the current expense of the Home. In the name of the orphan I make this appeal to you. Do the big thing for us. Send your check to REV. W. T. GRAY, Field Secretary Methodist Orphanage, Station A, Fort Worth, Texas.

Uncle Ike. Saturday night was given over to the laymen's work. Judge P. A. Martin, District Lay Leader, resumed the chair. After a call from all the charges concerning the work, Judge Martin gave the conference a masterful address in which he appealed to every heart and mind for a more consistent, more consecrated Christian life. Sunday morning came with all its sacredness lending its historical force to the wonderful love feast atmosphere. Bro. J. A. Kerr conducted the love feast at 9:30. As this great-hearted man moved among and talked to us we felt that John the Apostle had spoken. Great power came upon the conference. At 11 o'clock R. B. Curry preached to a magnificent congregation. In the afternoon the conference took up its work on Sunday Schools and Leagues. The various reports were read and adopted. At the evening hour Rev. F. A. Crutchfield, of Henrietta Station, preached with unction. The congregation was moved with compassion and inspired to a higher and nobler life. The conference adjourned to accept the cordial invitation of Burkburnett to reassemble there in 1918.

The hospitality of the Byers people deserves all merit and praise. May God bless and may their tribe increase. R. B. CURRY, Secretary.

VINITA DISTRICT CONFERENCE.

The eighth session of the Vinita District Conference convened at Wagoner, Okla., April 27 and closed with the evening of April 30, 1917, Rev. J. M. Cantrell, presiding elder, in the chair. The attendance was good on the part of both laymen and pastors and the feeling prevailed that this was one of the best District Conferences ever held in this part of Oklahoma. The success of the conference was due to hearty co-operation that was manifested among all the brethren, both laymen, pastors and visitors, that we must be about God's work.

Each session was preceded by much praying. The essential committees were appointed but for the most part

the conference did its business as a committee of the whole. Instead of pastors including many things in one report, the various subjects were called one at a time and each thoroughly discussed by pastors and laymen. The rule that each should feel a sense of obligation in the consideration of each subject was remarkably observed and the discussions were numerous, short, telling and to the point. Another feature of the conference that made profitable and enjoyable was the many good sermons delivered. As a rule we had three sermons each day—11 a. m., 3:30 p. m. and 8 p. m. The pastors, Connectional brethren and visitors who favored us with sermons were Rev. H. P. Clarke, Rev. S. C. Nunley, Rev. A. S. Johnson, Rev. A. C. Clark, Evangelist M. A. Cassidy, Dr. Frank Seay and Rev. J. M. Cantrell.

The pastors and laymen did not only believe in much prayer but stood ready and willing to carry God's kingdom forward with the material means at hand, for a good donation was given Rev. Clarke for the Orphanage, Rev. Vick for the Superannuates' Home, a substantial collection for an afflicted member of the conference who could not be present, contribution to forward the Sunday School work and to Dr. Seay for the ministerial fund.

The following were elected delegates to the Annual Conference:

- L. C. KROPP. P. V. VANDEMENT. E. H. McHENRY. J. E. BUTLER.

One other noticeable thing that made our hearts glad was the number of young men who were present and took part in the conference. May God bless them as our mature men of tomorrow will be these young men of today.

It was the consensus of opinion that Bro. Ellis and the good people of Wagoner are the most hospitable, whole-hearted and entertaining that can be found among Southern Methodism for every one was taken care of in such a manner that a warm place

will always be found in our hearts for Brother Ellis and his membership. It was much regretted by all that it was impossible for Dr. N. L. Linebaugh and Rev. J. H. Rogers to be present. Dr. Linebaugh was at Atlanta, Ga., on affairs of the Church and Bro. Rogers is in the midst of a great revival. The next District Conference will be held at Inola, Okla. L. C. KROPP, Sec.

SAN ANTONIO DISTRICT CONFERENCE.

The San Antonio District Conference met at the Laurel Heights Methodist Church, San Antonio, April 25th. On the evening of the 24th the membership of the conference was delightfully entertained by Rev. and Mrs. J. H. Groseclose at the new district parsonage. We doubt if there is a more creditable district parsonage to be found in our Methodism, and certainly not a better loved elder or a more charming hostess.

The ladies of the Missionary Society of the Laurel Heights Church served a delicious dinner at the lunch hour on the first day, and the second day the ladies of the Missionary Societies of the other Methodist Churches of the city served a like dinner that was equally appreciated.

We had things good for the soul as well as for the stomach. Bro. H. G. Horton was there and delivered an address on "One Hundred Years of Methodism." The conference felt that Bro. Horton's paper must be preserved, and therefore passed a resolution providing for its publication. Rev. G. M. Boyd, our Conference Secretary of Education, gave an address on "A Call to the Ministry," and Rev. Sam B. Beall preached a sermon on Tithing with such effect that quite a few of the conference who were not tithing already pledged themselves to the plan. Bro. J. W. Woodson, superintendent of Travis Park Sunday School, represented the Sunday School work. Dr. Casper Wright made a nice little

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IS THIS THE VOICE OF MISSOURI?

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upon to make provision for further adjustments in our border work, if such further adjustments are needed.

And lastly, we dissent from the position of the St. Louis editor because he seems to assume that "prejudice" is at the bottom of our continued division. "Prejudice" did not divide Methodism in 1844. This charge has long been withdrawn, as it affects the action of our fathers, and it ought not now be relaid at the feet of present-day leaders.

THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY.

The 129th session of the General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church (U. S. A.) is now in session in Dallas. The meetings are being held in the City Temple, of which Dr. J. Frank Smith is pastor. The attendance is very large, representatives being present from every part of the globe.

The Assembly is exceedingly strong in its personnel. Among the distinguished ministers present are Dr. J. Wilbur Chapman, the noted evangelist, who was elected Moderator; Dr. Henry Sloan Coffin, pastor of the Madison Avenue Presbyterian Church, New York City; Dr. Wallace Radcliffe, pastor of the New York Avenue Presbyterian Church, Washington, D. C.; Dr. George Taylor, Jr., pastor of the First Presbyterian Church, Wilkinsburg, Pa.; and Dr. John B. Rendall, President Lincoln University, Pa.

The Assembly is addressing itself in a masterly manner to the great problems of the time. The meeting at a time when the Nation is at war vests the 129th session of the Assembly with supreme importance to the Presbyterian branch of the Church. The great gathering has gone on record for prohibition as a war measure; it has sounded no uncertain note as to Sabbath observance; it has forwarded to President Wilson a message of patriotic fervor; it is studying the fields of work at home and abroad; and it has made overtures to Southern Presbyterians for union.

Last Sunday was "Presbyterian Day" in Dallas. The Protestant pulpits of the city were filled with distinguished ministers from our great sister Church. The visiting ministers, almost without exception, took the Protestant Reformation as their theme. The approach of the 400th anniversary of the Reformation made this theme most appropriate and great congregations were informed and inspired by the eloquent deliverances.

We welcome the 129th session of the General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church (U. S. A.) to the Southwest and we pray divine blessings upon its deliberations.

OUR COUNTRY'S CALL.

President Wilson's proclamation putting into effect the selective draft provision of the army bill will affect, approximately, 10,000,000 men in the United States. Between the hours of 7 a. m. and 9 p. m. on the fifth day of June all men in the Nation, between the ages of 21 and 30, inclusive, are commanded to register at registration places in the precincts where they have their permanent homes. Those who fail or refuse to register are subject, upon conviction in the District Court of the United States, to imprisonment for not more than one year. Neither absence nor sickness will exempt from the duty of registration. The sick must be registered through agents and the absentees must register by mail. Neither will ignorance of the time or place of registration excuse the delinquent.

The President's proclamation has come as a serious reminder that our country is at war. We have scarcely realized this as yet. Every home in the Nation will now come face to face with the serious matter which we have in hand.

Registration, of course, does not mean that each of the 10,000,000 men will be sent to training camps, but it does mean that each will say, "Here am I; I am ready to go wherever my country may direct." Registration does mean that our Government is mobilizing the whole Nation for war and that each man, wherever assigned, is in the service of his country. Our country calls; let us bravely answer.

DUAL NATIONALITY.

The conduct of the great masses of our German-American citizens in the great war has been above criticism. Pledges of loyalty to our Government by all sorts of German associations form one of the brightest pages in the history of these fateful days. We have assumed—our Government has assumed—the loyalty of our citizens of German birth and this trust has not been misplaced.

Severe criticism, however, has come from the German press and German-Americans have been told to drop the word "German" from their name. We have seen the boast that the German Government did not fear America because in America are 500,000 German reservists. The implication of this statement is clear.

Americans are asking how the German Government could so cruelly misjudge the German-Americans. How could the militaristic government of Germany assume that Germans in America would be disloyal to their adopted country?

The mental attitude of Germany can be understood only as we examine her legal provisions for the dual citizenship of her people. A writer in the April number of the North American Review, Mr. Herbert Adams Gibbons, quotes and discusses paragraph 25 of the Delbrueck law, section 2 of which reads as follows:

Citizenship is not lost by one who before acquiring foreign citizenship has secured on application the written consent of the competent authorities of his home State to retain his citizenship. Before this consent is given the German Consul is to be heard.

It is entirely possible that we have in America Germans who, for commercial or other reasons, have sought to retain their German citizenship while swearing fealty to our Government. Even "dual nationality" of this character should not be allowed, but it is to the everlasting credit of such German-Americans that they have repelled the intimation that they are ready to take up arms against their adopted country. They still love their Fatherland, but as between the Government of the United States and that of Germany they are Americans. And for these patriotic sons of America we cherish the tenderest affection and bespeak for them the cordial consideration which they so richly deserve.

DR. GAMBRELL HONORED.

The Southern Baptist Convention, which has just closed a great session in New Orleans, honored itself in electing Dr. J. B. Gambrell, of Dallas, as President of the Convention. Dr. Gambrell is not only one of the leading figures of his Church in America, but he towers as a leading citizen of the Nation. While Dr. Gambrell is an ardent Baptist, nevertheless he recognizes that there are lines of Christian work in which all Christians must co-operate. Writing us about a certain matter recently, he said, "There are some things on which we must stand together." And it is in this spirit that this great man has done his work in Texas. All Texas delights to honor such a man. He belongs to us all. Great as he is as a Baptist leader, he is even greater as a Christian citizen of America. May the divine blessings be upon his great Church and upon his own good gray head!

RATHER HIGH-HANDED.

The State is to be congratulated upon the defeat of the iniquitous Parks' Bill. The features of this bill we discussed in a recent editorial.

The moral forces of the State, however, we regret to say, do not owe the defeat of this unrighteous bill to the grace of Speaker Fuller. On the contrary, we desire to utter our protest against his action in ordering the removal from the desks of the Representatives the resolutions of the Fort Worth mass meeting against the bill. We expect of our Speaker an impartial hand, at least, when legislation of this character is pending. In this fight we had the Administration against us, but we were surprised when told by a number of Representatives of the Speaker's actions in the matter mentioned. We had always understood that the right of petition is among the inalienable rights of a free people.

Speaker Fuller was courteous to this writer on a number of occasions, but we feel that we owe it to the State thus to protest against his indefensible action.

THE OKLAHOMA METHODIST ORPHANAGE.

We publish elsewhere in this issue Bishop H. C. Morrison's endorsement of the purchase of the Wesleyan College property, near Oklahoma City, for a Methodist Orphanage. The first thousand dollars of the purchase price (\$25,000) has actually been paid and notes given for the balance—\$5000 due Nov. 15, 1917; \$10,000 due Nov. 15, 1918, and \$9000 due Nov. 15, 1919.

The trustees, of whom Rev. Frank Barrett is president, say:

The first thousand dollars has been paid and we are now in possession of the property, which consists of approximately 160 acres of land, one large brick dormitory, one administration building, the first story completed, one hospital building, one farm house and outbuildings, one laundry building, a big barn and other smaller buildings. Four of the main buildings are wired for electricity, and piped for water and gas, with connections; hundreds of feet of concrete walks, shade trees and other improvements. The buildings are all in comparatively good condition, and a conservative estimate places the value of it all to our Church at \$75,000. One other dormitory building is on the grounds which cost \$16,000, owned by our Home Mission Board. The property is admirably located near the Interurban car line and Santa Fe Railroad, with a 10c fare from Oklahoma City; it is in sight of the State Capitol building; in walking distance of the town of Britton, and in sight of the State Normal School building at Edmond.

