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EDITORIAL.

THE GENERAL RULES OF THE CHURCH.

6. "Uncharitable or unprofitable conversation, particularly speaking evil of magistrates or of ministers." This rule comes down to a very plain issue, and it deals with a matter of special importance.

But for Christian people to make it a habit of speaking evil of their ministers is a most execrable fault. These men profess to be called of God to the ministry, and the Church has tried them and accepted them as true and worthy, and they come to us through our proper Church authorities, and we have no right to humiliate and injure them through our unguarded and evil manner of speaking.

in a brotherly way and call their attention to them and exhort them to better methods and practices; but when we go through the community making hurtful and indiscriminate criticisms, we injure the Church and impair our own spirituality.

TENDER MEMORIES OF THE OLD HOME.

What tender memories gather around the old home! To recall them out of the long vanished years and revel amid their sacred associations is one of the pleasures the depth and appreciation of which we have no language to adequately express.

fade and droop and die! In that home death will never enter and the shadows of sorrow will never fall.

THE CONDITIONS THAT PRODUCED WESLEY.

To all devoted Methodists John Wesley is one of the most interesting characters in the wide realm of human history. Unlike most other men who have lived and wrought and died, he continues to grow larger and larger as we recede from the times in which he figured.

had preached the gospel, as he apprehended it without any knowledge of any program or assurance of salvation. He was an unswerving formalist and nothing more.

Some of the most precious stones in the Orient when first discovered are furnished with dark discolored spots.

St. Paul speaks of the Church as a body having members, and so it is. Each member of the body has its function to perform.

Our Educational Policy

By Prof. C. C. Cody.

There is just now special reasons for calling attention to our educational policy. The subject of education is occupying many minds. The Twentieth Century Movement in the Methodist Church is paralleled everywhere. More great gifts are being made to the cause of education than ever before. In the midst of this activity, Methodism must go forward. Our last General Conference did not overlook the fact in saying that "in all cases it is important that we advance; in some we have only the alternative to advance or abandon the field altogether."

To advance, or even hold our place, where the struggle for patronage is as sharp as it is in Texas, means that the Methodist schools must stand together as a unit.

The collapse of some of the other denominations are taking great forward leaps. This material prosperity comes from united, harmonious effort. It is a lesson to us.

The State sets us an example just here. There is only one State school devoted to higher education. Every secondary State school in Texas works to it. There are 250 high schools in Texas. These high schools are all more or less closely affiliated with the State University. Their principals are expected to teach students that way. There are 15,000 public school teachers in the State. These public school teachers belong to the system with the State University as its head. It will be legitimate to suppose that working in the system—unless there is a higher motive than self-interest—they will work for the system.

These are the conditions that confront us. Can we afford to do anything less than organize so that we may successfully meet organization?

We can and ought to learn some lessons from the past. The manuscript for a history of higher education in Texas is now in the hands of the Commissioner of Education at Washington City. In it the history of our Methodist colleges has not been adequately treated. The first institution of college grade in the Republic was a Methodist enterprise, and from the days of Rutersville to the present, Methodism has led in college work.

The great mistake that Methodism has made in its educational work has been that we have followed diffusion rather than concentration. Instead of building up one strong denominational center of influence and blessing, where by reason of buildings, equipment, patronage and endowment we could successfully hold the first place in the college world, the rivalry among our Methodist schools has been the great element of disintegration and death.

From 1840 until 1895 there were a score of so-called colleges projected in the name of Texas Methodism. At the General Conference of 1890 the Church for the first time declared itself, through its educational report, as favoring concentration and opposing the policy of multiplying schools. Notwithstanding this deliverance, Texas Methodism continued to accept faculty-endowed schools under the name of Church colleges. It might not be unprofitable to catalogue some of the most prominent of these schools that now are only memories. Among those named for our honored leaders were Ruter, Wesleyan, McKenzie, Soule, Asbury, Fowler, Andrew, Paine and Marvin Colleges. Parker Institute was not named for Bishop Parker. Among those named for location were Gollad, Sulphur Springs, San Saba and Bell Plain. This by no means exhausts the list. In some instances the acceptance of these schools was unwisely.

As Bishop Chandler has aptly put it, "They give us the horse but they tap our manna and we furnish the water."

Dr. Mead had not been at work in this State very long before he recognized that it was of vital importance both to religion and education that Texas should have one institution of learning under the patronage of all the conferences. At a meeting of the trustees of Soule University, held October 1, 1895, he presented a paper which, after pleading for an educational policy for Texas Methodism, invited the Annual Conference to call an educational convention, to which should be "committed the duty of arranging for the organization, location and endowment of a university for the Southwest, to be under the patronage and control of the conferences of this State, and such other conferences as may hereafter desire to co-operate with them."

