

COMMUNICATIONS.

BRO. SEXTON'S ITINERARY.

Pompeii, Castle La Mare and Sorrento.

Our ride from Naples to Pompeii was both interesting and amusing. The railways, like everything else, show the effect of ancient ideas, which have been handed down as an heirloom to all attempted advancement. The railway is narrow-gauge. The coaches are not equal to our second-grade street cars, having no connection with each other, so far as a passway is concerned. The conductor does not come through the cars selling tickets, but sticks his head in through the window or door, which opens on the side-punches the ticket and gives it back. Upon arriving at our destination, the tickets are given to the gate-keeper of the station. The conductor, did he desire to do so, has no chance to supplement his salary as he does not take up tickets, ever cash fares. There is no bell-cord to signal the engineer, but the conductor blows an ordinary horn as a signal to start or stop. The stations are not announced by the trainmen. In fact, the traveler never sees them only at the stations, and we would be carried by unless we knew where we were going. The scenery along the way is charming and picturesque—the beautiful Bay of Naples to our right, the railway skirting the water's edge, and on the left the hills gradually rising until they are lost in old Vesuvius. Little villages nestle around the base of this great smoking furnace, seemingly unconscious of their danger and forgetful of buried Pompeii.

The smoking volcano would make a believer in Grecian mythology think Vulcan busily engaged forging Jove's special lot of thunderbolts. The absolute helplessness of man when dealing with nature's unbridled forces can not be more fully realized than when standing in full view of this great mountain, sending forth fire and stone, while great dark clouds of smoke almost obscure the sun. Such was the vision and impression which I had as I looked upon the wonderful scene.

Near the entrance to the disintegrated city is a small village, consisting mostly in hotels and shops where all sorts of trinkets are for sale.

The city of Pompeii dates back, so it is claimed, to six centuries before Christ. The excavation, which is still in progress, has revealed a wonderful history for this unfortunate city. Twelve thousand people, so it is estimated, were buried here in that awful lapping of fire, which occurred August, 79. It is a notable fact that just thirty-three years after the crucifixion of Christ this city was almost destroyed by an earthquake, and thirteen years later, while an attempt was being made to bring it again to its former greatness, came the awful burial. We are told the people desired to rebuild because it was such an excellent seaport—one well worth running a great risk to maintain. History may repeat itself in our own State.

The man who thinks modern cities have far excelled in their improvements would have some of the conceit extracted should he visit Pompeii. The sidewalks are good, with fine stone crossings. A system of waterworks and sewerage was one of Pompeii's conveniences. Lamp posts stand at the corners of the streets for lighting purposes, and at the sea-front, near the image of Minerva, the city's guardian deity, a gold lamp gave light to the belated travelers. This lamp is on exhibition in the National Museum at Naples. The streets were named, and the names were posted at each corner—a fine example to be followed by Western cities. Many of the entrances to the houses were floored with beautiful tiling, the design always being very attractive. Also the floors of the various rooms of the house were tiling. Some of these are in a good state of preservation—just as the mason left them more than four thousand years ago. The walls are decorated with fine paintings and beautiful mosaics that would charm the fair housekeepers of the home-land. In fact, everything about the city shows the effect of great wealth and an eye for the beautiful. The Roman mythological tales are illustrated on many of the walls, some of which show the lowness of moral taste even in the private homes. In the Civil Forum, which is well preserved, the laws are posted, with the penalty for violation attached.

I stood upon the very elevated spot where Cicero and Pliny stood, entering into the discussion of city and national policy. Cicero had a villa or country home here.

Certain parts of the city reveal a state of morals worse than Sodom and Gomorrah. The people were given over to the worship of Minerva and Apollo, to both of whom magnificent temples were built. I climbed upon the altar where sacrifices were made to Minerva. The altar stood in front of a platform reached by a flight of

fourteen steps, in two divisions of seven each. Upon this platform was the statue of the goddess. The Dramatic Theater, with a seating capacity for several thousand, is intact. I mounted the stairs to the "peanut gallery," had a fine view of the stage, and got a good idea of the size of the building. The arrangement of the building for the purpose for which it was used is fine, and, so far as my knowledge goes, no improvements have been made by the builder, of to-day.

From Pompeii to Sorrento we went in carriages, a drive of some three hours. The road is fine, having been built by the Romans, and a carriage does not run any more smoothly along the asphalt pavements of Washington City than here. Sorrento is a town "beautiful for situation." The olive, orange and date palm are abundant. The town is on the Bay of Naples, and of course has a fine breeze. I should like to spend a month in such a delightful place. One night was spent here, and then back to Naples to take ship for Egypt. The Orizaba, an English vessel, was at anchor in the Bay. Boarding at 6 p. m., we set sail at about 11 o'clock for Port Said. En route we pass close to Stromboli, going through the Strait of Messina, but thanks to a kind Father and a good pilot, we were not swallowed up by Charybdis nor dashed to pieces on the rock of Scylla. Our good ship went close in to shore, and we had a good view of Rhegium, where St. Paul spent one day when he was en route to Rome. (Acts 28:1-11.) The south wind which gave speed to the Center and Pollox was so strong that we were hindered several hours, making us late at Port Said, Egypt. To the great surprise of every member of the party, the Custom-house is passed in fifteen minutes, and we board a special train for Cairo. A small sum of money is better than passports; so said our conductor. Turkish officers move in mysterious ways to gather a few coins. Of Egypt you shall hear later.

GEO. S. SEXTON.

THE RESULTS THAT SHOULD ACCRUE TO THE CHURCHES FROM THE MISSIONARY CONFERENCE.

The first General Missionary Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South, concluded its labors in the city of New Orleans, April 30, 1901, and that evening completed seven days of pleasant and profitable work.

To those who were skeptical of the advisability of taking so many from their already arduous work, and incurring such an expenditure of means in order to attend the conference, the results have more than dispelled such misgivings, and converted the questioner into an ardent advocate, because of the large compensation that has come to the Church.

This conference was not only epochal in marking the first of its kind in our Church, but was indeed historic, in the wide sweep of its labors and influence, and bids fair to rank with the great Christmas Conference in its results to the Church. It was not only the trumpet blast of an advancing host, proclaiming a forward movement for the world's evangelization, but it was actually making the picket line the position for the body of the main army, while the sentinels were thrown far out beyond, and the conquering host moves on to victory. It seemed the realization of prophetic words spoken by Bishop Hendrix to two thousand Epworth Leaguers in San Antonio, Texas, several years ago, who, having just returned from a missionary tour in the Orient, said: "The coming century will be one of possession to our Lord—a time when the nations of this earth shall be given to him as his rightful inheritance. The faith of that hour is already becoming the realizations of to-day."

The great value of the conference can not easily be estimated. Among the chief benefits accruing should be taken into account the advantage of bringing the Church, through this detached body of more than a thousand members and numerous visitors, into personal contact with the missionary and his cause; and by this means in a few days become acquainted with the situation in all lands. To gain this knowledge through books and periodicals must require months of careful and persistent study, and ere you have mastered your lesson the figures have grown old and the great cause of missions has moved far out beyond you.

Then there is peculiar profit in learning by word of mouth rather than by written or printed pages. There are things in our language which can not be written. There are lessons by voice and gesture which no pen can communicate. To look into the eyes and stand face to face with the heroes and heroines of the Cross; to receive the last burning message from their lips, will ever abide an inspiration to all those who attended, and be reproduced in their lives and ministry at home.

A lady member of a sister denomina-

tion, boarding with a number of delegates, was frank enough to say, reportedly, she did not believe in foreign missions, but would devote her energies and means to home work. She learned later one of the young ladies at the table had offered for foreign work. Not a word escaped her lips afterward against the cause. She said to this candidate: "If you are accepted by the board, I desire the privilege of fitting you out for your trip," and "Do you reckon they would accept me if I should offer? I would like to devote my life to this work." And thus the work wins its way.

To hear the mighty chorus of voices from all lands, who in perfect unison told, in deep tones of the grand-organ, the victories of faith and sounded on the clarion of opportunities, should arouse the entire Church to ask again in this crisis Paul's question, "Lord, what wilt thou have me to do?" Dr. Mott very well said: "If the men of this generation are to receive the gospel, you and I must give it them. Our forefathers could not have done so, for they had not the opportunity. Before our children could do so, the men of this generation will be dead and gone." The duty is on us, O Zion, Church of the living God, arise in thy strength, put on thy beautiful garments, and hasten on to victory. Thy God is with thee, and will lead thee.

There has already come an enlargement of faith which would not have been possible without the conference. This enlargement was voiced by Dr. Young J. Allen, of China, who said: "I now have faith that my Church will arise to her God-given opportunities and meet the responsibilities that are upon her." This increased faith is not confined to the missionaries, but the Church at home feels, with the same great statesman, "this meeting has put new courage in my heart, new bones in my body." We need not only faith that God will lead the Church, but faith that the Church will follow the divine leadership.

Then the good must by no means be limited to those who attended. While they received an impetus which shall affect all their subsequent lives, yet already from thousands of pulpits and platforms have the inspiring messages been delivered, and the knowledge imparted to the waiting multitudes that God is still with the vanguard out on the fighting line, and will surely lead them forth to victory. Then our periodicals throughout the entire connection are filled with soul-stirring, faith-inspiring articles, which are but the expression of the potentialities of this great conference. The reflex influence of the conference upon our sister denomination is easily seen, and it may be truly said the world has felt the influence of this pentecostal gathering.

The gift of more than \$50,000, which came unsought and as the expression of the faith and devotion of the Church, following closely as it does the free-will offering of one and one-half million dollars, recently laid on the altar for the cause of education, seems to indicate that the Church is beginning to understand that money is only valuable as it is used to advance our Lord's kingdom. Could we but understand our relation to God, and money, and our fellows, our Heavenly Father would have plenty of money to carry forward the enterprises of his Church.

To witness also the offering of themselves for the foreign field of forty-three of the best young men and women of the Church, thirty-four of whom are ready to go at the command of the Mission Board, and nine would go later, was an uplift and inspiration to faith seldom experienced.

The call of our leaders for \$500,000 and one hundred new missionaries in the field in the near future should arouse every one throughout the entire connection to measure up to the fullest possible degree of service and sacrifice.

The forthcoming literature should be numbered among the valuable results of this conference. A complete literature, covering all phases of missionary work, the product of picked men and women of ours and other Churches—not hobby-riders, but clear-headed, broad-gauged, consecrated Christian workers, who will lay upon the lap of the Church the very best product of their minds—will make indeed a contribution to literature which will be of priceless value.

M. S. HOTCHKISS.

LETTER FROM GILDEROY.

That rare, unique and original character, Rev. Abe Mulkey, has been in Mississippi, at Starkville, in Oktibbeha County. I am one hundred and fifty miles away, but reports of him and of his sayings and doings have reached me. My daughter, who lives in Starkville, is with us in Oxford, and she has been rehashing and rehearsing Abe to us ever since she came. Abe Mulkeys do not grow in pairs. There is generally only one of a kind, and, perhaps, that is enough for a State—maybe one

is enough for two or three States. Men with streaks in them—a streak of lean and a streak of fat—are often misunderstood, particularly by persons who are devoid of a sense of humor. When a man thinks his own thoughts and expresses them in his own way, some people call him peculiar, a crank, an oddity. Some men think in a queer way, and they have a quaint and peculiar way of expressing themselves. Some good folks—mostly goody-good folks—think such men are trying to be funny, when in fact they are as serious as death itself. I have never seen Abe Mulkey, but I am sorry for him. I am sure he is corrected, advised and told what to do and how to do it, and what to say and how to say it, until he is worn out hearing of his faults and blunders. I have suffered many things of many people along the same line. No one seems to make allowance for the fact that my mother—as good a woman as ever lived—was an Irishman. She was not to blame for this, nor was I. Some good people think grace will take the Irish out of an Irishman, but it won't, or don't, or at least has not done so in my case. It will not take the Irish out of Abe Mulkey. I am satisfied that when they cut me out and cut out Abe Mulkey, they threw the patterns away and did not cut out any other men by them. For more than fifty years the people have been trimming me up and trying to get me into some other shape, and they are still working on me. I do my best to conform, for I love to be gracious and well pleasing to other people; but 'ho! my efforts at conformity are more amusing than my natural ways. I am sure the same thing happens to my friend, Abe Mulkey—an extract from the "Old Emerald Isle." It cramps me, clips my wings and impedes the current of my thoughts to be bothered trying to remember the one thousand and one rules the people have given me and the corrections they have offered. The whole surmise of my mind is seeded down with rules and corrections. There is no room left for independent thought, or for originality of expressions. My independent self is compressed into some other man's moulds, often too large for my material and often too small. So they do my friend Abe—the wild Irishmen of the woolly West. When I grit my teeth, back my ears and think my own thoughts and say things in my own way, I have liberty and real power before the people. I can not be some other fellow to save my life. I am not an old man, and I have no peculiar ways until I try to be some other fellow, and then I make a fool of myself. I never say funny or witty things in the pulpit—never! but every now and then some silly folks are stirred to laughter by some of my most solemn utterances. It was not what I said, but the way they heard it. It was not my tongue, but their ears. They blame and berate me for a fault or misfortune of their own. They correct me when they ought to correct themselves, and call me peculiar when, in fact, the peculiarity is all their own. I have no peculiarities. Other people have them, but I do not. I am just a plain, straight along, natural, God-fearing and man-loving Irishman, and people say, "He is peculiar." There is not one word of truth in this. I am not like other folks, and I don't want to be. I want to be myself, and no one else. Other folk want me to be some other fellow.

I see ten acre lots of pure fun on either side of the path of life as I go along. I can't help it. It is there, and I do not want to shut my eyes to keep from seeing it. Some of them tell me I see it because of the remains of original sin in me—that a keen sense of the ridiculous is nothing but original sin; that laughter comes of sin. I do not believe one word of this. It is not pious to sigh and moan and groan and cry like one were in a graveyard all the time. If it were, the Dervishes would be models of piety. Anyway, I am sure they put Abe Mulkey through the bark mill.

GILDEROY.

Oxford, Miss.

SUBJECTS FOR PRAYER.

With your permission, I would like to present a collation of Scripture-texts upon a subject, as I think, of vital importance to the whole human race, and as I also think, some legitimate deductions as based upon the same—a subject of contrariety of views or opinions, both amongst the mass of the people, and also some of the preachers, as have been tested from time to time, of actual trial of the matter in question. Of course one man has as good a right to his opinions as another, if he has scriptural authority for them.

The subject I allude to is this: Do the Scriptures of divine truth teach that mankind may ask or pray for whatsoever we may legitimately desire, both of a spiritual and temporal character, including asking for or praying for rain in time of dearth or for it to be withheld in time of superabun-

dance, the removal of pests, plagues, diseases, scourges, etc.?

Some people call all these matters in question, and I have known a few preachers who seemed to coincide with them, or else lacked the moral courage to go in opposition to prevailing opinions. I, for one, fully believe that the Scriptures, both the Old and the New Testaments, fully teach the above enumerated counts and much more; also that not one, two or three, but "whatsoever ye shall ask in my name, that will I do, that the Father may be glorified in the Son," when fully in harmony with the divine will and acquiescing in the same.

