

DEVOTIONAL AND SPIRITUAL

DRAWING THE NET.

I believe the great danger in these days is not of asking people too often to decide for Christ, or of asking it in an unwise, perfunctory or unpleasant way, but of not giving the invitation at all. This is the danger in a hundred societies where one may overdo it, or do it wrongly.

"Now is the accepted time, now is the day of salvation," is a tremendous truth which should have place in every prayer-meeting sometime during the year; and immediate, decided, unconditional surrender to God should be urged for, far after than it is.

Do not veil the invitation to become Christ's follower. Sometimes, at least, make the decision clear-cut and definite. Do not ask always the unconverted to rise with the Christians though that is sometimes a good way. Sometimes ask for a definite, individual, decision, though it may be hard to make. It will mean much more if it is thus individual and particular.

Do not be discouraged or give up the plan because no one rises when the invitation is given. Repeat it at the next meeting and the next. To be sure, there is such a thing as repeating it too often, until it becomes a formal and meaningless matter; but, as I said, the danger in these days is all the other way, that the invitation will not be given half often enough. The fisherman who catches no fish with the first cast of the net tries again and again until some are enclosed.—Rev. F. E. Clark, D. D.

THE INNER LIFE.

The life that is only seen by the eye of the infinite and eternal is very important. The motives that prompt what we think and speak and do are only known to ourselves and our Maker. The heart-life is vital. If here at the fountain there are defects, then the whole life will be damaged. We can never rise higher in the scale of moral excellence than the status of our heart-life. "What a man thinketh in his heart, so is he." This declaration of Holy Writ is absolutely true. Thought determines character. Character settles destiny. The most careful cultivation of the heart is absolutely necessary for the growth and development of the virtues of Christian living. Our gaze should ever be inward. The closest self-examination is demanded. "Examine yourselves; see whether ye be in the faith," should prompt us to continual action in the direction indicated. There are certain uprisings of our trolled if we only exercise the pre-nature within that can easily be caution necessary and earnestly seek the help that comes from God. A sacred treasure has been committed unto us and it must be safely guarded. Out of the heart the life flows. The stream may be clear and bright and sparkling, or the reverse, as we may will. Can anything demand of us more careful consideration than the inner life? Reader, think on those things.

Holiness of heart leads to holiness of life. The heart must be cleansed of all impurity if the life shall be pure. No doubt can arise in the mind of any right-thinking person concerning the rightfulness of this position. It admits of no controversy. It is a proposition the statement of which carries conviction to all. We are fearful that many fail to look at this matter in the proper light. Turn the light in on your heart. Make a close inspection. Resolve that my heart shall be clean of all sin and that my life shall be holy.

Supreme satisfaction in the service of our Lord Jesus Christ is only possible where such conditions pre-

vail. It may cost you self-denial. It may mean the crucifixion of certain things that you imagine add pleasure to your life, but you can never attain unto that blessed spiritual realization, where all your heart's desires are fixed on things above, until you shall bring your heart under supreme control to the highest law of its best being.—Baltimore Methodist.

THE PRIVILEGE OF HELPFULNESS.

I sometimes wonder whether we prize at its full value the privilege of helpfulness in a world where so many people are always in need of help. Material aid is not the only sort of assistance we can bestow. Often a pressure of the hand, a sympathizing glance, a little bit of our time, a portion of ourselves, may do more for an aching heart than any tangible thing that could be offered. When a friend comes to pour out their story of sorrow; when somebody in a perplexing case asks advice; when another sends a letter begging that you will try to find work for her son or daughter just out of college and looking about for a niche, do you count it an interruption or a privilege to give the matter sincere and earnest thought? In the vision of Sir Launfal there is a very impressive line. "The gift without the giver is bare." And the alms carelessly thrown to the leper on the wayside were as naught because there was no heart in the gift.

We know as we read the wonderful story of Jesus in the Gospels that once there was lived on this earth of ours a life that was supremely helpful. Our blessed Lord went about doing good. In the matchless record of his days and nights two features stand conspicuously out—days of toil for others, of healing the sick, of teaching the ignorant, of comforting the sad; and nights of communion with the Father. Our Savior had need to spend long hours in prayer. We spend now and then a few minutes, and are then surprised that we are so little able to imitate him as we touch our human relationships.

To the sincerity helpful we must be generally unselfish. Are we this? What about our motives? When we say no, thoughtlessly it may be, to a child; when we turn away from the needy; when we despise the erring; when we fall short of doing the best we could for brother or friend who is in want; when we are un-Christ-like, what is the reason at the back of our failure? Does it not resolve itself into that love of self, which is at the bottom of the cruelty and wickedness that make the earth sad?

In a dream not long ago a friend told me that she had her first realization of what it might be to be a lost soul. She seemed to be in a wide and stately house with many rooms and sumptuous furniture. There were throngs of people moving to and fro, all absorbed in their own pursuits. She saw an old acquaintance and moved toward him, putting out her hand in greeting. He did not see the offered hand, looked at her with an air of indifference, and turned away. "I am too busy to speak to you," he said. Everywhere it was the same. People were like ivory balls, distinct, not touching one another, not interested. The place grew lonely, silent, the crowd passing and repassing, none caring for the rest among the many composing them. She grew to understand that the crowds were not bound by any common feeling. Each individual was separate; each was thinking only for himself.

Bye and bye, as dreams do, hers changed. She found herself out of

doors, still alone, but now she was on a gloomy hillside, with fallow fields stretching away on ever side. She stepped along hoping to meet some one, but there was no other person in sight. Presently her progress became a struggle. Her feet sank deep in sticky mould. She was drawn on and on toward a thick, black swamp, which yawned to engulf her. Awakening, the sweat of exhaustion stood on her forehead. "Now," she said, "I know what hell must be. It is loneliness; it is selfishness; it is absence from God; it is utter destruction."

The privilege of helpfulness is ours if we are Christ's. If we exert this privilege at cost of our own self-denial, under pressure it may be, when it is inconvenient and interferes with our ease and comfort, so much the better. For, as we are helpful we are helped. Every genuine endeavor to break the fetters of our natural selfishness helps to set free the wings of our ethereal being, helps the soul to fly heavenward.

"Nearer my God to Thee! Nearer to Thee!" should be our cry day by day.—Margaret E. Sangster, Christian Intelligencer.

THE POWER OF THE CROSS.

The following is an extract from a sermon of remarkable power by one of the most brilliant evangelical preachers of England, Rev. J. H. Jewett:

The doctrine of Christ, and him crucified, is generative of moral and spiritual force. It is the doctrine above all others, so far as my experience in the ministry can tell, which is productive of the ethical energy required for the arduous living of our daily life. It is the power of God unto salvation. I think I can almost feel the thrill of the apostle's heart when he said it—the Gospel of God is "the power of God unto salvation," right up to it, not merely to regeneration, but to sanctification and perfect health. It is the power of God until God himself shall put his hand upon me and say, "Saved!" It is the dynamical power of God, enabling me to meet my daily foes, to front them in confidence to overcome them, not faintingly, but to be more than a conqueror, to march over them as a man in Christ my God.

So I say that for ethical revivals we must first of all have evangelical revivals. We must first of all have the doctrine of the Cross before we can hope for moral elevation. I wonder how many of our audience have read David Brainerd's "Journal of His Life and Doings Amongst the North American Indians?" If my young brethren in the ministry would take a word from me they would buy that book, and have it by the bedside. Next to John Wesley's "Journal" it is the book in which I find most devotional help. Get David Brainerd's "Life and Journal," edited by Jonathan Edwards, and turn to the end of that "Journal," where you will find an essay by David Brainerd on the doctrine he preached among the Indians where he makes a statement which is full of heartening to myself in my own ministry. He says: "I never got away from Jesus, and him crucified, and I found that when my people were gripped by this great evangelical doctrine of Christ, and him crucified, I had no need to give them instructions about morality. I found that one followed as the stream and inevitable fruit of the other." That is a wonderful word to come from a saintly man like David Brainerd, who hated sin as he feared hell! He said: "I find my Indians begin to put on the garments of holiness, and their common life begins to be sanctified even in a trifle when they are possessed by the doctrine of Christ, and him crucified." When I look around in my nation, and long for an ethical revival for the reformation of outward manners

and life, I know that the power in which it is to be accomplished is the preaching of Christ, and him crucified. Christ and him crucified, is the doctrine which is to be the engine of the moral reformation of our country.

And, lastly, how is a great Gospel like this to be preached? If it is the doctrine in which I best discern the Holiness of God, if it is the doctrine in which I discover the horrorfulness of sin, if it is the doctrine which reveals to me the realities of grace, if it is the doctrine in which I find the resources of ethical revival—

How Shall I Preach It?

There is only one way. A Gospel of holiness—compassion—must be preached into compassion must be preached in the spirit of compassion in which it was born. My brethren in the ministry, we need to pray, and to pray long and to pray fervently, that we may never become hard. I think if there is one thing we need more than another it is the grace of compassion. We want to have a spirit of compassion until we almost instinctively perceive the poignant need of those to whom we seek to minister. I have gone more than once to my ministry in New-England and got as near as I could to the place on which John Wesley stood when he preached his first sermon among the North-Americans. I dare say you remember that part of this "Journal" where he says that he thinks he had never noticed such wickedness as he encountered in New-England. True, such blasphemy, swearing, such swearing, even from the mouths of little children. I always read the "Journal," then with great and tender interest, because I wondered how John Wesley would think and feel in face of such a horrible state of things. You know he just adds in his "Journal," "Surely this place is ripe for the Master." I do not think you will be surprised to learn that preaching to those ungodly and dissipated folk of New-England he took one of the tenderest texts he could find, and preached on "He was scourged for our transgressions; He was bruised for our iniquities." And then he tells us in the very next paragraph that when he had done, the people just clung to his clothes and to his hands. He had brought them to the Master and to the cross. It is the same power to-day. Our God is willing to be powerful, willing to manifest an energy which shall compel men to stand, to wonder, and to pray, not only here, but in all lands. It is the power of God unto salvation. If we are to retain, or even to gain, this spirit of compassion, we ourselves must live very near the cross; and abiding by the cross it is possible for us to be bathed in the compassions that fall from God, and with the message upon our lips of Christ, and him crucified, we shall gather many souls unto God.

VICTORY OF PRAYER.

The victories of prayer! They are the mountain tops of the Bible. They take us back to the plains of Manure, to the forks of Peniel, to the prison of Joseph, to the triumphs of Moses, to the transcendent victories of Joshua, to the deliverances of David, to the miracles of Elijah and Elisha, to the whole story of the Master's life, to the secret of Pentecost, to the keynote of Paul's unparalleled ministry, to the lives of saints and the death of martyrs, to all that is most sacred and sweet in the history of the Church and the experience of the children of God. And when, for us, the last conflict shall have passed, and the foot-stool of prayer shall have given place to the harp of praise, the spots of time that shall be gilded with the most celestial and eternal radiance shall be those, often linked with the deepest sorrow and deepest night, over which we

IT MUST COME.

As inevitable as the changing seasons of the year is the change which comes to every woman. And just as one anticipates the changes of other seasons it is wise to anticipate this change of woman and prepare for it. In this way the



associated with this critical period. It tranquillizes the nerves, encourages the appetite and induces refreshing sleep.

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has the inscription, "Mildred S. Stansbury." The Lord was there.

We should never leave our prayer closets in the morning without having concentrated our thoughts deeply and intensely on the fact of the actual presence of God there with us, encompassing us, and filling the room as literally as it fills heaven itself. It may not lead to any outward results at first, but as we make repeated efforts to realize the presence of God it will become increasingly real to us. And, as the help grows upon us, when alone in a room, or when reading the Word of God, or when passing the strong stream, in the silence of night, or amid the morning crowds of daylight, we shall often find ourselves whispering the words, "Thou art near; thou art here, O Lord."—F. B. Meyer.

AN EVERYDAY PRAYER.

"God give us grace,
To keep his laws,
To love his will,
And worship him."

Sorrow is the ailment used that makes the circuit of sympathy.
God flashes pain into our programs that we may be willing to leave them to His boys—Ram's Horn.

COFFEE EYES.

It Attacks Many Persons There.
To illustrate how coffee was getting the eyes the words of a lady in Wood-bard, Ill., are quoted:

"I was brought up to believe that tea was injurious, but was allowed to drink coffee from childhood. I know how I can remember I have been subjected to severe attacks of headache, which even my health was pretty good until a short time ago my eyes became affected; they ached and pained me continually and were often badly inflamed. I also had severe dizzy feelings in my head almost continually."

One time we were obliged to do without milk or cream for a few weeks, and not relishing my coffee, I left off its use. In a short time I was surprised to find my eyes greatly improved, and I felt better in every way. Still I did not mistrust the coffee, and began to use it again as we got cream again. Within a few days my eyes were worse than ever. Then I resolved to quit coffee absolutely and take up Postum. This I did and my eyes quickly recovered."

My experience shows that while coffee caused headache and eye trouble Postum Food Coffee does not produce any bad effects whatever and is greatly strengthening and nourishing. Name given by Postum Co., Battle Creek, Mich.

second place, this Pauline of the kingdom does not power of or devotion to ceremonies. John—he who deeply into the secret forces he eternities—wrote in his it as many as received him, ive he power to become the od, even to them that be- is name: which were born, od, nor of the will of the of the will of man, but of cry truly regenerated man John's experience. It is n a plain where the ability is powerless and impotent. s a helplessness to tell the f his grace, there abounds tifying, determining con- of an actual, inwrought he wind bloweth where it d thou hearest the sound it canst not tell whence it id whither it goeth: so is hat is born of the Spirit." ep and profound as is our ss of depravity, that ex- omes our deliverance from om of sin. On this ground, pre-existent conception of doctrine, and through it y sinner longingly antici- eliverance. So Watts sang:
are vile, conceived in sin,
Wholly and unclean;
In the man whose guilty
is race, and taints us all.
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y branch, nor sprinkling
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is sordid intent came at
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heart is not right in the
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"BIRD SHOT."
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Nimrod had cut them off
n the city.
J. H. BRUNNER.

THE SOUL.
Who knoweth thee?
I he? or did see?
What substance; thou,
I spirit-fingers now
by hard battles on my brow.
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ed foe disputes thy home;
is flesh, Satanic gulls
thy visage to defile
ee from a loving Father's
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reater Self, a part
of Divinity,
father's hand, and see?
d angel-legions compass
MOLLIE P. WALKER.
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Secular News Items.

Fire destroyed nearly all of the business section of Elberton, Ga., last Sunday. The damage is estimated at \$100,000.

The eldest son of President Roosevelt is very ill with double pneumonia at Groton, Mass., where he has been attending school.

The United States Senate has passed a bill providing for a 25 per cent increase in salaries of United States Judges. An amendment to increase the salaries of Cabinet officers from \$8000 to \$12,000 a year was cut out.

Thirteen lives were lost, many people slightly injured, two buildings were wrecked and \$50,000 damage done by an explosion of gas at the intersection of Twenty-second Street and Archer Avenue in Chicago last week.

The city of Dwight, Ill., suffered a \$200,000 fire loss. The great laboratory of the Keeley Institute was completely destroyed, together with the Livingston Hotel, a brick and stone structure owned and controlled by the Keeley Company.

The British War Office has published a summary of their losses in South Africa. Up to January 31 the total reduction of the forces, from death or permanent disability, was 25,395. The total casualties, including surviving wounded, was 5210 officers and 190,761 men.

The action of the City Council in Chicago in lifting the ban on tall buildings is expected to mark the beginning of the period of the greatest building activity in the history of Chicago. Structures to cost \$21,278,000 have been planned for immediate construction.

A report from Georgetown, Texas, says: "It is stated on good authority that Mrs. Gilbert, wife of a farmer living near Barlett, this county, sold during the year just passed 412 pounds of butter, 689 gallons of milk (from two cows), and 700 dozen eggs, besides chickens and turkeys.

A new disease has been developed near Lyons and at Caldwell, Texas, which seems to defy medical skill. Some of the physicians call it pneumonia. Ninety per cent of those who have had it have died, and before death were affected with something similar to black vomit.

As shown by the annual report of the Department of Buildings, just given out, the cost of buildings in New York City in 1901 was nearly double that of the previous year. The total estimated cost in the city, including new structures of all classes and alterations to old buildings, was \$159,927,455.

Carl Schurz, who took part in the revolution of 1818 and had to flee from Germany in consequence, is on Mayor Low's committee to receive Prince Henry. Mr. Schurz was long ago granted amnesty by Germany, and, in fact, has visited his mother country, where he was received by men of distinction.

It has been stated that Congressman Tolbert, of South Carolina, has made a calculation on the basis of the Pension Bureau record, in order to show what the disbursements on account of our Civil War will aggregate in fifty years. He found a sum near \$8,000,000,000, which greatly exceeds the whole cost of the war.

Fairhaven, Mass., is proud of Henry H. Rogers, the oil magnate, who was born there and has spent millions of dollars and much of his time in improving and decorating the town as he might beautify his own home. He has already given to the town a library, waterworks, a drainage system, town hall, schools and a church.

Dr. John P. Wood, the oldest practicing physician in the world, celebrated his 101st birthday in Coffeyville, Kan., on January 4. When Kansas was admitted into statehood he was a United States Commissioner, and John Brown was twice brought before him, once charged with murder and once with harboring fugitive slaves.

The commission at Austin has decided that the Girls' Industrial School shall be located in Denton. A committee was appointed to visit Denton and select one site of the seven offered, arrange for the bond and the receipt of the abstract and deed to the property, its approval by the Attorney General and other details. In addition to the site, Denton contributes \$25,000 in cash.

In the Paterson fire, the anarchists, who have made that city their headquarters, lost their favorite meeting place, the office of their paper, La Question Sociale. The home of Miss Ernestine Craville, the young woman who attracted attention after the murder of King Humbert by her inflammatory speeches in public meetings, was also burned. The homes of many others of the Paterson anarchists were destroyed, though Bartholdi's Hall,

which was the boardinghouse of Bresel, the assassin of King Humbert, was untouched by the fire. The houses near it on Straight and Market Streets were burned to the ground.