Out of the unanimous action of this Board of Trustees came the first sharp outlines of our educational policy. One of the eight propositions adopted by all the conferences in 1895 reads as follows: "That each conference concurring pledge its adherence to the action of the convention and its hearty support of its deliberations, without reference to personal or local preferences." From this action came the well-known commission, consisting of the delegates-elect to the General

Conference of 1870, which met in Galveston in April of that year and took important action looking to the location and endowment of Southwestern University.

So the central institution had its beginning, but in spite of obligations the conferences continued to endorse or accept sundry pieces of property called colleges, with certain chartered rights, privileges or immunities, and proceeded to take them under the auspices and authority of the Church. Each one of these colleges, in turn, became a claimant on the Church, asking for equipment and patronage. In so far as this was granted, its tendency was to weaken the central institution in its power, its usefulness and the hold it had upon the Church, without adding anything in the way of permanent operations to Texas Methodism. For most of these schools, claiming to be colleges, with the right to confer degrees, were unwilling to occupy a secondary place in the system of education.

In June, 1887, the curators and faculty of Southwestern University, with representatives from the several Church schools in the State, met in convention at Georgetown, with the avowed purpose of drawing up some closer plan of correlation. After spending a day in discussion, the assembly issued some resolutions, composed of ample preambles and eight recommendations. Only one lasting result has come out of this action. The sixth clause recommended that the University bestow a scholarship upon each correlated school. This is yet done when asked for. In 1894 steps were taken by the General Conference looking to a closer plan for the entire Church, but not until the General Conference of 1898 was any law enacted looking to correlation. This conference empowered the Bishops to appoint a commission whose duty it would be to provide a plan for the harmonious adjustment of our schools. The "commission of ten practical educators" was appointed. They met and made most excellent and timely recommendations to the Board of Education. This action was a good step, and it has meant progress. It has inspired the friends of Christian education with new hope. Good results are already apparent in many quarters. But the contemplated work has not yet been fully accomplished, and so much as there is of rivalry, there is of consequent demoralization, which means weakness and waste. This does not mean that the head and center of our system is not growing stronger all the time, but it does mean that the growth and the strength is not so great as it would be, not only to the head, but to each department as well, if the educational system of Texas Methodism was thoroughly and vitally correlated.

There are eleven Methodist schools in Texas to-day besides Southwestern University. Three of them are for girls exclusively. Out of the eight remaining only three have ever sent students to Southwestern University or claimed scholarships in this institution. Only one of the eight sends us a representative this year.

We need correlation that correlates to conserve our educational forces and resources, and to enable us in a material way to meet the strong and growing competition from without. We do not desire any action that is radical or revolutionary, but simply to make effective the policy already declared by our General Conferences, and Texas was never so ready to adopt this policy as now.

The plans already matured and proposed, it seems to me, should be followed by authorizing the appointment of an "Educational Senate," composed of, say, two representatives from each Annual Conference, capable and impartial men, with the good of the Church at heart, whose duty it should be, by the most generous methods, to use their best endeavors to bring about "this consummation devoutly to be wished."

Georgetown, Texas.

TERRITORY LETTER.

I want to say amen to every line of Rev. W. J. Moore's article in this week's Advocate on the duty and rights of citizenship. My heart thrills with gladness as I read from week to week of the wonderful victories won by the temperance workers. The saloon is certainly our greatest foe, and how any man, with one eye open, can let the monster grow under the shadow of his Church and home I do not see. I have more times than one asked my Board of Stewards—God bless them—not to take a cent from the hands of the saloon to help support me. It is blood money, and I do not want it. Let me suggest, if you preach a few sermons during the run of a year on prohibition, that means to box up and pull, you will not be offered many dollars to buy groceries with. "The saloon men here asked for our pastor's

return another year, and they helped to pay his salary; and not only that, but they are the most liberal men in our town," etc. Of course, they can afford to be liberal while they are filling their coffers with blood money. Dear reader, if you ever did, do not any more, brag on your saloon men. Such talk is purely sentimental. If the Church would move down on this foe of hell in all our towns and cities, the better day would soon dawn; and yet, thank God, in many places we are moving down. In conclusion, let me suggest, as did Bro. Moore, that this year is your time to do good work. Men are to be elected to the various offices, and it is a good time to vote and talk for such men as will protect the morals of the country. Some will tell you they do not want the saloon men to know they are against them, since the saloon men have influence with the voters, etc., but if they get elected they will go for them; but such talk is bosh. No man is likely, after election, to ignore the sentiment that landed him into office. I am afraid of the candidate who is afraid to tell you how he stands on the licensed saloon business. These "pig and puppy" candidates should not be elected to office. I am not caring so much what political party a man belongs to, but is he in favor of civic righteousness? Does he hang around the saloon? Is he popular with them? Do they plead for his election? If they do, mark you, once and for all, if they stand for him he stands or will stand for them.