We rejoice to hear of this new enterprise among our Oklahoma brethren. We believe, too, that this particular enterprise will appeal to the entire State of Oklahoma. The cry of the orphan is the one cry against which the human heart is least impervious. Europe has made millions of orphans in recent months and America is likely to hear the bitter cry of the orphan in days which are near at hand. The effort to make the world a safe place for the orphan will win the hearts of Oklahomans as it has won the hearts of men wherever made.

Moreover, we believe Oklahoma Methodism has now hit upon an enterprise which will command a unity of spirit and effort such as no other enterprise has done in the past. Oklahoma will be united as in no other day of her history when she puts her hand to the erection and maintenance of a great Orphanage. Blessings upon the conferences which conceived the plan of the Oklahoma Methodist Orphanage!

TEXAS METHODIST ASSEMBLY JULY 19-29.

Everything is in readiness for a great gathering at Epworth, Port O'Connor, July 19-29. Before us lies the splendid program. The opening sermon will be preached by Dr. C. M. Bishop, President Southwestern University, Thursday evening, the 19th. Among those who are to have part on the program are Dr. John M. Moore, Rev. R. P. Shuler, Bishop E. D. Mouzon, Dr. Paul Kern, Mrs. A. A. Cocks and Dr. George R. Stuart. The very mention of these names insures a program of rare merit.

The facilities for recreation are the very best. The auditorium is inviting, cottages have been erected, the grounds have been repaired and the great pier built. The League will now have its own grounds and will be able to control the affairs of the Encampment.

We congratulate the President of the Assembly, Rev. Frank Onderdonk, upon the inviting preparations made for the meeting. He has been untiring in his work. Let the cry go up from hundreds of Texas chapters: On to Epworth!

It is our judgment that our League Chapters could do no nicer thing than to make their pastors a present of a round trip ticket to Epworth. Who is more entitled to such courtesy and who would enjoy it more heartily?

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PERSONALS

Rev. Theodore Copeland, of Pine Bluff, is leading a fine meeting in his own charge.

Rev. O. S. Thomas was among our callers this week. His visits are always appreciated.

Rev. W. M. Wilson, of Duncan, preached the commencement sermon for the Duncan High School Sunday, May 20.

Rev. R. S. Satterfield is to preach the commencement sermon for Cameron Agricultural College at Lawton, Okla., May 27.

Rev. J. S. Lamar, presiding elder, has a plan on foot for securing a district parsonage for the Lawton District. May he succeed.

Rev. E. L. Egger, of Terrell District, reports a fine day Sunday at Lancaster and Terrell District in good shape. We enjoy his calls.

Rev. Thomas G. Whitten, of Electra, began a meeting in his charge last Sunday. He will do his own preaching and it will be well done.

Dr. Frank Barrett, of St. Luke's, Oklahoma City, will preach the commencement sermon of the Edmond State Normal School Sunday, May 27.

We are indebted to Rev. W. E. Lyon, of Lamesa, for the splendid program of the Big Spring District Conference which meets at Lamesa May 17-19.

Rev. Thomas H. Ward, of Corum Circuit, Oklahoma, has two new churches ready for dedication. This is progress and we congratulate the alert pastor.

Dr. Horace Bishop, whom everybody knows and loves, remembered us last week with one of his bright visits. He is always welcome at the Advocate office.

Rev. Umphrey Lee, who is now teaching at the Southern Methodist University, will preach the commencement sermon for the Mansfield High School the fourth Sunday in May.

Mr. and Mrs. Archey W. Gordon, of Beaumont, are rejoicing over the arrival of "Marshall Wilson" who came to make his home with them on May 27. We congratulate this happy family.

Mr. W. M. Harris, formerly of the Attorney General's office, is now a practicing attorney of Dallas. We were his pastor in Austin and were happy to have a visit from him last week.

Mrs. C. F. Mitchell, wife of Rev. C. F. Mitchell, of Pauls Valley, Oklahoma, is in ill health and will have to go to a sanitarium for treatment. We pray that she may be restored to health.

Rev. A. L. Barrett has resigned charge of the Erin Springs Circuit, and Rev. A. E. Gammage, of Stillwater, has been appointed to succeed him. Brother Gammage's address is Lindsay, Okla.

Former Senator E. G. Senter, attorney for the Amicable Life Insurance Company, Waco, remembered us with a pleasant call last week. Senator Senter is one of the really strong men of Texas.

Rev. S. S. McKenney, of Trinity Church, Port Arthur, has received 180 members into his Church since conference and he dreams of a \$50,000 church for Port Arthur. May his dream come true!

Rev. R. P. Witt, one of the superannuated preachers of the West Oklahoma Conference, preached a strong sermon in our First Church in Lawton on Sunday, May 13, where Rev. R. S. Satterfield is pastor.

Rev. J. H. Meredith is on a visit to his old home in Indiana. He is in great favor with his people at Center Point. A great pastor and a fine all-round man. He serves one of the best communities in the State.

We appreciate an invitation to the graduating exercises of the Kidd-Key College which was held in the college auditorium last Monday morning at 10 o'clock. The college has had one of the best years in its history.

Rev. R. S. Satterfield represented Southern Methodist University at the recent session of the Lawton District Conference at Tipton, Okla. An offering for the loan fund for ministerial students was taken amounting to \$160.

Rev. C. T. Jones, of Crockett, called to see us. Bro. Jones was formerly a useful member of First Church, Dallas, and we were glad to see him again. He is a local preacher and we are sure his pastor, Rev. C. U. McLarty, finds him a loyal helper. Bro. Jones said Bro. McLarty is doing excellent work and the people love him.

Rev. R. A. Burroughs, Manager of the Orphanage, is to be congratulated on the clean bill of health given the Orphanage by the City Health Department of Waco. Everything about the Orphanage was found clean and sanitary.

Rev. A. T. Bridges, of Whiterock Circuit, Bonham District, was a pleasant caller at the Advocate office. He is a conscientious pastor and makes a good report of his charge. He is very much interested in the problem of the "Country Church."

We sincerely sympathize with Mrs. C. S. Walker, who has been attending Yale University with her husband, in the death of her mother, Mrs. John T. Clayton, of Calumet, Okla. Sister Clayton was a life-long member of the Methodist Church.

Little Floyd, the seven-year-old son of Brother and Sister T. Edward Graham, of Hobart, Okla., is very low with pneumonia. This will be sad news to the many friends of this dear pastor. We pray God's blessings upon the stricken family.

A District Church Extension Board was organized at the recent session of the Lawton District Conference. The presiding elder, Rev. J. S. Lamar, believes that through this board several new church enterprises can be launched before the year is over.

Rev. Willmoore Kendall, our pastor at Weatherford, Okla., is the fraternal delegate from the West Oklahoma Conference and Dr. N. L. Linebaugh, the fraternal delegate from the East Oklahoma Conference, to the Methodist Conference in Lawton, October 13th.

Rev. G. S. Wyatt, of Hereford, has \$11,000 in subscriptions toward the building of a \$20,000 church. He has had some fifty accessions since conference and does not hesitate to say that he has the best official board in Texas. Bro. Wyatt is doing a great work indeed.

Rev. C. M. Rabe preached the commencement sermon for the High School at Flatonia last Sunday. Bro. Rabe is in great demand for occasions of this kind and never disappoints his friends in his pulpit deliverances. His charge, West End, San Antonio, is doing well.

Rev. J. S. Lamar is raising money with which to purchase a car for our missionary among the Kiowa Indians in Comanche, Caddo and Kiowa Counties, Oklahoma. The car has been ordered and will greatly increase the service of Rev. R. M. Templeton and wife, missionaries among these Indians.

Rev. Edgar M. Wisdom, our pastor at Rising Star, preached the baccalaureate sermon for the Ranger High School, Sunday, May 20th. Rev. J. A. Dozier is our pastor at Ranger and the superintendent of the High School is Prof. M. H. Smith. Brother Smith is also District Lay Leader of the Cisco District.

Rev. John R. Nelson, presiding elder Fort Worth District, attended the meeting of the General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church last Tuesday and found time to call at the Advocate office at the noon hour. The State owes a great debt to Dr. Nelson for his superb leadership in the fight on the Park's Sunday Bill.

We are in receipt of the following announcement: "Mr. and Mrs. A. L. Houston announce the marriage of their daughter, Ivy Estelle, to Mr. Henry Grady Spruce on Saturday, May the nineteenth, nineteen hundred and seventeen, Stanton, Texas. At home, Jacksonville, Texas." The many friends will be interested in this announcement.

The members of St. James Church, Oklahoma City, at a special meeting, have decided to build a new church at the site of the present building, Twelfth Street and Fonshill Avenue. The cost of the new edifice is estimated at \$20,000. Construction will begin as soon as the plans are decided upon and drawn. Rev. F. M. Miller is the wide-awake pastor.

By action of the Epworth League Board at its recent meeting in Dallas, Texas, Miss Phala Hawkins, of Charleston, Mo., was invited to the Junior Secretaryship made vacant by the resignation of Miss Trawick. It is announced by the General Secretary that Miss Hawkins has accepted the office, and will begin her work June 1. Miss Hawkins is an accomplished young lady, the daughter of the Rev. C. M. Hawkins, of the St. Louis Conference, and a granddaughter of the late Dr. John Mathews, in his day without question the greatest preacher in Southern Methodism. It may be expected that Miss Hawkins' contribution to the work of the Central Office will be of great value.

On April 18 our church and parsonage at Snyder, Okla., were destroyed by storm. The parsonage will be ready for occupancy within a few days but no plans have yet been made for the rebuilding of the church. Rev. G. R. Wright, the pastor, is to be congratulated in the quick work of rebuilding. At present our congregation is worshipping with the M. E. people.

Rev. D. S. Burke, our pastor at Willis, writes us that his father, Rev. J. D. Burke, a superannuate member of the Texas Conference, is seriously sick at his home at Burke. By his side is his afflicted wife who has been confined to her bed for four years. The Advocate extends sincerest sympathy to this distressed son and prays the richest grace upon the suffering parents.

Hon. R. H. Kirby, President Anti-Saloon League, has issued a call to prohibitionists in wet and partially wet counties to meet in mass meeting at their county courthouses, Saturday, July 14, at 2 p. m., to discuss the ordering of local option elections in these counties. We think this ought to be done and it would be our best answer to a Legislature which disobeyed the mandate of the people.

Rev. Samuel Sherman has recently been appointed to Clinton Circuit, West Oklahoma. He had been since conference in the evangelistic work and reported to the District Conference 164 sermons preached, five funerals conducted, 245 visits made, with prayers in 225 homes, one Sunday School organized, 72 conversions and reclamations. The District Conference complimented him on his report.

Rev. Luther Roberts will be absent from the Methodist pulpit next Sunday morning when he delivers the baccalaureate sermon for the Llano High School at the opera house; and also on Sunday, May 27, when he delivers the baccalaureate sermon for the Robert E. Lee College at Burnet. On Sunday evening, May 20, he delivers the sermon for the undergraduates at Cherokee College commencement.—Llano News.

Rev. Sam Beall is succeeding in a remarkable way at McKinley Avenue. Great congregations, full Sunday School, enlarged contributions are some of the things that are happening out there. He has paid a great many small debts, running up into the hundreds of dollars, and, as he says, "has not taken up his debt collection yet." You can depend on one thing, wherever Sam Beall is there will be something doing.

Major Ira H. Evans, of Austin, Texas, a Congregationalist and a descendant of the Pilgrim Fathers, has made a handsome donation to the Library of the School of Theology of the Southern Methodist University for the purchase of books dealing with the early history of England. No study of American Christianity is complete without a thorough investigation of the influence of the Pilgrim Fathers and of the Puritans on the life of the American Republic. This gift is greatly appreciated.