The number of disastrous fires that have swept through several of our cities the last two weeks has been appalling. St. Louis was again visited by fire last Sunday. A large three-story lodging house known as the Empire Hotel was destroyed. Ten men and one woman lost their lives and eight people were dangerously injured. It is thought that \$20,000 will cover the financial loss.

Admiral Schley and his wife have returned to Washington. After visiting Nashville they were entertained in Knoxville with the most brilliant reception ever before attempted by that city. In fact his entire trip through Tennessee was a series of ovations from every town along the route. The depots were thronged with school children, who presented Mrs. Schley with magnificent floral offerings.

Great Britain has positively refused to accept the intervention of Holland in the South African peace negotiations. In Lord Lansdown's reply to Dr. Kayser, the Dutch Premier, he asserts that the opening of negotiations in Europe would tend to uselessly prolong hostilities and thus occasion a great deal of needless suffering and loss. But if the Boers in the field desire peace, negotiations can be entered into, but only in South Africa.

The German census was taken more than a year ago, but the tabulations have been carried on very slowly. It is only now that a statement has been made of the population, which is found to be 56,367,178, or an increase of about 4,000,000 in five years, or nearly 8 per cent. The increase, which is much larger than was expected, is attributed largely to a diminished emigration owing to the good times prevailing in Germany up to the census year.

Mrs. Serena Short, mother of the wife of Gov. D. H. Johnston, of the Chickasaw Nation, died last week. Mrs. Short was a full-blood Chickasaw citizen and one of the most noted women in the Chickasaw Nation. In the sixties she began a work of education as a teacher in the Bloomfield Seminary, Chickasaw national school for girls, located about eight miles east of Denison, in the Chickasaw nation, and has been prominent in educational and charitable work ever since.

Three men were suffocated in a tank car in Galveston. The car had recently contained Beaumont oil. Owen Byrne is dead and his brother, Pat Byrne, and Joe Day, are not expected to live. The men were employees of the Santa Fe Railway, and the accident happened near the carpenter shops of that road. Owen Byrne went down in the tank to repair a valve, and when prostrated by the fumes his brother followed him to assist him out. Pat Byrne immediately succumbed, as did Day, who sought to rescue the brothers.

On February 4, in St. Louis, a fire which broke out in a five-story stone and brick building occupied by the American Tent and Awning Company caused six firemen to be killed and as many more injured. The building suddenly collapsed and caught the men in the crash. Chief Swingley, who was in front of the building directing his men, had an almost miraculous escape from death. As the front wall fell outward he ran across the street and fell under the aerial truck. The truck, covered with debris, proved a protection and thus saved the Chief's life.

The sword which was presented to Rear Admiral Phillip by President Roosevelt on behalf of the merchants of New York when the Admiral was Commandant of the Brooklyn Navy Yard, and also his Bible, have been sent to the Smithsonian Institution in Washington, to be placed on exhibition. The gifts have been at the New York Navy Yard since the Admiral's death, and were sent at the request of Mrs. Phillip. An effort is being made to secure his other sword, which was given him by citizens of Texas and which is locked up in a safe deposit vault in New York.

Members of the committee of the South African sufferers' fund have signed an appeal for subscription in aid of the Boers in distress in South Africa and elsewhere, especially those in the reconcentrated camps. The appeal reads as follows: "The population of the South African camps has increased through the burning of the Boer farms to about 118,000, the vast majority being women and children. The death rate is 281 per 1000 of all prisoners, while that of the children (who are about half the population of the camps) alone is 470 per 1000. It has been estimated that if this continues the Boer nation will be practically exterminated in five years. History shows no parallel for such an appalling condition. The British admit

their inability to handle the situation, and in their behalf Lady Maxwell, wife of the British Military Governor of Pretoria, issued an appeal to the American people last April, asking for money with which to purchase food and clothing for these homeless and perishing sufferers."

Vice President Frank C. Andrews, of City Savings Bank in Detroit, Mich., has been arrested on the charge of willfully, fraudulently and knowingly securing from the bank, without security and without the knowledge of the directors, a sum exceeding \$1,000,000. The city schools and other banks are losers. The dispatch says: "There was nothing like a panic at any of the other banks in the city and comparatively few deposits were withdrawn as a result of the excitement. At the Gratiot Avenue branch of the City Savings Bank, which drew its deposits largely from the laboring people, there were many pathetic scenes when the depositors learned that the bank had suspended."

The Executive Committee of the Southern Pacific system has decided to carry out the late Mr. Huntington's plans at Galveston. This means that the headquarters of the steamship system, now located at New Orleans, and the headquarters of the railway system, now located at Houston, will be brought together at Galveston. The original lines laid down by Mr. Huntington contemplate a ship-repairing plant and general depot, large storage and refrigerator warehouses, cotton compress, elevators, etc. All freight for Texas, Colorado, Utah, Arizona, New and Old Mexico, California and the Pacific Coast, the Sandwich Islands, China and Japan will be routed via Galveston. This will increase Galveston's population, and there will be many good results.

Andrew Carnegie and the board of trustees of the Carnegie Institution, the new national university of post graduate studies which Mr. Carnegie has founded with an endowment of \$10,000,000, held their first meeting in the State Department in Washington last week. Andrew Carnegie made a brief address, presenting the deed of gift. He said his first thought was to fulfill the expressed wish of Washington by establishing a university, but a study of the question forced him to the conclusion that under present conditions, were Washington still with us, his finely balanced judgment would decide that in our generation, at least, such use of wealth would not be the best. Dr. Daniel C. Gilman, late of Johns Hopkins University, was elected President of the Institution.

The Controller of the Currency has issued a report showing the progress of the new banking law up to and including Jan. 31, 1902. Texas still leads in the number of new banks established since March 4, 1900. Since that date, when the new law went into effect, 169 new banks have been established in Texas, Pennsylvania following with 91. Oklahoma shows up well in the list with 44, and the Indian Territory with 38. Quite a number of new applications from Texas, Oklahoma and the Indian Territory are to be acted upon. The new banking capital represented by the 169 new banks of Texas is in the aggregate \$4,143,000, that of Oklahoma \$1,265,000, and of the Indian Territory \$1,210,000. The total for the great Southwest, therefore, is 191 new banks with an aggregate capital of \$1,816,000.

A fire that occasioned fearful financial loss occurred in Paterson, N. J. It broke out Saturday night and after a desperate fight was not checked until late Sunday afternoon. The entire business section of the city, and the majority of the finer structures devoted to commercial, civic, educational and religious use, as well as scores of residences, were destroyed. About one thousand families were left homeless, but so far as is known no lives were lost. A relief movement for the care of those unsheltered and unprovided for was immediately organized and Mayor Hincheliffe announced that Paterson would be able to care for her own without appealing to the charity of other communities and States. A conservative estimate of the loss places it at eight million dollars, about half of which is covered by insurance.

The Houston Post, comparing the financial condition of Houston with that of Dallas, has this to say: "The tax receipts of Houston are \$582,728.48, and those of Dallas \$232,456.39. These are the receipts of the two cities under the head of general fund, that is to say, the fund to be used for general purposes. The only difference in the two is that the money for school purposes is not included in the Dallas account, but is levied separately. As Houston contributed for school purposes the sum of \$81,289.23, that amount should be deducted to make the comparison fair. Deducting the amount, the comparison shows the receipts for general purposes as follows: Houston \$501,329.20, Dallas \$232,456.39. The assessed

valuations of Houston are \$27,543,271, on which is collected a tax of 2 per cent. With the exception of a comparatively small amount set aside to meet the interest on the public debt, all of the immense sum derived from this levy is used in conducting the city government. No money has ever been set aside for the sinking fund. The assessed valuations of Dallas are \$23,581,709, on which is collected a tax of 1 1/2 per cent. Out of this Dallas uses only 50 per cent for general purposes, the remainder going to the schools, lights and interest and sinking fund. And Dallas has set aside each year the sinking fund as required by law. The bonded debt of the two cities is as follows: Houston \$3,097,500, Dallas \$1,919,500.

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NORTH TEXAS CONFERENCE.

SANGER AND CEDAR GROVE.

A. Webb: A few days ago the membership and friends of Sanger and Cedar Grove appointments brought us a nice lot of hams, fruits, sugar, coffee, soap, etc., comprising the best pound- ing we have ever received. These good people, by many kindnesses shown in many ways, have won a warm place in our hearts. Though yesterday was a cold day, we had two fine services at Sanger. We more and more feel that we are among the finest people of the land.

BELCHER CIRCUIT.

A. P. Hightower, Feb. 7: The first Quarterly Conference for Belcher Circuit was held at Belcher January 27. Presiding Elder Geo. S. Sexton was on hand. Bro. Sexton is not a new man here, but has a host of warm friends, who were sadly disappointed in not hearing him preach on account of the extreme cold weather. The stewards made a liberal assessment for P. C. The people have given us a very friendly reception, and have been mindful of our needs. The good people of Belcher came while I was visiting at another appointment and gave us a genuine pounding, for which we are very grateful. We have repared the parsonage throughout since we came, and purchased a little more than \$50 worth of furniture. The 25th of last month Bro. A. P. Lowry, of Corsicana, came, and we held services twice a day for eight days. The weather was very cold, which deprived many from attending these services. We will begin to-night at Ringgold in a ten days' meeting.

HOME AGAIN.

W. M. Leatherwood: We reached Rockwall from Ardmore with our very sick daughter on Thursday, Feb. 6. It was a hazardous undertaking, but she stood the trip better than was expected. Our good physician and former friend, Dr. J. W. Smith, of Ardmore, I. T., attended us. Kind friends met at depot and many awaited us at the parsonage. A good dinner, prepared by sympathizing hands, was ready, and a very generous pounding. So quietly executed we knew it not till it was over. After the illness of our son, first, followed by the long illness of our daughter, and the more than two months' absence of wife and Mary, and five weeks' absence of myself, we were indeed rejoiced to get home once more, and the people, without respect to denomination, gave us a welcome so cordial and so tender as touched us deeply. Every one seemed anxious to render us service, and still do. God bless them, and thanks for every thought and act of sympathy in our long trouble and for every prayer offered in our behalf, and the continued kindness at home. Our daughter, Mary, is still quite ill, with the prospect unpromising. We bore her home on a cot and in our arms. Brethren, pray for us.

CAMPBELL CIRCUIT.

Jno. E. Roach: The four appointments on this circuit, each having equal time, make a delightful charge. My reception over the entire circuit has been most cordial. We are fortunate in following one of our most successful men—Rev. Jno. T. Blutworth—who wrought well here for three years. He left things in fine shape. All departments of the work are well organized. The Board of Stewards is a fine set of men. They love God and the Church, and are diligent in taking care of their preacher. They met on their own motion and made a fine assessment for the support of the ministry. The Parsonage Board met and ordered the parsonage put in a good state of repair, and the good women of the society put about to refurbish the parsonage. The result is we have a large, convenient house, newly papered, with carpets on the floors, new shades on the windows, pictures on the walls, and some of the nicest furniture we ever saw in a parsonage. The people have brought us under obligations to them for many other acts of kindness to us—our warm reception on our return home after Christmas, and especially manifestations of kindness and tokens of love while I lay suffering from a wounded limb. These things do more good than medicines and plasters. Our first Quarterly Con-

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ference was a pleasant affair. There was a large attendance of officials. Orphanage assessment paid in full; \$158 reported for support of ministry, \$126.70 for repairing and furnishing the parsonage, and \$50 for other purposes. The preaching of the presiding elder was above the high-water mark. We have started well—all happy, expecting good revivals during the year. The worst of all is, I'm hobbling around, crippled, but am improving. But God is with us.

BELLEVUE.

Lee Rippey, Feb. 4: We want to thank the powers that be for sending us to Bellevue. We were pounded on our second night in the parsonage, and now we are endeavoring to show our appreciation by doing our best. We hit the ground running after conference, and are still moving at a pretty lively rate. We lost our horse the next night after Bro. Cole lost his, but in a few days the preacher was traveling his circuit in an up-to-date way—flying through the country on two wheels. A beautiful \$50 fence has made its appearance at the parsonage since we reached Bellevue, and the good ladies have bought matings and dining chairs. We have one of the neatest five-room parsonages in the conference. Our prayer-meetings are increasing in interest and attendance. There were ninety present last time. Have sold \$50 worth of Bibles and are working hard for the Advocate. Our presiding elder, Bro. Miller, who began his ministry up in this country twenty-five years ago, preached two good sermons for us at our first Quarterly Conference. He has many friends in these parts. We are praying and working that there may be a great ingathering of precious souls this year on the Bellevue Circuit.

GARLAND.

J. J. Morgan, Feb. 11: We have been graciously blessed with a revival of religion at Garland. We began January 12 and closed January 26. For ministerial aid we are greatly indebted to our presiding elder, Bro. Peterson, and to Bro. Ed Barons, of the Northwest Texas Conference. The interest in the meeting was good from the start. Both morning and night services were well attended. On account of extreme bad weather we were forced to close just when sinners were being convicted and the Church was ready to help them find Christ. Hence we report only two conversions. We hope, however, to keep our religion, and to so work and preach that we may yet garner in a good harvest of souls from the seeds sown. The last Sunday of our meeting was the occasion of our first Quarterly Conference. The Methodists of Garland, including the pastor, his wife and baby, are already in love with Bro. Peterson. The stewards answered well to the eighth question, and the prospects are good for a clean record next November. Our presiding elder has enthused us all with the idea of doing our share in making Terrell the banner district of the conference this year. Why not? Amen!

FRUITLAND.

G. W. Whisler, Feb. 19: We came to the Fruitland Circuit soon after the adjournment of conference, and are comfortably situated in the parsonage. We have six appointments on the charge, and have completed our second round. Rev. F. O. Miller, P. E., was on hand the 1st and 2d inst., as per appointment, and held our first Quarterly Conference, which was a success materially. The stewards raised the preacher's salary of their own free will, and made a liberal payment first quarter. The presiding elder preached two excellent sermons, in his earnest, spiritual way, which were a benediction to the soul. Our only regret was that the weather was cold and that more of our people did not get to hear him. On last Thursday night, as the good people of Fruitland came to prayer-meeting, they called us out and made us hold up our hands (in amazement). Then began a march into the parsonage, each one well loaded, and if some one had stepped into the parsonage next morning they would have thought we had converted it into a grocery and produce house. It is wonderful how these good people know what a preacher needs most. All we can say is, may they have that blessing from the One who has said, "As much as ye have done it unto one of the least of these, ye have done it unto me."

EAST TEXAS CONFERENCE.

SABINE PASS AND PORT ARTHUR.

J. W. Johnson, P. E., Feb. 7: Rev. L. A. Humphreys has been assigned to Sabine Pass and Port Arthur by Bishop A. W. Wilson. This charge has been formed since conference. Sabine Pass and South Beaumont having been dis-

connected. Bro. Humphreys was assigned to the Vanderbilt University as student at our late conference, but owing to the condition of his eyes had to quit school.

MALAKOFF.

Jesse Willis, Feb. 19: At the late session of the East Texas Conference Bishop Wilson read us out to Malakoff Circuit. On the second Tuesday following we arrived here, and found a blazing fire and a warm supper awaiting us. The people received us kindly, and many substantial tokens of appreciation have found their way to the parsonage—among many others, a nice, new sewing machine for wife. Our first Quarterly Conference met at this place last Thursday. Bro. Smith was with us, and did some of his best preaching. The stewards made an assessment of \$999 for preacher in charge, and while the charge is behind with their finances, we are sure all will be paid during the year. This is a fine people and a promising field. We are praying for and expecting a great year. Some time ago Bro. Smith said he expected us to secure fifteen new subscribers for the Advocate this year. We have already secured ten of this number, and will have the other five in a few days. We hope to double this number during the year. Mr. Editor, the District Conference meets at this place this year, and we will be greatly disappointed if you do not come and see us.

NORTHWEST TEX. CONFERENCE.

SALADO.

J. M. Armstrong, Feb. 2: Preached in our new church at Prairie Dell yesterday. It is finished except painting, papering and furniture. Progress! The other things are likely to follow soon.

ELKINS.

M. W. McGough: We are getting along very well out here. Our first Quarterly Conference has come and gone. We are well pleased with the return of Bro. Matthews, our presiding elder. Our pastor, H. Rascom Owens, is a transfer from the Memphis Conference. He is an old-time Methodist preacher. We have learned to love him already. I came from Tennessee myself, so am just a little partial to Tennesseans.

ENNIS STATION.

T. J. Duncan: Stations, like folks, like to see themselves in print once or twice in a while. There is every good reason why I, as the pastor of this station, should make mention of them in the Advocate. If an ecclesiastical "bee hive" has a right to be heard from, then hear me for my charge. We went to conference in a good humor. Nothing contributes so much to the good feeling of man or woman, or congregation, as the fact that they have done the best they could for God and his Church for a whole year. That was the experience of our people. From first to last they accepted the service suggested to them and addressed themselves to it with a will. But all that is a matter of record, and is only mentioned here to show what a fine condition we were in for the beginning of another year. When a new church is built and paid for, then comes the temptation to "ease in Zion." I felt an apprehension on this point. So did others who loved the Church and were anxious for its growth in grace and usefulness. There was some preaching and talking on the subject soon after conference, but it soon developed that no such spirit existed among us. Our dear Bishop Wilson gave us a most timely sermon soon after conference. It was as seed sown on good ground. Bro. Armstrong led off with a move for the greatest year in the Sunday-school in all its history. The work will sustain his purpose and prayer. The stewards met and with remarkable unanimity advanced the salary from \$1200 to \$1400. When the District Stewards met they moved up on us. It was cheerfully accepted. Later we were requested by the P. E. to assume a small amount (\$50) that had been placed upon a weak charge in excess of the equities. We cheerfully assumed that. All these additions made the total conference assessments on this charge \$462 which has all been subscribed and more than half paid. The remainder, except \$86, will be paid by March 1. Our presiding elder, Bro. Sensabaugh, was with us last month. He did good work, we paid him his first quarter, and sent him on his way rejoicing. He is a noble young man—just the age and with just the experience to make a record on this grand old district that will glorify God and build up our Zion. Since conference we have received twenty-three on certificate and profession. Bro. Bishop spent a Sunday with us. He did fine preaching, and we responded to his

new call. He will do valuable work in that department. Brethren, do not be afraid of him; he will do you good. Get your collections out of his way and let him come. He is doing a work greatly needed in the Church. We are to have George Stuart with us, beginning March 16. All are looking forward to the coming with a prayer that the Holy Ghost may fall upon Ennis with unusual power, that hundreds may be brought into the kingdom of our Father. The Church is the largest auditorium that can be secured for him at that time, and it will not do to take any risks on March winds. I have known him long and love him well. He will do any Church good wherever he goes. Our congregations are good in size and religious life, but oh! how my heart yearns for a deeper work of grace in my own and the experience of my people. We greatly need showers of blessing. I am happy to say that there is no worthier charge to become the recipient of these showers of divine blessing than Ennis, so far as I know. There are a great many irreligious people in this place. They are not worse than other irreligious people. Judging by the courtesy they show this pastor, they are far ahead of many.