As citizens of this great Commonwealth, let us not only pray, but work, for the abolition of this blood-curdling monster, the whisky traffic.

J. T. BLOODWORTH.
Olmsted, O. T., March 23.

MARSHALL DISTRICT.

I closed up the first round at Kellyville. By an unexpected metamorphosis our Quarterly Conference became an old-fashioned class-meeting before its close. Sunday's services rounded up with a fine missionary collection, which went beyond our demands. The salary was paid in full for the quarter, and all the miscellaneous collections are secured. The Missionary Treasurer will have the full amount assessed by April 1. All the Sunday-schools continued their work through the winter, which has been unusually severe.

Dr. Beagle continues at Jefferson the good work begun last year. The stewards think that their present financial system is the best they have ever tried. Some persons of influence and position have been brought into the Church, whose conversion ought to be special. Bro. Beagle is a man of lofty character and broad culture, and enjoys the confidence of everybody. He led the recent movement on the part of his town and county to secure the location of the Girls' Industrial School, and came very near succeeding.

W. N. Brown made a fine report from Henderson Circuit last year, and will do so again this year. His charge is one of magnificent distances, and his operations were embarrassed in the early part of the year by snows and freezes, but Brown's genial nature is like the sunshine of the fable which removed the traveler's mantle. His work is not done by bluster, but by heart-throbs of sympathy and benevolence. The circuit that does not thaw out under Brown's influence had as well be relegated to the glacial period.

In the city of Marshall a Methodist Preachers' Association has been formed, embracing in its membership the local brethren, and it is proposed to supply neglected places in the city and its environs with the gospel. Spain, Garrison and Gollighugh are down to business, and the phrase "Marshall airs" has come to suggest a quick step. A few Sundays since Bro. Spain raised \$50 for improvements on the church building, which are now in progress. Besides this, \$200 has been subscribed toward the amount necessary to put in street ceiling, and about half the amount necessary to put in a grand memorial window to Bishop Marvin. A memorial window to Jno. R. Heartstill is also to be put in. A good deal of work had been done on the parsonage before the pastor's arrival, and a great deal more has been done since. Leading business men who might be excused if they said they did not have time for such things, are spending precious hours and even whole days together in superintending and planning this work. Whaley's benevolence has found a field worthy of its magnitude. Twyman has found an outlet for the noble impulses that have been curbed up within his generous nature all these years. Baldwin's tireless energy seems a match for the locomotive of the same brand, and Ramsay has inaugurated the railroad law in the spiritual world.

C. R. LAMAR.

BIGOTRY KILLS TRUTH AND SEEKS TO FRIGHTEN FOLK WITH HER EFFIGY.

When God has a purpose His plan is always the best one.—Ram's Horn.

An Open Letter to Rev. E. L. Armstrong

By Rev. G. G. Smith.

My Dear Brother—Some months ago, in reply to my open letter, you wrote me a letter so full of wise remark and so pervaded with the spirit of a devoted piety that by your permission I published it in the Wesleyan. Months have passed and I have made no reply to it, and now this Sunday night, as I can not go out to church, I do not know that I could use the time to greater advantage than to reply, or rather to write a letter not of reply as much as of recognition.

I have been writing for the Texas to these many years. I began when it was in Galveston; I followed it to Dallas, and in all its succession of editors I have kept in touch with the Advocate readers. I have been reading the paper so long that I have become quite familiar with the preachers and people of the Lone Star State; and then, within sight of my own home, is the home in which lived the father of Miss Joanna Troutman, who gave the first Lone Star flag to the Georgia company who went to aid the struggling patriots, and which waved in victory at San Jacinto, and my first wife was named Joanna, in honor of that fair woman, who was her mother's bosom friend. So I have a personal and family connection with Texas. The State and myself are about the same age. The fact is, we have grown up together, and then the present editor of the Advocate was one of my young friends in that day when he was just beginning to preach, and when he came to me to ask whether he should discontinue his connection with the conference and go to college, I told him "that as a general thing I would say no, but in his case I would say yes." If I did not take his wife into the Church, she was one of my girls long before he met her. I take liberties with the young man sometimes, when I forget he has been to "furrin" parts and is a double-barreled D. D., having been D. D. by two colleges.

And then, Doctor, I can, in a letter to you, skip from tree to tree, like an old-time exhorter trying to use a text. I sit in my arm-chair these March days and read and cogitate and pray. I get the Baltimore and Richmond, the North Carolina, the Southern Christian, the Wesleyan, the Alabama, the Nashville, the St. Louis, the Central, the Arkansas, the Texas, the New York and the New Orleans, and so I, who can not get far beyond my own doorway out into the world, have the world brought to my door. My two dailies, the Telegraph and the Journal, keep me posted about worldly matters, and so I know more about King Edward and Emperor William and the Czar than they know about me.