On page 16, in our issue of May 3, there appeared an article written by Rev. H. E. Draper, Agent Superannuate Homes, West Texas Conference. "The Most Heroic Man I Ever Met" was the title and it has, by its wide reading in the Advocate, brought generous response. Our readers will turn to that story again—for it is the story of the old hero, Rev. N. E. Bragg. It relates the heroic sacrifice and suffering of a pioneer preacher and his wife. They dared to carry the cross into the remote places in the early days of Arkansas, the old Indian Territory, New Mexico and West Texas. These were the days when the sufferings of the martyrs built the solid foundation on which we stand today. Surely, we will take care of these old veterans and not turn them out of doors. These old heroes are not beggars at our door. We are their debtors, for our heritage is the richer because they blazed the trail for us. Read that story again, for it will stir your heart. Send your money to buy these old soldiers a shelter in their last days to Rev. H. E. Draper, Austin, Texas.

A DEAD MAN SPEAKS.

The Annual of North Texas Conference for 1916, page 43, mentioning Rev. J. L. Terry as a charter member reports him buried at Longview, Texas. I have a most interesting letter from Brother Terry informing me that he dwells among the redeemed who await translation to the better land. He is up in the eighties, is nearly blind, and though in reduced circumstances is happy in the conscious experience that Jesus Christ is

TWO GOOD REMEDIES

WORKING TOGETHER, PRODUCE MARVELLOUS RESULTS.

For instance, Hood's Sarsaparilla, the standard blood purifier, is recommended for conditions that are scrofulous or dependent on impure blood. Pepton Pills, the new iron tonic, are especially recommended for conditions that are radically or characteristically anemic and nervous.

Many persons suffer from a combination of these conditions. They are afflicted with swellings of the glands, bunches in the neck, cutaneous eruptions, and sores on different parts of the body, limbs and face, and are besides pale and nervous.

If these patients take both Hood's Sarsaparilla (before meals) and Pepton Pills (after meals) they are reasonably sure to derive fourfold benefit. These two great medicines supplement each other, and the use of both, even in cases where only one may appear to be indicated, is of great advantage. Get them from your druggist.

his own personal Savior. He speaks of his Bible as being more and more precious as the days glide away. He is now reading it through the thirty-fourth time consecutively. From the letter I can readily believe he has not waned in vigor of thought, nor lessened his cultural methods. How he helped me in 1875-6 in the struggle to build the church in Longview—the only brick church building in the conference at that time outside of Jefferson—and in other ways above mention! How my heart went to him in his severe trials, and how it goes to him today!
D. F. FULLER.

WHY BUILD A HOSPITAL?

Dear Dr. Boaz:
While admiring your appetite for enterprise, the proposition to build a hospital for Texas Methodism strikes me as being unwise for the following reasons:

1. There is no urgent demand for it. In any successful campaign of this kind there must be a solid basis of appeal. You say, "Other great denominations of Texas have their hospitals." Since other Protestant Churches have entered that field, suppose we turn it over to them for the present and set our hands to some other task. There is very little difference between a Methodist hospital and a Baptist hospital. Let us avoid needless duplication of machinery. Upon you rests the burden of proving that a considerable per cent of our people are without adequate hospital facilities.

2. In view of the many unfinished tasks now on our hands, it would be a mistake to further dissipate our resources. Let everything be focalized upon the enterprises already begun until they are brought to a state of stability and permanence. Our educational work is of paramount importance and should hold the center of the stage for at least another quadrennium. The million dollars which you propose for a hospital would supply Southern Methodist University with two great dormitories, Southwestern and Texas Woman's College with one new building each and provide fifty thousand dollars endowment for each of our seven junior colleges. I move this as a substitute for your motion. Previous campaigns have prepared the soil for a real harvest in the field of education. To turn aside now for some new thing would be to lose a tremendous advantage.

C. L. BOUNDS.

Wolfe City, Texas.

RESPONSES.

The Advocate is splendid. I never fail to enjoy each issue.

J. W. HENDRIX.

Hagerman, N. M.

How I would miss the dear old Advocate! Last week's number (May 3) is extra good.

MRS. W. H. KILLOUGH.

San Marcos, Texas.

I am very glad to renew my subscription to the best paper in the United States.
D. A. NEELEY.

Memphis, Texas.

Rev. Samuel Sherman, of Clinton Circuit, West Oklahoma Conference, has appointed two Sundays for strong appeals for the Advocate. He appreciates it highly and believes it will do his members good.

SUNDAY SCHOOL DEPT.

REV. E. HIGHTOWER, Editor
Georgetown, Texas.

CAMPAIGNING IN KENTUCKY.

On request of the General Sunday School Board, the editor of this department spent the second week of May at Paducah, Kentucky, in a School of Methods.

The enterprise was under the direction of the Sunday School Board of the Memphis Conference, of which Mr. John R. Pepper is chairman and Rev. W. J. Moore, bred, born, reared and trained in Texas, is Field Secretary. That team never does things by halves. The School of Methods began Tuesday, May 8, and lasted through Sunday, May 13. The faculty consisted of Bishop Atkins, Dr. Bulla, Miss Kennedy, Mr. C. J. Nugent, of the Middle Division; Mr. Pepper, Mr. Denman, of Birmingham, Alabama; Mrs. Smith, of Little Rock; Mrs. Adams, of the Memphis Conference; Brother Moore and the scribe. Six classes met for two periods a day and two daily periods were given to a general meeting. Though present, Bishop Atkins was under positive orders of his physicians to do no public work and his place was taken one evening by Dr. Bulla and two evenings by Dr. H. M. DuBose. The Texas man had the pleasure of addressing the general meeting at the afternoon hour on "Teacher Training." Dr. Bulla and Mr. Denman had charge of the Adult and Secondary Divisions. Miss Kennedy and the other ladies looked after the Elementary Division, and Mr. Pepper and Mr. Nugent conducted classes in organization and administration. Mr. Pepper was still suffering greatly from the effects of a recent railroad accident, and to see that consecrated millionaire cheerfully leaving the comforts of home and pressing business affairs for a week together in order to give a few superintendents and pastors a clearer and more adequate vision of the Sunday School work was a spectacle that put new heart into all the workers. Bishop Atkins knew before going to Paducah that he would not be allowed to speak, but since his name appeared on the program he felt bound to be present as an evidence of good faith. Such an example from a place so high in the Church is respectfully commended to the notice of other brethren, and likewise sisters, who allow their names to appear on programs of Church work. Nothing is more demoralizing than to disappoint an audience on such occasions. The good Bishop was preparing for a six weeks' stay at Battle Creek, whither he has been ordered by his physicians. His brotherly bearing and genial optimism, in spite of the fiery trials of recent times, were very refreshing to the spirit of one who has not always seen eye to eye with the good Bishop. Dr. DuBose was entertaining and instructive, as usual. He, too, exudes brotherly kindness in every pore. On Sunday, May 13, the writer spoke to a large class of men at Broadway Church and was then whirled away to Fountain Avenue, where Rev. G. J. Evans is pastor, to preach at 11 a. m. Dr. Bulla reversed the process. Sunday afternoon the Texan and Mrs. Adams spoke to a full house at Broadway. That night the Texan hurried home to meet the next engagement in his own territory.

Paducah, at the meeting point of the Ohio and Tennessee Rivers, and in plain sight of the State of Illinois, is full of historic interest and redolent of the Old South. A tablet near the river front marks the spot where General Grant read his proclamation to the people of the South on landing there in 1861. Another tablet indicates the old brick house where Captain Jack Shannon, famous engineer, lived to the good age of ninety-five. Still another tablet indicates the place where Irvin Cobb was born in 1873, the house itself having given place to a modern bungalow. And there are tablets we did not see. Irvin Cobb's mother still lives in Paducah and he comes there often, and the people are quite proud of him. Some of them look like his picture, and when one stands on the streets it is not difficult to see where Cobb picked up such characters as Judge Priest and Dr. Lake and Sergeant Jimmy Bagby. After one has been to Paducah he would not be surprised at any time to see Cobb's characters step from the canvass and walk off.

Paducah claims 30,000 inhabitants. It is a typical Ohio River town, but its historic atmosphere is now shot through with the modern spirit, and

it is bestirring itself like a waking young giant. This is the season for marketing tobacco and the Texan did not know there was as much tobacco in the world as he saw at Paducah. Our Church is represented by five vigorous organizations in the city, and other Churches are numerous and have a prosperous look. Those open-hearted Kentuckians were mighty good to the man from Texas and he will be glad to go to Kentucky again.

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(All matter for this department must be in the hands of the editor on Thursday—one week before the date on which it is to appear.)

DATES AND PLACES FOR THE SUMMER EPWORTH LEAGUE CONFERENCES.

- May 25-27—McKinney District Conference, at Richardson.
May 30-June 3—West Texas Conference, Gonzales.
June 4-7—Texas, Beaumont.
June 7-10—North Texas, Wichita Falls.
June 14-17—Northwest Texas, Clarendon.
June 15-17—Central Texas, Hamilton.
July 19-29—Epworth-by-the-Sea Encampment, Port O'Connor.

The series of conferences begins this week. McKinney District heads the list May 25-27.

May 31 to June 3, West Texas Conference at Gonzales.

It is through the kindness of our Texas member of the General Board, Mr. Gus W. Thomasson, that we are able to thus early give you a report of the recent meeting in Dallas. This gives the conferences soon to meet an opportunity to have these facts before rather than after the close of the annual meetings.

RESUME OF THE MEETING OF THE GENERAL EPWORTH LEAGUE BOARD HELD IN DALLAS, TEXAS, MAY 9-10.

Attendance.

Dr. F. S. Parker, Dr. Ivan Lee Holt, Rev. Paul B. Kern, Ralph E. Nollner and Gus W. Thomasson were present. Others were unavoidably absent.

Statistics.

The General Secretary's report showed the following statistics, viz.: 3841 chapters with 137,333 members. This is a net increase for the year of 96 chapters and 4289 members. The figures for Texas are as follows, viz.:

Table with columns: Conference, Members, Gain, Loss. Rows include North Texas, Central Texas, Northwest Texas, Texas, Texas-Mex. (1914), West Texas.

The gains in chapters in Texas were as follows: North Texas, 3; Northwest Texas, 15; Texas, 23; West Texas, 12. Total, 53. The Central Texas Conference lost 9 chapters, reducing Texas net increase to 42 chapters. While increasing in chapters, we lost in members, the net loss being 68. Our total membership in Texas at this time is 621 chapters and 21,894 members. North Texas leads, with 157 chapters and 5,719 members.

Financial.

The total monies raised by the Leagues during the year were as follows, viz.:

Table with columns: Fund, Amount. Rows include Mission Specials, Mission Assessments, Anniversary Day, Other purposes, Total.

This is an increase of \$11,179.77 over last year. Of the \$25,030.00 contributed on Mission Specials, as reported by the pastors to the Annual Conferences, only \$15,507.10 was reported on the books of the Treasurer of the Board of Missions at Nashville. As the League received 10 per cent on all mission specials coming into the Board of Missions through the chapters, a loss in revenue of more than \$1000 was occasioned by the failure of the chapters to properly remit their contributions. This matter should receive more careful attention by the League chapters. Africa Special. The entire amount of \$10,000 is to be raised by the Texas Leaguers to build a mission steamboat to ply on the upper Congo River, in Africa, was thought to have been fully covered by subscriptions, although Dr. Parker did not have final figures at the time of submitting his report. An additional \$5000 will be needed to deliver and equip the boat ready for service, and the Texas Leaguers will be asked to raise this amount. North Texas Conference Leads. Of the total of \$11,179.77 raised by the Leagues for all objects, the sum of \$18,627, or about 17 per cent, was raised by Texas, distributed by conferences as follows, viz.:

Table with columns: Conference, Amount. Rows include North Texas, Central Texas, Northwest Texas, Texas, West Texas.

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South Georgia was next to it, with a contribution of \$5989.

Office Expenses. The total office receipts for the year were \$5133.91. Expenditures were \$4144.75. This shows good business management by those in charge of the Central Office. The surplus was applied on the League's indebtedness to Smith & Lamar, something no administration has ever done before and this reduced nearly one-half. It is hoped by another year to entirely eliminate this indebtedness and close out the quadrennium with a clean slate.

Our Literature.

The Epworth Era now has a circulation of 26,000 and is self-sustaining. The Junior Topics Quarterly has a circulation of 1200 and will soon be increased to 2000. Many editions of the present Handbook have been issued and it has developed into the most popular piece of literature yet issued by the Central Office. Provision was made for a complete rewriting of this book by another year.

Legislation.

The date for the annual election of officers for the local chapters was changed from August to April and for their installation from September to May. This change to become effective in 1918.