GULLIVER "UP AGAINST IT."

To the Methodists of Texas, Greeting: Dr. Hoss has requested me to write a sketch of Methodism in Texas, to be published at an early day in the Nashville Christian Advocate for the special benefit of the delegates to the General Conference, which meets next May in Dallas.

Now, while I am very sensible of the honor the Doctor hereby confers upon me, I am also keenly alive that I am "up against" one of the toughest jobs I have tackled since the day I undertook the work of a missionary among the Indians, mounted upon the hurricane dock of a horse, with my library in one end of my saddlebags and my wardrobe in the other!

The contemplated write-up includes pictures of men and places and a brief mention of certain local matters of special importance, which are calculated to illustrate the general subject. Now, I need help, and need it badly, and hence my appeal to you.

Taking it for granted that this appeal will not be made in vain, and in order that the kindly-disposed people may the more easily assist me in my undertaking, I submit a list of pictures needed in my business: The oldest, the youngest, the handsomest, the ugliest, the fattest, the leanest, the least, the largest and the loudest Methodist preacher in Texas; the preachers who have served longest as presiding elder, circuit and station preacher respectively; the preacher who has built most churches, and the one who has had most conversions; the preacher who never built a church and never had a conversion under his ministry; the preacher who never wanted to be presiding elder, and the one who ever served in that capacity and really wanted to quit. I also want pictures of the oldest house of worship devoted to our Church, several of our leading city churches, and of all our colleges; of the oldest Church member and the oldest pioneer Methodist in the State. I want the number of our churches in every Texas city of 5000 inhabitants and upwards.

Now, brethren, please have these pictures taken at once, and sent to me, together with any interesting items you may have in your possession which in your judgment are calculated to help me in my effort to give our Church at large a bird's-eye view of who we are and what we are doing for God and Methodism in this great Empire State of Texas. Thanking you in advance for your courtesies, and hoping to hear from you at your earliest convenience, I am, yours in great need, JAS. W. HILL, Greenville, Texas.

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SHADOW AND SUNLIGHT.

The third Sunday in November I preached in Galveston, where Bro. Higgs was at conference, and I had not preached there. On the 20th of November, my son, Ernest Higgs, a young man nearly 20 years old, came home sick with typhoid fever, and after forty-six days' suffering with that dread disease died on the 15th day of January. On the 16th day of January, my widow daughter, who was teaching school, was brought home sick with the same fever. She is still in bed, though now out of danger.

The Valley is not a very thriving community—not a great many people, and they not very rich. We have three Christian organizations here, but not a house of worship in the valley. Our own Church numbers only 200 members, twenty-one years of them are members of my family. And the Kingdom of Godly could not have remained quiet in a more inviting situation. Nothing the Kingdom have could do to show a friendly spirit and sympathy to the poor was left, nothing by our friends and brethren during all this weary season, and distressing time, and after they had already manifested an unchristian, faithless and loving attitude, to storm us with a pounding that would make any preacher's heart glad to make any sort of arrangement. A good Baptist lady explained it to me as follows: "We all feel that it was due to you. You have been among us these many years, and we wanted to thank you for your services."

Three physicians at different times during our protracted affliction visited us, and they all came to the same professional jurisdiction of the patient, but as high-class Christian gentlemen sympathizing with the suffering while they fought for human life.

I have always felt myself honored by my Church in her advancement of me as an "acceptable local preacher," but I never before felt so unwelcome in the home. In fact, the more I think of the Church the sorer I feel. ANO. C. W. BARRIE, Big Valley, Texas.

Don't think that I am complaining. I am not. I am only stating the facts as they are. The trouble is, we are all suffering from the same ailment.

GOOD NEWS.

To the Preachers of Northwest Texas Conference: The good news comes from Nashville that ministerial brethren have sent at least \$2500 in excess of your year's preachers. We encourage with pleasure that our conference called in this good work. But now it is time to turn our eyes to the work before us. Last year much more had been done at this date than is now the case. Let us press the collections and send in early seasons.

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"Come here!" I cooed, and he looked
and smiled,
And straight to my lap he crept.

The words may be mild and fair,
And the tones may pierce like a dart;
The words may be soft as the summer
air,
And the tones may break the heart.

For words but come from the mind,
And grow by study and art;
But the tones leap forth from the in-
ner self,
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Whether you mean it or care,
Gentleness, kindness, love and hate,
Envy and anger are there.

Then would you quarrels avoid,
And in peace and love rejoice,
Keep anger not only out of your words,
But keep it out of your voice.

—Youth's Companion.

"HOW A LITTLE CHILD LED ME."

There is a great responsibility resting upon parents in training their children—especially mothers. I was to some degree aware of the responsibility and was trying to raise my children in the nurture and admonition of the Lord; but there are some things I sadly neglected. One was to teach them to say their prayers. In the absence of their father, I called them around the family altar and read a chapter and offered a prayer; and I thank God that all my children accepted Christ early in life, excepting one, and I am still holding on to the Lord for him. I often wonder if the cause of this one not coming to Christ is a fault of my own. My little 3-year-old daughter, who was much younger than the son of whom I speak, came to my side one evening, and taking me by the hand she said: "Ma, come and go with me." She had been accustomed to leading me since my blindness. I knew not where she was going to lead me, but I arose and went. She led me into a little study room. After we were in, she said: "Now, ma, shut the door and let's get down and pray." I can not describe my feelings. The recollection of my not teaching her to pray, and now that she was leading me in prayer, caused me to feel sad on account of my negligence.

Her short and simple prayer was: "Oh, Lord, help me to Texas and send me a veil to go on my new hat, and forgive my sins, for Christ's sake. Amen." Then she said: "Now, ma, let's get up."

We had planned to move to Texas, and as I had a horror of traveling on the water and train, I was much troubled with the fear of wrecks. I thought that if a little child could go to God and ask for help, I, being an old Christian, could cast my burden upon the Lord. I did, and was sustained. Then I could understand more fully "A little child shall lead them."

On account of my poor health, we had not had her baptized. She insisted that we have her baptism attended to at once. This led me to believe we had neglected a very important duty that parents owe to their children, and so I never was troubled any more about wrecks, and though danger was thick around us we landed safely, and after we were at our place of destination the little girl was playing around her brother and said to him: "I have been baptized." He asked her what she wanted to be baptized for. She said: "Because I want to be good and holy."

Her brother said he thought that was as good an answer as any one could give.

I am sure we had never mentioned such a thing to her as baptism.

She soon finished her work on earth. At the age of 14 she went to live with Him whom she said she had been a friend to.

She said, when dying, that she had always been a friend to God.

(MRS.) A. S. A. THOMPSON.

THE SECRET OF A CHRISTIAN HOME.

To be the mother of a Phillips Brooks, a James Hanington, or a Reznald Heber; to be the father of an Adoniram Judson, a David Scudder or a John Paton, is there any comfort or joy or splendor that can rest on any Christian home comparable to the knowledge that a son had entered into

such a fellowship with the Master? It is in such lives that college and Church reach the zenith of their glory, but it is in the Christian home that such lives must take their impulse; in the Christian home that the heart must be so filled with, and the eye so fixed upon, Christ, the true goal, that love for men and women shall at last know no bounds. A truly Christian home can send a boy into college to be an attractive and momentous force for good for all who know him. To be cheerful, but not flippant; gentle, but not compromising; loving, but not yielding; pure, but not austere; reverent among the careless, serious among the frivolous, and studious among the distracted, self-denying among the self-indulgent. Shall we not all agree that the holiest, loftiest success in life is that enjoined by these relations; that no failure in all the reach of effort or knowledge can be compared to that which may be unfolded within the circle of a Christian home.

In this age, when so many on-side affluences make it so easy for boys and girls to neglect the home, what need of steady patience, of gentle confidence of wise, tender thoughts, of delight in sacrifice, of supreme love for the Master that the unconscious influence through God's grace may soften the effect of mistakes in judgment and action, and make the home an attractive center of piety and love. This is, after all, the true secret, the full, studious companionship with the mind of Christ; not any series of carefully directed injunctions or entreaties; not formal prohibitions or requirements; no elaborate system of rewards and punishments; no cunning psychology of child life; no complicated method, but a heart that throbs with warm love for the Master's wisdom, selflessness and sacrifice, and invests loving self-denial with manly beauty, that throbs as his did, with tenderest sympathy for the helplessness and wonder of the child and diffuses the radiance of a cheerful, hopeful, happy, wise spirit, it, but never abates one jot of loyalty to the highest standard and never clouds with harsh and stormy utterance "the heaven that lies about us in our infancy."—President Franklin Carter, in the Independent.

JACK'S WAY.

Hello! What are you hiding here?" demanded Joe, as he suddenly came upon Jack Holland standing in the archway that led under the railroad to an open common beyond.

Whatever it might have been earlier, it was not a case of hiding just then, for Jack was in full view of any one who chose to look that way. But the common was a chosen playground for the schoolboys, and that a game of ball should be in progress so near, and Jack not join it, was certainly remarkable to any one who knew him. Joe playfully pushed him back against the wall.

"What are you up to, anyhow? You've been shying games for two or three days."

"I—Jack laughed, but looked a trifle embarrassed. "I'm practicing diplomacy," he said.

"Dip—which?" Joe staggered as if overcome by the unexpected word. "Going abroad as an ambassador? Haven't been offered a foreign mission, have you?"

"No, it's home mission," laughed Jack. "See here, Joe, I don't mind telling you, it's about that new fellow, Woods—Backwoods," the boys call him. Well, his sister works at our house, and she's trying her best to give him a chance. She asked me to help him along some, if I could." Jack wriggled his feet uneasily as he made this admission, and his cheeks flushed under their healthful brown. He had a fear that it savored of girlishness or goody-goodyness, something entirely beneath a boy's dignity. "Jim Woods is all right, too, even if he hasn't as much money as Ellis & Co. But you know Bob Ellis; nobody can lead him anywhere except by letting him think he's doing the leading himself. I saw him size Woods up the first time he saw him, and if I tried to say a good word for him, Bob would be sure to freeze him out."

"Well?" said Joe wonderingly. Jack laughed again. "Just watch," he said. "Woods is a pretty good player, but I found that there were going to be enough without him all the time, and he'd be crowded out. So I've managed to slip off now and then, and of course they'll take anybody, when they're short for a game. After he's played two or three times he'll sort of be in the crowd, you see, and Ellis will like him all right, if he thinks he discovered him himself."

A prolonged shout from the common drew the two from under the bridge, and, as they crossed the open, Bob Ellis saw them.

"Where have you two fellows been?" he called. "Seems to me you're never round lately when we look for you, Jack. You needn't think there's no

fun when you're out of the way. You ought to have seen Woods bring up our side."

Jack looked at Joe with a wink and a droll grimace, but aloud he only answered calmly: "Glad you weren't left inconsolable. I never did really think the world would stop if I dropped out of it a minute."

But a number of good things might stand still if Jack Holland didn't keep them moving. Joe decided, as he walked thoughtfully homeward. He had never before thought how many things Jack could manage without seeming to manage at all.

"I suppose Bob Ellis is sure he is the leader among the boys, and likely they'd say he is, too; but it's Jack's plans that generally carry at last, Jack doesn't order and bluster, but somehow—well, there are other ways of getting what you want than using your fists for it, and other ways of doing good besides preaching."—Morning Star.

A LOST FAMILY ALTAR.

One day a gentleman was riding on a Western prairie, and lost his way. Clouds arose in the sky, and not seeing the sun he quite lost his reckoning. Night came on, and as he knew not which way to guide his horse, he let it take its own way. It was a western horse, and was therefore likely to understand prairie life better than his rider, who was not a Western man. By and by a light glimmered in the distance, and it was not long before the faithful animal stopped before a log cabin.

"Who's there?" some one shouted from within.

"A benighted traveler," answered the gentleman. "Can you give me a night's lodging?"

"You're welcome," said the man, appearing at the door.

The gentleman was thankful enough to give up his saddle and bridle to the master of the log cabin. He found the family at supper—man, wife and children, and a place was soon made for the stranger.

Some time in the evening the man asked: "Are you a minister of the gospel, sir?"

"No," answered the gentleman; and seeing the man disappointed he asked him why he wished to know.

"Oh, sir," answered the man, "I hoped a minister had come to help me to build a family altar. I had one once but I lost it coming over the Alleghenies; it was a great loss."

"Perhaps I can help you to build one," though I'm not a minister," said the gentleman, who always had one himself; and after a little more talk the man handed him an old family Bible, its read, and they sang a psalm, and all knelt. The gentleman prayed first, then the man prayed, and the wife and children said, "Amen;" for it seemed as if each wanted to have a little part in building up the family altar.

"Sir," said the man, when they arose, "there's many an emigrant who loses his family altar before he gets here—and after, too; sir, it's a great loss."

Yes, many family altars are lost. Some are lost in politics, some in traveling, some in moving, some in the hurry of harvest some at stores and shops; it is an unspeakable loss. Abraham never lost his, yet never family traveled farther or moved oftener than his. But wherever he pitched his tent he set up his family altar, and called upon the Lord, and the Lord blessed him. Children, as well as parents, have an interest in keeping the family altar. Don't let it be lost. If father forgets, let the children gently and respectfully remind him: "Father, we have not yet thanked God for his goodness, or prayed to him for forgiveness." No father, I am sure, but will thank a child for thus helping him in his duties. It is good to sing and praise and pray around the family altar. "Bless be the ties that bind" a family altar! All are dearer to one another for being near to God.—Prairie Herald.

BIBLE COUNTING.

"I think I can say my 'seven times,' announced Happy at the dinner table.

"But we don't say tables on Sunday objected Walter.

"Seven times one are 'seven, seven times two'—began Happy.

"I wonder how much Bible counting we can do? Which of you can tell me something of which there is but one—sometimes mentioned in God's Word?" said Mother.

"There is only one God," said Carl reverently.

"That is right. There is but one true God. Now can you tell me something of which there are two?"

"Two persons were created and put in the Garden of Eden!" said Walter. "Two spies brought back a good report of Canaan," said Happy.

"There were two Jerusalems—one on earth and one in heaven." "And Isaac had two sons, Jacob and Esau."

"Now, what have we for three?" "Jesus was three days in the tomb,"

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IT FLOATS.

"He took three disciples into the Mount of Transfiguration."

Four was not so easy, but Mother remembered that Lazarus was dead four days before Jesus raised him to life.

For five, Walter remembered the five barley loaves.

Six was better. There were two plates of shew bread, with six loaves on each. "The disciples were sent out to preach in six couples." "And there were six cities of refuge in Canaan."

Seven was a very good number.

"Seven days in a week." "Seven pairs of each kind of clean animals went into the ark." "There were seven bowls on the candlestick." "Zimri reigned over Israel seven days." "Balaam offered seven oxen, and seven rams, on seven altars."

When they came to eight, Carl said that eight persons went into the ark, and it was some time before somebody else remembered that Josiah was eight years old when he began to reign.

Nine called for two answers. "There were nine ungrateful lepers." "The woman in the parable had nine pieces of silver left after losing one."

"Who can have something for ten?"

"There were ten virgins in the parable," said Walter. "And ten pounds in another parable," said Carl. "Ten spies brought back an evil report." "And Job had ten children, twice," said Mother. "Now for eleven."

"There were eleven disciples left, after the death of Judas," said Carl. "Eleven of Jacob's sons went down into Egypt for corn," was Walter's answer.

"Now we will have twelve, and that will be all for to-day," said Mother.

"Twelve apostles." "Twelve tribes of Israel." "Twelve foundations of the Holy City." "And twelve pearly gates."

They all resolved to find out more numbers for next Sunday.—Christian Observer.

A TINY HELPER.

I have been reading an account of a little bird, related by Dr. Livingston, that forms a strong attachment to the rhinoceros. Its claws are of such a structure as to enable it to cling to any part of the great brute's body, whose callous hide does not suffer any inconvenience from their sharpness. Sometimes it may be seen perched on his back, and at other times clinging like graceful pendants to his flapping ears. This little creature performs many kind offices for its huge protegee. It preys upon the insects and vermin that infest his skin and which his stiffness does not permit him to dislodge for himself. Then, being a heavy sleeper, and a dull observer when most awake, he is watched over by this sharp-sighted and wakeful little guardian, and apprised of the approach of all dangers or foes. And so faithfully does it fulfill its trust that the huntsman can rarely come within gunshot before the bird, by darting upward and uttering a thrilling cry, gives the signal for his charge to make tracks with all speed.

I thought, when I read it, that we should despise the day of small things. If a weak little bird can be of such use to any creature, what cannot a boy or girl do who has the willing heart and ready hand? Oh, that all were enlisted heart and hand in temperance work.—Banner.

THE FOUNTAIN IN THE FORUM.

If the mighty God is indeed in us, why is there so much weakness and failure in our lives? Was the answer is not far to seek. We have limited the Holy One of Israel.

In older days, amid the Roman Forum, there was a little brooklet,

called the girl's fountain, which sang merrily as it broke into the light and passed on its way toward the yellow Tiber. For centuries, however, it was lost sight of; not that it had ceased to exist, but that it had become covered and almost choked by tons of rubbish, accumulated thickly on the spot, as the proud city was subjected to repeated and ruthless violence at the hands of many spoilers.