I will now place along with the above quotation two or three other similar quotations of the Savior himself, as given in St. John, fourteenth and fifteenth chapters.

St. John 14:12 emphasizes with "Verily, verily, he that believeth on me, the works that I do shall he do also; and greater works than these shall he do." But all this, no doubt, implies not only a professed, but an actual, perfect "believeth," or unwavering faith and harmonious acquiescence of the mind with God through Christ Jesus.

In 15:16, the assurance is given that where the proper fruit is brought forth, one of the best of which is faith, and that it shall remain or abide is conditioned "That (another) whatsoever ye shall ask the Father in my name, he may give it you."

Now, I think I have my predicate tangibly before you.

Right here I wish to say that Christ and the apostles and evangelists of the New Testament fully recognized the Old Testament as equal authority with the New, or if the Old is accepted that teaching in regard to asking for rain or its restraint, or the removal of pests, plagues, blights, mildew or whatsoever plagues of heart may trouble, is obsolete now. If a portion is obsolete, why not all? If a portion is binding, why not all? If one may pick and chide, may not all do the same, and we thus have no standard, but are at sea without rudder or compass?

I believe the Bible is the word of God, and was given to the human family for a guide for all generations since its promulgation, and if it is not adapted to us now, then why not away with it? Or, if away with a part of it, or a part of it not adapted to us now, then it is confusing in such case. If a portion is accepted, it must all be accepted. If a portion can be rejected, it ought all to be rejected.

One more digression. "Please bear a little with me in my folly," so-called. One argument of those who make light of efforts to meet and ask the Lord or pray for rain or the removal or abatement or averting of plagues, etc., is this: The slim attendance upon such occasions. Grant that they are meagrely attended as a rule, but this does not argue their unscriptural correctness or unreasonableness. Let me give this illustration as a strong proof in a Scriptural matter upon which all are agreed as to its correctness: In the matter of establishing a family altar or family prayers at home, none will doubt its Scriptural correctness, and yet I have frequently seen an effort made to revive family prayer or establish it in the family result perhaps from half a dozen to a dozen out of a congregation of from one to five hundred members. What's the matter in this case? The matter wrong? No, the people wrong?

Now I am getting to the point at last, and will proceed to collate as suggested, briefly as may be.

The first Scripture I will call attention to, bating the authority already given, is Ezekiel, 30th chapter, commencing with the 25th verse, to last of chapter, inclusive. It seems to me that this is one of the richest chapters in promises, both in a spiritual and temporal way, in the whole Bible, and it is a very palladium of Christian faith and practice. Mark it well that the bases of these great and grand promises are first in getting in the right attitude with God to receive them; secondly, in asking or inquiring for them. The exact language is this: "Thus saith the Lord God, I will yet for this be inquired of by the house of Israel to do it for them," etc. "And they shall know that I am the Lord." Notwithstanding it was in the mind of the Lord to bestow them, he bids their final or actual giving them upon asking for or inquiring for them if best for them.

What can be clearer than the above, unless it be Zechariah 10:1, which reads:

"Ask ye of the Lord rain in the time of the latter rain; so the Lord shall make bright clouds and give them (that ask) showers of rain," etc. for the asking. But suppose we incorrigibly refuse to ask, may we not sometimes expect consuming drouth? Right here I will connect the Psalmist David's view of this matter as set forth especially in the 67th psalm, with reiterated emphasis: "Let the people praise thee, O God; let all the people

praise thee. Then the bring forth its increase at our own God, shall bless us above and all the ends shall fear him." And it is honored. But suppose persistently refuse to pray God as required, may we ably expect the earth to bring forth its increase, to rain, which it cannot do refructifying influence of the Lord for all be amongst others. There is a sure authorizing the askers or revivals of religion it from me to exalt but inns above spiritual, but lieve they are unseparable and go hand in hand wit

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praise thee. Then the earth shall bring forth its increase and God, even our own God, shall bless us. God shall bless and all the ends of the earth shall fear him." And thus God will be honored. But suppose the people persistently refuse to praise or honor God as required, may we not reasonably expect the earth to refuse to bring forth its increase, by the lack of rain, which it cannot do without the refracting influence of rain? Ask the Lord for all blessings, rain amongst others. There is more scripture authorizing the asking for rain than there is asking for spiritual showers or revivals of religion. But far be it from me to exalt temporal blessings above spiritual, but I firmly believe they are inseparably interwoven and go hand in hand with each other.

I now give another proof-text, Job 5:8, 9, 10. "I would seek unto God, and unto God would I commit my cause, which doeth great things and unsearchable, marvelous things without number; who giveth rain upon the earth, and sendeth waters upon the fields." Here again we have direct recognition of inspiration in communing or committing our affairs and interests unto God, and the blessings of God recognized in rain upon the fields as a consequence thereof. I view it that the Lord Christ enounced rain in the formula of prayer given to the world when he authorized us to pray for our daily bread, which formula I often use at family devotions, and might safely use every morning of our lives. But our daily bread, under the economy of God, could not long exist without rain.

Another strong lesson in point is Joel, 24 chapter, in which the supplies of the people were about to be cut off, and in order to circumvent it the Lord calls upon the people to turn unto him with all their heart and assemble themselves and with fasting, mourning and weeping and prayer—all the people—none exempt: Gather the people, sanctify the congregation, assemble the elders, gather the children, even those that suck the breast, the bridegroom and the bride. Let the priests and ministers weep and pray. Then will the Lord be jealous for his land and pity his people, and send corn and wine and oil, and promises both the former and the latter rain, and that the floors shall be full of wheat and the fats shall overflow with wine and oil, and even pay back rations, and shall eat in plenty and praise the Lord and shall know that God is in the midst of Israel. And these are a part of God's methods of bringing his Israel back when they have forsaken him.

We now refer to Lev. 26 and Deut. 28, in substance one pretty much a duplicate of the other, where the Lord promises if his people will diligently keep his laws and statutes, great and abundant blessings, not so much for the asking as for the doing, and actions always speak louder than words; but it is upon heart and life obedience, amongst which is rain in due season and both the early and latter rain and the blessings of prosperity the year round, and to be their God, and even walk amongst them, and they shall be his people.

The prophet Isaiah, 39:19, says: "The Lord will be very gracious unto the voice of thy cry; when he shall hear it, he will answer thee," and a little farther on says: "Then shall he give the rain, seed, bread and the increase of the earth, the fat of the land shall be plenteous," and that the cattle shall feed in large pastures and other stock shall have provender.

Now, in conclusion, for a short space I will present both sides of this subject, both praying for rain and for it to be restrained, as both are taught by example at least; and here again actions may be said to speak louder than words. I will not give chapter and verse, but the examples are so notable that they will be readily recognized by all as Bible history: First, where Moses, the great law-giver, as one of the plagues called for upon the rebellious Pharaoh, "called for rain and hail, and when Pharaoh was humbled and asked or prayed to Moses to entreat the Lord for a cessation, Moses at once assented to entreat the Lord for a cessation by again stretching forth his hands in prayer to the Lord for it to cease. All will remember how Samuel called for thunder and rain in wheat harvest to humble them for rejecting the Lord as King and calling for a King amongst themselves and otherwise sinning and loving their wheat more than they did their God; and when they thought they would die from starvation, but didn't, but were humbled and asked Samuel to pray for them, Samuel said to them, "God forbid that I should sin against God in ceasing to pray for you"—as much as to say, "I see you are humbled, and am now praying to the Lord for you to be spared further affliction," or, in other words, for it to stop raining is a legitimate inference. I am only trying to teach you the good and right way of the Lord.

All will remember the prayer of the

prophet Elijah, how he prayed both for it not to rain and then for it to rain. And St. James fully recognizes and indorses the scriptural truthfulness of these prayers as a man of like passions as ourselves. And what more need I say or believe for faith and practice? F. C. McMillan, L. E.

RUSSELLISM.
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Mr. Russel denies the immortality of the soul except to those whom he claims become divine and equal with Christ. Vol. 1, p. 173: "The Scriptures, however, while holding out promises of life and blessing and restitution to all the families of the earth, offer and promise the change to spiritual nature only to the Church selected during the gospel age, and not a single passage can be found which sustains such hope for any others. If the masses of mankind are saved from all the degradation, weakness, pain, misery and death which result from sin, and are restored to the condition of human perfection enjoyed before the fall, they are as really and completely saved from that fall as those who, under the special high calling of the gospel age, became partakers of the divine nature."

Now turn to page 177: "Man did not lose a heavenly, but an earthly Paradise. Under the death penalty he did not lose a spiritual, but a human existence, and all that was lost was purchased back by his Redeemer, who declared that he came to seek and to save that which was lost."

Now, couple this with the denial of the divinity of Christ and his denial of the resurrection of Christ's body, and what have we got but a seeming pretense to accept the truth, but mixed with it a vile and deadly poison.

Page 179: "Neither was Jesus a combination of two natures, human and spiritual. The blending of two natures produces neither the one nor the other, but an imperfect, hybrid thing, which is obnoxious to the divine arrangement. When Jesus was in the flesh, he was a perfect human being; previous to that time he was a perfect spiritual being, and since his resurrection he is a perfect spiritual being of the highest of divine order. It was not until the time of his consecration even unto death, as typified in his baptism at thirty years of age, manhood according to the law. . . . The human nature had to be consecrated to death before he could receive even the pledge of his divine nature. And not until that consecration was actually carried out, and he had actually sacrificed the human nature even unto death, did our Lord Jesus become a full partaker of the divine nature."

From such false teaching as this some of our brethren, especially Rev. T. H. B. Anderson and Dr. Godbey, have become woefully warped. Dr. Anderson, on the "Fourth Beatitude," assumes that Jesus became divine at the Jordan. Hear one sentence: "But prayer was necessary on the part of Jesus before he could become the Christ, the anointed of God. While he was praying, opening his life to the Father, the Spirit-filled found a resting place in him." And Dr. Godbey seems to think it highly possible that St. Paul may preside over these United States in the millennium. I only quote Godbey from memory, and not his wording, but I have given Dr. Anderson's exact words. As I proceed, you can see the impress of Russel on the above quotations from Godbey and Anderson.

Pages 173 to 181 he makes the perfection of the divine nature in the little flock the sanctified bride, the Lamb's wife, which so warped the Rev. Mr. Banc, a few years ago that in his sermon on the bride and its marriage with Christ, he actually talked of their courting, cooling, loving, making love, marrying, setting up to housekeeping, etc., etc.

Now, hear Mr. Russel when he says the perfection of the human nature will be restored to those who reform in the millennium. In vol. 2, page 129, Mr. Russel denies the resurrection: "Our Lord's human body was, however, supernaturally removed from the tomb, because, had it remained there, it would have been an insurmountable obstacle to the faith of the disciples, who were not yet instructed in spiritual things, for the Spirit was not yet given. We know nothing about what became of it, except that it did not decay or corrupt. Whether it was dissolved into gases, or whether it is still preserved somewhere as the grand memorial of God's love of Christ's obedience and of our redemption, no one knows, nor is such knowledge necessary." Judas kissed our Lord while he led a mob to crucify him, and Mr. Russel would have you believe he had faith in Christ, and both deny his divinity and resurrection. The most dangerous poisons are sweet, and the most dangerous doctrines make excuses for sin.

On pages 138-9, vol. 2, he treats of the coming of Christ as a farce and makes the mountains and hills and rocks, etc., to be kingdoms, sects, societies,

trades unions, trusts and all secular societies, etc., and yet there are thousands of people who are being misled by him, and if God's true watchmen give the alarm of danger, some sickly, sentimental brother cries out, "We don't need doctrinal harangues. Preach the gospel, and let these errors alone." If you had a shepherd employed who would, with gun in hand, go on and feed your sheep, indifferent to the surroundings, while a gang of wolves were destroying your lambs, you would turn him off before breakfast, and God will turn the unfaithful minister away who does not guard zealously the truth.
S. W. MILLER

RESPONSIBILITY.

The word responsibility is one of the most interesting and important words in the whole vocabulary of language. It stands in line with a large class of words, all of which involves the idea authority, law and government. These terms all deal with the very highest human relation, addressing themselves to the understanding, reason, will, conscience—our best and highest intellectual and moral powers. This class of words is designed to impress upon man the nobility of his nature and his accountability to God. God would have men to appreciate their mental and moral endowments, which for beauty and intrinsic value exceed all the symmetry and beauty of the most exquisite physical formation on the earth. The word responsibility deals directly with our highest mental and moral powers. It goes right to the point of human happiness, and does this for time and eternity. It is far-reaching—it lays its firm grasp upon all minds and upon all human relations. Wherever mind and conscience are found, there responsibility exists.

It suggests the thought that human nature is weak and erring and therefore liable to come short of all given standards. Of the word responsibility Webster says: "Responsibility is that state of being accountable to rightful authority; of a trust or debt." God, by the power of his Spirit, has established in all men a conscience. A sense and feeling of responsibility is universal. They that have no law are a law unto themselves. In the heathen it exists perhaps without a name, but not without a meaning. God has planted in the universal consciousness a sense of want, and something wanted is above themselves. A sense of responsibility is just as extensive as felt want. Responsibility is in proportion to the light given and the privileges enjoyed. God understands the capacity of every man. We are his servants, and as such he gives talents—five, two and one—to every man according to their several ability. The talents are a trust reposed in the servant. This endowment or trust reposed lays the foundation for responsibility to God. The amount of the trust constitutes the measure of responsibility. "For unto whomsoever much is given, of him shall be much required." "We are all tenants here at will." We shall soon have to render an impartial account of our stewardship to God. It is therefore of vital importance that we recognize our responsibility to God, and also to our neighbor in this day, when sordid, narrow, selfish spirit sheds its blighting influence so universally. It is therefore doubly important that men hold fast to the sentiment of responsibility to God and the Government. A sense of responsibility lies at the very base of all the ennobling views and actions of life and is the secret of all high spiritual attainment. The great need of our time is a conscience—a good conscience, one void of offense both to wards God and towards man." As individuals a proper sense of responsibility would save us from offenses against the brethren, upon which Christ pronounced the most fearful woe. "For it must needs be that offenses come, but woe to that man by whom the offense cometh."

No man can escape the evil of our day, much less shun the very appearance of it, and so keep himself unspotted from the world, who has lost his sense of obligation to God and humanity. There are times when all feel their responsibility to God. Yet I have to make the humiliating confession that many Church members, and even ministers, who are especially charged with the souls of the people, seem to have passed out from under the consciously-felt force of the most solemn vows made to God and the Church. These vows have been assumed under the most impressive conditions, and to lose a sense of their binding force, and power implies the loss of all that is beautiful and Christ-like in the Christian life. Here, beloved, is the starting of a most fatal decline which results in an irregular worldly life. As a result we have in many of our Churches a class of dancing, theater-going and card-playing members. All spiritual vitality has eked out and gone. A sense of responsibility to God and the Church has also been lost. Think of it! How unwieldy such a Church must be! The

pastor can not use them, and how God can afford to handle so many dead men and women is a great mystery to me. This condition in the Church has caused a class of preachers to spring up all over the land, the greater portion of whose ministry amounts to but little more than an apology for sin in the Church.