Intermediate League. Provision was made for giving greater emphasis to the Intermediate League for mixed chapters of boys and girls, the separate organizations—Knights of Ezelah and Girls of Epworth—not seeming to altogether meet the needs for juvenile organizations. Age limits were slightly raised, and are now as follows, viz.: Junior 8-12; Intermediate 14-16; Senior 17-30. The matter of removing entirely the maximum limit for seniors was brought up and briefly discussed, but action was deferred until another year when the question will be gone into fully.

Big Drive. Provision was made for a great forward movement to be known as the Big Drive, the object being to organize a chapter of the Epworth League in every pastoral charge and to make every League chapter a standard in efficiency. An ample financial budget was approved to make the movement a success. There are more than 6000 pastoral charges in our Church, with less than 4000 chapters of the Epworth League. This means a prospective list of 2000 new chapters. Standard of Efficiency. A standard of efficiency for Epworth Leagues was adopted, the salient features for which are as follows: 1. A written policy and a budget. 2. Quarterly business meetings; monthly council meetings; written departmental reports. 3. Payment of a chapter membership fee of \$2.50. 4. 60 per cent average attendance of active members upon weekly devotional meetings. 5. Enrollment of new members equal to 10 per cent at beginning of new year. 6. One subscriber to the Epworth Era for every four members. 7. One study class on any subject. 8. One covenant. 9. Special missionary offering. 10. A definite recreational and social program.

Resignations.

The resignations of Mr. Culbreath and Miss Trawick were accepted, the former as Assistant General Secretary and the latter as Junior League Secretary. No successors were elected, but

it was decided to combine the work of the two in a department to be known as the Junior Department, and to secure some one who can serve both as a Junior League Secretary and an Assistant Editor.

Atlanta Next.

The members of the Board were very appreciative of the courtesies shown them by the Dallas Leaguers and greatly enjoyed their meeting here. The next meeting will be held in Atlanta, Georgia, just preceding the opening of the session of the General Conference.

TO WEST TEXAS LEAGUERS.

Our League Conference convenes at Gonzales on Thursday evening, May 31, and continues until June 3. Bishop Lambuth will preach for us on Sunday morning and we want every one that can to come over to Gonzales for this service. We will also have Mr. Stockwell, Mr. Nollner, Dr. Ivan Lee Holt, Mrs. V. A. Godbey, Miss Etta Lee Woolsey and Mr. H. H. Washington and others that will add much to our conference.

Let each chapter see that the conference membership dues, chapter fees and African Special pledge have been paid by the first of June. Miss Ada Hartsfield, Gonzales, Texas, has taken the place of Mr. Nunnely as Treasurer of the conference.

The program appeared in last week's Advocate but the following changes have been made: On the third day, June 2, from 11 to 11:30, business session; 11:30 to 12, address, The Missionary Message of the Bible, Miss Etta Lee Woolsey. Fourth day, June 3, 11 to 12 a. m., sermon, Bishop Walter R. Lambuth; 8 p. m., address, Mr. J. A. Stockwell. F. M. WHEAT, Conference President.

EPWORTH NOTES.

F. S. Onderdonk.

The program will be out next week. Be on the lookout for it. The publishing of it has been delayed on account of some changes.

The information folders are now ready. Write either Mr. I. J. Thompson, Port O'Connor, Texas, or Rev. A. E. Rector, 805 E. Georgia Ave., San Antonio, Texas, and get some.

Reader, try and wake up somebody on the Encampment question. Some people appear never to have heard of Epworth-by-the-Sea.

Bro. Gus W. Thomasson will be with us and is on the program.

This is important. We have printed season tickets for Epworth—white ones for individuals and blue ones for families. The white tickets sell for \$1 and the blue for \$3. These tickets, when presented at the gate, will be redeemed by an official button, which will always serve as your badge of entrance. We want the Leaguers and everyone to help sell these tickets now. To those who sell ten tickets one will be given. This sale of tickets will enable some who cannot go to help us. Write Mr. W. M. Carter, Alamo Heights, San Antonio, Texas, for information and get busy now.

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GIRLS' DORMITORY, NORMAN, OKLAHOMA.

\$50,000 Residence Hall to be Erected for University Women by the Woman's Missionary Society of the East and West Oklahoma Conferences.

The Southern Methodist Dormitory Company is the title under which the Methodist women of Oklahoma have secured a charter. The charter gives the company the right to buy property, borrow money and otherwise transact any business in connection with the enterprise undertaken in building Student Homes at the State University. The incorporators are: Mrs. R. M. Campbell, Oklahoma City; Mrs. J. C. Fowler, Welch; Mrs. C. S. Bobo, Norman; Mrs. C. C. Castle, Wagoner; Mrs. R. E. L. Morgan, Ard-

more; Mrs. W. R. Greer, Chelsea; Mrs. M. H. Dodson, Mangum; Mrs. B. B. Smith, Okmulgee, and Mrs. J. A. Mercer, Oklahoma City. These women were selected by the two Conference Societies of Oklahoma, and will be known as the Board of Directors. The members of the Board will be elected by the Executive Committees of the conferences, one being chosen each year by the Executive Committee of the East Oklahoma Conference and one by the Executive Committee of the West Oklahoma Conference, and will serve four and five years, respect-

ively. Lots in Norman have been purchased and the \$2500 for purchase price was raised by citizens of Norman. As soon as sufficient funds are in hand to insure success, the work of building the girl's dormitory will begin.

Plans have been drawn by a competent architect and are being perfected that call for a modern fire-proof building, thoroughly equipped and with every convenience, a building that will serve the purposes for which it is being constructed and be a credit to Methodism for many years to come.

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 Mrs. Milton Ragsdale, care Texas Christian Advocate, Dallas, Texas.

CISCO AUXILIARY.

Cisco Auxiliary is wide-awake and now boasts of three Mission Study Classes and one Bible Class.

Mrs. Philip Pettit is our capable President; Mrs. Wm. Reagan, who did efficient work as President for the past ten years now has charge of the Bible Class. Our Second Vice-President, Mrs. Frank Harrell, though a busy mother, gives Monday afternoon to the children's society.

Mrs. E. Lloyd, our pastor's wife, is pre-eminently fitted for her office as First Vice-President. Her work with the young people will be felt in the future Church.

The Adult Society is well organized in every department; met the requirements for being on the honor roll. The Mission Study Class is using Dr. John M. Moore's very interesting book, "The South Today."

MRS. E. P. WILLIAMS, Superintendent Study and Publicity.

CARBON AUXILIARY.

The Carbon Auxiliary of the Woman's Missionary Society was organized the second day of April with thirteen members. The following officers were elected: President, Mrs. A. M. Thurman; First Vice-President, Mrs. Ella Trimble; Second Vice-President, Mr. C. O. Hightower; Treasurer, Mrs. Lee G. Poe; Assistant Treasurer, Mrs. J. W. Graham; Superintendent Social Service, Mrs. W. A. Tate; Superintendent of Study and Publicity, Mrs. C. O. Hightower; Corresponding Secretary, Mrs. W. C. Gorman; Recording Secretary, Mrs. Fred M. Herndon; Agent for Missionary Voice, Mrs. W. A. Tate. Each member is a subscriber of the Missionary Voice. We meet on first and third Mondays in each month.

MRS. C. O. HIGHTOWER, Publicity Superintendent.

ROSWELL DISTRICT CONFERENCE.

The sixth annual session of the Woman's Missionary Society, Roswell District, was held in Artesia, New Mexico, April 21.

Being deprived of the guiding hand of Mrs. K. C. Childress, District Secretary, we were most fortunate in having with us Mrs. D. D. Swearingin, Conference Corresponding Secretary, as presiding officer.

Mrs. Swearingin gave a very helpful lesson in the opening devotional. Mrs. E. M. Bullock, in a few well chosen words, made us feel at home. These words of welcome, the beautiful music rendered by the choir, the

delicious noonday lunch, together with the hospitality of the Artesia people, will long be remembered.

It was our pleasure to have with us Mrs. Ben Randals, Conference Treasurer, who very ably responded to the address of welcome.

The reports from the delegates indicated great progress.

A committee appointed secured from the presiding elder an earlier day in the conference for the woman's session.

A motion carried requesting that the Corresponding Secretary attend the Council meetings at the expense of the conference.

A vote taken showed the conference unanimously in favor of the Conference Bulletin.

A most helpful talk on the "Children's Work" was given by Mrs. Ben Randals.

"A Good Method of Conducting a Mission Study" was presented by Mrs. Clark Dilley.

The entire conference took part in an impressive consecration service, conducted by Mrs. Jas. H. Walker, which closed the session of the conference.

A spirit of good fellowship prevailed throughout the conference and it was said to be one of the most spiritual sessions in the history of the Roswell District.

MRS. ALBERT SISK, Secretary.

WEST OKLAHOMA CONFERENCE.

Mrs. C. L. Canter, Martha, Superintendent Study Publicity.

A Change of Date.

The Mangum district meeting will be held at Granite May 29-30, instead of May 21, as was formerly published.

Other district meetings will be held as follows:

Clinton District at Clinton, May 30-31.

Chickasha District at Lindsay, June 5-7.

Oklahoma City District at El Reno, June 14. One day session.

Hooker and Lawton meetings have been held and reports will be given.

Ardmore District at Wynnewood, June 13, 14.

Let us as individuals, as districts and as a conference, pray for the success of these district meetings and for our District Secretaries as they labor so faithfully in this great cause.

The School of Missions will meet in Oklahoma City June 3-9. Plans are being made that this may be the best year in the history of the school.

Mrs. Wells, of Chicago, will be present again this year, also Miss Ruth Shipley, of Wyoming, O., will present the Junior books and give the Junior story hour. Mrs. Hallie Linn Hill, of New York City, the new member of the faculty, comes highly recommended.

EAST OKLAHOMA CONFERENCE.

Mrs. C. H. Buchanan, Publicity Superintendent.

The following interesting letter has been received from Mrs. Ethel Eslick, Muskogee, Conference Treasurer. She says:

May 10, 1917.

Dear Mrs. Buchanan: Mrs. Hester, Mrs. Mackey and I visited the Wesley House at Hartshorne and met with the board last Monday. We found all well. The home is neatly furnished, reception hall, large hall, where boy's club and the sewing school is held; kitchen with range, large blue flame stove, refrigerator and table, as have no room for dining room. Then there are three bed rooms, neatly furnished. The building, story and half, they plan to have two of these upper rooms fitted for domestic science class when the new worker arrives, which will be five or six weeks yet. She wants to take her vacation before she comes and Miss Harris wishes to have her with her sister in Texas, before she goes to her work. We had lunch with them and the housekeeper had real spread for us. They have \$50 phonograph almost paid for by Hartshorne people. They had Easter egg hunt for children, fifty-odd present, and was much enjoyed by them. There was a good attendance at board in the afternoon. Miss Bloodworth was employed as kindergarten teacher for one year, and will begin work as soon as school closes and she has her recreation.

The grounds are being improved; have garden, flowers planted and nice chicken yard. Miss Harris has two old hens, one with thirty little chicks a month old, and other thirty-four, just off. She is very proud of them; some ladies set hens to come off with hers and gave her the little chickens.

The Civic League is very much interested in Wesley Home; held their last meeting there.

We hope the ladies over the conference when canning their fruit and vegetables will not forget to put aside a few cans for the Wesley Home.

THE TRAINING WE ARE GOING TO GIVE THE ORPHAN CHILDREN WHO ARE UNDER OUR CARE.

Lately you read about the most important training we are giving the children—that of religion. Since that time Brother McIntosh, of Mississippi, has held a meeting at Austin Avenue Church. He and his good wife were in the home more than once and held chapel services. These services were most spiritual and soul-refreshing and were the means of bringing all our children of accountable years into the fold.

Morally, we are training the children to the best of our ability. We love, think of and do for these children just as if they were ours. Every effort is made to make this a "sure

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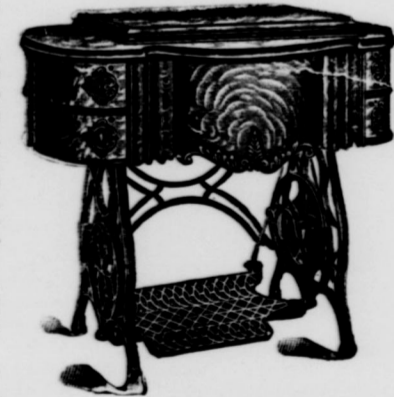
enough home" for each child. Should you witness some of the tearful partings when we send children out, knowing that the opportunity offered them elsewhere is best for them, you would know that there exists a deep and true love between the children and us.