But when, in recent years, the debris was removed, that fountain, so long choked and hindered, freed from all restraints, again took up its song and recommenced its useful ministry. Is not that a type of the work of the Mighty One within us? He has not left us; but his gracious power, which would have been put forth in us and for us, has been rendered almost inoperative and dead. What shall now hinder us in ridding ourselves of all which has hindered him from doing his mighty works, so that he may do that which he so loves and which we so much need?—F. B. Meyer.

NATIVE PLACES OF FRUIT.

Spinach is a Persian plant. Quinces came from Corinth. The turnip came from Rome. The peach came from Persia. The nasturtium came from Peru. Horseradish is a native of England. Melons were found originally in Asia.

Sage is a native of the south of Europe. Sweet marjoram is a native of Portugal.

The bean is said to be a native of Egypt.

Damsons originally came from Damascus.

The pea is a native of the south of Europe.

The gooseberry is indigenous to Great Britain.

Ginger is a native of the East and West Indies.

Pears were brought from the East by the Romans.—Selected.

Some people forgive by forgetting, but the true way is to forget by forgiving.

FOOD WILL DO IT.

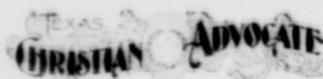
Made Over a Man of 60.

Food that will put the vigor of life into a man of sixty is worth knowing about. Mr. Chas. E. Allen of 5206 Master St., Philadelphia, Pa., says, "Five years ago at the age of fifty-nine I was advised by a friend to adopt rolled oats for my breakfast diet in the place of white bread. I followed the advice with some benefit, but was still troubled with heart weakness and general debility, requiring medicine from time to time; the bowels were also affected to an extent.

About six months ago while still half sick and very weak I commenced to use Grape-Nuts Breakfast Food and soon noticed an improvement in my general health, with the gradual disappearance of unfavorable symptoms. Heart palpitation decreased and a new feeling of vigor manifested itself in various ways. Tonic were no longer needed, bowels became natural, nerves were steady and I seemed to have returned, in a great degree, to the vigor of middle age. There has also been a gain in flesh, my weight having increased from 137 to 151 pounds.

You are welcome to use my name if you desire to publish this voluntary testimony."

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A layman sends his brother's subscription and adds: He is not a Methodist nor even a Christian, but I feel sure there is good Methodist stuff in his make-up, and I know of no better way to gradually develop good material than to get them to read our Advocate.

Once more we want to say to our readers that the Advocate and the Branch Publishing House are separate and distinct business institutions. Therefore, do not send Publishing House mail to the Advocate and do not send Advocate mail to the Publishing House. This is often done, and it makes confusion and delay. Please bear this in mind and govern yourselves accordingly. The Advocate and the Branch House are good friends and work in perfect harmony, but the businesses of the two are in no way connected.

The Denton Normal School, though not yet six months old as a State institution, is highly prosperous under the principalship of Prof. J. S. Kendall. It has an enrollment of 176 students, representing 116 counties. This is a fine showing, and it proves beyond doubt the wisdom of its existence. The regular session will close the 27th of next May, but the faculty are preparing to open a summer school of six weeks for the benefit of country teachers who are unable to attend up on the annual sessions. A full attendance upon this is already promised.

THE TENNESSEE CONFERENCE JOURNAL.

Through the courtesy of Rev. L. R. Amis, of Nashville, Secretary of the Conference, we are in possession of a copy of the printed Journal of the Tennessee Conference. It is a souvenir edition, and not only contains the full reports of the conference, with the proceedings, but it is illustrated throughout with the pictures of all the members of that body, together with a sketch of their lives. We have gone through its 115 pages with a great deal of interest, and all of the Tennessee Methodists living in Texas will find it a valuable pamphlet to have in their homes. It will bring before them the faces of the men whom they used to hear preach and have in their families in other days.

EDITORIAL BIRDSHOT.

The Bible is full of good texts.

Christ is pre-eminently a Savior from sin.

The Holy Spirit assures us of our divine acceptance.

God is not only a tender Father, but he is also a righteous Ruler.

A home without discord and redolent with the perfume of piety is the dwelling place of the Trinity.

The heart that is "filled with all the fullness of God" does not emit bitterness through the medium of speech.

Love mingled with hope makes the spirit sweet, the life amiable and the character luminous with the brilliancy of the better world.

The man who professes to follow Christ and at the same time detracts from a brother's reputation needs to search his own heart more closely.

A congregation whose members live in love and fellowship become a medium through which the truths of the preached gospel find an outlet to the unsaved.

When sleet forms an ice-coating around the trolley wire, no electric current can reach the machinery of the street cars and they are forced to stand still until the ice is removed. God's Spirit can not operate through a frozen heart and a congealed life.

REV. R. A. YOUNG, D. D.

Rev. R. A. Young, D. D., is dead. We can scarcely realize that such is the case, but he passed away last Friday morning at his home in Nashville, Tenn. For fifty-seven years he was a prominent and influential minister in our Church, and he was 78 years old at the time of his departure. He was born in Knox County, East Tennessee, January 3, 1824; was educated at old Washington College; entered the Holston Conference in 1845; was ordained deacon by Bishop Paine in 1848; was ordained an elder by Bishop Andrew in 1850. He remained only one year in the Holston Conference and transferred to the Tennessee Conference; remained there till 1854, and was transferred to the St. Louis Conference. Here he labored in prominent appointments until 1860, and then returned to the Tennessee Conference. In this connection he filled important posts in school and pulpit work till 1874, when he was elected Financial Secretary of the Board of Trust of Vanderbilt University, in which position he remained until 1882, when he was elected Secretary of the Board of Missions of the Church. This high place he filled for four years and then returned to the pastorate, and in 1898 he retired from active work. For a great many years he has been a member of the Board of Trust of Vanderbilt University, and also a member of the Book Committee. During this time he traveled a great deal, and wrote a number of books of most excellent literary merit. In personal appearance Dr. Young was a striking man. He was six feet and seven inches tall, and well-proportioned, weighing two hundred and twenty-five pounds. In intellect he was a man of royal endowments and a preacher of large attainments and impressive eloquence. In all respects he was a commanding figure in the Church, and his presence and ability attracted special attention under all circumstances. He was one of the best-known men in our Southern Methodism, and though an old man at the time of his death, yet his departure leaves a wide gap in the ranks of our great men. He served his generation well, and has fallen upon a richly-merited sleep. Peace be to his ashes and repose to his spirit!

In making His divine life human Christ has forever made our humanity divine.—Ram's Horn.

REV. H. CLAY MORRISON AND THE GENERAL CONFERENCE.

Several weeks ago we raised the question of the eligibility of Rev. H. Clay Morrison, of Kentucky, to a seat in the approaching General Conference. We did this upon the ground that he formally withdrew from the Church and so announced his withdrawal in the public prints. More than that, he came to Texas with his letter of withdrawal in his pocket, invaded a number of our pastoral charges, held his "letter" up to view, announced his "withdrawal" from the Church, defied pastors and presiding elders, and declared that he was no longer amenable to the laws of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South. We took him to mean exactly what he had said and what he had written, and since he was out of the Church and not subject to its ordinances and Discipline, no pastor or presiding elder took any notice of his performances. How and when he ever got back into the Church we do not know, but now he turns up as a delegate-elect to the General Conference. That he was out of the Church, at least for a time, we have his own written and spoken words to prove. In another column of this issue will be found his published statement, "My Relation to the Church," which occurred in his paper August 21, 1898. While it is a jumble of incongruities, not to say palpable contradictions, nevertheless the spirit of severance from the Church runs through it from beginning to end. He gave as his reason for taking the step the enactment of "this new and iniquitous law," which made and still makes it an offense for one preacher to go into the pastoral charge of another to hold services without his consent. Then he added: "If this law should prove to be impractical, or unconstitutional, I see no reason why I should not come back and live within the pales of my old mother Church." But that "iniquitous law" has never been touched and is still in force in our Discipline. Yet he claims now to be a member of the Church, and will have the face to appear at the approaching General Conference to claim his seat as a delegate. Therefore we here revert to the matter and place the facts as we have them before our delegates, that they may be prepared to act lawfully and wisely in his case.

A SUNDAY IN FORNEY.

Forney is an enterprising town on the T. & P. Railway, twenty miles east of Dallas. It is situated in the midst of the black land region—one of the most fertile sections in North Texas. It is here that the famous Forney hay is produced, which has such a reputation all over the State. The town has a population of 2900, and among them are leading business men, who represent means and enterprise. There are a great many brick business houses, the most of which have been built within the past year. They have a good public school, and they have recently voted bonds to the amount of \$15,000, with the proceeds of which a handsome school building is to be erected. Our church structure there is the best in the town, and the second best in the Terrell District. It is a wooden edifice, modern in style, neatly finished, and will seat from five hundred to six hundred people. It is handsomely furnished and a credit to the community. I preached to a good congregation of attentive hearers Sunday morning, and spoke to a goodly company of the Leaguers in the afternoon. We have something over two hundred members, and the congregation is constantly growing. Rev. J. P. Lowry is the pastor, and he has hold of the hearts of his people. He is an earnest preacher, a devoted pastor, and a reader of good books. He has all the departments of his work under good control, and the present year promises good results. I had the pleasure of enjoying the Methodist hospitality of Dr. Shands' elegant home, and it was good to rest under their whole-hearted

roof. To me the day was a pleasant one, and I trust profitable to the people.
G. C. R

TEXAS PERSONALS.

Rev. W. W. Watts, of Nacogdoches, has been called to his old home in Gordon County, Ga., to see his aged father, who is seriously ill.

Bro. C. D. Richardson, of Ennis, was in the city recently, and called pleasantly on the Advocate. He is one of our earnest laymen in his home Church.

Rev. W. T. Gray, of Bono, Northwest Texas Conference, passed through the city the present week for a visit to his home folk, and spent a few moments with us.

Rev. A. P. Lowery, of Corsicana, has been helping Rev. A. P. Hightower, of Belcherville, and as he passed this way he made the Advocate force a pleasant visit.

We had a pleasant visit this week from Rev. W. F. Clark, of Denison. He has charge of our mission work in that city, and he is pushing the work with energy and success.

In a business letter from Rev. G. E. Cameron, he expresses himself as being delighted with his work at Henderson, and says the prospects were never more promising for a successful year's work.

Rev. J. P. Mussett, of Grapevine, was in the city this week. Of course he called to see us, and we are always glad to hold converse with him. His work is in good shape and he is moving on nicely.

The editor of this paper has the fourth Sunday in this month promised to some brother, but the place has escaped his mind. Drop us a card if you are the brother, just as soon as you read this "personal."

We had a pleasant visit recently from Bro. J. M. Bartlett, of Rice. He is a leading merchant of that place and an active member of our Church. He was in the city looking after fittings with which to supply his church with better lighting facilities.

Brother T. S. Snyder, of Georgetown, called into the office Tuesday and delighted everybody with his visit. For a great many years he has been one of the most faithful laymen in his Church. He is thinking of making his home in the Panhandle.

We hear good reports from the two new presiding elders, Rev. George S. Sexton, of the Gainesville District, and Rev. E. H. Casey, of the Sulphur Springs District. They are both full of energy and in thorough sympathy with their work.

Rev. S. F. Chambers, of Franklin, Texas, has issued a beautiful Church Directory for his charge. It contains other valuable matter. He also very kindly placed an advertisement for the Texas Christian Advocate within its pages, for which he has our thanks.

Rev. W. W. Graham married a couple a few days ago, and with the marriage notice he sent the subscription of the contracting parties, with the remark: "I started them off with the Advocate." This is a good start to give them, and is well worth the attention of other pastors.

Our old friend, W. H. Hughes, who is at present connected with the mail service in Dallas, is a candidate for State and County Tax Assessor of Dallas County. He is the son of Rev. W. H. Hughes ("Uncle Buck"), and well and favorably known throughout this section.

In a personal letter from Rev. W. H. Vaughan, of the Orphanage, he says: "Little May Owen died at the Orphanage Monday morning, aged 10 years. She was a good child. Quite a number of the children are sick with colds. Will the friends of the Orphanage pray for us?"

Bro. E. W. Hawkins, of Fort Worth, was in the city this week and called to see us. He says that Rev. B. W. Dodson, of Missouri Avenue, has been granted a vacation of a couple of months by his people, and that for the time being is out of the city. He has gone on a trip into Mexico.

In a note from Rev. B. W. Allen, of the Texas Conference, we take the following, though it was not written for publication: "It is a girl, weighs nine pounds, has about as much hair on her

head as her pa, arrived on the morning of the 27th of January, and bids fair to be the first lady of the land." Now we want to add that her "pa's head" is as innocent of "hair" as a peeled onion!

Ex-Mayor John H. Traylor has announced himself a candidate for Mayor of Dallas. For two years he filled this position, and declined to run for a second term. He is a member of First Methodist Church, and never fails to fill his place at the Sunday morning service.

CHURCH NEWS.

All of the Methodist bodies in Australia have united and become one, like the Canadian Methodists. This union went into effect the first of January.

Judge Bonner, of Nashville, has refused a new trial in the Furman will case, and if the Supreme Court affirms, then Vanderbilt will receive \$100,000 by the bequest of the Furman family.

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We are in receipt of the prospectus of "The Life and Writings of Dr. Rufus C. Burleson," prepared and issued by Mrs. Burleson, the widow of Dr. Burleson. It is printed on best seven-pound S. and S. C. book paper, and it contains 329 pages. It contains the life of the great Baptist preacher and educator, by Hon. Harry Haynes, the selected biographer, together with the full account of his memorial services, some of his greatest speeches, a few of his special sermons, and a reproduction of a great many of his contributions to the public press and history of Texas. And the volume is richly illustrated. This is a most readable book, for the life of Dr. Burleson covered almost the entire history of this Commonwealth from its inception to the present time. He was intimately associated with the great and obscure citizens who have made the Texas of to-day. To buy this book will enrich those who read it and it will help the worthy widow of this, one of the noblest men of the present generation.

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my pocket-book, where it will remain
for the present.

It will not be out of place just here
for me to offer a few words of ex-
planation:

First, I am in no sense of the word
a come-outer, and have no sympathy
with come-outism. I am sure that I
need in my Christian life that sympa-
thy and fellowship which can alone be
found in Church membership, and it
is my full purpose to live and die a
MEMBER OF SOME ONE OF THE
DENOMINATIONS OF CHRISTIANS.

Second, I wish to say that the recent
disgrace brought upon our Church by
some of the officials at Nashville has
nothing to do with my WITH-
DRAWAL from her membership at
this time. I never loved Southern
Methodism better in all my life than
I do now in this the day of her humili-
ation, suffering and shame. But for
other circumstances I would scorn to
leave her now in the midst of the
disgrace brought upon her by those
who, while they have loudly pro-
claimed themselves the "truly loyal,"
have torn from her heart the crown
jewel of her doctrines, and now have
robbed her of her good name.

I have WITHDRAWN from the
Church simply because those men
within her membership, who are gradu-
ally, but certainly, working her ruin,
have put between a hungry multitude
and myself a law that would delar
me from breaking to these people the
bread of life.

I have been called to Terrell, Texas,
to preach entire sanctification to thou-
sands of humble people, who, the Lord
willing, will meet me there. Notwith-
standing this meeting is to be inter-
denominational, the pastor of the
Southern Methodist Church at that
place has forbidden my coming to
preach to the people.

He has the law in his favor. It is
plainly written and easily understood.
If I should go forward to hold the
meeting without WITHDRAWING
from the Church, it would precipitate
a Church trial, many would become
involved, and hurt might come to the
cause of Christ.

When I joined the Church, I took a
solemn obligation upon myself to be
subject to her Discipline. This I have
done in all good conscience to this
hour.

When I held the meetings in Dublin
I knew I was not violating the law
of the Church, and the anti-holiness men
who then persecuted me have since
vindicated me by enacting a law that
will enable them to do now with law
what they did then without law.

But now the case is different, and
to go to Terrell over the protest of the
pastor would be a plain violation of
law. On the other hand, to turn back
from preaching to these starving souls
at Terrell, who are pleading for the
message of full salvation, would be to
forfeit my self-respect, to grieve the
Holy Spirit, to discourage thousands of
humble souls in whom by precept and
example I have tried to inspire that
heroic Christian courage that would
resist unto blood striving against sin.

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the doctrine of the baptism of the
Holy Ghost, and if they broke the
skirmish line they would press forward
with renewed audacity upon the regu-
lar pastors and laymen of the Church,
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against them.

Then, again, I am a firm believer in
the coming of Christ, and if he should
come and find me truckling before ec-
clesiastical tyranny, and refusing to
preach his everlasting gospel to the
people, simply because some mortal
man, whose breath is in his nostrils,
said me nay, I would be afraid to meet
him.

It has been my hope for years that
somewhere, sometime, in the spirit-
world it would be my blessed privilege
to meet and associate with St. Paul,
John Bunyan, John Wesley and the
saints who sealed their faith with
their blood. How could I face or en-
joy these immortal heroes if I skulked
to a corner now in the midst of these
perilous times, when hundreds of pul-
pits in Texas are dedicated to unre-
lentless war on those truths that God
raised up the Methodists to dissemi-
nate over the earth, and thousands of
neglected and abused laymen are
anxious to drive a hundred miles in a
two-horse wagon in order to hear a
few sermons on entire sanctification?

If I should now play the coward and
fail to perform my appointed task,
when I am dead and gone some enemy
of my children might find it out and
throw up to them their father's failure

to stand true in the day of battle and
courageously face the foes of God, and
truth, and humanity.

I want to say to those who have long
wanted to turn or drive me out of the
Church, do not congratulate each other
or rejoice over my DEPARTURE, for
I might suddenly appear among you
again. To all intents and purposes I
am a Methodist, and existing circum-
stances make the Southern Methodist
Church my legitimate denominational
home. I suppose this new and inquit-
ous law will be tested in the case of
Dr. Bolling and Dr. Briggs. If it should
prove to be impractical, or unconsti-
tutional, I see no reason why I should
not COME BACK and live within the
pales of my old mother Church. At
all events, brethren, you may count
on me, by the grace of God, to camp
in your immediate neighborhood and
keep an eye single to the welfare of
the thousands of souls within the dear
old Church, for whose welfare I have
labored and in whom I feel the deepest
personal interest.