The need of the time is a more potent Church life. Christian life should be conscious, full and joyous, and it would be if we maintained a sense of responsibility as we should do.

There is so much said in the Bible about being born again, and about the new creation in Christ Jesus, that the world is all the while looking for some form of life far above that to be found among the common herd of mankind. The Church is most solemnly committed to the task of furnishing the world with a bright, pure life. There is a depth of meaning in the words of a Christ, "Ye are the light of the world," that I fear many of us have not seen yet. If the Church is indeed the light of the world it must follow that responsibility of the Church of Christ is incalculably great. The man who is not abashed before God, in the light of such teaching, is surely blind and past feeling.

This condition, found in so many Church members, must come of one of two facts: 1. There was a great defect in experience at the very foundation upon which all Christian character is built, or 2. They have lost the joy and the power of a once happy experience. In proportion to the defect in repentance and faith, great first principles upon which alone a strong Christian character can be built, or in proportion to the loss of spiritual power in a once good experience, in just the same proportion is the sense of obligation blunted. It is often the case that the last state of these persons is worse than the first.

The work of a genuine repentance, a great foundation-principle, can not be stressed too heavily in our day. Many of the weak and inefficient forms of Christian life seen come as the result of a defective repentance. No man need talk of the triumphs of his faith or the blessedness of his hope, or sing "Standing on the promises of God," who has not evangelically repented. Without this, at the best, he is merely a moral man. No man ever had faith for pardon who had not genuinely repented.

All the foregoing should impress us with a sense of responsibility to God. The good and the great have always attached the greatest importance to human responsibility. One of the old philosophers said: "The two things that impress me most are the starry heavens above and the moral law within." Mr. Butler said "that if the moral faculty had might as it had right, it would rule the world." In all this we see the dignity of man and the extent of his responsibility. I have not desired (were I competent) to enter into the abstract theoretical aspects of human responsibility, but to consider it in its more practical bearing upon Christian character, as seen in our day. One of the alarming facts of our day is seen in the absence of all sense of responsibility in men who occupy high places both in Church and State. It is often the case men in the highest official relations seem to be actuated by a narrow, sordid selfishness that needs rebuke and punishment. In almost every direction men seem to be wholly destitute of conscience. A selfish, mercenary spirit seems to be running rampant among all classes. The paramount question with them seems to be: "Will it pay?" "Will it bring public favor?" "Will it bring pleasure?" "Is it popular?" They do not ask: "Will it make me a better man?" "Will it make my life more helpful to other persons?" They do not ask: "Is it right?" Here is one point of danger to civil government, and also to the Church of Christ. No man is trustworthy who is void of a sense of responsibility to God and to public sentiment. Civil government, the Church of Christ and the sanctity and stability of the home are all endangered by the present conditions of the country. May God rebuke this irresponsible, erratic spirit that is abroad in the country. God is calling hard, firm men—men of integrity, above price. May such men rise up everywhere who shall by a true and noble life, wipe out the foul blot upon the once fair escutcheon of America.

All are interested—no man can afford to be indifferent to the demands of the hour. Every good man and woman should band together to foster and strengthen all correct thinking until a sense of personal responsibility prevail everywhere, and especially in the Church. This can not be accomplished by mere secular means or methods. Again, this can not be achieved by merely ethical schemes—as many persons now propose. In fact, all these influences combined are not adequate to meet the demands of this case. Responsibility is a personal matter—it is a moral state, inhering to moral agents. Hence, all must see that the only thing that can be done is to make

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men good, and nothing can do that but the gospel of Christ, which is infused the power of God unto salvation. The points of the land and the Church of God are largely responsible for correct sentiments on all vital issues. Humanitarian schemes are good in their place, but they can not supersede the gospel and the Church of God. Men make a great mistake when they attempt to correct public sentiment on great moral questions and relieve the ills and evils of mankind without calling to their aid religion. Men must first have their relations made right with God, in this God makes the man right with himself and right in himself. No man can be a non-object to others until this great work of salvation is accomplished in him. This will insure good citizenship, faithful officials, and from these will naturally come wholesome laws, faithfully executed everywhere. We need the fear of the Lord, which is the beginning of wisdom; we need moral fiber—iron in the blood and fire in the bone. These conditions alone insure wise, strong men—men who have the courage of their convictions. These are the men to brand the stern and who shape public sentiment all time.
A. DAVIS

Waxahatchie, Texas.

THE TRUE PARADISE.

A world that is simply a spirit world is not a world that we can either think about with any safety, or that we are qualified to have any particular interest in. There is no warrant in Scripture for thinking that the more unlike this world you imagine a thing to be the more heavenly it is. Heaven is undoubtedly a locality. The first paradise, which was certainly an exceedingly commendable paradise, was a locality, and there has been, in the meantime, no such change in the constitution of our nature as to indicate that a paradise that is not local would be any improvement upon the original.—Charles H. Fairhurst.

WHERE'S THE USE?

Drugging with Coffee and Keeping Sick all the Time.

A coffee drinker is liable to a smash almost any time and without much warning. A New York man, C. W. Bedford, 1065 Lex. Ave., says that when he was in apparently perfect health, weighing about 185 pounds, with good appetite, he suddenly had a severe attack of gastritis. He lost his appetite and the doctor put him on a strict diet and gave him remedies, but all to no purpose. He says: "Everlastingly I met had a cure and I tried a lot of them. I lost weight until I reached 144 pounds. I had those nasty gastric staggers."

About the middle of the summer, when on a vacation, a friend asked whether I drank coffee or not. Being told that I did, he suggested that I quit it and take Postum Food Coffee and Grape-Nuts breakfast food. I laughed at him and told him that I was through with special articles of diet.

One day the nerves had another bad smash and I concluded to quit coffee and see if that was really the cause of the trouble.

Next morning I had Postum for breakfast and it was well made and tasted good. I also had Grape-Nuts for breakfast and from that day my trouble began to fade away.

I am steadily gaining in flesh, can sleep naturally, and can eat whatever I want. What is the use of a man's smoking an article like coffee that poisons him, and causes such troubles as I have had when you can have a delicious Food Coffee like Postum that builds up instead of tearing down? Health is worth more than all the coffee on earth.

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Notes From

TEXAS CONF

WILLI... Fred. J. Allen, May 1 Sunday, was... good service generally... der was with us the... enjoyed his services an... sociation. Everything... the gardens. No rain... The old tower dark... day before yesterday m... ables in the Lord... "will bring it to pass..."

NORTH TEXAS CO

SANGRE... Atticus Webb, June... moving up on Sanger... We have secured a lot... have \$25,000 subscribed... building, to be erected... months, in the most... have only forty months... start they have made a... credit.

ADVICE CH

I J Coppedge, June 1... year is about half gone... our work. Two of our... forenoon are past. To... Clark was on hand, and... ple is sufficient to thoo... Clark. We have not... well treated by the... he did a good job, and... the people love him. He... a welcome "when he... The first Sunday in Ju... given a Day service at... a success and much en... audience. We will hav... services at Chis's Chap... day in this month. We... wish the church at Argy... begin a protracted me... Chapel the second Sun... stered by Rev. C. L. Hill... and at Garza Wednesday... first Sunday in August... H. Atkinson, and at... west of Argy. We will... next, with W. H. Brown...

EDWARD STAY

W. M. P. Rippey, We... most excellent meeting... suits were given, and... occasions to the Church... greatly received. Some... members say it is the... best for years. I saw... J. M. Peterson and W... Peterson preached a... powerful gospel. We... and profited by his... I was glad to have... who is pastor of Argy... rendered its excellent... and amongst the you... town. The brethren pr... a handsome tailor-ma... of their appreciation... have never had better... than those brethren gave... of my people with... of God. I have added... to the roll of this Church... and more to follow. I... from ordered by the... and good subscriptions... take the seating of the... future. The outlook for... party is very encourag... I would for his blood... I feel both in temporal... work. He is clear, cons... consistent. He will... work, and I trust he will... part at McKinney...

NORTHWEST T.L.X. C

GATE

Geo. A. Nance, June 1... place. Two conversations... last night. Rev. A. H. R... Circuit is with us, dom... usual. The Church is... are hoping for a great m... by Conference here Wedne...

ANSON

J. H. Trimble, May 25... storm last night. Ninete... in Methodist church. G... far as we can learn, a... several homes blown do... ple injured. Parsonage... cotton, sorghum and m... be replanted.

DAWSON

C. G. Short, Rev. E. G... of Boston, has just... scientific temperance lectu... which were the richest... have the privilege of... His lectures are, scintill... answerable. Any town... his services before he... should do so. We have... offers on this charge, b... looking for a great result...

AQUILLA CHS

Matthew C. DeKoon, M... to this writing had ve... financially and a... standing when... had... to us twice, and preached... five sermons, that were... by all who heard him. Las... Church at Ross observed... very fine program was...

A CHANCE TO MAK

I have berries, grapes... year, old, fresh as when... the California Cold Process... or seal the fruit, just... keeps perfectly fresh, and... nothing can put up a load... ones. Last year I sold... 120 families in one week... a dollar for directions, who... beautiful samples of fruit... many people seem like they... it my duty to give my... and feel confident anyone... or two hundred dollars per... few days. I will mail... full directions to any of... nineteen (19) this year... only the actual cost of the... age, etc. FRANK'S CARE... Mo.

Secular News Items.

The German squadron in the East has been ordered home.

The convention of the Theosophical Society opened at Chicago.

Gen. Botha and Gen. De Wet will confer on the South African War.

The Boers made an unsuccessful attack upon a British convoy near Ventenorskop.

An explosion in a Welch coal mine entombed seventy-three men, who are believed to be dead.

Negroes in Chicago are making an effort to erect a monument to the late Gov. Tanner of Illinois.

The Iron Molders' Union of North America has announced that there will be no strike this year.

The Olympic games, revived by King George of Greece in 1896, will be held in Chicago in 1904.

Two letters and two books written by Edgar A. Poe were recently sold at auction in Boston for \$2,600.

The Central Federated Union at New York endorsed the strike on the rapid transit lines in that city.

Mr. Andrew Carnegie has given \$10,000,000 for the university education of the young people of Scotland.

About 400 machinists of the New York Central Railway have struck for a 10 per cent increase in salary.

Sir Alfred Milner, Governor of the Transvaal and Orange River colony, has been elevated to the peerage.

President McKinley addressed the Epworth League and Christian Endeavor Societies at San Francisco.

Capt. Henry W. Hougate, formerly signal officer in the United States army, is dead in Washington City, aged 67.

All the machinists in the South Chicago shipyards have struck, making the total number of men out 1800.

At Memphis last week the United Confederate Veterans' Association voted to hold their next session in Dallas.

It is said a \$2,000,000 oil company will be organized in New Orleans to develop oil lands in Calcasieu Parish.

The President and Mrs. McKinley, after their long journey have reached home and her health continues to improve.

Brig. Gen. Frederick Finston has been assigned to command the Fourth District of the Department of North Louisiana.

The Chinese Consul-General at San Francisco presented to President McKinley gifts and presents valued at \$2000.

The first amendment by the revision committee was discussed by the Assembly of Northern Presbyterians at Philadelphia.

The visiting Western millers expressed themselves as delighted with their inspection of the port facilities at New Orleans.

The narrow escape of King Edward in the Yachting accident has strengthened His Majesty's hold upon the affections of Britishers.

Sharp friction stirred up in Peking between American and German troops. One German soldier was wounded by an American sentry.

The explosion of coal dust in the Richmond Mine, Tennessee, resulted in the death of twenty-one men, and the serious injury of a number of others.

The Philippine Commission has decided that Mindanao shall not be ruled by a provincial government, and that sovereignty in the island shall be abolished.

The Heywood well No. 2 was brought in on May 25 at Beaumont. The capacity of the gusher is estimated at from 25,000 to 50,000 barrels of oil a day.

Three Russian officers at Yokohama, Japan, have been sentenced to six months' imprisonment for mapping Nagasaki harbor in the vicinity of the fortifications.

New Orleans furniture men have inaugurated a movement for the utilization in this city of wire grass in the manufacture of furniture, house-furnishing and novelties.

John Riley Tanner, late Governor of Illinois, died suddenly, May 23, in his rooms in the Leland hotel, Springfield, Ill. Rheumatism of the heart is assigned as the cause of death.

The Chinese Minister, Wu Ting Fang, has completed his memorial to the throne concerning reforms in the Imperial system, and the document has been forwarded to Peking.

The Grand Jury in the investigation case concerning the death of Mrs. H. W. Judd of Chicago has decided to make no indictments against John A. Dowse and his followers.

The Navy Department has been advised that the higher courts in California have rendered a decision against the Government ownership of Mission Rock, San Francisco harbor, where an exclusive naval coaling sta-

tion was to have been placed. The case will be appealed to the United States Supreme Court. Naval officials regard the ownership of this site as of great importance.

The annual parade of Sunday-school children is one of the impressive events of the city of Brooklyn, N. Y. In the parade for this year, which took place May 24, 87,750 pupils were in line.

The Supreme Court has rendered a decision in some Porto Rican cases in which it is held that the Constitution does not of its own force follow the flag, but that Congress has to take a hand in its extension.

The following appointments have been made to the United States Military Academy: Charles L. Scott, Mount Pleasant, Ala.; Charles C. Bankhead, Paris, Texas; Charles McK. Parr, Baltimore, Mo.

Twelve of the crew of the steamer Baltimore drowned in the foundering of the steamer near An Sable, May 22. Two were saved after floating about the lake for several hours. The storm caused many lake disasters.

The United State Senators Tillman and McLaurin have tendered their resignations to the Governor of South Carolina to take effect Sept. 15. An appeal for vindication will be made to the people of the State through the primary.

At a meeting of the executive board of the National Association of Machinists the ultimatum of the Manufacturers' Association of Metal Trades was received and the answer given that the machinists will fight the issue to a finish.

The Sultan of Turkey has forbidden the importation of typewriters, so says Walter Wellman on the ground that typewriting has no distinctive characteristic by which the author could be traced, thus facilitating the circulation of seditious documents.

The Albany, N. Y., strikers have made peace by yielding the point originally in dispute, after having been the cause of the wasting \$75,000 of their own and other people's money, caused the sacrifice of two lives and paralyzed business for twelve days.

Henry F. Devens, Secretary of the National Metal Trades' Association, has given out a statement saying that the machinists by declaring a general strike have violated the agreement made a year ago, and the employers therefore are no longer bound by it.

A number of young filbert trees have been sent to the Agricultural Department from Greece. The nuts from these trees are the finest and have the finest flavor of any filberts the department has yet discovered, and every effort is to be made to encourage their growing.

The General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church, in session at Philadelphia, Pa., on May 27 adopted the majority report of the committee on revision, which recommends that a committee be appointed to amend the creed so as to modify the statement of the Church with reference to the doctrine of predestination.

Another curious old English custom was revived at the Great Oakley vestry meeting this year. That was the letting of the parish lands by "pin and candle." With the clergyman "in the chair," a pin was inserted in a burning candle and the last bidder before the pin dropped out was declared the tenant for the year.