The people of Waco are most kind and thoughtful. On every holiday some organization sees that the children are remembered and made happy. They are taken to the best picture shows, when the pictures are educational and instructive. Lately they went to the Cotton Palace grounds to the musical and physical exercises of the Waco schools. How we wish we might give them these advantages, but the next best thing is to see and enjoy them. Not long ago the Baylor Y. W. C. A. gave us a musical and expression recital. Then, last week, Mr. Lewis, of Houston, the Child's Poet Laureate, spoke to them. The lovely fairy tales he told and his pretty poem delighted the heart of each one. When we get that chapel we expect to have still more advantages.

More than once, you have been told of our good school here in the Home. Last September we started seven girls and two boys to High school. Since then some have gone to work for themselves, others with relatives, and some have gone into good homes, where they are continuing their education. But we have five bright girls still going to High school. Two of these went last year and in two more years will be ready to enter a first-class college. We are hoping that those who go on and finish in High school will be given the opportunity of a college education. We have some wonderfully talented children and it would be a shame not to develop their possibilities. R. A. BURROUGHS.

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DUFFAU AND CLARIETTE.

(Continued from page 5)

three Churches have really caught the spirit of "oneness" that the Master prayed for. About fifteen family altars were established and reports of great blessings come from them. Most of the members of the Church will pray in public now, and it is easy to preach to them. Most of the members of the Church will pray in public now, and it is easy to preach to them. Instead of the meeting being over, it is just now getting under good headway. Strong men, good women and children are rejoicing in an abiding experience of grace such as they had thought was more of a fancy than a reality before the meeting began. We are all rejoicing together. At the close of this meeting, on account of a change in some of his dates, I was able to get Brother Lowrey in a week's meeting at Clariette. It was another great victory. What has been said for Duffau can be said in a large measure for the meeting at Clariette. We had influences there that were hard to combat. With six Church organizations in one little town, and four of these claiming to be the only Church, and two of these ridiculing the idea of a sinner seeking his soul's salvation (whether it may look well in print or not) it gives the devil a very strong hold. It was a battle royal and a great victory. The Church has few men equal to Brother Lowrey when it comes to loving men and fighting their sins. He is a great help to the pastor after the meeting is over. In addition to what has been said it might be added that we had about one hundred professions in the two meetings. The Judgment Day will further reveal the results of the two great meetings. Let God's great name be praised for this work in our midst.—Jno. W. Hawkins, P. C.

VALLEY VIEW.

This has been a very busy but happy year so far. We were received very kindly and given a generous pounding. We have rebuilt the church building at a cost of \$1600. Had a great revival, which resulted in some 200 professions and 126 additions to the Churches of the town; have received seventy into our Church. The salary was raised \$150 over last year and is being paid by the month. We entertained the District Conference recently and it was a great occasion to our town. Our Epworth League, Missionary Society and Sunday School are all well organized and doing good work. We serve a noble people.—J. W. Slagle.

DAVIDSON, OKLA.

Davidson has been known as a hard, godless town. Infidelity and skepticism is sown broadcast and bringing much fruit, but a great revival is now in progress and the forces of righteousness are mightily at work under the leadership of Rev. J. E. Matlock, of Oklahoma City. One week gone, twenty accessions and thirty-two conversions, mostly men and women, among whom is the editor of our paper. Business houses close for day service, picture show closed for entire meeting. A great mother's service held last Sunday morning. Conference collections raised at night and an overplus of \$25 voted to pastor. We have another week and expect great things. To God be all the glory.—M. F. Sullivan, P. C.

FROM THE FAR WEST.

Some of your readers will be glad to hear that we had a very successful union meeting in Fresno, California, recently in which nearly five thousand people went forward to line up for Christ. Fully two-thirds of these had never before confessed Christ. All of the Protestant Churches had large additions and the town was moved religiously as never before. Rev. Charles Reign Scoville, of Chicago, was the evangelist and did splendid work in every way. During the meeting we had with us one who is well known to many of your readers, Rev. J. L. Futrell, now of Navalencia, California. Bro. Futrell was born near Paducah, Kentucky. He joined the Memphis Conference in 1868 and after two years went to Mississippi and became a charter member of the North Mississippi Conference, where he remained for more than twenty years. He then spent two years in the Indian Mission Conference and from there was sent by Bishop Hendrix to the Columbia Conference, where his health failed and he came down the Coast to California seeking health and

served a charge for a time in the mountains here. He has been a very useful man to the Church, having nearly three thousand conversions, building seventeen churches and three parsonages during his ministry.

Bro. Futrell and his good wife are well stricken in years now and are in need of a helping hand to save their little home to shelter them in the evening of life. They have some land which will be very productive if they can only develop it. If the friends and former parishioners of these dear people will make them small loans of money to enable them to develop their little place it will be a Godsend to them and they will gladly give notes bearing interest to secure the return of the money later on. What is done should be done quickly, as the case is very urgent. Let them hear from you at once in any amount, at Navalencia, California.

W. R. THORNTON, P. E. M. HODSON, P. C.

LET US SIT STEADY.

Rev. F. S. Onderdonk.

That there may be strenuous times ahead many do not doubt, but to save our lives why should be panic about it. The people of the United States will not starve. I was talking with a brother a few days since who had just received letters from relatives in England and they say that, although the prices have gone up a little, they see no difference in the food supply. I get letters from people saying that the war clouds may make it impossible for them to do anything for the Lord's work. Just think of such a thing! They tell us that in England the collections for missions this past year have exceeded all former records. And yet here we are talking about war clouds.

Let us remember that God still rules and that he is still in charge of the world. Let's act like we believed this. A brighter and better day awaits this old world. It may take, and is taking, suffering to bring it about, but it is coming.

I felt like I wanted to say just this: The summer is coming on. You may be on more or less of a strain. Your boy has entered the training camp or he has enlisted. Are you going to mope around and live continuously in the prospect of getting a message announcing his death? If you do you are very foolish. Consider this remedy. Make your arrangements to go to Epworth July 19-29 and enjoy the greatest program you ever saw pulled off during ten days. Get a new vision of God; you may need it in the future. To hear men like Bishop Mouzon, Dr. Bishop, Bob Shuler, Dr. Moore, George R. Stuart and others is worth your while. Write to Rev. A. E. Rector, 805 Georgia Avenue, San Antonio, Texas, for information.

NORTH TEXAS COLLEGE COMMENCEMENT.

Closing one of the most successful years of the thirty-nine comprising its history, North Texas College and Kidd-Key Conservatory gave in commencement exercises this morning the following program:

Prayer—Rev. Foster Pierce, pastor of Travis Street Methodist Church, Sherman.

Class Address—Miss Jewel Wurtsbaugh, of Jefferson.

Piano Solo—Valse Oublee (Liszt), Miss Nannie Pauline Lusher, of Fort Worth.

Reading—The Eagle's Song (Mansfield), Miss Ode Stinnette.

Vocal Solo—Schwer liegt auf dem Herzon, from Opera "Nadeschda" (Thomas), Miss Myrtle Powell, of Denison.

Address—Hon. Cecil Smith, of Sherman.

Conferring of Degrees and Delivering of Diplomas by the President, Edwin Kidd.

Benediction.

With the new dignity of a Junior College the school has dispensed with the old awarding of honors and prizes, but completion of the regular course now admits to full junior standing in the various universities.

Certificates showing completion of the collegiate course were presented to Misses Hermione Cotner, of Wilmar, Ark.; Katherine Easterling, of Beaumont; Claire Edrington, of Hillsboro; Johnnie Mae England, of Celeste; Valerie Fleming, of Mt. Vernon; Mollie Jim Gilley, of Caldwell; Clarice Koch, of El Campo; Grace Patton, of Cumby; Marie Traylor, of Daingerfield, and Jewel Wurtsbaugh, of Jefferson. In the Conservatory Department a diploma in piano was received by Miss Dorothy Achenbach, of Dallas, and a diploma in art by Miss

The "Liberty Loan" of 1917

WHAT IS A LIBERTY LOAN BOND?

A Liberty Loan Bond is a solemn promise of the United States to pay at maturity the amount of the bond to the holder thereof, and to pay interest semiannually each year from the date of the issuance of the bond until it is fully and finally paid.

WHAT IS THE SECURITY FOR A LIBERTY LOAN BOND?

The faith and honor of the United States, backed by all of the resources of the Nation and the American people. A Liberty Loan Bond is a mortgage on all the resources and taxing powers of the Government and all of the resources of the American people.

WHAT IS THE NATURE OF A LIBERTY LOAN BOND?

There are two kinds of Liberty Loan Bonds. Bearer Bonds are to be issued in denominations of \$50, \$100, \$500, and \$1,000. These Bearer Bonds, which are made payable to bearer, have interest coupons attached which are detached by the holder when the interest installments they represent are due, and can be cashed at any bank the same as a United States Treasury note.

Registered bonds are to be issued, which are registered as to both principal and interest, in denominations of \$100, \$500, \$1,000, \$5,000, \$10,000, \$50,000, and \$100,000; checks for the amount of interest due will be mailed out semiannually to the holders of these registered bonds.

WHAT ARE THE TERMS OF A LIBERTY LOAN BOND?

Liberty Loan Bonds of the first issue of \$2,000,000,000 are to bear date of June 15, 1917, and to run for thirty years, except that the Government reserves the right to pay them fifteen years after date. If this right is not exercised by the Government fifteen years from date, the bonds will run the full thirty years.

These bonds bear interest at 3 1/2 per cent per annum, and the interest is payable semi-annually on the fifteenth day of December and the fifteenth day of June in each year.

WHAT SPECIAL ADVANTAGES HAVE THESE LIBERTY LOAN BONDS?

One especial advantage no other bonds, National, State, municipal, or corporate, have is that if the United States during the continuance of this war shall issue other bonds at a higher rate of interest, the holders of these Liberty bonds have the right to exchange their Liberty bonds for bonds bearing the higher rate of interest, dollar for dollar.

WHAT OTHER SPECIAL ADVANTAGES DO THESE BONDS POSSESS?

They are nontaxable. If your city, county, and State taxes are three mills on the dollar, a not unusual tax, these bonds are equivalent to ordinary corporate bonds or other investments bearing 6 1/2 per cent.

In addition, no Federal tax which war conditions may later make necessary will affect these bonds. The only tax these bonds are subject to is the inheritance tax, which applies to all property of all kinds whatsoever.

HOW ARE LIBERTY BONDS OBTAINED?

Blank forms of application for the purchase of these bonds can be obtained from the Treasury Department, any Federal Reserve Bank, any National, State, or private bank, any express office, and any postoffice in the United States. Any bank or postmaster will aid applicant in filling out his blank and the other acts necessary to obtain these bonds.

IF THESE BONDS ARE SO DESIRABLE WHY IS IT NECESSARY TO ADVERTISE THEM EXTENSIVELY?

It is not necessary to advertise these bonds to sell the whole issue, but it is earnestly desired that this loan shall be a popular loan, a loan by and from the people at large of the United States, and not alone from banks, trust companies, and financiers. To that end bonds are to be issued of small denominations, and subscribers for small amounts are to be supplied before the subscribers for large amounts are granted their full subscription.

IS IT PATRIOTIC TO PURCHASE THESE BONDS?

Yes; every American who subscribes to the justice of the course of the United States in entering and conducting the war we are now engaged in should subscribe to the Liberty Loan Bond issue to the extent of his or her financial ability.

Every American who subscribes to the belief that an American should stand by his or her country should subscribe to the Liberty Loan Bond issue.

Every American who loves America and is jealous of America's honor should subscribe to the Liberty Loan Bond issue. The real success of the loan is to be more determined by the number of Americans participating in it than by the amount subscribed. The spirit of the Nation is going to be judged abroad, especially by our enemies, more by the number of its American men and women who support this bond issue than by the mere amount of money subscribed.

WHY "LIBERTY LOAN"?

The \$2,000,000,000 bond issue of this year is named "The Liberty Loan of 1917" because it is to be a loan from a free people to be used in freeing the world.