To the holiness people, pastors and
lay people, in the Southern Methodist
Church, let me say, while I have no
sectarian prejudice, and love all men,
yet the Southern Methodist Church is
especially dear to me, and I am as
much one of you at heart to-day as I
ever was in my life. My destiny is
with you. I shall JOIN NO OTHER
CHURCH for the present.

I can but hope that victory will come
within the Church, and obnoxious laws
be repealed, and men unsound in doc-
trine be relegated to the rear, and
peace and power come back again to
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Do not leave the Church. Hold
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be March 2. S. F. CHAMBERS.

REV. A. E. GOODWYN, D. D.

In view of the death of our beloved
and honored brother, Dr. A. E. Good-
wyn, who has been a Curator of South-
western University for twenty years,
we, the faculty of the University, de-
sire to express:

1. Our sincere sympathy for his be-
reaved family.

2. Our high regard for the pure and
lofty character of Dr. Goodwyn, and
our appreciation of his fidelity in the
discharge of his duties to this institu-
tion. For twenty years he never failed
to attend the commencement, and al-
ways remained to the close.

3. We order that a copy of this ac-
tion be sent to his wife and to the
Texas Advocate, and that we spread it
upon our minutes.

Adopted by the faculty of Southwest-
ern University, January 28, 1902.
C. C. CODY, Secretary.

NOTICE.
The Executive Committee of the
Board of Church Extension of the
North Texas Conference will meet on
Wednesday afternoon, February 27, at
2 o'clock, in Wesley parsonage, Green-
ville, Texas. All persons wishing help
from the Parent Board should have
their applications in not later than the
25th inst. Send all applications to the
Secretary of the board, Rev. W. M.
Leatherwood, Rockwall, Texas.
JAS. W. HILL, President.

ADVOCATE AGENT ABROAD.

I spent a delightful week with Bro.
and Sister Scarborough at Victoria.
He is justly held in high esteem there
"for the very work's sake" and for
the example he is wherever he goes
for hard work, patient endeavor to get
his people to do the right as well as
profess it, and for the inspiration he
and his cultivated wife are to the
young people as well as old.

Victoria is one of the oldest points
in Texas, and was once a stronghold
of Methodism. Bro. Scarborough has
unearthed a book which is a treasure
of historic records. It is the record of
our Quarterly Conferences and register
of members down there from more
than fifty years ago up to a few years
back. It was lost for many years, and
Bro. Scarborough found it in a box
with a lot of rubbish—thrown away!
What a record it contains! I pored
over it one night until nearly 3 o'clock.
And it will show what has become of
so many of the old Methodist families
who were formerly "pillars in the
Church" and powers in Zion in all that
region.

Victoria has always been more or
less a Roman Catholic town, but Prot-
estantism was strong in the early days
when such men as Davidson, Thrall,
Carl, deVillbiss, Horton et al., filled
our pastoral charges there. That old
book told the sad story for our Meth-
odism by showing how whole families
had been lost to us. It is an interest-
ing book. But we still have many fam-
ilies there whose loyalty to Christ and
their Church has stood the test of half
a century—children and grandchildren
of some of the earlier members being
still at their post.

I had the pleasure of attending a
literary and social event under the
auspices of the League, and one of the
most entertaining and pleasant I ever
attended. I spoke to the Y. M. C. A
Sunday afternoon, and had a most at-
tentive audience and a profitable meet-
ing. Bro. Geo. Webber has proven a
"right hand man" to Bro. Scarborough
in the work among the young people.
And he is interesting the good fellows
who are associated with him in the
big cigar factory there. By the way,
Victoria has several concerns that do
it credit in the material side of her
prosperity. This cigar factory is a
fine concern of its kind, and its clean-
liness is a model. Then they have a
large oil mill, a large factory for the
manufacture of tanks, etc., and several
other enterprises. It has nine million-
aires, I am told. They certainly have
some fine mansions.

Sister Scarborough is a helper, in-
deed, to the pastor, her husband. She
is cultivated, energetic, sympathetic
and resourceful.

Victoria has a bright day before her
for "our Zion," and she is now ascend-
ing the hill whence she can see the
faint pencils of the bursting dawn.

WM A. BOWEN.

TO THE WEST TEXAS CONFER-
ENCE.

Dear Brethren—We have entered in-
to the second quarter of our confer-
ence year, and the first quarter's drafts
have not been issued to our conference
missionaries.

To pay these men (including German
Mission claim) requires \$1250 each
quarter. Of this amount—up to Febru-
ary 1—there has been paid into the
treasury only \$251, and scarcely one-
seventh of the charges of our confer-
ence are represented in this small
amount.

Some of these missionaries are hav-
ing a hard time. One of them writes
me that he has received \$11 since con-

ference; another the same amount;
still another \$58, and a fourth \$36. All
of these are married men, and some
have little ones dependent upon them
for bread.

Brothers! to present no higher con-
sideration, "loyalty" to our brethren
on these works, and their wives and
children, demand that we stir our-
selves to action in their behalf. I be-
lieve, if we would place this matter
on our consciences, these drafts would
be issued within ten or fifteen days.
Let us do it! There are enough town
and city charges in the conference to
tide these men over until crops are
made, and they would do it if we would
give them a chance. This is proven
by the way a drouth-stricken circuit
in the San Antonio District responded
when the pastor made a statement of
the situation to his members. Surely,
purely local interests ought not, in
such a time as this, to so engage us
that we can not "look also upon the
things of others." Help, brethren!
Help!

A word as to the great foreign work.
We have paid in since conference
the sum of \$68.25. Three charges paid
\$61 of this. I do not know how many
others are represented in the remain-
ing \$7.25.

We are paying off local debts, im-
proving church property, increasing
pastors' salaries (and paying more on
them at first Quarterly Conference
than last year), but we are doing
mighty little toward converting the
heathen—which are our Lord's inheri-
tance—and reclaiming the uttermost
parts of the earth—which are his pos-
sessions. Beloved, let us "be instant
in season and 'out' of season" in pre-
serving this claim of our Lord upon his
people. They will respond. Members
of certain churches have recently told
me they could pay their missionary
money any time,

Sunday-School Department.

FIRST QUARTER, LESSON 8, FEB. 21.

THE ARREST OF STEPHEN. Acts 6:7-15.

Golden Text: "Fear not them which kill the body, but are not able to kill the soul.—Matt. 10:28.

From the Sunday-school Evangel we clip the following:

The development of the first Christian Church in Jerusalem was very rapid. The death of Stephen took place in the year 34 A. D., four years after the crucifixion of Christ. With in that time the number of converts to the Christian faith had grown to several thousand. Three thousand (presumably counting men only) on the day of Pentecost; a little later five thousand are mentioned, definitely exclusive of women and children (4:4); and later still additions are spoken of as "multitudes both as men and women" (15:14); and at the time Stephen began his ministry the increase was still in full progress (16:7).

A community growing up thus rapidly naturally would have very little organization. The apostles were the recognized leaders. The absorbing passion of the first believers was evangelism. They were witnessing to and proclaiming the "good news." They were mastered by a great spiritual enthusiasm. Gradually, and especially as persecution set in, they were compelled to attend to certain material problems. The consecration of personal property to a common treasury doubtless grew out of the necessity of caring for the poorer members of the society. This property was laid at the feet of the apostles (4:34, 35). The apostles thus were charged with the material as well as the spiritual responsibilities of the Church. With such a growth of numbers to the proportions indicated above it is easy to see that the apostles must have become overtaxed and incapable of giving detailed attention to the administration of all the business that devolved upon them. This overlap of work led them to ask for the selection of seven assistants, traditionally and perhaps actually known as deacons. Thus was introduced the first class of subordinate Church officers.

Of these seven men appointed apparently to purely secular duties in the church, two, Stephen and Philip, became noted and powerful preachers of the Word. This went beyond the limits of their ordination—or rather their confinement to administer the funds of the church was something wholly aside from the office of preaching. There is nothing to indicate that at the beginning the authority to preach depended upon anything except the Spirit-endued ability to do it. All the disciples, both men and women, on the day of Pentecost spoke as the Spirit gave them utterance. And the Spirit's endowment is still the only real authority which any man has to preach the gospel,—certainly it is the supreme qualification for doing it, without which no man can preach effectively.

It is of the utmost importance, however, that we should observe that holy character and Spirit-filled hearts were essential qualifications for these men chosen for the secular responsibilities of the Church. Deacons, elders, stewards, trustees, vestrymen, or whatever else—men chosen to serve in any capacity in the church of God, should be "men of honest report, full of the Holy Ghost and wisdom." Give the Church of to-day such an offshoot and its concurring power would be vastly multiplied.

There appears to have been in Jerusalem a synagogue for foreign-born Jews as distinguished from home-born or Hebrews proper. Saul of Tarsus belonged to this class. These men, having been thrown among the Greeks of their native provinces, had contracted the spirit of disputation so characteristic of the Greeks. They attempted to confute Stephen in argument, but were confounded by him. There can be but little doubt that Saul was present at these discussions, and probably joined in them. But Stephen spoke, as his Master had spoken, with resistless wisdom and authority, because he spoke under the moving of the Holy Ghost. The Jews had similarly failed in their disputations with Christ, and, having failed, resorted to force. The procedure in Stephen's case was very similar to that in Christ's; they suborned witnesses to give false testimony, and used the forms of law only to serve their purposes of murder. They did not shrink from murder, but from the odium of murder.

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FIRST QUARTER, 1902.

March 2—The Joy of Service. Ps. 126:5-6; Matt. 25:19-23. March 9—The Secret of Endurance. Heb. 11:24-27; Ex. 23:8-23. March 16—A Noble Purpose. Dan. 1:8-20 (Temperance Meeting). March 23—Opportunities, Facilities and Resources of the Church: Are They Sufficient for the Evangelization of the World in This Generation? Rev. 2:7-12. Reference: "The Evangelization of the World in This Generation," chapters 4 and 7. March 30—The Risen Life: Christ's—Gus, Luke 24:1-12; Col. 3:1-10. (Easter Service.)

TOPIC.

February 23.—Some Modern Missionary Achievements: Do They Indicate the Possibility of Evangelizing the World in This Generation?

REFERENCES.

"The Evangelization of the World in This Generation"—Mott, chapters V and VII; John 14:12; Matt. 8:11; Isa. 11:2-23.

In this lesson we deal simply with the scriptural references as they relate to the topic before us. The Leaguers are urged to study the question as discussed in the chapters of Mr. Mott's book. This question ought to furnish material for a delightful and helpful program. These monthly missionary topics can not be justly treated at all unless preparation is made beforehand. Don't be satisfied with an evening for which you have made no special preparation. The magnitude of the subject demands our closest and most sincere study.

JOHN 14:12.

This is a marvelous statement of our Lord that John preserves. Christ will not let the labor of our hands suffer in comparison with the work he accomplished during his three years' ministry. The human heart, as in this day, was in places, impervious to his touch and would not yield to the magic of his divine power. Jerusalem fell under prophetic penalty. Our Lord could but sit outside the gate and dream of the possibilities that had forever slipped from their hands. And how true the statement! Hardly had our Lord ascended to the Father before Jerusalem saw a Pentecostal awakening, when the converts of a single day far outstripped the whole ministerial career of the Savior. Jonathan Edwards, the Calvinistic preacher who passed like a flame of light along the Atlantic seaboard, saw converts by the thousands. The Wesleys, in England, Wales, Scotland and other places, had multitudes converted by their influence. Wesley and Whitefield saw their thousands redeemed in Georgia during their evangelistic tours in the South. Indeed, our works have spread further and wider than did his. He promised it, and it is so. What a privilege to live under the dispensation and reign of the Holy Ghost!

MATT. 8:11.

Everywhere Christ brought to the disciples' attention the fact that his mission was universal in its application and purpose. There were no racial demarcations, no difference of tongues could set aside salvation, no particular place in the earth was to be the scene of evangelization. To draw the line that would exempt a solitary soul is an absolute impossibility. From the ends of the earth—the north and south, the east and west—all have a right to sit down with Abraham, Isaac and Jacob in the kingdom of heaven. That persons who draw a distinction that exempts a soul from the benefits of salvation at once renders invalid his own experience. No man is justified in particularizing the man or race that shall be blessed with the gospel. Especially does this become a profound conviction when we study the third reference—Isa. 45:2-23. This is a wonderful missionary forecast that repays a thousandfold in its close, prayerful study.

FOR THE LITERARY DEPARTMENT.

We append herewith two delightful programs, which we gather from a Canadian source. We are sure, after making changes necessary to local

adaptation, these will afford magnificent evenings for our Texas Leaguers:

(A) EVENING WITH TENNYSON.

- 1. Quartette, "Sweet and Low." 2. Paper, "Life of Tennyson." 3. Song, "Break on thy cold, gray stones, O Sea," Tennyson. 4. Gems from Tennyson, each member to read or recite not more than eight lines. 5. "The Brook," Tennyson. 6. Paper, "In Memoriam," Tennyson. 7. Quartette, "Blow, breezes, blow," Tennyson. 8. Recitation, "Blaze of the light signal," or "The Revenge," Tennyson. 9. Song, "Crossing the Bar," Tennyson.

(B) AN EVENING WITH TENNYSON.

- 1. Music. 2. Address, "Life and Work of Tennyson." 3. Reading, "Lord of Burleigh." 4. Quartette, "Sweet and Low." 5. Recitation, "St. Agnes' Eve." 6. Quotations from Tennyson (ten in number, selected by President). 7. Recitation, "Break, Break, Break." 8. Music.

(C) TENNYSONIAN STUDIES.

- 1. Music. 2. Address, "A Literary Criticism and Synopsis of 'The Princess.'" 3. Recitation, "The Charge of the Light Brigade." 4. Duet. 5. Quotations (ten in number). 6. Reading, "Merlin and the Gleam." 7. Recitation, "Crossing the Bar."

(D) A HAVERGAL EVENING.

- 1. Music. 2. Paper, "Life of Frances Ridley Havergal." 3. Music. 4. Paper, "Works of Frances Ridley Havergal." 5. Study, "Lessons from Her Life." 6. Study, "One of Her Poems" (to be selected by the Leaguer). 7. Selections from her poems (to be recited or read).

(E) THE BELLS.

- 1. Essay, "An Evening With the Bells." 2. Piano duet, "Yuletide Bells." 3. Reading, "The Bell of A'ri." 4. Chorus, "Jingle Bells." 5. Reading, "Curfew Shall Not Ring To-Night." 6. Solo, "Chiming Bells of Long Ago." 7. Recitation, "The Three Bells." 8. Piano Solo, "Ring the Bells of Heaven." 9. Reading, "The Incheape Rock." 10. Chorus, "Hear Dem Bells." 11. Recitation, "Ring Out, Wild Bells."

(As a matter of decoration, a large bell of colored paper, over a wire netting, inside of which was a lighted candle, suspended from the ceiling, would be greatly admired. In addition, evergreens and plants would give the room an inviting appearance.)

IN "A COAL MINE IN EAST TENNESSEE."

Were you ever in a coal mine? Not one that you could reach by a shaft, but tunneled straight under a mountain? Most of the mines in Tennessee are tunneled under mountains.

These mines have a main entrance, from which others lead off right and left. These are the car-ways, eight feet wide and high enough for a mule to walk under the top in pulling the cart.

The coal is mined on both sides of the entrance, in sections called rooms. The rooms are every forty feet, and thirty feet wide. Two men work in each room. The height of the rooms vary according to the thickness of the coal. Some places it is not more than two feet. Just imagine yourself shoveling coal in a room with the ceiling two feet above the floor! You will think that it is very tiresome work; but it is not very hard after a little practice. I have laid on my side and shoveled coal fifteen feet at the rate of a ton an hour.

At the age of 16 I was working in the mines for a young man. He was paid so much per ton for mining the coal, hiring me by the day. This mine was a very pleasant one to work in. The top is solid sandstone, and no danger of falling, except three particles, known to miners as "man-heads," "path" and "horse-backs." These would sometimes fall from the seemingly solid hard surface of the stone. The "man-heads" weigh about one

hundred pounds; the "pots" are the size of a wash-kettle, and the "horse-backs" are about ten feet long and weigh several tons.

One day I was sent into an old room for some purpose. I was going slow, tapping the top with my pick (one of the first things a miner learns), to discover if there were any man-heads, pots or horse-backs; and at the same time, with mind and heart, I was asking God to keep me out of danger that I could not see myself, fully believing that he would hear my prayer. Just at this moment the man I was working with—a happy Christian—commenced singing "Blessed assurance! Jesus is mine. Oh, what a foretaste of glory divine! Oh, the wonderful happiness, the joy, the peace, that comes to believing prayer! Angels descending, bring from above echoes of mercy, whispers of love." Eight years have passed since then, but the happiness of that day is as fresh in my memory as if it had only been yesterday. Back under the mountain, black with coal-dust and powder smoke, I did not forget to thank God for his blessings.

Oh, that men would praise the Lord for his goodness and for his wonderful works to the children of men!

JOHN A. KELLEY.

Center Hill, Texas.

MARRIAGES.

Gibson-Martin.—At Lamesa, Texas, on December 22, 1901, Mr. A. E. Gibson and Miss Sallie Martin, Rev. A. H. Huxsey officiating.

Lawson-Holcomb.—At Telephone, Texas, on January 6, 1902, Mr. J. D. Lawson and Miss C. H. Holcomb, Rev. A. H. Huxsey officiating.

Moore-Durrell.—At Lamesa, Texas, on January 12, 1902, by Rev. A. H. Huxsey, Mr. M. W. Moore and Miss Mary E. Durrell.

Cardwell-Lane.—At the home of the bride's parents, Rev. J. E. Lane and wife, near Lamesa, Texas, Mr. T. L. Cardwell and Miss Belle Lane, Rev. A. H. Huxsey officiating.