A dispatch from Middleburg, Cape Colony, says an important concentration of the Boers is proceeding in the Zuurburg. Many fresh invaders are crossing the Orange river into Cape Colony and Commandant Fouchee has also joined the burghers in that district. The total strength of the Boers in that district is estimated at between 1000 and 1500.

Recently high Chinese officials here memorialized the court to return to Peking. A reply has just been received, in which the officials referred to are ordered not to make a request of this kind again until all the foreign troops have left Peking. The reply adds that when the peace envoys notify the Emperor and Dowager Empress that the troops have gone the court will immediately return, but not before.

Hazing must stop at West Point. The officers show that they mean business. Five cadets were expelled last week and six were suspended one year without pay. Those expelled can be reinstated only by act of Congress. The charge against them was insubordination in resenting punishment, because measures had been taken by the superintendent of the military academy to enforce the law forbidding hazing.

The agricultural villages of Great Britain are slowly, but steadily becoming depopulated. The big cities and urban districts in the manufacturing localities continue to increase in population. The movement of the people is likely to continue so long as the depression in British agriculture remains.

It is a certainty, so it is declared by some of England's able men, that until England renounces her free trade policy, the agriculture of the country will remain at a low ebb, and the big cities, and London in particular, will continue to be overcrowded.

The United States Shipbuilding Company, capital \$65,000,000, formed to take in plants at San Francisco, Newport News, Bath, Me., Elizabethport and Carteret, N. J., will have an annual capacity of 350,000 tons. Orders for over \$62,000,000 worth of work are now in hand. The trust will give the port of New York the greatest dry dock in the world. It will take in any ship now afloat or under construction.

The London Chronicle reports that three British officers and nearly a hundred non-commissioned officers and men, who were sent back from South Africa for various misdemeanors, are now in Portland prison. A majority of the prisoners are apparently ordinary offenders, but the officers, it is said, were convicted of treasonably siding with the Boers. One of them is sufficiently influential to procure the suppression of the names of all three.

The trustees of the Naval Arch Association, of New York, have approved the general design for the arch submitted by Ernest Flagg. The arch will cost, including its statutory \$300,000 and the approaches, beacons, sea walls and monuments, \$200,000 additional. The arch will be 125 feet wide and 125 feet high up to the cornice. The Victory and Sea Horse groups will add thirty-five feet more to the height. The structure will be of white marble on a base of granite.

The New York Herald reports the late ex-President Benjamin Harrison, who was a member of the Presbyterian Church, as declaring, "Predestination is not an essential doctrine of our system," and President McKinley, who is a member of a Church which has been a pronounced opponent of the doctrine of predestination, as saying, in a letter to Rev. Dr. McCook: "I hope you won't revise out of the (Presbyterian) creed the doctrine of predestination."

The Niagara Canal survey has been completed. The canal surveying engineers have been engaged since August, 1899. J. I. Miller, engineer-in-chief of the commission, in an interview said that they had made a thorough study of the country and had made extensive borings along the route. In some places sand was found where it was not expected, and this discovery necessitated changing the lines of the canal. In some cases it was necessary to relocate the lines of the canal for five miles. The boring was carefully done and made twenty feet deeper than the proposed depth of the canal. The survey made will enable the Government, if it desires, to build a railroad along the canal.

Samuel P. Thrasher of New Haven, Conn. is making an effort to have the clock-face that has been consulted for centuries, changed for one made suitable for the progressive people of this century. Mr. Thrasher holds that because of the number of gears on the face of the clock and their position, confusion is created and difficulty is experienced to tell the exact time at a glance. In the system proposed by Mr. Thrasher, there is never more than four upright figures shown on the dial of the clock at once, and they so indicate the time that no mistake is possible, and indicate it so accurately that valuable minutes need never be lost. The time will be announced in plain Arabic numerals, and no one need pause, calculate, or make a mistake. A child will have no difficulty in telling the time.

James Latherman, deputy game warden for Wyoming, has just found a waterfall 200 feet high in Yellowstone National Park, and has named it "Lost Falls." The falls are in Box Canyon, two and a half miles north-west of Hell's Half-Acre. A person can go within 100 yards of them and never be aware of their presence. The water plunges from a comparative level to a depth of 200 feet or more. A dense growth of timber overshadows the sheet of falling water, and a person can walk to the very brink without realizing his danger, except for the warning thunder of the tumbling waters. Mr. Latherman says a trail can be easily cut to the place, and he believes it will become more popular than Yellowstone Falls, owing to its attractive surroundings.

H. J. Chisholm, President of the International Paper Company, appeared before the Industrial Commission last week and testified as follows: "That his company owns and operates thirty-two plants, with a capacity of 1,500 tons daily. He estimates that it manufactures seventy per cent of the news paper used in the country. The stock of the company, common and preferred, amounts to \$15,000,000 and Mr. Chisholm declared that the plants could not be duplicated for that sum, notwithstanding the market value of

St. Vitus's

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The stock was only about one-half the par value. Mr. Chisholm admitted that there had been an increase in the price of paper since the trust was organized, but said that previous to that time the constituent companies were making paper at prices that were fast plunging them into bankruptcy.

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1 & 42 N. POPULAR EXCURSIONS. Sherman, Texas, June 26-28, Texas State Teachers' Association. Dallas, Texas, July 12-16, Texas State Epworth League. Buffalo, N. Y., May 1-11, American Exposition. San Francisco, Cal., July 14-21, International Epworth League. San Francisco, Cal., July 14-21, National Student Festival. St. Paul, Minn., May 28-June 2, American Academy of Medicine, American Medical Association. St. Paul, Minn., June 10-15, Modern Woodmen of America. Austin, Texas, June 12-15, University Summer School. Kansas City, Mo., June 11-12, Imperial Grand Nucleus of the Mystic Shrine. Detroit, Mich., July 4-12, Annual Meeting, National Educational Association. Chicago, Ill., June 25-28, Baptist Young People's Union, Summer Session, Educational Institutions. London, Eng., Aug. 27-30, Triennial Congress, National Temperance. San Antonio, Texas, June 26-28, Texas State Teachers' Association (closed). Galveston, Texas, June 26-27, District Conference M. E. Church, South. Austin, Texas, Texas Farmers' Congress, July 2-8. Cincinnati, Ohio, July 6-9, Annual Convention, United Society of Christian Workers. Milwaukee, Wis., July 22-25, Annual Meeting Grand Lodge B. P. O. Elks. Low excursion rates will be made for all the above occasions. Ask ticket agents for particulars as to rates, dates of sale, etc., or write to D. J. PRICE, Gen. Pass & Ticket Agt., Palestine, Tex.

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Notes From the Field.

TEXAS CONFERENCE.

WILLIS. Fred L. Allen, May 29. Good day last Sunday...

NORTH TEXAS CONFERENCE.

SANGER. Allens Webb, June 1. We are still moving up on Sanger charge...

ARGYLE CHARGE.

J. J. Coppidge, June 1. The conference year is about half gone...

DAWSON STATION.

W. M. P. Rippey. We have just closed a most excellent meeting...

NORTHWEST TEXAS CONFERENCE.

GAIL. Also A. Nance, June 1. In a meeting at this place...

ANSON.

J. H. Trimble, May 29. We had a ball game last night...

DAWSON.

C. G. Short, Rev. E. O. Taylor, D. D. of Houston, has just finished a course of scientific temperance lectures...

AQUILLA CHURCH.

Matthew C. Dickson, May 28. We have up to this writing had very favorable indications...

A CHANCE TO MAKE MONEY.

I have berries, grapes and peaches a year old, fresh as when picked...

children, and the good people of Ross furnished a sumptuous repast to the hundreds of people who were congregated together...

GROESBECK.

C. A. Evans. We have just closed one of the best meetings Groesbeck ever enjoyed...

CITY MISSION, FORT WORTH.

J. Z. T. Morris, June 1. The Lord has blessed our work this month...

WEST TEXAS CONFERENCE.

T. Gregory. The members of the West Texas Conference...

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W. T. Allen. We are undertaking to build a comfortable and desirable permanent camp-ground at Dalby Springs, Texas...

JASPER MISSION.

L. Christian, May 27. The 25th and 26th was the occasion of our second Quarterly Conference...

NEW YORK CHURCH.

P. R. White, May 29. Our second Quarterly Conference was held at Marlinton May 25 and 26...

HENDERSON.

Rock County News, May 25. The meeting which has been in progress for the past two weeks at the Methodist Church was brought to a close last Sunday night...

past fifteen years. The Church has received great blessing, reformation of backsliders and conversion of sinners...

CARD OF THANKS.

Upour County Echo, May 31. H. McGee and wife. Please give us space in your paper to express our appreciation to the good people of Gilmer for what they have done for us...

LUPKIN.

A. A. Wagner, June 1. Our tent meeting at this place proved a great blessing to our Church and town...

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The Home Grove League desires that all Leagues in the North Texas Conference send in as soon as possible the names of members...

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A smile comes very easy—you can wrinkle up with cheer A hundred times before you can squeeze out a soggy tear; It ripples out, moreover, to the heart-strings that will tug, And always leaves a echo that is very like a bug. So, smile away; folks understand what by a smile is meant. It's worth a million dollars, and it doesn't cost a cent.

—Baltimore American.

THE COMMANDER.

"I speak to be Captain," cried Luke Edwards, just as soon as he put his head around the corner of the barn where the other boys were already assembled.

"Well, you won't be," retorted Tommy Green, indignantly. "Twan't fair coming on us that way. You're always doing things when we ain't ready to get ahead. You didn't think of the company, Willie Jackson spoke of it first and asked us to meet here; and this is his barn, and we're to train on his land and, of course, he ought to have the first chance."

"Then he ought to have spoke first," mocked Luke. "He didn't, so I'm Captain."

"But you don't know so much 'bout training," expostulated Tommy, although less vehemently. "Willie's brother's a soldier, and he understands things, and—"

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movements carefully. I want to study each man."

At the end of twenty minutes he held up his hand.

"That will do," he called. "The boy with the brown cap will step from the line. He will be your Captain."

The boy with the brown cap was Willie Jackson.

"Now, that boy in the baseball suit and the one with the red tie and the one who carries a broom-handle—they will be your First and Second Lieutenant and Sergeant."

The boy in the baseball suit was Tommy Green. The others were two who had closely followed Willie's advice to obey orders. Luke Edwards stared at the General incredulously.

"But what'll I be?" he demanded.

"Oh, you will have to go back into the ranks, my boy," the General smiled. "It will be for your own good. No one can command until he learns how."—Frank H. Sweet, in Youth's Companion.

THE TWINS' COMPROMISE.

"Come down in the garden with us, mamma," said Mab. "We're going to play robber-caves under the lilac-bushes."

"Yes, do," urged Cunnie. "I'll carry a chair for you."

"I can not this morning, my dears," Mrs. Barton replied. "Nurse is busy, and I want to stay upstairs with baby in case she wakes."

"O' baby will stay asleep a long while," said Cunnie. "She's just shut up her peepers."

"Yes, but sometimes she opens 'em the very next minute," said Mab. "I'm drefful sorry you can't come, mamma."

The children were disappointed, for yesterday, mamma, sitting under the big pear-tree with her sewing, had laughed so heartily at the very small spaces they crawled into, that it made the robber game such fun.

"I'll tell you," said their mamma. "Well compromise on the side-porch. I can see you from there, and also hear baby if she cries. Will that do?"

"It's better than not having you at all, the twins agreed."

"But what's compromise?" asked Cunnie, who liked large words, even if he could not pronounce them properly.

"Well, it is both parties giving something of their own plans, and agreeing on a middle course—meeting half-way, as it were. In this case I give up staying upstairs, and you give up having me with you under the pear-tree, yet, in a measure we all do what we planned."

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A TOAD STORY.

One day my father, sister, and I were out in the garden, watching a little toad.

My father took a little stick, and very, very gently scratched one side of the toad and then the other.

The toad seemed to like it, for he would roll from side to side and wink. I was so interested that when they went in, I took the stick, and did as my father had done. I thought, if he rolls from side to side as I touch him, what would he do if I ran the stick down his back?

I did so; and what do you think happened? His skin, which was thin and dirty, parted in a neat little seam. There was a bright, new coat below.

Then my quiet little toad showed how wise he was. He gently and carefully pulled off his outer skin. He took it off the body and his legs first, and then, blinking it over his eyes, till—where had it gone? He had rolled it into a ball and swallowed it.—Adapted from Our Dumb-Animals.

together too late to rise out of it. To make a long story short, gentlemen, that was the turning point of life with me, and I would give much to know what became of that boy. I have been haunted through life with the feeling that my treatment of him may have driven him from the course he had chosen.

ONLY A CHIT OF A BOY.

A blizzard detained a party of travelers in a small railway station. Among other attempts to while away the weary hours, it was suggested that each confess who had really influenced him most at the turning point of his life. They all were men, and after two had confessed that it had been a mother, one a wife, and another a sister, a fourth, raising his hand and suiting the action to the words, said:

"I must needs lift my hat to a chit of a boy who would scarce come up to my elbow, whom I have never seen but once—and that but for a moment—and whose name I do not even know."

The speaker was a tall, handsome man, with a kind eye and genial countenance, and interest was at once expressed in what he had said, while a slender, bright-eyed man leaned forward and asked eagerly if he would not tell how it happened, as he was particularly interested in such things. The tall man smilingly assented and described himself as a young man who, through death, had been denied the guiding influence of a mother, and had been left to the care of a father whose thoughts and interests were all centered in the money market. He had to say. Then my temper got the own sweet way, and with a liberal allowance and no thought for the morrow, he became an easy prey for a set of unscrupulous fellows who were glad to profit by his downfall. He drank and gambled with them, and as he found himself falling lower and lower, he had the feeling that no one cared and that it did not matter.

"I was on my way into a low saloon and gambling den," he said, "to try to retrieve a heavy loss of the night before. It was dusk, and I was in a reckless mood, ready for almost anything, when I felt a tug at my coat and heard a voice say:

"Don't go in there; you'll be sorry."

"I looked down and saw a chit of a boy, and asked in surprise:

"What do you know about it?"

"Why, you see," said the boy, "I'm going to be an evangelist when I grow up, and I'm going to try to keep men from going into such places. When I saw you I thought I'd like to begin now. You are not like the others in there; don't go; you'll be sorry."

"I listened to every word the boy had to say. Then my temper got the better of me, and shaking him off rudely, I cursed him and his evangelism and hurried up the steps. At the top, I stopped. No one had ever before taken enough interest in me to ask me not to go into such a place. The boy was such a little fellow, and I had been rude to him. I went back to speak to him, and followed him, as I supposed round a corner, but he had disappeared completely, and I could find no trace of him. By this time I had a certain amount of respect for the chit of a boy who had already planned his future life. I had not been brought up to think of that. I had just drifted. I went home and thought it out, my admiration for the boy increasing as I thought of what it must be to look forward to making something out of one's life. I sighed over my own fallen condition, and then began to wonder if it was al-

Prevention of Disease.

Keep the Stomach Right.