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The former system of honorable mention obtained in the Art Department, Miss Eva Fowler, Director of Art, especially commending the following young ladies: Miss Bonnie Adams, of Kenedy, in drawing; and Miss Dorothy Sanford, of Sherman, in design. Beautiful art pins, designed by Miss Fowler were awarded these young ladies.

laid the flowers in loving memory on the grave of the loved late President of the school, Mrs. Lucy A. Kidd-Key.

The baccalaureate address was delivered Sunday morning, May 20, at Travis Street Methodist Church by Dr. Shuler, of Centenary Church, Paris. In contrast with the usual formal address of commencement season, Dr. Shuler made a vigorous talk on the general theme of "Education." Special music at this service was furnished by students of the Conservatory, with a trio, "I Waited for the Lord" (Mendelssohn) by Misses Ethel Rader, of Denison; Myrtle Powell, of Denison, and Eurilla Freeman, of Galveston, and a solo, "The Lord is My Light" (Allitsen), by Miss Rader as particular numbers.

EDWIN KIDD, Sherman, Texas, May 21.

You are giving us an excellent paper. It seems that each number gets better. T. D. McCRAVY, Edom, Texas.

Rev. J. H. Dameron, of Blanket, is in his 91th year and has taken the Advocate for thirty-five years and says he cannot do without it. I send herewith his renewal for another year. L. L. FELDER.

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ATTENDANCE CONTEST IN THE SUNDAY SCHOOLS.

Travis Park, San Antonio, goes up ahead this week. Their Children's Day service last Sunday was an unusual success. The offering was \$68.15.

First Church, Dallas, stands second and Marvin Church, Tyler, goes down to third place this week.

A number have referred to the general rain which reached apparently nearly every point in our territory last Sunday. This caused a general decline in attendance.

Palestine reports a patriotic program consisting of drills, songs and recitations with the church beautifully and appropriately decorated. The service seems to have been an unqualified success. Other Sunday Schools it seems to us can profit by a program of this kind.

First Church, Temple, expresses regret at dropping so low in the list this week, but gives as a reason the rain storm which prevailed throughout the entire Sunday School hour.

33rd Street, Galveston, had a Temperance Day and at the conclusion passed the following resolutions:

"Owing to the crying need of child conservation and in view of the distress caused by the intemperance of our Nation, we oppose the use of wheat, grain, fruit and sugar for alcoholic beverages and endorse all legislative measures prohibiting liquor and tobacco in the United States."

Again it will be recalled that mention has been made of the desire to have referred to us any unusual attendance records. Two have come in this week. As soon as we get the photographs and a few other facts publication will be made of them and due credit given. We will be glad to have other instances of the kind.

ATTENDANCE SUNDAY, MAY 20th, 1917.

Table with columns for Class (A through K) and Attendance counts for various churches and locations across Texas.

W. C. EVERETT, Secretary.

A RELUCTANT DISCLAIMER.

The writer being a lineal descendant of the "First Adam," and one in whom the "old man" is not entirely dead, and having therefore something of an inordinate ambition, it would not, of course, be a matter of indifference to him if he should, either incidentally or of set purpose, make some notable contribution to his "mother-tongue." Much however as he might wish it to be, he is unable to see that the word (?) "Spererogation" is any more meaningful or euphonious than the word "Supererogation," which the obliging printer, who set up his recent notes on the Georgetown District Conference, made him to supplant.

Now, dear reader, what I meant to say was this: "To write of Temple's hospitality in the columns of the Advocate were a work of supererogation," etc. I write the above in the interest of the King's English, both in the matter of the verbiage and construction. M. A. TURNER, Granger, Texas.

Look at the label on your paper and renew now.

DISTRICT CONFERENCES.

(The presiding elders will greatly help us to make this list accurate if they will promptly make any changes in the following list, or send in date and place where their conference is to be held.)

Table listing district conferences with locations and dates, including Marshall, Ardmore, Pittsburg, Texarkana, Benham, San Angelo, Vernon, Amarillo, Chickasha, Cleburne, Marlin, Oklahoma City, Uvalde, Corsicana, Hooker, Holdenville, Paris, Creek District, Choctaw, and Tyler.

CHURCH DEDICATION.

We will dedicate our church at Colbert, Okla., Sunday, May 27. Rev. S. H. Babcock will preach the sermon and dedicate the church. All former pastors are cordially invited. W. A. LEWIS, P. C.

REV. ABE MULKEY AND ORPHANAGE.

We are glad to say that Bro. Abe Mulkey has regained his health and is now able to go out again in the interest of the Orphanage. He is so interested in the work and such a success that we are delighted in making this announcement. R. A. BURROUGHS.

VERNON DISTRICT CONFERENCE.

At Odell, June 4-6. Opening sermon June 3, 8:30 p. m., by M. H. Hudson. Session opens June 4, 9 a. m. Committees: License to Preach and Admission on Trial—W. H. Terry, L. B. Tooley, C. E. Lynn. Deacon's and Elder's Orders—Z. B. Pirtle, M. S. Leveridge, M. H. Hudson. Other committees will be announced at the opening of the conference. M. PHELAN, P. E.

AMARILLO DISTRICT CONFERENCE.

Will all the pastors who expect to bring their wives with them to the District Conference, which meets here June 5 and 6, please notify me at once so we can provide for them. Likewise visitors from other conferences or districts coming, you will do us a favor by letting us know before hand that we may the better care for you. J. E. STEPHENS, Canadian, Texas.

AMARILLO DISTRICT CONFERENCE.

The Amarillo District Conference meets at Canadian June 5th. The following are the committees: Deacon's and Elder's Orders—G. J. Irving, G. H. Bryant, W. H. Strong. License to Preach—G. T. Palmer, L. G. Hagard, T. J. Ray. Recommendation for Admission—H. B. Watts, G. S. Wyatt, J. W. Israel. C. N. N. FERGUSON, P. E.

VERNON DISTRICT CONFERENCE RECORDS.

Who of former presiding elders or secretaries of District Conferences can furnish me with information of district conference records of past years? If you can do so, please answer at once. M. PHELAN, Vernon, Texas.

Creek District—Third Round.

Okmulgee Cir., at New Town, June 16, 17. Broken Arrow Cir., at Broken Arrow, June 23, 24. Wewoka Cir., at Lumbe, June 30, July 1. Honey Creek Cir., at Springfield, July 20. Euchee Cir., at Pickett's Chapel, Aug. 4, 5. Seminole Cir., at Arbeka, Aug. 11, 12. Sapulpa Cir., at Concharty, Aug. 18, 19. District Conference at Springfield, July 18-21. Representatives of the various Conference Boards are cordially invited. JOHNSON E. TIGER, P. E.

Timpson District—Third Round.

Tenaha-Paxton, Saturday and Sunday, June 2, 3. Carthage, Sunday, June 3. Gary-Wesley Chapel, Saturday and Sunday, June 9, 10. Pinehill-Clayton, Saturday and Sunday, June 30, July 1. Mt. Enterprise-Sulphur Springs, Saturday and Sunday, July 7, 8. Sidney, Sunday, July 15. Shelbyville-Carroll's Chapel, Saturday and Sunday, July 14, 15. Center Sta., Wednesday, July 18. Center Cir., at Shady Grove, Saturday and Sunday, July 21, 22. Garrison, Wednesday, July 25. Geneva-Patroun, Saturday and Sunday, July 28, 29. Hemphill and B. Weatherford, Saturday and Sunday, Aug. 4, 5. Timpson, Wednesday, Aug. 8. Melrose, Elm Grove, Saturday and Sunday, Aug. 11, 12.

CLASSIFIED ADVERTISEMENTS

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Burke and Diboll, at Burke, Wednesday, Aug. 15. Livingston Mis., at Oakdale, Saturday and Sunday, Aug. 18, 19. Livingston Sta., Sunday, Aug. 19. Lufkin, Wednesday, Aug. 22. Kennard and R., at Pennington, Saturday and Sunday, Aug. 25, 26. Nacogdoches, Wednesday, Aug. 29. Corrigan, Saturday, Sept. 1. Apply, Sunday, Sept. 2. Huntington and M. H., Wednesday, Sept. 12.

I have left date open for Summer School at Georgetown and trust that many preachers will attend. Let the charges where there are undergraduates pay the expenses of these brethren. It will be a good investment and they are not able to take twenty-five dollars out of their salaries, as most of them do not get but a bare living. L. B. ELROD, P. E.

Cisco District—Third Round.

Rising Star, June 2, 3. May, at M., June 3, 4. Breckenridge, at Pecan, June 9, 10. Eolian, at Baker, June 10, 11. Gorman, June 16, 17. Desdemona, June 17, 18. Scranton, at Pisgah, June 23, 24. Staff, at Pleasant Grove, June 30, July 1. Wayland, at Guntite, July 1, 2. Cross Cut, at C. C., July 7, 8. Romney, at Pioneer, July 8, 9. Ranger, at Bullock, July 14, 15. Eastland, July 15, 16. Strawn, July 20. Thurber and Mingus, at M., July 21, 22. Gordon, at Blue Flat, July 23. Sidney Springs, at Jewell, July 28, 29. Carbon, at Bear Springs, July 29, 30. Cisco Mis., at Bluff Branch, Aug. 4. Cisco, Aug. 5, 6. All pastors are requested to be ready to answer Questions 9 and 10 and see that committees are prepared to report fully on Question 11. All stewards are earnestly urged to give prompt attention to their duties during the quarter so that they may be able to make satisfactory financial reports at the conferences. E. P. WILLIAMS, P. E.

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Holdenville District—Third Round.

Wewoka, May 27, 11 a. m. Seminole, May 27, 8 p. m. Holdenville Cir., June 3, at Fairview. Maud, June 10, 11 a. m. Shawnee, June 10, 8 p. m. Weleetka, June 24, 11 a. m. Welumka, June 24, 8 p. m. Bearden Cir., July 1, 11 a. m., at Bearden. Holdenville, July 1, 8 p. m. Union Chapel Cir., July 8, at Johnson. Sparks and Paden Cir., July 9, 8 p. m., at Sparks. Okemah Cir., July 15, 11 a. m., at Fentress. Okemah, July 15, 8 p. m. McLoud and Earlsboro, July 22, at McLoud. Wanette and Asher, July 29, 11 a. m., at Wanette. Tecumseh, July 29, 8 p. m. Bethel Cir., Aug. 5, at Mt. Vernon. The District Conference meets at Asher June 14-17. E. THURSTON CAMPBELL, P. E.

Houston District—Third Round.

Chinango, June 10. Alvin, June 10 (night). Galveston, First Church, June 11 (night). Galveston, Thirty-Third Street, June 12 (night). McKee Street, June 13 (night). Angleton, June 24. Trinity, June 24 (night). St. Paul, June 25 (night). St. John, June 27 (night). Cedar Bayou, July 1. Pasadena, July 1 (night). Woodland Heights, July 4. Katy, July 8. West End, July 8 (night). Texas City, July 15. Harrisburg, July 15 (night). Washington Street, July 18 (night). Humble, July 22. Grace, July 22 (night). Seabrook, July 29. Freeport, August 5. Genoa, Aug. 12. McAshan, Aug. 12 (night). Houston, First Church, Aug. 14 (night). R. W. ADAMS, P. E.

SAN ANTONIO DISTRICT CONFERENCE

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two or three-minute talk, telling us what he wanted us to do for S. M. U. preacher-boy scholarship, and, as his request was reasonable and himself irresistible, we gave him what he wanted and he thanked us for it.

The reports that the preachers brought up showed that God is blessing the district. Many conversions and additions were reported and the finances are in great shape for this time of the year. We licensed four young men to preach, elected Tom Deckman as Lay Leader and the following brethren as delegates to the Annual Conference:

- JNO. A. KERR.
F. F. COCKE.
TOM M. WEST.
S. W. MYERS.

It was a good conference. Laurel Heights Church, with its new and already much loved pastor, Rev. Felix R. Hill, treated us royally. We appreciated it and the conference, and have gone back to our tasks to try and serve God better than ever before.

JOHN N. RENTFRO, Secretary.