Walkup-Shelton.—On January 2, 1902, at the residence of the bride's father, Mr. J. W. Walkup, of Eldy, Texas, and Mrs. Maggie B. Shelton, of Rowland, Texas, Rev. J. W. Bergin officiating.

Turner-Sanders.—At the residence of the bride's mother, Mrs. Sanders, at Linden, Texas, January 8, 1902, Dr. A. J. Turner and Miss Jeanette Sanders, Rev. C. A. Turner officiating.

Haynes-Draper.—In the parsonage at Atlanta, Texas, January 8, 1902, Mr. T. F. Haynes and Miss Maggie Draper, both of Cass County, Rev. C. A. Turner officiating.

Spearmen-Taylor.—At the Taylor Hotel in Linden, Texas, January 20, 1902, Mr. S. Spearman and Miss Willie Taylor, Rev. C. A. Turner officiating.

Truett-Moody.—February 2, 1902, at the residence of the bride's father, W. H. Moody, Upshur County, Texas, Mr. James W. Truett and Miss Sallie Moody, Rev. W. W. Graham officiating.

Montgomery-Perkins.—On January 19, 1902, at the home of the bride's parents in Granbury, Texas, Mr. John C. Montgomery and Miss Ota Perkins, Rev. Sam'l J. Rucker officiating.

Litch-Mullins.—On January 26, 1902, at the home of the bride's mother in Granbury, Texas, Mr. D. Luther Litch and Miss Sweetie Mullins, Rev. Sam'l J. Rucker officiating.

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HOLDING THE FORT.

The committee appointed to plan for the proper celebration of the twenty-fifth anniversary of the Brazil Mission issued, as part of the celebration program, an earnest, modest and humble appeal to the home Church, which, it is much to be feared, either passed by unheeded or received but scant notice. Surely it was worthy of a better sort. Poor Brazil! Her set time, as far as the mother Church is concerned, has not yet arrived, nor does it seem even near.

We feel hungry when we read of how the different boards, as well as individuals, are planning wisely and contributing generously for the extension of educational work, the setting up of printing plants, and the building of churches in other lands. This is as it should be, and we are glad of it; but, when we remember that none of these good things come our way, it is not to be wondered at that we long for some of the crumbs. Does Brazil need these things? Of course she does, and just as much as any other mission field. But we do not yet despair of being heard. The Brazilian Church cherishes the hope that the ears of the home Church will some day open to her urgent cries for help, and that she will yet receive from the friends of missions that attention and consideration which she justly merits. Meantime, she is doing her best to "hold the fort."

The Brazilian believers are a generous people. Of them it might be said, as it was of the Macedonian Churches, that "the abundance of their joy and deep poverty abounded unto the riches of their liberality." Instance the goodly number of churches built, and under great difficulties—without aid from abroad. Instance the wonderful development of the matter of self-support, supporting, as they do the majority of their native pastors. Instance how, so recently, and under great financial pressure, they made such a liberal contribution to the Twentieth Century Fund, really going "beyond their power." This amount to go to their educational work. Then add to this fact that just now, although the financial crisis still continues, they have courageously set to work to pay off the embarrassing debt on their own Publishing House, and you will be ready to conclude with us that such a generous people and such a flourishing mission ought to be encouraged.

The twenty-fifth anniversary memorial, or appeal, referred to the committee, mentions a number of needs as being "the most urgent material necessities of our Methodism in Brazil." Amongst these there are three to which we wish to call very special attention. I quote from the appeal:

"1. Funds to secure a site and erect a suitable church building in the city of Sao Paulo. It is recognized by all the workers on the field that the work in the city of Sao Paulo has about reached the limit of what can be reasonably hoped for in rented and inadequate premises. This is one of the most important centers of evangelization in the country, and to meet the demands and improve the great opportunity, we must have an adequate church building. The native Church is working heroically, and has already in hand a nice little sum; but some fifteen thousand dollars more must still be provided in order to secure the proper building suitably located.

"2. The carrying out of the plans already projected for the new building so greatly needed for Granbery College. One of the most important enterprises undertaken by the Church thus far in Brazil is Granbery College. Education in a country where less than 20 per cent of the people can read and write becomes an important feature of mission work. The fact that this school is for the education and preparation of young men for the ministry commends its claims to the whole Church. The liberality with which the native Church has contributed to the Twenty-fifth Century Fund for education is well known to the whole Church. What they have contributed goes largely to paying for the admirable site already purchased. It is imperative that the funds necessary for the erection and equipment of a proper building be secured at once. Perhaps the greatest need of the work to-day is the preparation of a native ministry.

"3. The sending out at once of at least three new missionaries. The statistics and facts presented annually for your consideration will not have failed to impress you with the rapid growth of the work in this mission field. It is everywhere recognized that there is urgent need for more workers. The preparation of a native ministry is necessarily a slow process, especially so long as Granbery College remains so inadequately equipped for work. To maintain the work already in hand, and to respond to even a few of the many calls that constantly come from sections of the country immediately

contiguous to our existing work, at least three more missionaries ought to be sent out at once. The new work recently taken over in Rio Grande do Sul must be provided for. We most earnestly urge upon you the necessity of sending out those men immediately." **M. DICKIE.**

SHORT SKETCHES OF THE WAR BETWEEN THE STATES.

(With Illustrations of Soldier Life) BY REV. W. W. ALLEN.

Negroes Following Banks' Army—An Old Negro's Age—Got Sick While a Courier—Leave of Absence.

When Gen. Banks desolated Louisiana to secure to him, as he regarded, a safe base for his operation against Port Hudson, he carried his torch and robbery as far west as a line reaching from Berwick Bay to Cheneyville, on Bayou Boeuf. Vast herds of negroes followed his army towards the Mississippi River. When he had finished his work of desolation and retreated to Port Hudson, one of the fairest fields of American agriculture was reduced to such extremity that starvation looked the few remaining citizens in the face.

Multiplied thousands of negroes, of all ages, undertook to follow the Federal Army to the Mississippi! They were in a starving condition, snatching up any refuse that was left at their camps. It was really a pitiable spectacle in comparison with their former state of plenty along with their tasks. It presented a scene worse, possibly, than Africa ever presented in its darkest days. With stolid, starving look, they solemnly strode along, with their bundles of beds and clothing upon their heads and shoulders. The aged and young, men, women and children, without order, marching along in loneliness, or through sickness and fatigue, dropping, resting, reclining and dying by the wayside, fondly dreaming of an Elysian impossible to realize. They were rejected and neglected by those they esteemed their friends and thrown upon the hands of impoverished Confederate soldiers in a desolate country. Many died of exhaustion, sickness and starvation. It was unavoidable. Sometimes in man's extremity there is scarcely else than a falling tear. Young masters of the Confederacy wept over the scene.

As we passed these miserable herds of suffering flesh I was peculiarly struck with the aged appearance of a certain negro. With hair not white but strongly grizzled and a hundred other concentrated marks deep-written which indicated that his birth was of ancient date, he was the picture of age. I stopped my horse, and gazing on him a moment, said: "Uncle, you are the greatest picture of age I ever met. Will you please tell me how old you are?" He replied: "I don't know, Massa, how old I is; but do you see dat bayou over dar?" "Yes, Uncle," I said. "I see it." "Well, Massa, all I know I was here before dat bayou was

dar." I said: "Uncle, are you really Adam?" He answered: "Yes, sah, dat is de name da has always called me." I rode on meditatively, thinking of the ancient Adam and wondering whether he really died, as reported, at nine hundred and thirty-nine years of age.

Without apology we will give a word of personal experience. I was sent with a dispatch from Opelousas to Berwick, a distance of about one hundred miles. The country was desolate, and there was little chance for me or horse except what was carried along. The dispatch was delivered on the second day. On returning, far from any camp and about the noon hour, I was taken with a very severe chill. The fever ran high and I grew worse every hour. Finally I came to a house, a lone man there, and everything around had the appearance of homeless destitution. I got down, went in and laid down on the porch. The man came to me, saw my condition, thought I was going to die, and looked frightened. I soon came to his conclusion. I told him my business, who I was, where I belonged and many other things, all of which he wrote down and promised to send them to the army at Opelousas. The next morning, not knowing what passed through the night and feeling refreshed, I mounted and by the going down of the sun rode into Opelousas.

But another dreadful chill came on me early next morning. I got leave of absence to recruit my health, but in the meantime the army had moved

on Old Caney. The house at which I stopped was large, but very plain. It was the home of a Presbyterian minister. But oh, what a chill came me that day! I was not confined to a spacious room, and received little attention except they wanted me to eat, which I could not do. Then I lay and rolled and groaned my chill and fever away. Night came, and with it boys, girls and some soldiers, and they had a rollicking time. There was much noise, and it was so impossible with my burning head and scorching fever that I anxiously desired to be somewhere else. Just anywhere else. I left my room and went down the stairs, but through my fever I had a view of the large hall. There they were in two rows, peering and staring over the rail one at a time, and exchanging partners to the "Waltz Minstrel" duty. It was wonderful, and it was there and there that I first learned myself into my burning condition, and even to this day it will haunt my brain as an unpleasant memory.

The next day I sought for a better place, and found it in very short place, with much comfort, and had quite to stop my horse. I had been there but a day when the gentleman said: "Well, and I have been talking a great deal about you and the way you are a preacher." I said: "I am a soldier." But he insisted that I was a preacher. I confessed and told him such a welcome man seldom comes of absence to recruit my health, but they were Methodists of the old school. I was soon well and in the camp.

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THE ONE NECESSITY, AS SEEN FROM A TREASURER'S POINT OF VIEW.

It has been said that "a poor excuse is better than none." Whether this is ever true or not may be doubted, but it does not apply to the W. F. M. S., for there is no excuse for a member not knowing all about the workings of the society, and its financial condition and wants. To study our literature would make us perfectly familiar with the work, would increase our interest and add to our numbers. Every organization for Christian work has a special object in view. The W. F. M. S. was organized to send the "Good Tidings" to our heathen sisters. To do this, there must be consecrated women to go. We have them, noble women, who have cheerfully answered the call of their Lord, saying, "Here am I, send me," and have left home and its sweet associations to go.

We, of the Texas Conference Society, having helped to send these women out, are responsible according to our number, for their sustenance. If we falter or draw back, our responsibility remains the same, and something or some person connected with our work suffers.

This is the last month of the fiscal year, and we have not yet met our obligations. Let every member pay up in full, and every auxiliary will see that this is the best year of its history. Every adult member is expected to pay ten cents a month, and it should be paid monthly. The fee for the conference fund is twenty-five cents a year per member and should be paid in March. The conference fund is intended to pay the expenses of the Conference Society, but it seems hard for some to understand this. The officers of Conference Societies have certain expenses to meet in their various departments, some more, some less, and this conference fund is intended to meet that expense. It is necessary for local auxiliaries to have blank forms for the reports of Corresponding Secretaries and Treasurers. These must be printed and distributed by mail. Literature, quarterly letters, reports of the meeting of the Woman's Board of Missions and minutes of our own Conference Society must be sent to every auxiliary, adult and juvenile. Many questions are asked, which must be answered by mail by our Conference Corresponding Secretary, and she and the District Secretaries must keep in touch with the various auxiliaries and with each other by correspondence, and the expense of such correspondence must be met. The Treasurer's office requires stationery, stamps and sometimes new books. The other officers need smaller sums for their various duties. They contribute their full share of the fund and give their time and labor. We should not expect more of them. If each member would contribute 25 cents a year, and each member of a Juvenile Society 10 cents a year, it would easily meet all these expenses and pay for the publication of our minutes. But to make sure of this it should be paid in March. Our work has grown so that 10 cents a month from each member, if all paid, would not meet all our expenses; and to meet this deficiency, those who are "willing hearted" pledge every year an additional sum. If every lady gave one dollar on this pledge, the total amount for each member would be only \$2.45 a year; Juvenile members only pay 5 cents a month, dues, and 10 cents a year to the conference fund. Suppose every lady should pay her 10 cents each month at the meeting; in March pay 25 cents for the conference fund, and at the beginning of each quarter 25 cents on the special pledge, the whole would be met in small amounts, and a little system would make easy what seemed very hard in the aggregate. Juvenile members should be taught to be equally prompt and systematic, making their pledge with the lady manager.

Ladies of the Texas Conference Society, please send remittances promptly, if possible by March 1. It will greatly assist your Treasurer. And please be sure to head and sign your reports. Let us, this year, prove our sincerity in the work of our Master by giving and serving faithfully.

Your Conference Treasurer, MRS. M. E. STEELE, Houston, Texas.

There was an executive meeting of the W. F. M. Society, North Texas Conference, held in Dallas at the home of Mrs. Potts, Corresponding Secretary of the Conference Society, Tuesday afternoon, Feb. 4. The President,

First Vice-President, Corresponding Secretary, Recording Secretary, District Secretary of Dallas District and District Secretary of Terrell District, officers of the Conference Society, were present. The time for holding the next annual meeting of the Conference Society, to be held at White-wright, was fixed for April 9-13, opening Wednesday, the 9th, at 8 p. m. A committee on program for the annual meeting was appointed, consisting of the President, Corresponding Secretary and Recording Secretary of the Conference Society.

The article which appeared last week in this department, "A Little Child Shall Lead Them," should have been credited to Mrs. Mary M. Davidson of Georgetown, Texas, instead of Longview, as the type made it appear, and we make this announcement in behalf of those most interested.

The District Secretary of W. F. M. Society, Terrell District, urges that the members of the auxiliaries of that district will bear in mind the missionary rally which she has already announced last week, to be held in Kaufman, commencing Friday night before the fourth Sunday in February, continuing through Saturday and Sunday, and all who can do so be present, in order to make the meeting a success in every respect.

DEACONESSES—SHALL WE HAVE THEM?

Memorials will go up to General Conference, next May, from the Woman's Board of Home Missions, the Woman's Board of Foreign Missions, and several Annual Conferences, asking that the order of deaconesses be established. The issue is not to be evaded, and the time is short for discussion. Let those who think on these things be heard from.

All agree that the work of the deaconess should be done, but there is an honest difference of opinion as to who should do it. There are self evident reasons why the members of our women's societies can not do it. Can the already over-burdened city pastors look after and evangelize the poverty stricken and sin infected districts? Clearly not, I say this with a conscientious sense of shame, but it is a fact that, instead of helping them to do so, the membership of our Churches is so exacting of the pastors' time and attention as to fully occupy them with those whose names are on their church registers. No small portion of time is consumed in administering soothing syrups to the querulous and complaining part of the congregations. Of course this is not as it should be, but when will it be different? The work to which the deaconess is called requires incessant toil and eternal vigilance. Unquestionably it is a work better adapted to women than to men. Though we have not the social bar of the Orient, we have a law of expediency that applies here. In the very nature of the case, it can only be reached through the ministry of women.

Some one has asked if the women are not given all the latitude in such work that is necessary for them to devise ways and means to meet every such emergency without further legislation. This is a pertinent question and deserves consideration. With our present organizations, though they are strong adjuncts, the solution to the problem has not yet been made. More and more is the congested condition of our cities becoming a problem to the Church. There is something needed beyond that which we have. "New occasions teach new duties," and out of the logic of this statement has grown the settled conviction of the necessity for better trained, and more thoroughly equipped workers. While many would be willing to devote themselves to this work, the meager salary of a city missionary is not adequate to secure them against want in sickness and old age. There must be a substantial basis upon which to commit them wholly to this work, taking out of their services all time and money considerations.

If it were practicable for the Home and Foreign Missionary Societies to be left to develop this idea would it be expedient to permit them to do so?

They are loyal to "the powers that be," but the demand is so great that if this movement does not secure the legislation needed there may spring up the same complex problem with which the M. E. Church has had to deal—two orders of deaconesses, and unending confusion. Foreseeing the inevitable, these memorials have been presented with the hope, by adopting the wisest course, we may secure all the good and escape the pitfalls of such a movement.

It is a significant fact that this memorial originated in a local board of Church Extension and City Missions in one of our Southern cities. As pastors "who have long felt the pressing need of consecrated women helpers, whose lives are wholly given to the Master's cause to assist them in pastoral visiting and in mission work" have taken the initiative, does it not suggest that it is a call for woman's service rather than a knocking for admission upon her part? It is not wise to force the work of the women of the Church and that of the ministry apart. In Church economy the energy of each is best conserved when supplemental and co-operative.

Let the minister, or layman, who thinks he sees in this movement the traditional Trojan horse, by which the women of Southern Methodism would storm her citadel, and demand ecclesiastical recognition, cease his apprehension. Women do not want to preach—at least, not yet. There must be a new adjustment of affairs first—a deflection of the time honored chivalry of the men, and a consequent reconstruction of the mental attitude of the women, but "sufficient unto the day is the evil thereof."

MRS. L. H. POTTS, President W. H. M. S.

UNANSWERED LETTERS.

- Feb. 6-G. W. Harris, subs. J. N. McCain, sub. J. L. Morris, sub. L. L. Naugle, sub. T. J. Millan, sub. K. S. Vanzandt, sub. J. T. Bloodworth, sub. C. E. Lindsey, sub. J. M. Bond, sub. S. A. Ashburn, sub. J. H. Chambliss, sub. Jno. M. Buren, sub. C. J. Osley, subs. Ellis Smith, sub. R. L. Bridges, trial subs. Feb. 7-A. G. Nolen, sub. W. W. Graham, sub. S. P. Nevill, sub. M. E. Hawkins, sub. Geo. S. Wyatt, sub. G. W. Riley, sub. Ed. R. Wallace, sub. Theo. Gregory, sub. R. O. Bailey, subs. Feb. 8-W. T. Morrow, subs. 2 cards. J. P. Lowry, sub. C. Bruce Meador, sub. J. M. Owen, sub. J. P. Mussett, sub. Geo. S. Sexton, sub. S. J. Franks, sub. M. K. Fred, sub. Ellis Smith, sub. changed. Feb. 10-W. T. Melugin, has attention. J. M. Carter, sub. E. W. Myers, trial subs. G. A. Nance, sub. W. F. Gibbons, trial subs. 2 cards. C. D. West, sub. V. G. Thomas, sub. Jno. R. Steele, sub. G. W. Day, sub. E. G. Roberts, sub. I. Alexander, sub. W. H. Terry, sub. Jas. A. Walkup, sub. W. W. Graham, sub. J. M. Perry, sub. has attention. Jesse Willis, sub. J. B. Turrentine, sub. Feb. 11-Frank Hughes, sub. J. W. Harmon, sub. R. J. Bosta, sub. J. C. Carpenter, sub. E. W. Schomon, sub. 2 cards. J. H. Walker, trial subs. D. H. Hotchkiss, sub. C. A. Meier, sub. J. H. Busswell, sub. Jno. R. Smith, sub. J. E. Walker, sub. T. T. Booth, sub. R. J. Birdwell, sub. C. G. Short, sub. Feb. 12-J. T. Bloodworth, subs. A. L. Seales, sub. Chas. Davin, sub. Geo. W. Kinchloe, sub. J. W. Bridges, sub. J. R. Atchley, sub. D. J. Martin, sub. Jno. Moore, sub. A. Y. Old, sub. J. A. Fiedler, subs. have attention. I. T. Morris, sub. Jos. F. Callaway, sub. V. A. Goddy, sub.