It is surprising what a safeguard a healthy stomach is against disease. And again it is not so surprising when it is remembered that the only way we get pure blood, strong nerves and firm flesh is from wholesome food, well digested. It is the half-digested food that causes the mischief. When the stomach is weak, slow, inactive the food lies in the stomach for hours, fermenting, forming gases which poison the blood and the whole system, causing head-ache, pains in the back, shoulder blades and chest, loss of appetite, palpitation, biliousness.

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"You need not feel so any longer," said the slender man, whose absorbed interest in the story had been noticed by all but the narrator. "I was the boy," he said, rising and holding out his hand, and you may be interested to know that I have looked upon my feeble effort not only as a failure, but as a mistake in one so young."

The story teller shook him heartily by the hand and assured him he was never so glad to see anyone in all his life.

"Don't ever speak of mistake or failure in my case," he said. "For years now, I have been interesting myself in boys and trying to prove to them that they are powerful factors in the world's progress and the work of the Lord." He then expressed a hope that his companion had been successful in his chosen work.

"Fairly so," was the reply. "It is discouraging at times, for so much is done in the dark; as in your case, we do not see the results. This meeting is worth more to me than you can think."

"And to me," said his companion, who had drawn from his pocket a wallet and a steno-graphic pen. A moment later he handed the evangelist a check for \$5,000.

"For your work," he said. "Accept it as a thank offering and my apology to a 'chit of a boy.'"—Annie W. Weston in Ram's Horn.

It is good to begin the day, and to begin the year, especially to begin our lives, with God.—Matthew Henry.

FRESH AT NIGHT.

If One Uses the Right Kind of Food.

If by proper selection of food one can feel strong and fresh at the end of a day's work, it is worth while to know the kind of food that will produce this result.

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BELSHAZZAR'S FEAST.

By Harry Bezze.

SUPPLICATION

Of the day and deed and daring, And punishment dread and dire, Swift following on that awful hour Of deadly sin that awful hour When Babel's drunk'n King Ordered to sacrilegious use The vessels, gold and silver, Once consecrate to Heaven's King, Help me, O muse, to sing, Show matter for my song, And bring those scenes fresh acted Afore the windows of my soul, And beckon thou the inner man— Keen Tenant of this house of clay— To come and look, Show him the morn, And spinning to mid-day, Display before his sight the pomp and power And feast thick-spread for revelry, Then pass thou on and show The revelers themselves Stew'd in with pride and drunk with passion, And how they quaffed with eager zest To gods of metal, wood, and stone, In vessels dedicated to the Lord, Show then the wall of plaster, And what thereon appeared That sent cold consternation To the heart of that blasphemous king And set his knees a-tremble— Show thou, O Muse, the things I ask, And thou, Bright Giver of the mind, Who settest up and pullest down, Aid Thou thy servant, Thee, All honor, praise and glory given, He'll serve and bless.

CANTO ONE.

I. Great Babylon, Queen of Shinar, In Slumber's arms lay wrapped, And o'er her towers and battlements The night breeze played, and whisper'd To each gilded dome Of what should be to-morrow, Or wild storm cloud, it whisper'd, And of rattling hail swift-lighted, By th' blood-red, zigzag course Of a gleaming line of light, While rolling thunder drummed a dirge— Wild requiem of the forfeit King, Doomed, dead and damned, In sentence soon to pass, Whose doom by his own sin was fixt, Then also of the city's doom itself, It hinted in plaintive moan and wail, And as around the sky-capped towers it tarried, Whisper'd to each of that dread time, and fell, When not one stone atop another Should stand to mark the site Of those proud towers, Then onward pass'd, Breathing the farewell warning, "Babylon shall be as the chas'd ree."

II. Euphrates, deep and murky, Ran lazily along, Between East Babylon and West, Reflecting dim God's candles in the sky Which pale and paler grew As morning dawn'd, The day-god With his coming rays gan purpling the east, And rang the bell of nature, To waken tardy Day and bid her rise From slumber, The bell he rang By means of chirp of sleepy birds, Long bidding 'mong the hills of Shinar, And drowsy hum of insect wings, And bleat of milk-white flocks, And loving herds of kine, Soft dotting hill and vale, By means of Nature's universal voice, The bell he rang; but Day Seem'd loth to leave her couch of rest, And still slow linger'd, Then softly He low bent his rays and blis'd her, When, forthwith she stirr'd and started up, Then linger'd still, as if she liked The cooing, Again he woo'd, And won her with his kisses, And led her, blushing rosy red, Forth to behold the face of Nature.

III. The sun's bright rays, Gleamed and glister'd, reflected oft By gold-capped pinnacles and dome, When Babel's King, Belshazzar, Uprisen from his silken couch, Enclosed with tapestries, In colors, red, and blue, and purple, Soft sprinkled o'er with gold and gems, To his chamber window walk'd and gaz'd Upon the city, High beat his heart, And swoon'd with pride, at thought of all his greatness, Upon the city's wealth and pow'r He sometime mused, Then thus broke silence:

IV. "Babylon, great and glorious! Adorn'd with palace, temples, towers, With double wall and moat for thy de- fence— What city can compare to thee?—what host, Though led by all the gods of earth, Or Him of heav'n, can dare attack Belshazzar? Who so brave and little wise, As dare to show his face in lying light Before the walls of Babylon? What King E'er reign'd o'er city as rich as thee? Babylon, thou art old; but ne'er before Seem'dst thou so rich nor beautiful! Ne'er before hast thou had King So wise, so brave, invincible in war, Nor clothed upon with such supremest pow'r, Great are the gods in thy temples fair, And great, perchance, is He of Heaven, But greater far am I, The King, Belshazzar, King of Babylon."

V. What boots it, though, if I be great, Where few admire my greatness? Me, all should honor, praise, obey The few, that, double-faced, for fear, Dance quick obedience to my will, Or for the wish'd grace my kingship may bestow Hang fawning on my ev'ry look and word, Suffice me not. (Though love, And praise of women when skillfully be- stow'd, Off is as balm to little smart's) Not praise of few I crave, but thousands' My wealth, my wis-dom, power, Should each be separate theme For their unbounded praise, And also they the gods should praise— The gods of gold and silver, wood and stone, Should have their voice of praise As better, stronger, much more wise Than Heaven's King;— more reason is, For who do pay them homage, They me do praise whose hand

Has made them; or, what equal is, By my behest were made, Or if not made, at least by me Permitted to remain as worship'd deities— Full great a thing as making.

VI. "Should," did I say? Shall is the word! They me shall praise, who never yet Have equal'd been by King, Or potentate, or power. This day, Will I a feast prepare. This day, The like of which was never before be- hold, And night shall see assembled Around my board the best first rank Rich wine and red from full cups quaff'd Shall lead a fresh love luster To the sparkling eye, The richness of my kingdom there shall be Display'd by gleam and blaze of gold And flashing, glittering gems, And to this feast I'll summon The chiefest of my kingdom, Who at my board with me shall sit, And feast and drink and merry be, And give to me such praise, As never before to any King was given. (To be continued.)

Note.—I confess to being a great admirer of John Milton, and have read his "Paradise Lost" and his "Paradise Regain'd" with much pleasure and profit. But let me not unjustly be charged with intentional plagiarism. If I have anywhere trespassed upon the thought or words of another it has become so knitted into my own thought as to seem my own. A. H. BEZZE, Stockdale, Texas.

A NEWSBOY'S GRATITUDE.

A writer in the New York Recorder tells the story of a newsboy who months after he had eaten a Christmas supper, insisted on paying the kind journalist who provided it. On Christmas night an old-time newspaper writer stepped into a cheap restaurant in Park Row for a cup of hot coffee. As he took his seat at one of the small tables a ragged little boy planted himself on the stool opposite. There was a wolfish glare in the boy's eyes as he fumbled a nickel and said: "A plate of beans."

I sipped my coffee and watched the boy ravenously devour the beans. Whispering to the waiter, I told him to bring a plate of corned beef, some bread and butter and a bowl of coffee for the boy.

The little fellow stared for a moment and began his meal. In a few minutes the beef, bread and coffee had disappeared, yet the boy's appetite was not satisfied.

"What kind of pie do you like?" I asked.

"Most any kind; they's all good," replied the boy.

"Bring him some mince and pump-kin pie," said I to the waiter.

The boy cazed at the two pieces of pie in wonderment and then looked up shyly and pushed his nickel toward me.

"What's that for?" I asked.

"To pay for the spread. It's all I've got."

Taking a quarter from my pocket, I laid it on the boy's coin and pushed them across the table.

"Is them for me?" said the boy, with his mouth full of pie. "Am I to have all that?"

"Yes; this is Christmas night, you know."

"Yes, I remember; but I had no money for my lodging, so I didn't get any of the dinner down at the News-boys' lodging-house. Thank you, mister, you is good ter me."

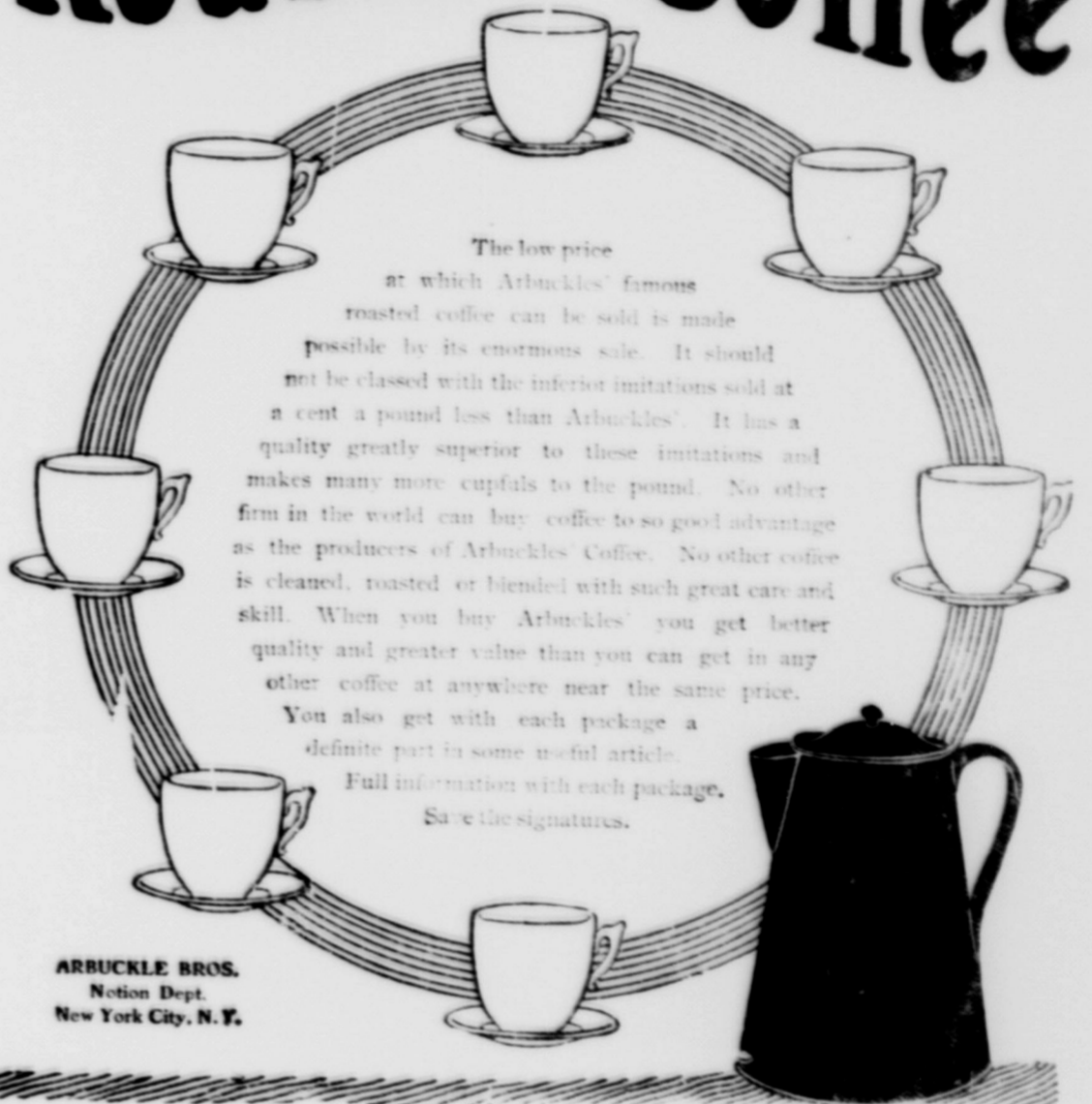
Months passed. One day a boy stopped me near Brooklyn Bridge. "Say, mister," said he, "I owe you a quarter. Here it is." Recognizing my Christmas guest, I gently refused the money, telling him that he had better keep it. "No, you take it," he persisted. "That supper and the quarter you gave me brought me luck, and I have not been so hungry since. You was so good that night, and I want you to take the quarter now, so that you can give some other boy a Christmas supper." I took the coin, and many a poor newsboy has had a good dinner with it since.

THE BEGGAR BOY.

In the following story the power of kindness is beautifully illustrated: "Go away from there, you old beggar boy! You have no right to be looking at our flowers," shouted a little fellow from the garden. The poor boy, who was pale, dirty and ragged, was leaning against the fence, admiring the splendid show of roses and tulips within. His face red- dened with anger at the rude lan- guage, and he was about to answer de- fiantly, when a little girl sprang out from an arbor near, and looking at both, said to her brother: "How could you speak so, Herbert? I'm sure his looking at the flowers doesn't hurt us." And then, to soothe the wounded feel- ings of the stranger, she added: "Lit- tle boy, I'll pluck you some flowers if you'll wait a moment," and she gath- ered a pretty bouquet and handed it through the fence.

His face brightened with surprise and pleasure, and he earnestly thank- ed her. Twelve years after this occurrence the girl had grown to a woman. One bright afternoon she was walking with her husband in the garden when she observed a young man in workman's dress leaning over the fence, and look- ing attentively at her and the flowers. Turning to her husband, she said: "It does me good to see people admiring the garden. I'll give that young man some of the flowers." And approach- ing him, she said: "Are you fond of flowers, sir? It will give me great pleasure to gather you some." The young workman looked a moment into her fair face, and then said in a voice tremulous with feeling: "Twelve years ago I stood here a rag- ged little beggar boy, and you showed me the same kindness. The bright flowers and your pleasant words made a new boy of me; ay, and they made a man of me, too. Your face, madam has been a light to me in my dark hours of life; and now, thank God, though that boy is still a humble, hard working man he is an honest and grateful one." Tears stood in the eyes of the lady as, turning to her husband, she said: "God put it into my young heart to do that little act of kindness, and see how great a reward it has brought!"—Free Church of Scotland Monthly.

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This splendid gathering of young people will meet in Dallas, July 9 to 11, inclusive. The Auditorium at the Fair Grounds has been secured to hold all the services. This building seats about three thousand people and will be an ideal place to hold a meeting of this kind. It will be tastefully decorated and the surrounding grounds at that season of the year are as attractive as any in the State. Splendid restaurants will be in operation on the grounds on both American and European plans, but all at a remarkably low price. These booths will be conducted by the Churches and Leagues of Dallas and will be delightful and attractive in their every feature. The railroads will make an unusually low rate and every inducement put forth to secure a large attendance. Mr. Frank Reedy, President of the State Epworth League Conference, will cheerfully furnish any information desired. Address him at Dallas.