MUSKOGEE DISTRICT CONFERENCE

The Muskogee District Conference was assembled in annual session in Stilwell, Oklahoma, April 26, 1917. Rev. R. C. Taylor, presiding elder, in the chair. This was one of the most peaceful, harmonious and spiritual conferences this writer has attended in many a day. The quiet, religious spirit of the presiding elder permeated the whole conference, giving us a most delightful and refreshing session to all present. However retiring and modest Brother Taylor may be, yet when necessary as an executive officer, his hand is held firmly on all business sessions.

The program of the conference was carried out by the members of the district. There was no bickering nor criticism, but kind, sympathetic feelings and prayers one for another. The devotional services were conducted by Brothers Rogers, Palmer, Moore and Scruggs. A splendid attendance was at the sunrise prayer meeting Sunday, conducted by Rev. J. L. Brown. The following gave creditable discussions of the various causes of the Church: Brothers A. W. Culver, W. M. Trent, J. L. Brown, C. B. Davis, L. M. Logan, J. W. Rogers, E. H. Winingar, A. E. Bonnell, R. C. Taylor and S. E. Mayfield.

Saturday afternoon the Sunday School work and the educational conditions were discussed by Brothers Armstrong, of Sapulpa, and Townsend, of Wetumka. Other than the two brethren just mentioned there were only two visitors to the conference from the preachers of the State, viz., Brothers Goforth, of Poteau, and House, of Heavener.

On Friday morning Judge Lynch extended a hearty welcome to the members of the District Conference as visitors in Stilwell. Dr. New Harris, in behalf of the conference, in his characteristically humorous manner, responded to the welcome address. Judge Woodruff, of Stilwell, also made a short address.

The conference passed a resolution urgently requesting the East Oklahoma Conference to provide that all Sunday School superintendents be ex-officio members of the District Conference.

Action was taken by the conference whereby the present district parsonage property might be either sold or exchanged for more desirable property and a more comfortable home for the presiding elder and family.

The work of the Woman's Missionary Society was interestingly presented Friday afternoon by the efficient District Secretary, Mrs. I. N. Croom, of Muskogee.

The main emphasis of the conference was placed on the preaching services. The preaching was representative of true Methodism. The opening sermon was preached by Rev. J. A. Kenny, of Sallisaw, dealing with the large theme of the Atonement. Friday afternoon Rev. J. D. Cunningham, Boynton, preached an excellent sermon on "The Pre-eminence of Christ." Friday evening Rev. J. P. Atkins preached a comprehensive sermon on the text, "I am not ashamed of the Gospel." The conference was disappointed in not being able to have the sermon of Rev. W. M. Dunaway, Warner, but he was called home by pastoral responsibilities. Saturday evening Rev. J. C. Cooper, Fort Gibson, preached

an earnest sermon on "The Leadership of Jesus." Sunday, 11 a. m., Dr. New Harris, St. Paul's, Muskogee, preached a matchless sermon on "The Incarnation of Christ." A more brilliant and eloquent sermon this writer has not heard in Oklahoma. Oklahoma is indeed fortunate in having a transfer of this strength and power. All prejudice to "transfers" will be removed in Oklahoma if all are of the character of Dr. Harris. Sunday afternoon the writer gave an address to the young people. Sunday evening the conference was brought to a fitting and a most successful end by the sermon of Rev. C. B. Cross, First Church, Muskogee, on the subject "The Office Work of the Holy Spirit." The conference adjourned feeling the blessings of the Holy Spirit on all of the work of the Church.

Stilwell, a beautiful little town nestling between two mountains, entertained in a most royal and hospitable manner. The open homes and cheerful greetings to all of the visitors will be long remembered.

The writer was ably assisted as Secretary by J. D. Cunningham. The next conference is to meet at Checotah, where (the Bishop willing) this scribe hopes to be the host of the Muskogee District Conference of 1918.

The following lay delegates were elected to the next Annual Conference:

- DR. A. E. BONNELL.
H. L. ROSE.
A. W. CULVER.
L. M. LOGAN.

Alternates:

- M. B. Shaw.
E. L. Powell.

W. LYLES BLACKBURN, Secretary.

Humors feed on humors—the sooner you get rid of them the better—Hood's Sarsaparilla is the medicine to take.

Let those interested clip these Quarterly Conference rounds, as they will appear but twice in the Advocate.

Vernon District—Third Round.

- Odell, at Odell, June 2, 3.
Tolbert and Fargo, at Tolbert, June 9.
Lazare, at Tennessee Valley, June 14.
Turkey, at Turkey, June 16, 17.
Estelline, June 17, 18.
Quannah Mis., at Marshall, June 30, July 1.
Kirkland, at Elba, July 1, 2.
Newlin, at Olympus, July 7, 8.
Quannah Sta., July 15, 16.
Chillicothe, July 22, 23.
Childress Sta., July 22, 23.
Dumont, at Sneedville, July 28, 29.
Paducah, July 29, 30.
Teil, Aug. 4.
Childress Mis., Aug. 5, 6.
Vernon Cir., Aug. 12, 13.
Vernon Sta., Aug. 6, 19.
M. PHELAN, P. E.

Hooker District—Third Round.

- Tyrone, June 2, 3.
Hooker, June 5.
District Conference, at Hooker, June 7-10.
Boise City, at Union Chapel, June 16, 17.
Bertrand, at Wilkins, June 23, 24.
LaKemp, June 30, July 1.
New Hope, at Bethany, July 7, 8.
Texhoma, Pink Flats, July 14, 15.
Liberty, at Appleton, July 21, 22.
Goodwell, at Baker's, July 28, 29.
Let all benevolences be in the hands of the Teller before District Conference.
H. B. WILSON, P. E.

Brownwood District—Third Round.

- Zephyr, at Chapel Hill, May 19, 20.
Blanket, at Green's Chapel, May 26, 27.
Indian Creek, at Buffalo, June 2, 3.
Santa Anna, June 10, 11.
Valera, at Bethel, June 16, 17.
Bangs, at Thrifty, June 23, 24.
Rockwood, at Gouldbusk, July 1, 2.
Winchell, at Mt. View, July 7, 8.
Talpa, at Crews, July 14, 15.
Winters, July 21, 22.
Novice, at Harmony, July 22, 23.
Wingate, at Mazeland, July 28, 29.
Ballinger, July 29, 30.
Norton, at Maverick, Aug. 3, 4.
Robert Lee, at Hayrick, Aug. 4, 5.
Bronte, at Ft. Chadbourne, Aug. 5, 6.
Coleman, Aug. 7.
Brownwood, Aug. 8.
SAM G. THOMPSON, P. E.

Austin District—Third Round.

- Bastrop Sta., May 19, 20, 11 a. m.
Elgin Sta., May 20, 8 p. m.
Fred Allen Memorial, May 27, 11 a. m.
Smithville Sta., May 30, 8 p. m.
Eagle Lake Sta., June 2, 3.
Columbus Sta., June 4, 5.
Flatonita Sta., June 6, 8 p. m.
Walnut Cir., at Hornsby's, June 10, 11 a. m.
Speedway Central, June 10, 8 p. m.
West Point Cir., June 16, 17.
Smithville Cir., at Watterson, June 23, 24.
Ward Memorial, July 1, 8 p. m.
University, July 1, 11 a. m.
Lagrange and Winchester, at Winchester, July 7, 8.
Webberville Cir., at Colorado, July 14, 15.
First Church, Quarterly Conference, July 16, 8 p. m.
Garwood Cir., at Garwood, July 21, 22.
Weimar Cir., at County Line, July 28, 29.
Manor Sta., Aug. 1, 8 p. m.
McDade Cir., at McDade, Aug. 4, 5.
Liberty Hill and Leander, at Liberty Hill, Aug. 8, 8 p. m.
STERLING FISHER, P. E.

McAlester District—Third Round.

- Philip's Memorial, 11 a. m., June 3.
Wilburton, Q. C. 4:30 p. m.; preaching 8 p. m., June 3.
Hartshorne, 11 a. m. and Q. C. 3 p. m., June 10.
Barnett Memorial, 8 p. m., June 10.
Coalgate, June 16, 17.
Keota Cir., Cowlington, June 23, 24.
Stigler, 8 p. m., June 24.
Spiro, July 1.
Caddo, July 7, 8.
Caney Cir., at New Zion, 8 p. m., July 8.
Methodist Assembly, at Guthrie, July 10-19.
Dustin and Lamar, at Dustin, July 21, 22.
Canadian, at Featherston, 8 p. m., July 22.
Lenna Cir., July 25, 26.
Allen and Atwood, at Atwood, July 28, 29.
Calvin and Gertie, at Calvin, July 29.
Kiowa Cir., at Brewer, 11 a. m., Aug. 5.
Ashland Cir., 8 p. m., Aug. 5.
Eufaula, Aug. 11, 12.
Stuart and Alderson, 8 p. m., Aug. 12.
Atoka, Aug. 18, 19.
Quinton Cir., Aug. 19.
J. M. PETERSON, P. E.

Navasota District—Third Round.

- Shiro Cir., at Iola, June 9, 10.
Huntsville Sta., at night, June 15.
Walker County Mission, at Warren, June 16, 17.
Anderson Cir., at Steel's Chapel, June 21, 22.
Belott Cir., at Center Hill, June 30, July 1.
Groveton Sta., July 1.
Dodge, at Dodge, July 12, 13.
Millican Cir., at Millican, July 14, 15.
Willis Cir., at New Waverly, July 21, 22.
Conroe Sta., July 25.
Madisonville Sta., at night, July 27.
Midway Cir., and Walker County Cir., at Conor, July 28, 29.
Latexo Cir., at Jones Schoolhouse, Aug. 4, 5.
Grapeland, at Grapeland, Aug. 5, 6.
Crockett Sta., Aug. 8.
Montgomery Cir., at Plantersville, Aug. 11, 12.
Navasota Sta., at night, Aug. 12.
Onalaska Cir. and Trinity Sta., at night, Aug. 17.
Brazos County Mis., at Steephollow, Aug. 25, 26.
Bryan Sta., Aug. 26.
Cold Springs Cir., at Shepherd, Sept. 1, 2.
Cleveland, at Cleveland, Sept. 2, 3.
J. E. MORGAN, P. E.

Brenham District—Third Round.

- Somerville, preaching, June 3.
Lexington, at Early's Chapel, June 9, 10.
Rockdale, June 17.
Giddings, at Ledbetter, Thursday, June 28.
Caldwell, July 1, 2.
Somerville, Q. C., Monday night, July 2.
Lyons, at Criesman, July 7, 8.
Thorndale, at Pleas. Retreat, Wednesday, July 11.
Tangewood, at Porter's Chapel, 3 p. m., July 13.
Richmond, July 15.
Brookshire and Pattison, at B., Monday night, July 16.
Waller, at New Hope, Wednesday, July 18.
Wallis and Fulshear, at W., July 22.
Rosenberg, at Beasley, July 22, 23.
Sealy, at San Felipe, Wednesday, July 25.
Brenham, July 29, 3 p. m.
Chapel Hill, July 29, at night.
Hempstead, at Courtney, Wednesday, August 1.
Bay City, Aug. 5, 6.
Matagorda, at Boggy, Wednesday, Aug. 8.
Glen Flora, at Iago, Aug. 11, 12.
Wharton, Aug. 12, 13.
Bellville, at Buckhorn, Tuesday, Aug. 14.
The district is in good condition. Let's keep it so. Let the stewards see to it that their preacher is cared for during the summer months. You will notice this is a short round. It is made out with reference to the protracted meetings on the circuits. I am giving the Sundays to the stations. I am doing this because they will not get any Sundays on the fourth round. I am also giving three full months to the last round. I certainly appreciate the co-operation of the preachers and their people. They have thus made possible the splendid condition of the district. May the Lord give us a great harvest of souls. Cut this out.
JESSE LEE, P. E.

Decatur District—Third Round.

- Justin and Ponder, at Prairie Mound, May 19, 20.
Sunset Miss., at Dry Valley, May 26, 27.
Bowie Sta., May 27, 28.
Bay Cir., at Anville, June 2, 3.
Paradise Cir., at Oshield's Chapel, June 9, 10.
Roanoke and Argyle, at Chinn's Chapel, June 16, 17.
Krum and Slidell, at Slidell, June 23, 24.
Greenwood Miss., at Rush Creek, June 24, 25.
Decatur Cir., at Oak Grove, June 30.
Decatur Sta., July 1.
Decatur Miss., at Mt. Zion, July 7, 8.
Alvord Sta., July 8, 9.
Crafton Miss., at Cundiff, July 14, 15.
Willow Miss., at Boonville, July 21, 22.
Perrin and Barton, at Barton, July 28, 29.
Chico Miss., at Sandflat, Aug. 4, 5.
Bridgeport Sta., Aug. 5, 6.
Jacksboro Miss., at Burwick, Aug. 11, 12.
Jacksboro Sta., Aug. 12, 13.
Bryson and Jermy, at J., Aug. 18, 19.
W. A. STUCKEY, P. E.