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DALLAS DISTRICT CONFERENCE.

APRIL 15-17. Committees of Examination—License to Preach—W. A. Edwards, J. W. Rowlett, J. M. Nichols, J. H. Webster. Recommendation for Admission on Trial—C. E. Lamb, M. L. Hamilton, L. P. Smith. For Deacon's Orders—M. H. Neely, L. S. Barton, B. H. Webster. For Elder's Orders—J. L. Pierce, S. P. Ulrich, J. F. Archer. I. W. CLARK, P. E.

"SEVERAL MISTAKES."

Under this head Brother Ben Hardy calls attention in the Advocate of Jan. 9, to the fact that several charges in the Clarendon District had reported something raised for Bible Cause, as shown by the Journal, but the Committee on Bible Cause says that nothing had been raised on these charges. As Secretary of the committee this scribe did just what the committee appointed him to do and reported accordingly. I was instructed to see the Statistical Secretary before reporting to the conference and find out just what charges had not reported on Bible Cause and call attention to the same. I had all the charges in print and marked them as the Secretary called them. Now, I don't know when, how, where or by whom the revision came in on the Clarendon District, but am quite sure it did not read, when given to the committee, by the Secretary. Like it reads in the Journal. The committee was trying to get at the facts, and we are sorry indeed for any mistake that may have been made. Though the Bible Cause is one of vital importance, it is one that is shelved by many of the preachers. I still think the committee did the proper thing in calling attention to it. Should this scribe be on the committee next fall he would suggest the same plan. In fact, the report has already borne good fruit.

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Now that a gown, especially a handsome one, is not considered properly finished unless there is some hand embroidery about it, the amateur will be glad to have some help in the matter. Vevers, collars and cuffs, edges of short jackets, bands on skirts and waists, pants and trimmings on skirts are some of the ways in which the work is utilized. Silk is used for embroidery on woollens, satin or silk goods, and wash silk or linen thread on cottons. A number of pretty stitches are illustrated in the March issue, which are well within the reach of the amateur.

Cuba's First President.

Tomás Estrada Palma is 65 years of age. His father was a wealthy planter in the easternmost Province of Cuba, and the son was well educated in Cuba and in Spain, and became a lawyer, with a view not so much to the practice of his profession as to the better management of the affairs of a large estate. His patriotic sympathies led him to active service in the ten years' struggle for independence which began in 1895 and ended in 1898, and early in that period he became a General in the insurgent army. Toward the end of the year, he became the President of the Provisional Government, a position which at least indicated the confidence in which he was held by the Cuban people. He was made a prisoner, taken to Spain, at the risk of his life refused to swear allegiance, witnessed, in consequence, the confiscation of his estates, and some time after the final termination of the struggle regained his personal liberty, at the loss, however, of his Cuban property and home. When he goes to Cuba, two or three months hence, to assume the duties and high honors of the presidency, it will be after an absence of twenty-four years. After his release, at the end of the Ten Years' War, Palma traveled in Spanish-American countries, and settled in Honduras, where he married the daughter of the President of that Republic and became Postmaster-General. Subsequently he came with his wife and one little child to New York, and saw an opportunity to establish a school for young people from the Spanish-American countries. His institute was located in the little town of Central Valley in Orange County, N. Y., some forty miles from the metropolis. He has now lived in Central Valley for eighteen years, and his six children, five of whom were born there, have known no other home. From "A New Republic and Its President," in the American Monthly Review of Reviews for February.

The question of cheap fuel has at all times, dominated the location of manufacturing institutions. It was so in the East, where factories, released from the intermittent thralldom of water power, were established adjacent to the coal fields or on water courses, and points where coal could be cheaply delivered. One of the great drawbacks to manufacturing in Texas has been the great distance of its metropolitan centers from the coal mines of the country. The discovery of the wonderful oil beds of South-east Texas and Southwest Louisiana seems apparently to have solved the problems involved in a discussion of the question. The gradual evolution of the new industry will manifest competent vehicles for shipment or transmission. Rome was not built in a day, and facilities for the handling of what was practically a foreign product could not be secured by the mere pressure of a button or the summoning of the alluring gong of progress. At any rate, the introduction of the Beaumont oil as a cheap fuel should stimulate every latent energy, loosen the rusty latches of the strong boxes, and give a forward movement to capital which would make factories of all sorts as common in the land as they are conspicuous by their absence at the present time.—Literary Bureau Southern Pacific, Houston and Texas Central.

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OVER IN

On Tuesday with grip in hand bound Cannon I found the 1 ary Institute, of date. This trail any time and m At Terrell our visible from the beauty and puts the front in the ing town. I the gill, the preacher he would happen but was not. I joined by Rev. J the same destin was delayed sev ley, the preache ready gone to I Bro. Goddie, the intendent. I for equipped lawyer with all the evid his profession. call him "Judge, fine Sunday school work. I heard church and hope soon assume deft congregation war railroad and built more costly struc a habit of bringin will, doubtless, church in Mineco A short ride broi found the presid Smith, going rigt a good meeting. preachers was go sermon by Uncle introduced to a go sented the work House. The new day-school work school Institute, sonville in April, and much intere audience. Next, with the preacher of nice orders for preachers show t works and buy b The Branch Hou friends than the E I had a delightful burn, and also di gins, a wide-aw teacher. After the Meeting adjourned further into the Texas, and resum spent Wednesday R. Patterson in T intendent of Mar and one of the l men I have met I believes he has school in Texas. preacher in charge of the situatio everything wake u He is a success.

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NORTH TEXAS CONFERENCE.

Paris District—First Round. Emberson, at Mt. Taber, Feb. 15, 16. Maxey, at El Bethel, Feb. 18, 19. Chleota, at Palestine, Feb. 22, 23. E. W. Alderson, P. E.

Greenville District—First Round. Leonard mls, at Grove Hill, 2d Sun, Feb. Leonard and Orange Grove, at night, 2d Sun, Feb. Qutlan, at Qutlan, 4th Sun, Feb. O. S. Thomas, P. E.

Bowie District—First Round. Bryson, at Brown S. H., Feb. 15, 16. Jackboro, Feb. 22, 23. Archer City, at Archer City, March 1, 2. Holiday, at Holiday, March 2, 3. Blue Grove, at Blue Grove, March 3, 4. F. O. Miller, P. E.

Dallas District—First Round. Denton, Feb. 15, 16. Trinity, 11 a. m., Feb. 22, 23. Grand Prairie, 7 p. m., Feb. 22, 23. Lewisville, March 1, 2. Cochran and Caruth, March 15, 16. I. W. Clark, P. E.

Bonham District—First Round. Trenton and Marvin, 2d Sun, Feb. Brookston and High, 4th Sun, Feb. Guber, 1st Sun, March. Fannin, 2d Sun, March. T. R. Pierce, P. E.

Sherman District—First Round. Bells, Feb. 15, 16. Toga and Gunter, 4th Sun, Feb. Southmayr, 1st Sun, March. Pilot Grove, 2d Sun, March. Gordonville, 2d Sun, March. J. A. Stafford, P. E.

Terrell District—First Round. Kaufman sta., Feb. 15, 16. Crandall, at Lone Elm, Feb. 22, 23. Royce, March 1, 2. Mabank, at Mabank, March 8, 9. Terrell, at College Mount, Feb. 15, 16. J. M. Peterson, P. E.

Sulphur Springs District—First Round. Blight, at Lone Star, Feb. 15, 16. Sulphur Bluff, at Sulphur Bluff, Feb. 22, 23. Lake Creek, at Brushy Mount, March 1, 2. Como, at Como, March 8, 9. E. H. Casey, P. E.

Gainesville District—First Round. Greenwood, at Greenwood, Feb. 15, 16. Marysville, at West Ridge, Feb. 22, 23. Rounsok and Ponder, at Drop, Mar. 1, 2. Geo. S. Sexton, P. E.

McKinney District—First Round. Plano sta., Feb. 15, 16. Renner, at Renner, Feb. 15, 16. Wylie, at Wylie, Feb. 22, 23. Weston, at Weston, March 1, 2. Copleville mls, at Millam's chap, Mar. 8, 9. Melissa mls., Mar. 15, 16. F. A. Houser, P. E.

NORTHWEST TEX. CONFERENCE.

Gatesville District—Second Round. Valley Mills and Clifton, Feb. 15, 16. Crawford, Feb. 22, 23. Jonesboro, March 1, 2. Harmony, March 8, 9. Killen and Nolanville, March 15, 16. Copera Cove, 11 a. m., March 22, 23. Lampasas, March 22, 23. McGregor, 7:30 p. m., March 24. Coryell City, March 29, 30. Evans, April 5, 6. Bee House, 11 a. m., April 7. Brookhaven, April 12, 13. Oglesby, April 12, 13. China Springs, 11 a. m., April 19. Gatesville mls., April 19, 20. Hamilton, 11 a. m., April 26. Gatesville sta., April 26, 27. Delegates to the District Conference will be elected this round. District Conference will convene at Gatesville June 28, at 9 a. m., and will embrace the 6th Sunday, "Missionary Institute" in Gatesville, June 28, and will embrace one day. J. G. Putman, P. E.

Corsicana District—Second Round. Corsicana sta., at Corsicana, Feb. 22, 23. Corsicana, South Side, at S. S., Feb. 22, 23. Rice, at Reynolds, March 1, 2. Cotton Gin, at Shiloh, March 8, 9. Mexia, at Mexia, March 8, 9. Wortham, at Woodland, March 15, 16. Brandon, at Mertens, March 22, 23. Kereas, at Kereas, March 22, 23. Frost, at Frost, April 5, 6. Lone Cedar, at Lone Cedar, April 5, 6. Blooming Grove, at B. G., April 5, 6. Dresden, at Brushy, April 12, 13. Dawson, at Dover, April 12, 13. Hubbard, at Hubbard, April 19, 20. Hays Hill, at Central Inst., April 19, 20. Groesbeck, at Groesbeck, April 26, 27. Barry, at Cryer Creek, April 26, 27. Thornton, at Thornton, May 3, 4. Corsicana, at Corsicana, May 3, 4. Roane, at Roane, May 3, 4. Armour, at Armour, May 10, 11. Eureka, at Birdston, May 17, 18. E. A. Hulby, P. E.

Vernon District—Second Round. Crowell, at Thalia, Sat., Sun., Feb. 22, 23. Quannah, at Quannah, Tues., Feb. 25, 26. Vernon mls, at Grapevine, Sat., Sun., March 1, 2. Blair, Sun., Mon., March 9, 10. Leger, Mon. night, March 10. Willow Vale, at Olive Tree, March 11. Mangum, West night, March 12. Deer Creek, at Maria, Thurs., March 12. Eldorado, at Cowen, Sat., Sun., Mar. 15, 16. Yeldell, at Lock, Sat., Sun., Mar. 22, 23. Granite, at Martha, Sat., Sun., Mar. 29, 30. Seymour, Sat., Sun., April 5, 6. Benjamin, at White Flat, Tues., April 8. Munday, at Munday, Thurs., April 10. Round Timbers, at Spring Creek, Sat., Sun., April 12, 13. Throckmorton, Sat., Sun., April 19, 20. Haskell, Tues., April 22, 23. Haskell, Wed., April 23. Chilton, Sat., Sun., April 26, 27. Vernon, May 3, 4. J. H. Wiseman, P. E.

Waco District—Second Round. Morrow Street, Feb. 15, 16. Hewitt, at Stringtown, Feb. 22, 23. Elm Street, March 2, 3. Bruceville, at Bruceville, March 8, 9. Lorena, at Mooreville, March 15, 16. Mount Calm, at M. C., March 22, 23. West, at West, March 29, 30. Moody, at Cedar, April 5, 6. Abbott, at Bynum, April 12, 13. Austin Avenue, April 19, 20. J. H. Wiseman, P. E.

Morgan, at Walnut, May 3, 4. Whitney, May 10, 11. Troy, at Okaville, May 17, 18. Aquila, at Ross, May 24, 25. Fifth Street, June 1, 2. Bosqueville, June 7, 8. Riesel, June 14, 15. District Epworth League Conference, at Mart, June 20, 21. District Conference, at Mart, June 20, 21. R. R. Bolton, P. E.

Fort Worth District—First Round. Blum, at Blum, Feb. 15, 16. Kennedale, at Forest Hill, Feb. 22, 23. Jas. Campbell, P. E.

Fort Worth District—Second Round. Missouri Avenue, March 2, 3. Polytechnic College, March 2, 3. French Street, March 8, 9. Mucky Memorial, March 8, 9. Trinity, March 15, 16. North Fort Worth, at Fossil, March 14. Crosson, at Bruce, March 15, 16. Grapevine, at Endless, March 22, 23. Arlington, March 22, 23. Azo, at Harwell Chapel, March 29, 30. First Church, Fort Worth, March 29, 30. Greenwood, March 29, 30. Smithfield, at S., April 5, 6. Joshua, at Burleson, April 12, 13. Cuba, at Watts Ch., April 19, 20. Cleburne, May 3, 4. District Conference, at Cleburne, May 1-4. Jas. Campbell, P. E.

Weatherford District—Second Round. Springtown, at Knob, Feb. 15, 16. Weatherford mls, at Godfrey's Chapel, Feb. 22, 23. Peaster, at Agnes, March 1, 2. Aledo, at Mary's Creek, March 8, 9. Whit and Bethesda, at W., March 15, 16. Milwau, at Willow Pond, March 22, 23. Graham, at Noyland, March 29, 30. Graham, at Salem, March 29, 30. Farmer, at Red Top, April 5, 6. Ellsville, at Caddo, April 12, 13. Rockledge, at Eureka, April 19, 20. Gordon and Strawn, at S., April 26, 27. Sandoz, at Sandoz, May 3, 4. Palo Pinto, May 10, 11. Mineral Wells, May 17, 18. Jno. R. Morris, P. E.

Georgetown District—First Round. Burnett, Feb. 15, 16. Maxdall, Feb. 22, 23. Rodgers, March 1, 2. W. L. Nelms, P. E.

Clarendon District—First Round. Canyon City, at C., Feb. 15, 16. Hereford, at H., Feb. 22, 23. Stratford, at S., Feb. 22, 23. Silverton, March 1, 2. Cataline, March 8, 9. G. S. Hardy, P. E.

Dublin District—First Round. Deadmonia, at New Hope, Feb. 15, 16. DeLeon, Feb. 15, 16. Carbon mls, at Jewell, Feb. 22, 23. Carbon and Gorman, at G., Feb. 22, 23. E. F. Boone, P. E.

Dublin District—Second Round. Sigs Springs, at Sand Hill, March 1, 2. Dublin, March 8, 9. Stephenville, March 15, 16. Granbury, March 22, 23. Missionary Institute, at Dublin, March 29, 30. Rising Star, at Salt Tank, March 29, 30. Morgan Hill, at West's Chapel, April 5, 6. E. F. Boone, P. E.

TEXAS CONFERENCE.

Houston District—First Round. Washington St., Feb. 15, 16. Tabernacle, Feb. 17. McKee St., Feb. 18. Shearn, Feb. 19. Central Church, Feb. 22, 23. Sandy Point, at Sandy Point, Mar. 1, 2. Rosenberg, at Rosenberg, Mar. 8, 9. Richmond, Mar. 9, 10. Matagorda, at Matagorda, Mar. 15, 16. Mt. Belvieu, at Harber's Hill, Mar. 15, 16. Geo. A. LeClere, P. E.

Huntsville District—First Round. Anderson, at Anderson, Feb. 15, 16. Homestead, Feb. 19. Bryan, Feb. 21, 22. Dodge, at Black Jack, Mar. 1, 2. Zion, at New Hope, Mar. 8, 9. Montgomery, at Montgomery, Mar. 16, 17. Willis, Mar. 19. Huntsville, Chas. A. Hooper, P. E.

Brenham District—First Round. Maysfield, at M., Feb. 15, 16. Cameron, at Salem, Feb. 19. Ben Arnold, at Walker's Creek, Feb. 22, 23. Cameron, Feb. 23, 24. Davilla, at Friendship, Feb. 26. Milano, at Milano, Mar. 1. J. B. Cochran, P. E.

Calvert District—First Round. Petteway, at Petteway, Sat., Feb. 15. Rosebud, at Rosebud, Fri., Feb. 21. Travis, at T. C., Sat., Feb. 22. Durango, at P. V., Sat., Mar. 1. Lott, at Lott, Mon., Mar. 3. Bremont and Reagan, at R., Sat., Mar. 5. Marlin, at Marlin, Mon., Mar. 10. H. M. Sears, P. E.

Austin District—First Round. Webberville, at Osborn Ch., Feb. 15, 16. South Austin, Feb. 22, 23. Manchaca, at Shagard Ch., Feb. 22, 23. Hotchkiss Memorial, Austin, Feb. 26. Walnut, at Merrittown, Mar. 1, 2. Tenth Street, Austin, Mar. 3. First Street, Austin, Mar. 4. E. S. Smith, P. E.