THE COMMENCEMENT OF THE NORTH TEXAS FEMALE COLLEGE.

This year the commencement exercises of the North Texas Female College began on Friday of last week and closed on Wednesday of this, and the occasion was one of beauty and brilliancy from the beginning to the close. The weather was delightful and this is one item of great interest in matters of this character. It was cool, bright and bracing for this season and the campus was most inviting. The grounds are in first rate condition and the shrubs and the flowers were in their richest spring attire. The trees in the front yard have grown until they present the appearance of a young forest and the circular fountain was constantly throwing out a spray through which the sun by day made myriads of rainbows and the many-colored lights by night reflected a scene of indescribable loveliness. The whole place was swarming with young ladies in their commencement apparel and laughter and music were in the air. Mrs. Key was in her glory and presided over the whole with the grace and dignity of a queen. Bishop Key had charge of the many preacher visitors and dispensed to them a hospitality that was bountiful and full of welcome. He is a prince in matters of this sort. But preachers have a standing welcome at the commencements of the North Texas Female College. Special arrangements are always made to entertain them, and upon this occasion it reminded one of a conference session, minus all worry and anxiety. It was good to mingle with them and partake with them of the joys of the days and nights. Many of the parents of the pupils were also present and the college was their home. No patron or visitor was allowed to go to a hotel, but given a home at the college with the freedom of the place. A more successful closing out was never had at this great institution. The patronage was the largest in its prosperous history and the outlook for the next term is already foretelling greater success. Rooms are being engaged this far in advance.

The literary departments had all finished up their work and the examinations were passed. Thirty young ladies graduated and received their diplomas. Their part of the program was attractively rendered, showing thorough work and careful training. The rooms were resounding with vocal and instrumental music in the intervals, practicing for the public concerts, and as each evening drew near the chapel was vibrant with notes of exquisite harmony. On Friday night the musical treat of the occasion was presented by a class of fine performers. They were under the direction of Von Mickwitz, the head of the conservatory. He is one of the most accomplished musicians in America, and he has placed this department of the college in advance of anything in the South. Such is his reputation that young ladies from distant States come to get the advantage of his tuition. At this concert some of his best pupils were on the program and we have never witnessed such skill by young ladies on the instrument. Their work would have done credit to any institution in the United States. He is ably assisted by Mr. MacDonald, who has had all of the advantages of this country and many in Europe. Under them are other teachers of high merit and Texas is to be congratulated on the proficiency of the advantages here afforded. On Saturday night the entertainment consisted of vocal music interspersed with numbers from the class in stringed instruments. This is also a prominent feature of the instrumental and vocal course. Mrs. Holt has charge of the vocal department and she is a teacher of great attainments and merit.

Sunday was a great day, and the Methodist Church was the scene of its splendor and triumphs. The day was lovely and at 11 o'clock the spacious auditorium was filled even beyond its capacity. The music was prepared especially for the occasion. It was

full of melody, pervaded with the spirit of worship. Everything was present to inspire a suitable sermon. Rev. J. L. Pierce, of Dallas, was the preacher and was master of the hour. He is a man of scholarship, possessed of a bright, thoughtful mind and filled with evangelical religion. He always talks like a man who has a message for the people and he delivers it to them with power and unction. He makes no effort to display his attainments, but in the fear of God, speaks directly out of a warm heart to those who are before him. And so he did last Sunday as he stood before that attractive gathering. Below we give a synopsis of his discourse. It hardly does his sermon justice, but it gives an idea of the thought presented, and we reproduce it for the good it will do others:

II Cor. 4:18.

The life that transcends the senses is the true one, and not the life that is merely in the senses. We have five senses, which put us in communication with the outward. But that outer world itself is a symbol. It is not the ultimate reality. It stands for a force other than itself. You can not thoroughly master any truth until you push your analysis into the realm of the invisible. None go far in experience without feeling the power of faith, hope and love. You can not throw these on a scale and weigh them by the pound or stretch your measuring line upon them. They are powers nevertheless and make you reckon with them daily. St. Paul had thoroughly tested their potency in experience. He was "troubled on every side, yet not distressed." We follow his path, difficulties confront him. We look into his soul, we find it the ground of battle. He is shot through the air like an arrow. He is dinged to wild beasts at Ephesus. He is always being assaulted and is always conquering. In amazement, we ask, where is the hiding of this power? He takes his stand in and above the visible. No trap set for his feet can catch him, for he walks with God. His life is "hid with Christ in God." He reposes upon the divine bosom. In this act of total surrender to God he becomes the example for all who would walk as Christ walked. Here, too, is the creed of life for those who believe in God and are seeking an enduring realm. Yes, objects one, you do not consider the omnipresence and pressure of the visible. It appeals to us daily and is the closest thing to us. There is the very point in debate. I affirm that the visible is not so close to you as other agencies. Pressing upon your consciousness are certain primary truths of which you can not divest yourself. These facts are such as God, truth, honor, conscience, righteousness, the aspiration to be a better man or woman than you know yourself to be. These are ideals before you ever and you can not break the charm of their dominion over your spirit easily. Let a great tide of emotion, as faith or love, come into your heart, and the whole majestic procession of the visible will march by you unheeded. Nature may speak in her sweetest tones or wave her fairest fascinations, but if a great grief is at work on you, or a splendid joy has entered the secret places of your soul, you will neither hear nor see the glories of the outward. A closer thing has come. You can not tabulate it, it is a power none the less. It settles vital questions in your history. St. Paul's fellowship was with God, Christ, the Holy Spirit, and a vast throng of comrades in glory. He saw the vision of the divine love, he had a grip on eternal truth. Hence he said in the face of all difficulty, "None of these things move me." We must daily impel our lives by the same inspirations. He said of the marvelous record we read this morning, "They are light afflictions." They work out a far more exceeding weight of glory." We listen in wonder till we see the range of his sight. He is thinking of the entire sweep of himself out of this world and into a better. He ponders the weight of glory that comes at last. The full and perfect flower springing from the roots of life's salt experiences. Man must be brought to know that God has set eternity in his heart. There are other powers in him than valves of clay. That dust and blood and brains commingled do not explain his wondrous personality. There are spaces in him deep as gashes in the sea or the space between planets.

At night another large congregation was packed in the church to hear the sermon to the undergraduates by Rev. J. J. Clark, of the North Texas Conference. Bro. Clark is one of our most promising young preachers, cultivated, brainy, and to the forefront as a speaker. He delivered a well-prepared, thoroughly thought out, and well-ex-

pressed discourse. It was evangelical and to the point, just such a sermon as the occasion naturally called forth. A more profitable day, intellectually and spiritually, one need not want to spend than last Sunday at Sherman. Both services comported in every way with the commencement, and the whole community was the beneficiary. The college people and all the visitors pronounced the exercises a great success. The fact is, it was a high day for the church and for the college commencement.

Perhaps one of the most intelligent audiences, musically speaking that has ever assembled in the chapel of the North Texas College gathered there Monday morning to hear the concerto recital of Messrs. Mickwitz and MacDonald.

There were teachers from the adjoining towns and quite a party from Dallas. Everything favored this auspicious occasion. The sky was serene as well as the nerves of the artists, as was evidenced by the smoothness and perfection of finish with which they rendered the program. Even musicians of the first rank, as these gentlemen are, have their moods of exaltation when all technical difficulties vanish and the soul of the music seems to dominate all. The greatness of their great school of piano playing seemed never more apparent, and one was struck with the perfect unity in the souls of the musicians—the same delicate modulations and nuances, the same massive effects and the same superb climaxes.

The program was as follows:
Sonata Clementi,
Fantasia Burke,
Impromptu Reinecke,
Theme with variations Schutte.

All were most artistically rendered from the classic Clementi and graceful Impromptu to the Exquisite Theme and variations by Schutte. The latter number seemed to arouse the audience to a sort of musical frenzy, and the recalls were loud and long. The gentlemen, however, did not respond, very probably feeling that a program bristling with such difficulties was a sufficient treat to their music-loving friends. These recitals, so looked forward to by the audiences, are such a delightful music education that the artists, if they could only realize what a noble work they are doing, might be induced to give them to us oftener.

Since the Conservatory of the North Texas Female College was established it has done more to elevate the music taste of the people than any other institution of the South.

In the afternoon there was quite a unique service on the campus in front of the central building, in which the thirty graduates were conspicuous. It was the unveiling of an exquisite statue, designated "Progress," and presented to the campus by a young artist named Cadwalader in honor of these young ladies. It was cut out of pure marble and made to represent the superb form of a handsome woman, with head erect, pressing forward, and looking toward the future. The body, the limbs, the face and the pose are well-nigh perfect, and upon the base, in bold relief, are the names of the graduating class of 1901. There it stands, tall and imperial, just opposite Minerva, presented by the same young man some years ago, to inspire the efforts of the young and hopeful in the years to come. Mr. Cadwalader is a young artist whom Mrs. Key aided materially some time back, and since then he has been North to continue his studies and in appreciation of the interest in him by his benefactress he chose those things of beauty and presented them to the college campus. He is destined to become distinguished if life is spared him. Just after the unveiling the art department was thrown open and a more magnificent exhibit is not to be seen in and institution of learning. Miss Eva Billingsley is the art teacher, and she is due large praise for this feature of the college work. The walls were covered with fine specimens of work in oil, water colors and pastels and they evinced a high degree of proficiency in

her students. At night a public drill exhibition was given by fifty or sixty of the young ladies. This took place on an immense platform erected on the campus, and the exercises gave an idea of the physical culture of the college. In fact, no department is left out of the college course necessary to the complete development of the body, the mind and the soul of the young lady who attends the North Texas Female College. When our girls finish they are accomplished in all of the graces of training and culture. They are fitted for any station in life, and wherever they are found they are an honor to the institution and to society.

COMMENCEMENT NOTES.

Mr. Westphal has created a great deal of interest in mandolin music, and his pupils rendered many inspiring numbers during the exercises.

Miss Roundtree's work in the department of elocution showed off to good advantage in the contest Tuesday morning. Her girls did remarkably well and evinced excellent training in the art of recitation.

At the unveiling of the statue, "Progress," Monday afternoon the young ladies sang an original song, composed by Mrs. Holt, and set to the music of "America." Mr. Wall, a leading young attorney of Sherman, delivered an appropriate and eloquent address.

All of the young ladies of the college looked the picture of perfect health. They were rosy and strong. In this particular, as well as in others, the North Texas Female College is an ideal place. The air is pure, the food delicious and the sanitary condition first class.

In connection with the college there is a regular sanitarium, under the special care of a trained lady nurse. Any girl the least indisposed is placed in this safe retreat and scrupulously cared for.

Mr. Edwin Kidd is the business manager of the college, and he faithfully looks all of the interests of this part of the work, and its matters move systematically and with dispatch.

The trustees at their annual session resolved to erect a new building for the college. The crowded condition of the present accommodations makes this a necessity. A good part of the money for this enterprise is in sight and Bro. Binkley and Mrs. Key are going to raise the remainder. This addition will facilitate the work of the school and it must go up before the next opening.

Sherman is justly proud of this school and well she may be. The advantages of education afforded the rising womanhood of the community are fine; and then materially the school is worth many thousands of dollars to the local business. More than two hundred young ladies spending ten months in the year in that community, put a large volume of money in circulation, and this fact makes the school of immense value. Therefore, the people of Sherman have been liberal in their aid of the college; and in the new building project they will again lend a helping hand.

Rev. J. A. Stafford, Rev. W. E. Boggs and Rev. J. M. Binkley, all members of the conference, took much interest in the entertainment of visiting preachers. They left no stone unturned in aiding Bishop and Mrs. Key in looking after the pleasure and social entertainment of the brethren. Bro. Ballard, who is now local, also lives in Sherman and enjoyed greatly the company of the preachers.

Brethren Mountcastle, Rosser, Sherwood, Hussey, Ashburn, Spurlock, Dr. Pierce, Wages, Worley, W. F. Clark, P. C. Archer, Bounds, Peterson and several others were among the visi-

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The alumni association on Tuesday afternoon met and Dr. Boggs addressed the members and visitors. It was a delightful part of the commencement and the social entertainment, which followed, was full of good cheer and communion. Quite a large number participated in this function and the hospitable act was well performed.

On Wednesday morning and night the graduating exercises proper took place. The young ladies read essays of high literary merit, interspersed with appropriate music, and then received their diplomas. A finer looking class of young people one never saw, and they are prepared for work of life, in so far as education can impart it. The final exercises took place at the opera house, and the occasion was one of interest and pleasure. The literary address was delivered by Mr. Semple, one of Sherman's popular at- torneys, and right well did he do his work. This closed out the year's work and its wonderful record passed into history. For three months quiet will prevail on the campus and in the buildings, and next fall young life will again appear upon the scene. In the meantime preparation will go forward with a view to that event. R.

At the recent commencement of the Southwestern University the honorary degree of Doctor of Divinity was conferred upon the Rev. John Hughes, of Wales, England. He is an eminent Methodist minister, and had the indorsement of Bishop Hendrix and others of high authority. He has charge of the literary work of the Church in that part of the Wesleyan connection.

TEXAS PERSONALS.

Rev. W. L. Nelms, presiding elder Georgetown District, has changed the time of holding his District Conference from June 29 to July 4.

We are in receipt of an invitation to the closing exercises of the State Institute for the Blind at Austin, which occur as we go to press.

At Georgetown we had the pleasure of meeting State Treasurer Jno. W. Robbins and Superintendent Kendall. They are among our most useful laymen.

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is a sad blow to Dr. Reid, and he will have the sympathy and the prayers of our brethren throughout Texas.

On our return from Georgetown, we fell in with that prince of laymen, Judge M. M. Brooks, of the Court of Criminal Appeals. Suffice it to say that we had an interesting time.

Rev. D. T. Brown, of the North Texas Conference, we regret to say, is in very poor health. He is spending a season in San Marcos, Texas, and we trust that his sojourn there will entirely restore him.

At the commencement at Southwestern we met Judge Davidson, of the Court of Criminal Appeals, and his aged mother. He is the son and she is the widow of one of our esteemed and sainted itinerant ministers.

We had a delightful visit from Bro. S. L. Green, who resides near Celeste. He was in the city on business last week and called to see us. He deals in good livestock, and preachers always stop when they pass his way.

A note from Rev. C. B. Smith, Tenaha, Texas, gives the sad intelligence of his mother's death. He says: "While in New Orleans I received a message that my sweet mother passed peacefully away, April 27, at Corsicana, Texas. Converted when a girl, she lived a consistent godly life, and I have no shadow of doubt has been reunited with my sainted Father in realms of light."

A note from Prof. S. V. Wall, Honey Grove, says: "Wall school had a fine year and the closing exercises were excellent, and were attended by large and enthusiastic audiences. Nearly all the rooms are engaged already."