Pittsburg District—Third Round.

- Linden, at Warren Springs, June 2, 3.
Douglassville, at Cedar Grove, June 3, 4.
Queen City, at Law's Chapel, June 9, 10.
Atlanta Sta., June 10, 11.
Winfield, at Bridges' Chapel, June 16, 17.
Dalby Springs, Spring Hill, June 30, July 1.
New Boston and DeKalb, at New Boston, July 1, 2.
Boston Cir., at Red Bayou, July 7, 8.
Texarkana, Hardy Memorial, July 8, 9.
Redwater, at Concord, July 14, 15.
Nash, at Red Springs, July 21, 22.
Texarkana, First Church, July 22, 23.
Cason Cir., at Alina, July 28, 29.
Daingerfield, at Harris Chapel, July 29, 30.
Pittsburg Cir., Aug. 4, 5.
Pittsburg Sta., Aug. 5, 6.
Naples and Omaha, at Dalton, Aug. 11, 12.
Winnsboro Cir., at Musgrave, Aug. 18, 19.
Hughes Springs and Avinger, at Mims' Ch., Aug. 19, 20.
Pleasant Sta., Aug. 25, 26.
Ripley Cir., Aug. 26, 27.
W. H. VANCE, P. E.

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Big Spring District—Third Round.

- Andrews, Cobb, June 2.
Seminole, Bessie, June 3.
Lamesa Mis., Sparenburg, June 9.
Lamesa Sta., June 10.
Gail, Gail, June 23, 24.
Brownfield, Gomez, June 30.
Plains, Harris, July 1.
Wilson Mis., Grassland, July 7, 8.
Coahoma, Vincent, July 14, 15.
O'Donnell, T. Bar, July 21.
Tahoka, Tahoka, July 22.
Big Spring Mis., Centerpoint, July 28, 29.
Stanton, Stanton, Aug. 4, 5.
Big Spring, Big Spring, Aug. 11, 12.
Slaton, Slaton, Aug. 18, 19.
W. E. LYON, P. E.

Dublin District—Third Round.

- De Leon Cir., at New Hope, June 2, 3.
De Leon Sta., 8 p. m., June 3; Q. C., 8 p. m., June 2.
Comanche Cir., at Indian Creek, June 9, 10.
Comanche Sta., 8 p. m., June 10; Q. C., 8 p. m., June 9.
Proctor, at Hazel Dell, June 16, 17.
Harbin and Green's Creek, at H., June 23, 24.
Dublin, 8 p. m., June 25.
Stephenville Cir., at Smith Springs, June 30, July 1.
Stephenville Sta., July 1, 2.
Carlton, at Spurlin, July 7, 8.
Duffau, at Pleasant Hill, July 14, 15.
Comanche Mis., at Harmony, July 21, 22.
Tolar and Lipan, at T., July 28, 29.
Iredell, at Fairview, Aug. 4, 5.
Hico, Aug. 5, 6.
Bluffdale, at Marvin Chapel, Aug. 11, 12.
Huckabay, at Hannibal, Aug. 18, 19.
Bunyan, Aug. 20, 11 a. m.
Gustine, Aug. 25, 26.
On most of the charges our financial condition is much better than last year. I ask each steward to ascertain just what will be due the pastor at the Quarterly Conference and endeavor to pay in full. Everything we buy is so much higher than ever before, this effort is an absolute necessity. Your pastor must look to you to represent his needs to all the membership. When the 23rd question is asked let every Church report, "Paid up to date."
S. J. VAUGHAN, P. E.

Gatesville District—Third Round.

- Moody, May 26, 27.
Clifton, May 27, 28.
Oglesby, at Stockton, June 2, 3.
Crawford, at Evergreen, June 3, 4.
McGregor, June 9, 10.
Gatesville Sta., June 10.
Coryell, at Coryell, June 16, 17.
Gatesville Cir., at Brown's Creek, June 17, 18.
Valley Mills, June 23, 24.
Turnersville, at Prairie View, June 24, 25.
Evant, at Evant, June 30, July 1.
Jonesboro, at Sardis, July 1, 2.
Meridian Cir., at Dyersville, July 7, 8.
Meridian Sta., July 8, 9.
Fairy, at Spring Creek Gap, July 11.
Nolanville, at Brookhaven, July 14, 15.
Killeen Sta., July 15, 16.
Hamilton Cir., at Liberty, July 19.
Hamilton Sta., July 21, 22.
Killeen Cir., at Youngsport, July 28, 29.
Copperas Cove, at Topsey, July 29, 30.
S. J. RUCKER, P. C.

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The terms of subscription to the Texas Christian Advocate have always been payable in advance. But because of the responsibility of our constituency we have the past few years relaxed the rule and have given our patrons all the time required by them for payment. But owing to the present stringency of the paper market and the material advancement of every article entering into the production of a newspaper it becomes imperative that we return to the rule of advance payment. It is not our wish that we do this, but NECESSITY requires it. We believe our patrons will at once see the importance of this move on our part and will cordially cooperate with us. The importance of the Advocate to Methodism in the Southwest is well known to all our readers, and we feel sure that no subscriber to the Texas Christian Advocate will let it suffer because advance payment in subscription is now made necessary. Thus far we have not lowered the standard of the paper either editorially or mechanically.

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CHRISTIAN SABBATH SAVED— PARKS BILL DEAD.

The Legislature adjourned last night, May 17. Thank God, the Parks Bill in the House and the Hudspeth Bill in the Senate are dead—so dead that they smell bad. Cities of 5000 inhabitants or more are not authorized by law to regulate their own amusements. Of course, this is a great disappointment to the godless element throughout the State who want a wide-open Sunday—a wide-open town, law or no law. The vast majority of Texas' best citizens rejoice that the Christian Sabbath has been saved.

Whatever might have been the shortcomings and sins of the Thirty-Fifth Legislature, it is not guilty of the dark crime of having destroyed the Holy Sabbath in cities and the larger towns as recommended. Both in the Senate and in the House were God-fearing Representatives who were duly awake to the danger of the hour and who were unmoved and immovable in their opposition to any legislation that would weaken our present Sunday law. Other members of the Legislature who were "doubtful" who fraternized too freely with the enemy or who for some cause would take "cold feet," "heard from home." At one time when the Sabbath hung trembling in the balances the daily press reported that the Legislature was "deluged" with telegrams and petitions protesting against the passage of the Parks and Hudspeth Bills. This "hearing from home" saved the day. When the constituency was heard from in no uncertain manner, doubting Thomases became believers; cold feet were warmed with red pepper in their shoes and the line-up of opposition melted away like snow under a July sun. The country from towns to the forks of the creek came to the rescue of the law-abiding citizens and moral forces of the cities, struggling to uphold the majesty of the law and maintain the sanctity of the Sabbath and were so unanimous and persistent for the Legislature to keep unholy hands off the ark, until the plight of the measure and its advocates became pitiful. Let it be understood once and for all time that

the Church people and best citizens of this State of Texas will die in the last ditch before they will surrender the Lord's Day, one of the chief corner stones of the Christian religion, and the bulwark of our Christian civilization.

When the alarm would go out over the State, as it did from time to time, that the Sabbath was in danger at Austin, preachers, Churches and good citizens, without regard to Church or creed, from the Panhandle to the Gulf, from the Sabine to the Rio Grande would rally under the one flag and with mass meetings, resolutions, petitions, letters and telegrams would simultaneously bombard the members of the Legislature. They will do it again, and every time this great moral issue is sprung.

The leaders in this fight were Methodist, Baptist, Presbyterian and Christian preachers scattered throughout the State. No braver, more determined nor aggressive watchmen in the towers can be found beneath the stars than these same pastors and preachers that fill the pulpits of Texas. Brethren of the ministry, with uncovered head and in grateful recognition of your splendid service I congratulate you, and through you, the men and women that rallied to your call upon the great victory for the cause of righteousness in saving the Christian Sabbath.

The Texas Christian Advocate and Baptist Standard deserve unstinted praise for their telling work in this battle over the Sabbath. These Church papers have kept the public informed as to what was going on at Austin and poured high explosives into the trenches of the enemy.

Now, as we preachers say, "in conclusion," see to it that the Sunday law is enforced in your community. Since the recent decision of the Court of Criminal Appeals in affirming the Tarrant County picture show cases and since the Legislature has refused to change the Sunday statute, moving picture shows, theaters and vaudeville can be closed in every city of Texas. They have been closed and are now closed every Sunday in the city of Fort Worth. This is the result of a long, hard fight. Make the fight in your city; you will win; the good people will rally.

JOHN R. NELSON.

OKLAHOMA METHODIST ORPHANAGE.

Dear Brother Barrett, and Brethren of the West Oklahoma Conference: I am truly glad to know of the opportunity of purchasing the property you name for "Orphanage purposes," on the terms stated in circular letter. Certainly the brethren of Oklahoma will be ready to respond promptly and heartily to such a proposition. It seems providential that you have a chance to provide for the Orphanage in this way, and without involving the Church in any way whatever. Also, the moral effect will certainly be helpful and much to be appreciated.

I wish to encourage the enterprise all that is possible in my humble way and place. Believing that you will have a ready response from the brethren, I am,

Cordially yours in Christ,
H. C. MORRISON,
Bishop in Charge.

Leesburg, Fla.

THE OKLAHOMA METHODIST ORPHANAGE.

This is to announce to the Methodists of Oklahoma that your Joint Commission, created by the last sessions of the East and West Oklahoma Conferences, has purchased the Wesleyan College property at Oklahoma City as a location for the Oklahoma Methodist Orphanage.

The property purchased embraces practically 160 acres of land, together with all the buildings and improvements formerly belonging to the Wesleyan College, except the east dormitory which was already the property of the Church.

The property was secured to the Church at the price of \$25,000 and on the following terms: One thousand dollars paid in cash on date of purchase, which was May 1; five thousand dollars to be paid November 15, 1917; ten thousand dollars to be paid November 15, 1918; and the balance of nine thousand dollars to be paid November 15, 1919, with interest on deferred payments at the rate of five per cent.

The first payment of \$1000 was made in cash, said amount having been raised by certain members of the Joint Commission and without expense to the Church.

It is the desire of your Board of

Trustees to raise the next payment of \$5000 through such pastors of the State as are willing to co-operate with us. This policy was determined upon by the Executive Committee at the time of purchase, and accordingly each pastor and presiding elder in the State, together with the District Lay Leaders, have been communicated with, and their assistance solicited. The replies have been coming in, but the majority of the pastors have not yet signed and returned the receipt for the authority sent them. Brethren, permit me to urge you to quick action. If we are to raise this \$5000 before conference, and that without the expense of a Field Commissioner, every man must "do his bit." Please sign and return receipt to the undersigned at Caddo, Okla., or to Rev. Frank Barrett, Oklahoma City, and proper blanks for the campaign will be forwarded you immediately. Let us see how quickly 300 men, doing team work, can accomplish a really great task.

C. A. CLARK,
Secretary.

Caddo, Okla.

CHANGES IN APPOINTMENTS.

Bishop Morrison has authorized the following exchange of pastors: F. L. Ensil has been changed from Minco charge, Chickasha District, to Piedmont and Glory, Oklahoma City District; T. J. Durham has been changed from Piedmont and Glory, in Oklahoma City District, to Minco, in Chickasha District; Virgil Alexander has been appointed to supply Sunny Lane and Newcastle, in Oklahoma City District. M. L. BUTLER,
P. E. Oklahoma City District.

PROUD OF OUR PAPER.

As our school is out I will tell you how proud the Texas Club of the Searritt Bible and Training School was of the Texas Christian Advocate as it appeared each week on the stand with the other papers from all over the South. We noticed that in spite of the high cost of paper "ours" was of a much better grade than the average.

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MAMIE ROBINSON.

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