West Texas Conference. Llano District—Second Round. Llano, Feb. 8, 9. Cherokee, Feb. 15, 16. San Saba mls., Feb. 22, 23. San Saba sta., 10 a. m., Feb. 24. Johnson City, March 1, 2. Blanco, March 8, 9. Willow City, March 15, 16. Boerne, March 22, 23. Center Point, 7 p. m., March 24. Bandera and Medina, 7 p. m., March 25. Kerrville, 7 p. m., March 26. Rock Springs, March 29, 30. Kingsland, April 5, 6. W. H. H. Biggs, P. E.

San Marcos District—Second Round. Waelder and Thompsonville, at T., 2d Sun, Feb. Buda, at Lytton Springs, 4th Sun, Feb. Luling, at Luling, 1st Sun, Mar. Lockhart, at McMahan, 2d Sun, Mar.

Lockhart, at Lockhart, 2d Sun, Mar. Dripping Springs, at Fitzhugh, 4th Sun, Mar. Belmont, at Prairie Lea, 5th Sun, Mar. Kyle and Pleasant Grove, at Kyle, 1st Sun, April. San Marcos, 2d Sun, April. San Marcos, at Hunter, 2d Sun, April. Gonzales, at Gonzales, 4th Sun, April. Sterling Fisher, P. E.

San Angelo District—Second Round. Ogona, 2d Sun, Mar. Water Valley, at Grape Cr., 2d Sun, Mar. Junction and Menard, at J., 4th Sun, Mar. Mason, at Camp San Saba, 2d Sun, Mar. Pontotoc, 1st Sun, April. Brady, 2d Sun, April. Milburn, 2d Sun, April. Theophilus Lee, P. E.

Boeville District—Second Round. Gollad, at Charon, Feb. 8, 9. Lavernia, at Sandy Elm, Feb. 15, 16. Pleasanton, at P., Feb. 22, 23. Stockdale, at Sunnyside, March 1, 2. Sutherland Springs, at Nookent, March 8, 9. Wade City, at Skidmore, March 15, 16. Oakville, at Mineral City, March 22, 23. Boeville, at Boeville, March 29, 30. Albee, at San Diego, April 5, 6. Corpus Christi, April 12, 13. Rockport, April 19, 20. Blainville, at Blainville, April 26, 27. Joe F. Webb, P. E.

Cuero District—Second Round. Victoria, 2d Sun, Feb. Edna, 2d Sun, Feb. Port Lavaca, 4th Sun, Feb. Nursery, 1st Sun, March. Clear Creek, at Cheapside, 2d Sun, March. Ganado, at Ganado, 2d Sun, March. Cuero, 4th Sun, March. Yoakum, 5th Sun, March. Jno. W. Stovall, P. E.

San Antonio District—First Round. Amphion, at Amphion, 2d Sun, Feb. Moore, at Moore, 4th Sun, Feb. B. Harris, P. E.

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Tyler District—First Round. Edom, at Tanner's Chapel, Feb. 15, 16. Big Sandy, at B. S., Feb. 22, 23. Marvin, at Marvin, Feb. 22, 23. New York, at Center View, Feb. 22, 23. J. T. Smith, P. E.

Bonham District—First Round. Graeg, Feb. 15, 16. Jasper, at Jasper, Feb. 22, 23. Jasper and Kirbyville, at J., Feb. 22, 23. Wallsville, March 1, 2. Call, at Call, March 8, 9. Kirbyville, Feb. 15, 16. Burkeville, Feb. 22, 23. Livingston, at Moscow, March 29, 30. Leggett, at Providence, April 5, 6. J. W. Johnson, P. E.

Marshall District—First Round. Arleton, at Bethel, Feb. 15, 16. Harkey, at Bethel, Feb. 15, 16. Halvick, at Halvick, Feb. 22, 23. Kilgore, at Kilgore, March 1, 2. Henderson, at Griffin, March 8, 9. Kellyville, at Trinity, March 15, 16. C. R. Lamar, P. E.

Pittsburg District—First Round. Redwater, at Redwater, Sat., Feb. 15. Texarkana, Fairview, Feb. 15, 16. Texarkana, State Line, Feb. 16, 17. Dalby Springs and DeKalb, at D. S., Feb. 22, 23. Musgrove, at Soule Chapel, Mar. 1, 2. Linden, at Douglasville, Mar. 8, 9. Dalingerfield, at Hughes Spring, Mar. 15, 16. John Adams, P. E.

Palestine District—First Round. Groveton, at Groveton, Feb. 15, 16. Crockett, at Center Hill, Feb. 22, 23. Crockett, Feb. 22, 23. Kennard, at Ratcliff, March 1, 2. Brushy Creek, at Mt. Vernon, March 8, 9. Frankfort, at Frankfort, March 15, 16. Alto, at Mt. Zion, March 22, 23. Augusta, at Augusta, March 29, 30. W. F. Davis, P. E.

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The buildings, since completed, are a credit to the Church, the admiration of all who see them and a joy and comfort to the inmates.

To visit the home makes us feel like eliminating the word orphan and considering ourselves in a well-kept and well-disciplined Christian home. In the presence of a loving and tender father and mother, full of solicitude for and surrounded by a company of happy, rejoicing children.

The good effect of the dedication occasion was far-reaching, enlarging the field of usefulness of the institution, putting its inmates upon many minds and hearts that had hitherto given it but little attention, and leaving no lingering doubt as to its present financial safety and future permanency.

The school, under the guidance of the skillful and trained hand of Prof. Burkhead, is doing charmingly. He puts sunshine, sense and religion into everything he touches.

In conversation with Bro. Vaughan, I found him full of gratitude to God for the good providence that has enabled him and all his helpers to accomplish the magnificent work that has been done, and full of hope for the future; but he modestly suggested that every day brings new cares and new responsibilities which must be met. Then I began to think on this wise: More than one hundred little mouths must be filled every day, more than one hundred little bodies must be clothed and more than one hundred little feet shod every day. The winter has been severe, some sickness among the children, expenses greater than usual, many unfavorable Sundays this year for church-going, not many preachers have yet sent in their Orphanage collection, and this is February. In view of all these things, I write to remind the pastors that early collections for the Orphanage, and sent to Bro. Vaughan, will greatly aid him in meeting a weighty responsibility.

H. R. BOLTON.

We are moving along very nicely at the Orphanage. Bro. Vaughan was called away a few days since, and in a day or two he returned with several children who lost their father some time ago, but whose mother died about a week since. The two youngest are twins, being only about 2 years old. The children at the Orphanage have had remarkably good health, when we take into consideration the very bad weather that we have had for the past two weeks. I noticed to-day that near-

ly every one was in his place in the dining-room, looking bright and happy, and fully equal to the task before him, and not very prompt to move out when I tapped the bell.

We have a good deal of company from over the State, and we are glad for our friends to drop in and see how we are getting along.

I was rather amused the other day, when several ladies and gentlemen came into the school-room, and when I turned the children loose on quite a number of the gems of literature, a man's wife turned to him and said, "This is just wonderful!" To which he replied, "You bet!"

We are trying to hold up the highest ideals of life to these boys, and as a means to that end we have been giving them at our chapel service at night fifteen minutes' talk on the great men of the past, the elements in their character that made them great men, and thereby caused them to bring things to pass. We see already that it is beginning to have a happy effect on the boys. We made a talk the other night to the boys, saying that every boy should have a spirit within him that means to make a man—that means to be something in this world; and, on going upstairs to bed, quite a number of the boys, who seemed to have been impressed with the talk, took me by the hand and said: "Bro. Burkhead, I am determined to be something in this world." I went to my room, saying to myself: "Bless God, the talk has been an inspiration to the boys!"

I am constantly asking these children questions, and I get some very funny replies. The other day I asked a boy who was the chief man of the nation, and, with a kind of circumflex accent, he said, "Bro. Vaughan" "Well," said I, "what is the greatest thing in the world?" He laughed, and pointing his finger at me, said, "You!" I thought to myself, it is all right to be a thing, provided you are the greatest thing in the world, and thus I consoled myself.

We have the school well organized. We have introduced the latest and most approved text-books. We have a beautiful school-room, and everything is so comfortable and pleasant.

The weather for the past two Sundays has been so unpleasant that we have not been able to get out to Sunday-school, but we have Sunday-school at home. We can ring the bell and have an audience of over a hundred in a few minutes, and so you see there is plenty work for us to do even on a rainy Sunday. It is a religious tonic to hear these children repeat the Ten Commandments, the Lord's Prayer, the Apostles' Creed, and to sing.

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MISS GOULD AT SOUTHWESTERN UNIVERSITY.

A few days since, Mr. L. Trice, Superintendent of the International and Great Northern Railroad, sent word through Mr. Daniel, the local agent, to the authorities at Southwestern University, of which institution he is a trustee, that Miss Helen Gould and party would stop in Georgetown for a few hours to visit the University. On Friday afternoon at 4 o'clock the special train which carried Miss Gould arrived, and despite the fact that every effort had been made to comply with her request that her coming should not be known, quite a crowd was at the station to catch a glimpse of the distinguished visitor. Three professors of the University met the party with carriages and hurried them off to the University buildings. Miss Gould began at once to make inquiries concerning the character and scope of the work done in the several departments. Her aunt, who accompanied her, also manifested a desire to learn what Methodists in Texas are doing for higher education, explaining that she felt this interest because she, too, was a Methodist.

The party was carried first to the Ladies' Annex, passing on the way the Methodist Church, the preparatory building and the University building. The latter was apparently a somewhat more imposing building than they had expected to find, and all expressed surprise that such a structure had been built with so small a sum as \$60,000.

As soon as her carriage reached the Annex grounds Miss Gould began to wave her handkerchief at the groups of girls who crowded the several porches. She was received by Mrs. Allen, Mrs. Cody, Mrs. Daniel, Mrs. Hyer and the lady teachers. That constraint and feeling of diffidence that is at first felt when one stands in the presence of a distinguished person was at once dissipated by the natural and easy grace with which Miss Gould received the courtesies offered her. Her wealth and station were lost sight of in the prominence of the fact that she was possessed of a strong and charming personality.

After going through the Annex the party was driven to the University building. Though the hours for recitations had long passed, there lingered in the chapel, society halls, library and laboratories groups of students anxious to catch a glimpse of the visitor. A number of them were introduced to her, and for each she had some gracious word. Though she explained that she was not a college graduate, her inquiries concerning the requirements for admission, courses of study, etc., indicated a familiarity with college work much more extensive than one would have inferred from her modest disclaimer of not being college bred.

Upon entering the chapel her first inquiry was concerning the character of religious services held for the students. Other questions of like nature showed that she was deeply interested in the religious life of the student body. She appeared to be particularly gratified to learn that Georgetown was a prohibition town, and that the law was heartily supported by public sentiment and rigidly enforced by the civil authorities.

As she waved adieu to those who accompanied her to her train, she left upon them the conviction that theirs had been the privilege of meeting one who was a model of all the virtues that adorn a high station.

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EAST TEXAS MISSIONARY STATISTICS.

Last year the districts paid per member in the following order:

- Marshall, 27 cents and a fraction.
 - Beaumont, 27 cents and a fraction.
 - Palestine, 26 cents and a fraction.
 - Pittsburg, 19 cents and a fraction.
 - San Augustine, 19 cents and a fraction.
 - Tyler, 17 cents and a fraction.
 - Marshall beat: Beaumont but a fraction.
- The stations paid as follows:
- Beaumont, 50 cents and a fraction.
 - Marshall, 46 cents.
 - Pittsburg, 44 cents and a fraction.
 - Tyler, Marvin, 34 cents and a fraction.
 - Palestine, 33 cents and a fraction.
 - Texarkana, 28 cents and a fraction.
- Thus it is seen that Beaumont has the banner by 4 cents per member, and Marshall and Beaumont Districts are 19 cents per member ahead of Tyler, 8 cents ahead of Pittsburg and San Augustine, and 1 cent ahead of Palestine.
- B. H. GREATHOUSE.

F. E. B.

We heard a man say the other morning that the abbreviation for February—Feb.—means Freeze every body, and that man looked frozen in his sister. It was apparent that he needed the kind of warmth that stays, the warmth that reaches from head to foot, all over the body. We could have told him from personal knowledge that Hood's Sarsaparilla gives permanent warmth. It invigorates the blood and speeds it along through artery and vein, and really fits men and women, boys and girls, to enjoy cold weather and resist the attacks of disease. It gives the right kind of warmth, stimulates and strengthens at the same time, and all its benefits are lasting. There may be a suggestion in this for you.

Brownwood District—Second Round.

- Coleman..... Feb. 22
- Comanche cir. at Indian Creek..... March 1, 2
- Robert Lee at Hook Springs..... March 8, 9
- Wingate mis. at Spring Cr..... March 12, 14
- Winters, at Winters..... March 15, 16
- Bullinger..... March 16, 17
- Santa Anna, at Salem..... March 22, 23
- Indian Creek, at Bethany..... March 25, 26
- Beaumont, at Beaumont..... April 5, 6
- Apartment, at Midway..... April 12, 13
- Brownwood..... April 19, 20
- May, at May..... April 26, 27
- Blanket, at Turkey Peak..... May 1, 2
- Center City, at Pleasant Grove..... May 2, 4
- Goldthwaite..... May 4, 5
- Cometa, at Cometa..... May 6
- Zephyr and Mullin, at Bethel..... May 7
- Flooding, at Warren's Creek..... May 11, 12
- Comanche..... May 12, 13
- Burket..... May 21, 25

The Missionary Institute and the district meeting of the Woman's Foreign and Home Mission Societies will meet at Comanche, March 28-31. W. H. MATTHEWS, P. E.

San Antonio District—Second Round.

- Laredo..... 2d Sun. Mar.
 - Hondo and Devine..... 3d Sun. Mar.
 - Pearsall..... 4th Sun. Mar.
 - Cotulla..... 5th Sun. Mar.
 - Bexar..... 1st Sun. April
 - Del Rio..... 2d Sun. April
 - Engels Pass..... 3d Sun. April
 - Utopia..... 1st Sun. May
 - Uvalde..... 2d Sun. May
 - Amphion..... 3d Sun. May
 - West End..... 4th Sun. May
 - Prospect Hill..... 7:30 p. m., 4th Sun. May
 - Travis Park..... 1st Sun. June
 - Stonewall Street..... 7:30 p. m., 1st Sun. June
 - Moore cir..... 2d Sun. June
 - South Heights..... 7:30 p. m., 2d Sun. June
 - Comal..... 7:30 p. m., 4th Sun. June
 - Carrión, at Batesville..... 5th Sun. June
- H. HARRIS, P. E.

Aldene District—Second Round.

- Eastland, at Gun Slight..... Feb. 22, 23
 - Crystal Falls, at Bethel..... March 1
 - Albany and Moran, at A..... March 2, 3
 - Anson, at Bethel..... March 8, 9
 - Apartment, at Brazos Valley..... March 12
 - Stamford, at Spring Creek..... March 15, 16
 - Eula, at Rough Creek..... March 22, 23
 - Gall, at Gall..... March 29, 30
 - Chairemont, at Light..... April 1
 - Colorado sta..... April 4, 6
 - Truby, at Delik..... April 12, 13
 - Buff's Gap, at Andra..... April 19, 20
 - Big Springs..... April 26, 27
 - Snyder, at Camp Springs..... April 30
 - Roby, at White Flat..... May 1
 - Midland..... May 2, 4
 - Chico..... May 10, 11
 - Fairbairn..... May 20, 25
 - Sweetwater..... May 27
 - Merkel..... May 29
 - Putnam..... May 31, June 1
 - Sunday-school and Epworth League Conference, at Anson..... June 2, 4
 - Aldene..... June 7, 8
 - District Conference, at Merkel..... June 27
- E. A. SMITH, P. E.

Sherman District—Second Round.

- Denton, Waples Memorial..... 4th Sun. Mar.
- Denton, Trinity..... 5th Sun. Mar.
- Sherman, Travis Street..... 5th Sun. Mar.
- Portsmo, Willow Street..... 5th Sun. Mar.
- Portsmo and Preston..... 1st Sun. April
- Hove..... 2d Sun. April
- Van Alstyne..... 3d Sun. April
- Albany..... 4th Sun. April
- District Conference meets in Whitesboro Thursday, 1st day of May, 9 a. m.
- Whitesboro sta..... 1st Sun. May
- Whitewright..... 2d Sun. May

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 - Sherman cir..... 6th Sun. May
 - Ellet Grove..... 2d Sun. June
 - Tiga..... 3d Sun. June
 - Southmayd..... 4th Sun. June
 - Gordonville..... 5th Sun. June
- J. A. STAFFORD, P. E.

Waxahachie District—Second Round.

- Ellet, at Carroll..... March 1, 2
 - Ferris..... March 2, 3
 - Lowell, at Lakenon..... March 8
 - Hillsboro..... March 9, 10
 - Palmer, at Chappell Hill..... March 15, 16
 - Ovilla, at Red Oak..... March 22, 23
 - Grandview, at Greenbrier..... March 29, 30
 - Hardwell, at Avalon..... April 12
 - Forreston, at Falls..... April 5, 6
 - Hardwell, at Avalon..... March 12, 14
 - Italy..... April 13, 14
 - Venus, at Wyatt..... April 19
 - Multi-hill..... April 20, 21
 - Ends..... April 27, 28
 - Waxahachie..... April 29
 - Alvarado..... May 3, 4
 - Milford, at Derr..... May 10, 11
 - Boz..... May 17, 18
 - Alma..... May 24, 25
- O. F. SONSBAUGH, P. E.

San Augustine District—First Round.

- Melrose cir. at Smith's chapel..... Feb. 15, 16
 - Nacogdoches sta..... Feb. 16, 17
 - Timpsom sta..... Feb. 19
 - Minden cir. at Minden..... Feb. 22, 23
 - Clayton cir. at Clayton..... Mar. 1, 2
 - Shelbige sta..... Mar. 2
 - Scotton cir. at Geneva..... Mar. 7, 8
 - Hemphill, at Hemphill..... March 8, 9
 - Appleby, at Lynn Flat..... March 15, 16
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