While at Georgetown we were delightfully entertained, along with Rev. Geo. B. Winton, at the pleasant home of Dr. and Mrs. Hawkins. We also enjoyed the hospitality of Rev. W. L. Nelms, Dr. Foster, Prof. Cody, Bro. Speed, and others.

Mrs. Florence E. Howell, editor of the Woman's Department of the Advocate, left this week as a delegate to the Woman's Board of Foreign Missions, which meets in Asheville, N. C., June 6. She will be absent about three weeks. The matter for the Woman's Department should be addressed to her as usual at Dallas, Tex.

In a private note from Bishop Candler, he expresses pleasure at being returned to our conferences, and begs to be remembered personally to all of the brethren. He has in him the heart of a Methodist preacher, and notwithstanding the fact that in his official capacity he has occasionally to deal with us in that sense, yet he is in direct sympathy with all of our struggles and burdens. Hence in a private letter he steps aside to tell us to convey to all of the brethren his kindest regards.

Bro. E. A. Smith, of the Abilene District is passing under the rod. We are in receipt of the following sad intelligence, under date Paris, June 2: Please say to our friends that we buried our mother, Mrs. N. A. Bramlette, this afternoon. Without the privileges of saying good bye to her loved ones, she passed to the home in the Master's house. This third severe affliction in a few months falls with a heavy blow upon our hearts. But God is good. Our faith is in him.

Our old friend, Rev. A. C. Pickens, of the Indian Mission Conference, has had a sudden change of heart or something to that effect. A while back he was the buoyant agent of the St. Louis Advocate and caring all over that territory for subscribers and writing glowing things to that paper as to his success. But all in a moment he has dropped the St. Louis like a hot cake, and now he is booming "The Western Christian Advocate." Wise men occasionally have cause to change their minds. But where is that old rally list?

The following note from Rev. J. M. Alexander, under date of June 2, will be painful news to the brethren of the West Texas Conference. Rev. I. S. Napier now "rests under the shade of the trees." Bro. I. S. Napier, preacher in charge Laveria Circuit, West Texas Conference, died at the parsonage in Laveria last Thursday, May 29, after a long and painful illness. Brethren Webb and Newkirk assisted the writer in the funeral services. He died as he lived, with an unwavering faith in God. A suitable obituary will appear in due time.

The virtue of a man ought to be measured, not by extraordinary exertions, but by his everyday conduct.—Pascal.

OUR TEXAS-MEXICAN WORK.

"He loveth our nation, and hath built us a synagogue."
When I first saw the multitude of pilgrims and others struggling among the barren hills of Godara he had compassion on them "because they were as sheep without a shepherd." That is a condition which will appeal to any Christian heart. Not long ago a brother wrote to the presiding elder of the San Antonio District, Mexican Border Conference, in about these words: "I understand that you have charge of the work among the Mexicans I have a ranch in Karnes County, by and about which there are many Mexican families. So far as I can learn, they have neither Church nor school. It distresses me to see this. If I should provide a house, would it be possible for you to send them a preacher and perhaps a teacher?"
It happened that the place he mentioned was near the Peoria Circuit, under the charge of a devout and active Mexican pastor. I replied at once that was would attach it to that circuit and furnish preaching at least once a month, and that a proper teacher could doubtless be found.
The house is now finished, by the liberality of one man, with windows, paint and other accessories. Last Sunday the first service was held in it. The Mexican heads of families cordially accepted the favor offered them, and about the whole colony turned out to the worship. Whatever their opinions, they could not be hostile to the gospel brought to them in this brotherly way. In the afternoon, at the proper time, arrangements will be made for a school. The future of the young people of our Mexican families in this State depends almost entirely upon the training they receive. If they learn English and the rudiments of education, especially under Christian instruction, they may be industrious and happy. Otherwise they will merely remain "peasants."
Our brethren ought not to overlook opportunities of serving Christ in "some of the least of these." The first to help the Mexicans with church houses and the privileges was the sainted John S. M. Kinross, of Tulsa. His successor is L. H. Brown, Esq. of San Marcos. Who will be next?—GEO. B. WINTON.
San Antonio, Texas.

MEXICAN BORDER CONFERENCE.

On Sunday, the 19th of May, we started a revival in our Church and God who never fails to help his people, was all the time with us, ready to bless and save. From the beginning the interest seemed to be great, and the presiding elder, J. B. Mood, did some very good work. His conducted services in the street, and was very successful. Several of the young folk of our Church went with the Mood in a large wagon, where they had an organized service, and the joyful songs of Zion. I will have to say that their singing was more hearty than anything I have seen in this part of the State. Rev. A. Rodriguez, who has charge of the work at Camalero, Mexico, was with us and helped us. We had preaching in several of the homes of our people. Rev. J. T. H. Miller, who has charge of the American congregation of this city, was present at nearly every service. Although he could not understand the sermon, his heart was lifted up to heaven, and he said that we were preaching "by the Spirit." He said that the two Presbyterian ministers, who were with us, expected a prosperous year. Brethren, pray for us, that God may help us to bring many of our people to the fold of the gospel.—P. O. VERDEZUELO, P. C., Laredo, Texas.

DISTRICT CONFERENCES.

WACO DISTRICT.
All who expect to attend District Conference at Waco, Texas, June 27, please notify me at once, so you will have a home when you get here. Also state whether you are coming by private conveyance. We shall do our best to entertain you if you will notify us beforehand.—W. R. THORNTON, Moody, Texas.

WEATHERFORD DISTRICT.
I would like to hear from the preachers of the Weatherford District, as to who will be at the District Conference, to be held at Springtown, June 25, 26, 27.—J. I. WHITE, P. C.

CALVERT DISTRICT.
To the Pastors and Learners of Calvert District.
The L & G N and C. W. & B. V. Railroads have granted a rate of one and one-third fare for the District Conference, to meet at Calvert. Tickets on sale June 5 and 6.
Wednesday, 1901, is Epworth League Day. The programs are out. The Calvert Leagueurs expect a good delegation and profitable occasion. So let all the Leagueurs that can attend and enjoy it.—A. R. BUCHANAN, District Secretary.

BRENTHAM DISTRICT.
The Brentham District Conference will convene at Lexington Friday, morning, June 11, at 8 o'clock. The special session will be preached Thursday evening by James Wilson.

The following are the Committee of Examination:
For License to Preach, J. W. Hays, H. G. Williams, H. W. Allen.
For Admission on Trial, James Kilgore, H. R. Kessler, M. L. Lambert.
For Deacons' Orders, J. L. Maxwell, J. R. Murray, M. E. Hays.
For Elder's Orders, J. H. Swan, H. S. Candler, J. W. Thompson.
J. B. COCHRAN, P. C., Rockdale, Texas.

HUNTSVILLE DISTRICT.
The District Conference of the Huntsville District will be held at McAllisterville, July 11 to 14. The following are the Com- mittees of Examination.
For License to Preach, G. H. Phair, J. C. Moore, W. L. Deane.
For Admission on Trial, W. T. McLaughlin, A. J. Anderson, J. H. Allen.
For Deacons' Orders, J. M. Adams, G. R. Ray, G. L. Conroy.
For Elder's Orders, S. H. Morgan, J. P. Skinner, C. E. Simmons.
CHAS. A. HOSCHER, P. C., Rockdale, Texas.

ABILENE DISTRICT.
To the Preachers of the Abilene District.
The Texas and Pacific Railroad will give reduced rates of one and a third fare for the round trip to the Abilene District Conference, to be held in Abilene, beginning June 25. Your delegates will pay full fare coming and secure a certificate from the agent at starting point, which when signed by the Secretary of the conference will entitle the holder to the reduced rate returning for one-third the regular fare. This reduction is not conditioned on any specific number.
Please advise your delegates of this reduction, and get as much of them to come as possible. We shall be glad to see you and hope to have a good religious season.—G. E. CAMERON, Miller, Texas.

BROWNWOOD DISTRICT.
To the preachers and delegates who expect to attend the Brownwood District Conference, to be held at Galveston, June 25. Please notify me at once, and if you expect to bring your wife or daughter with you, please let me know and if you will come by private conveyance, please notify me, so I can provide for your fares. Brethren, please do this at once.—J. A. HUGHES.

CALVERT DISTRICT.
The Calvert District Conference will convene in Calvert, June 26. Pastors and others connected with it are urged to notify the Secretary of the District, who is also those who intend attending the District Epworth League Conference, which will be held Wednesday, June 26. Please be prompt about this.—J. OSBURY, P. C.

VERNON DISTRICT.
I wish every member of the Vernon District Conference would please write me at once by what conveyance he will come to District Conference, and also whom he expects to bring with him. Don't neglect this, brethren. Let me suggest to all others that they put their names some other time, as we expect our homes will be filled with the District conference.—M. W. THOMAS.

OSBORTOWN DISTRICT CONFERENCE CHANGE OF TIME FOR MEETING.
It is necessary, on account of a local option election ordered to be held in Bell County June 23, to change the time of the meeting of the Osbortown District Conference from June 29 to July 2, 1901.—W. L. NELMS, P. C.

SAN ANTONIO DISTRICT.
To the Preachers of the San Antonio District.
Will you please send me the names of all persons from your respective charges who will attend the District Conference to be held at this point, June 26, by June 27. The great fire we had and the Summer Normal have cut off our supply of homes, but we are determined to do our best and will make the visit of all who come as pleasant as possible. Those coming by private conveyance notify me of same.—A. A. WAINSON, P. C., Lufkin, Texas.

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SECOND QUARTER, LESSON II, JUNE 16.

JESUS APPEARS TO ST. JOHN. Rev. 1:9-20.

Golden Text: "Jesus Christ the same yesterday, and to-day, and forever."—Heb. 13:8.

Dr. Jno. T. McFarland, in the International Evangelist, has the following to say of the lesson:

It is generally conceded that John wrote the book of Revelation before his Gospel and the Epistles, and there are internal evidences that it must have been written before the destruction of Jerusalem in the year A. D. 70. Its matter, however, makes it proper that it should close the New Testament canon. The great contrast in style between this book and John's other writings is too obvious to be overlooked by any one. The gospel and the epistles were probably written from twenty-five to thirty years after the Revelation. By that time the spirit of the "Son of Thunder" had calmed and settled into peace. The Revelation was written in the stress of tumult of the storm; the gospel and the epistles in the stillness and softened light of the sunset.

There was peculiar opportuneness in the giving of this revelation. It met the urgent needs both of John, and of the Churches to whom it was communicated. John, probably for the first time, was in exile; not only so, but it is supposed was used as a slave in the marble quarries of Patmos. His own heart needed strengthening against the manifold discouragements that beset him. God's revelations are wont to come in such times of deep need. They came to Paul in Corinth (Acts 18:9), when he was discouraged by the oppositions and blasphemies of the Jews; and as he lay a prisoner in the castle of Antonia in Jerusalem after the mob had sought his life and the Sanhedrin had refused to hear him (Acts 23:11). So God appeared again and again to his prophets of old in the dark hours of their lives. To those who live "in the spirit" the divine glory is not far off when difficulties and discouragements reach their culmination. Then, too, for the same and other reasons the Churches needed at that time the inspiration and corrective of the messages and revelations sent to them. They too, in common with John, were subjected to persecutions. Direct word, therefore, from the great Head of the Church, with assurances of his presence and promises of victory, would greatly stay them in their distresses. But persecutions were not their greatest dangers. Their strength was being sapped by hevy and worldliness. They needed greatly the tonic of the Lord's rebukes and warnings, and commendations. In general it is fitting and significant that the series of wonderful prophetic visions in which the whole course of history is unfolded down to the end of the world, "the perfecting of the age," should be preceded by solemn messages of Christ to his Church. It was with reference to the Church that all the processes of history should be led forward under the guidance of Providence, and the Church was to be the most potent factor in the regeneration of the nations of the world. Mightier in fact than all the great world-powers were those despised societies in Asia, and the Church universal for which they stood. The empires would be broken in pieces, but the Church would endure forever.

The vision which John saw should be in the Churches of the present a lesson of instruction, of warning, and of great encouragement. The seven golden candlesticks are symbols of the mission of the Church. It harmonizes with Christ's words to his disciples: "Ye are the light of the world." It is the mission of the Church, of the individual Christian, to shine. The Church must go where the darkness is. Failing in the moral illumination of the world the Church fails in everything. The vision is also a warning. It reveals Christ standing in the midst of the Churches for their inspection, and holding their pastors in his hand. Churches and pastors did not forget this, certainly they would not do or permit some things which appear. We have heard much of such questions, "What if Christ should come to Chicago" or to New York, or to London? As if he had not come to those cities! We should bring it closer home and ask "What if Jesus should come to our Church?"—First Church, St. Paul's, St. Andrew's, of the great city, or the humble little chapel on the western prairie? And then remind ourselves that the very question is a confession of spiritual forgetfulness and unbelief.

Jesus has come, is always present, with every Church. The eyes that are as a flame of fire, from which nothing can be hid, always search the hearts of the people and the pastors of all the Churches. The truth should come as a solemn warning. But the vision is also a great inspiration. Because Christ is in the midst of his Church she will not be overthrown. All power has been given unto him in heaven and in earth, and he will present her at last as his bride before the Father spotless and perfect in holiness.

Epworth League Department.

June 16. "Reverence for Sacred Things."—Ex. 3:1-6. (Topic continued in Era of May 29.)

Reference Word, Reverence, Ps. 89:7; Heb. 12:9, 28. Daily Bible Readings: S. Works of God, Ps. 19:1-6. M. Word of God, Ps. 19:7-14. T. Name of God; Ex. 20:7; Ps. 139:19-21. W. Worship of God; John 4:19-21. T. Commands to Revere; Heb. 12:22-29. F. Blessedness of Reverence; Mal. 3:10-18. S. Reverence for Sacred Things; Ex. 3:1-6.

The Scriptures for this topic are beautiful and need no comment. They teach strongly the duty of reverence. "Reverence is a strong sentiment of respect and esteem produced by the consideration of noble and exalted objects." "Nothing but a spirit can experience it, and this only in the presence of a spirit," or of that which suggestively produces spiritual impressions. Reverence rises in proportion to character, and hence the profoundest reverence should be given to the most majestic character—God.

WHY WE SHOULD REVERENCE GOD.

- 1. Because of his greatness. He is infinite in all conceivable and inconceivable respects.
2. Because he has over us the power of life and death. He made and he can destroy.
3. Because of the universality of his dominion. (1 Chron. 29:2.)
4. Because of his goodness. He is the source of all supplies for body and soul. He bears long with us, gives his Son to die for us, and furnishes every opportunity for personal development, for doing good, and saving our souls. (Ps. 31:8; 84:5.)
5. Because of his holiness. "Reverence is the synthesis of love and fear." Fear looks toward his greatness, power, and dominion; love, toward his holiness and goodness. (Ex. 15:2.)

WHAT WE SHOULD REVERENCE.

- 1. The works of God. Wherever nature expresses the divine power and majesty, it awakes reverence. (Ps. 19:1-6.) Our own species, when distinguished for learning, achievement, position, or age, should be reverentially regarded.
2. The worship of God. These are the ordinances of the Church. How solemn an occasion is public worship. Entering the sanctuary we should put away secular thoughts, compose our minds, engage in religious meditation, and lift our hearts in prayer and song.
3. The word of God. The Bible should be regarded as different from all other books. It is the divine autograph, communicating the Father's will on subjects affecting temporal and eternal destiny. Should it not be revered?
4. The name of God. The Lord considered his dignity so majestic that even the mention of his name is a serious thing, and regard for it constitutes one of the Ten Commandments. (Ex. 20:7.) Profane swearing, so common a vice, is a capital sin, a great insult to him who says: "I will be jealous for my holy name." (Ezek. 39:25.)
It is a defective and disordered mind that does not instinctively give homage and reverence to God, the Being that inhabiteth eternity and filioth immensity.

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DEATH OF REV. G. CARTER.

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Bishop Paine took him through the South, it seemed, rather to exhibit his rare gifts. This journey loosened Mr. Carter's connection with Virginia. He became president of a university in Texas. The war breaking out, he was appointed a Colonel of a Regiment. During the contest he lost his religious integrity. After the surrender he entered politics in Louisiana as a Republican, fought duels, and behaved in a disorderly way. Amid his erratic ways, he had friends in Virginia who hoped for the best for him. Among these was the late Dr. Duncan. Mr. Carter and Dr. Duncan exchanged odd coins with the pledge of prayer for each other. Dr. Duncan died years ago, but held to the last the hope that his wayward friend would return to the Lord. And so it has come to pass. Duncan made a call on Carter in Washington and discussed his situation. Carter was reported to have said that at no time had he ever ceased to believe in the Christian religion, and that amid all his errant ways he prayed by his bed at night.

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He had phenomenal endowments. When a mere lad he led a district corps of preachers to victorious results. No Goliath cared to try conclusions with this stripling with unerring sling after it had slain a chief champion on the conference arena. He was then a man of means. A school was inaugurated in his district at his charges for young men called to the ministry. There were and are preachers of distinction and usefulness his debtor for their advancement when they needed help. With a rare exception, they have appreciated his kindness. A friendless orphan lifted into usefulness by an unselfish hand seldom forgets his benefactor. He was honored for his noble concern for these young brethren.

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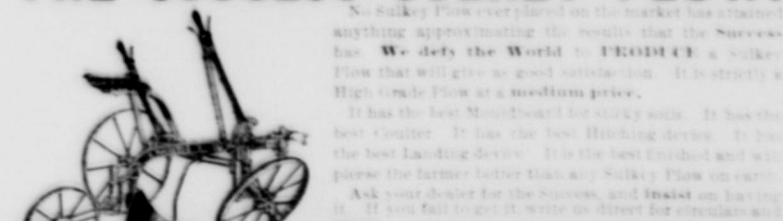
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NOTICE

The annual meeting of the Texas Conference Woman's Foreign Missionary Society will be held in Bryan, beginning June 21. Accomplishment of grave undertakings is to be planned. Success of purpose demands united interest and prudent co-operation. Full attendance is urged upon officers and delegates.

MRS. LENA I. BLAKELEY, Rec. Sec., Richmond, Texas.

The Recording Secretary of the W. F. M. Society, North Texas Conference, wishes to say to the members of that society that she has the minutes of the last annual meeting of the society, held at Bonham 5-12 last month, ready for publication, but will not have time to attend to the publication of the same until after her return from the annual meeting of the Woman's Board of Foreign Missions, to be held this week (June 6, in Asheville, N. C.). As she is the reserve delegate for the society, she has been called upon to attend the annual meeting of the board in place of the Corresponding Secretary, who is prevented by circumstances from going.

The annual meeting of the W. F. M. Society of West Texas Conference will be held in San Marcos June 22, beginning at 8 o'clock Saturday night. The annual sermon will be preached Sunday morning by Rev. L. C. Matthis. Other appointments for the day will be made from the pulpit at that time. First business session at 9 o'clock Monday morning. A hearty invitation is extended to the ministers, who are called to meet in San Marcos June 29-31, to remain a few days and take part in our foreign work. We would be glad if every church in West Texas Conference would send at least one delegate or visitor to this meeting. Each auxiliary and juvenile society is expected to send a delegate.

Those expecting to attend will please notify Mrs. S. L. Peels, San Marcos, as soon as possible, that she may secure homes for all.

Pray for God's blessing on this meeting. MRS. E. C. NICHOLS, President.

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PROGRAM

The W. F. M. Society of the Texas Conference will convene in Bryan on Friday, June 21, 1901, with the following program: Friday—5 o'clock p. m., consecration service, by Mrs. J. E. Green, 8 p. m., address of welcome, response, Juvenile hour.

Saturday—9 a. m. and 2:30 p. m., business meetings.

Sunday—11 a. m., sermon, by Rev. C. A. Harper, Sacramento, 2 p. m., love-feast, conducted by Mrs. S. S. Park, 8 p. m., address, by Miss Minnie Bomar, missionary to China.

Monday—8 a. m. and 2 p. m., business meetings, 8 p. m., anniversary, with reports of Corresponding Secretary and Treasurer, and notes from the General Conference of Missions held at New Orleans.

A full attendance is desired. Our hostesses ask and expect it. The work of the opening convocations demands it. It is requested that all who can do so reach Bryan by day, as there are no trains running both ways in daylight, and it will save much trouble.

MRS. S. PHILLPOTT, Dow, Texas.

ANNUAL ADDRESS

Annual address of Mrs. I. A. Patton, Abilene, President of the W. H. M. Society, N. W. Texas Conference, recently convened in annual meeting at Hillsboro. Members of the Woman's Home Mission Society, Northwest Texas Conference.

In harmony with the usual custom, it again becomes my pleasing duty to greet you and deliver an annual address to this Conference Society in annual session assembled. The object of addresses from Presidents of Conference Societies at each annual meeting is, as I conceive, 1st, To give, for purposes of general information, a brief outline of the origin of our organization; 2d, A general statement of what the Woman's Home Mission Society has accomplished in the aggregate since its organization; 3d, The present status of their own conferences and what has been accomplished since their last Annual Conference; 4th, Suggestions for consideration and action whereby the mistakes of the past may be obviated and greater success secured for the future.

While an elaborate and exhaustive review of our origin and growth would doubtless be both interesting and profitable, time and occasion forbid more than a passing reference.

About fifteen years ago Southern Methodism first awoke to a realization of the fact that there was a great and potent in-

fluence for good largely undeveloped and undirected, and that this great power and influence consisted of devoted and consecrated womanhood throughout all the Churches of our beautiful Southland. Acting upon the inspiration of the occasion, our Church determined to organize, utilize and direct this great power. As a result, the Woman's Home Mission Society was created and sent forth on its mission of love and Christian charity; not, however, as an independent organization, but as an agenic part of the M. E. Church, South, and as such it merits and demands the zealous support of every member of our Church, whether clergy or laity.

The objects of this now great organization, as laid down in the articles of incorporation are: "To unite the efforts of Christian women and children in procuring homes for itinerant preachers, establishing and maintaining schools, missions, hospitals and other agencies for the propagation of the gospel and the elevation of mankind." That we have met the demands of our creation as an organized society, I point with especial pride and pleasure to the large number of parsonages built and aided; to the Cuban mission schools in Florida and Key West; the Sue Bennett Memorial School in London, Kentucky; the Greenville Industrial School at Greenville, Tenn.; the Chinese and Japanese schools on the Pacific coast; and especially to our Mission Home in the city of Dallas—all in a prosperous condition and accomplishing a work of great magnitude and importance. A vigorous and healthy growth has characterized each and all of these departments from the very beginning.

The address of Miss Belle Bennett before the General Missionary Conference at New Orleans gives the latest statistics of what we have accomplished as an integral body during our organic existence:

STATISTICS FROM 1886 TO 1901.

Table with 2 columns: Item and Amount. Includes: Number of members (24,234), Receipts for connectional work (\$22,763.96), Receipts for local work (\$5,880.46), Total receipts (\$28,644.42), Number of parsonages built and aided (1,147), Money donated to parsonages (\$97,285.27), Money loaned to parsonages (\$1,625.98), Value of supplies distributed (outside of receipts above stated) (\$38,780.52), Number of boarding and day schools supported (1), Number of night schools supported (1), Number of pupils enrolled (1,000), Number of teachers employed (22), Number of City Mission Boards (11), Number of Rescue Homes and Doors of Hope (5), Number of missionaries employed (11).

The fifteenth annual report of the Woman's Board of Home Missions, recently held in St. Louis, will soon be published, and will, I doubt not, show marked increase along all lines.

Since our last annual meeting in Fort Worth, our own Northwest Texas Conference Society has been blessed with a general advancement in each department of our work. Since then sixteen new auxiliaries have been organized and nineteen revitalized. The report of your Conference Corresponding Secretary, Mrs. Flora N. Hey, will be read during this conference, giving minute details of the condition of our numerous auxiliaries and specific facts and figures as to the present status of our Conference Society.

The report of your Conference Treasurer, Mrs. N. G. Rollins, will also be read in your hearing, giving an itemized statement of all cash received from each department of our connectional work and its disbursement, also the amount raised and expended in local work. I call your special attention to the following items of that report:

Table with 2 columns: Item and Amount. Includes: Total cash received in connectional work (\$4,256.76), Total cash raised and expended in local work (\$2,719.86), Making a grand total of (\$1,536.90).

This impresses me as a magnificent exhibit, and will be eminently satisfactory to each and all who have been instrumental in achieving such splendid results.

It is peculiarly gratifying to me to state that, according to statistics, our Northwest Texas Conference Society has a greater number of auxiliaries and more adult members, and contributes more in membership dues, than any other of the forty-one conferences in the M. E. Church, South. In these respects we can justly claim that we are the banner Conference Society engaged in the Woman's Home Mission work.

Referring briefly to my administration as your presiding officer, I desire to say that I have tried to place myself in touch and sympathy with all auxiliary, district and conference officials in the bounds of our work.

Through an extensive and varied correspondence and circular letters, I have endeavored to bring about a greater degree of promptness and efficiency and to inspire greater interest and zeal in the discharge of the various duties required by our constitution and by-laws.

While I have not accomplished all I de-

sired, I have the gratifying consciousness that I have done the best I could.

Surveying the broad field of our labors, I have been impressed with the fact that the number of our auxiliaries and aggregate membership could be largely increased were it not for the following causes:

- 1. The indisposition of many of our Methodist women in some localities to unite and co-operate with local auxiliaries.
2. The failure of some of our auxiliaries to hold regular meetings and the apparent want of zeal and earnest effort.
3. The practice of some of our Methodist women to unite and work with local aid societies and not with auxiliary Home Mission Societies.
4. The want of the influence, support and co-operation of some of our ministers in some few charges in the bounds of our work.

Why is this? The very "wherefore" of our existence as an organization is to secure for them comfortable homes and pleasant environments. To them I would say: Brothers, we need your influence, we need your co-operation, we need your counsel and advice. "Come over and help us."

5. The failure of some of our District Secretaries to organize auxiliaries and to use every available means to promote the advancement of our Home Mission Society in the bounds of their districts.

6. The failure of some Treasurers and Corresponding Secretaries of our auxiliaries to make prompt and accurate reports.

I again reiterate and emphasize the fact that your conference officers are often handicapped by reason of the delinquency of those whose duty it is to make and forward reports.

These matters merit your earnest and prayerful consideration. I have mentioned them in the way of suggestions, trusting that the aggregated wisdom of this conference may devise and enact some remedial legislation by which these failures and defects may be obviated.

If you desire to avoid the errors, mistakes and failures of the past; if you wish to round up another year's work with grander totals in membership, number of auxiliaries and financially, remember that the keynote of success is more auxiliaries, more members, greater efficiency and promptness, greater spiritual zeal, and more earnest effort in every department of our work.

Permit me, in conclusion, to impress the importance and magnitude of the work that lies before us. Did you ever stop to think what a vast area of country in which, as an organization, we are called upon to work?

Did you ever stop to consider our seventy-five millions of promiscuous, unassimilated population, many of whom are in the lowest depths of degradation and idolatry?

Do you know that there are in certain of our American cities ninety heathen mosques and Chinese temples? Do you know that the degrading incense of ignorance, superstition and idolatry ascends from many heathen altars in our own proud, free and Christian country?

The theory and practice of our Government from its organization has been to throw wide open our doors and invite the down-trodden and oppressed of all nations to seek to our shores and seek homes and positions among us without money and without price. The result is they have come by thousands and millions and even now are pouring into our country at the rate of hundreds of thousands annually.

Among these are those who are imbued from infancy with the principles of anarchy and despotism. Among these are the Communists from France, the Nihilists from Russia and the Socialists from everywhere—a class atheistic in belief and character, and who neither fear God nor regard man.

Go to any of our large cities, from the Atlantic to the Pacific, and you will find a large percentage of this foreign population, as well as many of our native-born American citizens, groveling in poverty and destitution, and steeped in ignorance and superstition.

I believe in foreign missions, but I believe in home missions first. I believe in sending the holy Bible to every nationality beneath the sun. I believe in preaching the gospel to every creature, whether heathen, Hottentot, or to the cultured and refined. I am thoroughly imbued with the missionary spirit, but I believe the first, supreme duty of our beloved organization is to do all these things first for those who are at our own doors.

I believe, further, that the Foreign Missionary Society will never receive its greatest impetus nor achieve its grandest success until the best part of our great foreign population is enlightened, Christianized and utilized as missionary material.

One of our Bishops has said that "the Woman's Home Mission Society is destined to become the greatest working power in our Church." Let us show ourselves worthy of this grand prophecy and prove its verity. Let us reach out after this immense foreign population in our own land and country. Come in sympathy with and educate, elevate, Christianize and enlighten them.

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Sunday, 11 a. m., sermon by Rev. J. H. Nelson, 1 p. m., reports from delegates to the Missionary Conference at New Orleans, talk from Miss Minnie Bomar, of China, 3:30 p. m., half hour devotional service, "Woman's Responsibility and Opportunity," Mrs. M. L. Read, address, Miss Lucy Harper, of Mexico.

Monday, 9 a. m., devotional exercises; business session; letters from missionaries; report of board meeting, Mrs. J. P. Mussett, 2 p. m., committee meetings; 2 p. m., devotional exercises; reports of auxiliary and juvenile societies; "How to Make Auxiliary Meetings Interesting and Profitable," Mrs. J. R. Wilson, 5 p. m., experience meeting; 8:30 p. m., devotional exercises; report of Corresponding Secretary, Mrs. J. P. Mussett, report of Treasurer, Mrs. J. H. Harper, "Joy of Giving," Mrs. R. B. McSwain, address, Miss Minnie Bomar.

Tuesday, 9 a. m., Bible reading, Mrs. W. F. Hartman, reports of societies, pledges taken, 11 a. m., memorial service; 2 p. m., committee meetings; 2 p. m., devotional exercises; reports of committees; election of officers; selection of place for next meeting; 8:30 p. m., program by the Lampasas Juvenile Society, paper, "Juvenile Work," Mrs. M. W. Stanford, talk by Miss Lucy Harper.

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