After all, a superannuated preacher does not have such a hard time. I miss the delight of preaching and of going to the services of the sanctuary and of Christian fellowship, but I have sweet friends who bear me company every day. This morning I was in company with a prisoner who was standing before the poor heathen Captain, appalled by his grandeur. I saw Plute and I saw Jesus in company. Then I was with the writer of a letter to the Hebrews, and in company with those who had but laid the foundation and were in danger of losing all because they had not gone further; and then I was with Daniel in the lion's den. I am glad to say I have not lost Daniel yet, and, despite all that is said against him, I still hold to him. I have not read what the Higher Critics say, and but for the Sunday-School Magazine I should be in blissful ignorance of what they say, and "Deborah" has not given me the new Bible Dictionary; so I have not lost Daniel and the lessons he teaches.

Some New Things.

As I read my papers, I read some things in them which rather surprise me. Where Dr. Godbey, of the Arkansas, ever got the idea that John Wesley drove in coach and four, dressed elegantly, had a large income, and was vain of a handsome hand, I am at a loss to conceive. I have read Coke's Life, Whitehead's Life, Southey's Life, Watson's Life, Gooch's Life, Tyerman's Life, Bond's Life, all his journals, all his letters, all his writings, but I never found that he had a coach and four, nor anything better than a small chaise given to him. I doubt if he was vain of his small hand. They must have had a strange way of cutting Methodist coats in Missouri in the old days, if the blue Methodist coats had long tails. The old round-breasted coat had, if I remember it rightly, not much of a tail at all.

I see the Official Board of Little Rock has highly commended the pastor's judgment in preaching on Tolstoi and Burns and God and Elliot, etc. Well, some city pastors in Georgia and St. Louis published their musical programs and invited everybody to a free concert, and I knew of one who preached on Robert Elsmere, and Dr. Sheldon, of Kansas City, read his novel in the pulpit, and some of the rest of the

city pastors simply shut up the church on Sunday night and stay at home. Perhaps the present generation of preachers who adopt these measures will hold their places and get their stipends, but how long can a Church live on such pabulum as this? When the old Colonels die and Miss Flora McFlimsy goes to the Episcopal Church, and the big banker falls and the cotton gambler goes, and the new rector can find no new sensations, when the congregations fall to zero, maybe the officials will decide that after all the old-time gospel is the power of God.

Dr. Hinton and His Doings.

Well, here is the Wesleyan, and in it a letter from Dr. Hinton. For fifty-two years my dear old friend has been a traveling preacher and a presiding elder thirty-two. He never expected to be superannuated. He thought he was vigorous, but at the Hawkinsville Conference the Bishop sent him a message asking whether he did not want to rest. The old Captain gave a vigorous "No!" but at the next conference it was rest, no less volens. They said they loved him, and he believed them, but they said he must retire, and the grand old man gently complied. He did not believe he was worn out, many of his friends did not think so, but the Bishop and his Cabinet and the young men of the conference said he was and he quietly stepped aside. The dear old man says he is lonely, he wants to preach, but there is no place for him. If pastors but knew it, their occasional absence from their pulpits and an occasional supply would be not only a good rest to themselves, but a decided relief to their hearers. We old fellows, however, are often too long-winded for modern hearers, but still the people are more patient with us than the preachers. Well, it is all right. When Hinton and I were younger than the city pastors in Macon are now, we were in the pulpits of the Churches in whose pews we have a seat now, and we were as fully persuaded that the welfare of Zion depended on our filling our pulpits as the moderns are. The dear old Doctor! He has been sent time and again to the General Conference and has had a membership there oftener than any man in the Church, but he has gone the last time. His shield is dented all over, his sword is notched, but his scutcheon is without a stain. He was and is the soul of honor and integrity. He has blessed the Church of his life-long love.

The General Conference.

The General Conference meets soon. To save my life I can't see what the good sisters want with a new order. If there are some who wish to form a chapter in Nashville, and live together and wear robes, bonnets and white neckties, and help the pastors visit and nurse the poor, who shall say them nay? But what has the General Conference to do with it? They have Deaconesses in the North. Well, let them have them. They have them in Germany. Well, why not? They are coming South under their auspices. Well, let them come. We have collections enough and societies enough for our use now. But they will get all they ask and they will get the ordination, and Sister Agatha and Sister Catherine will wonder that any old fogey was ever stupid enough to say nay.

Will we have any more Bishops? As you and I can not be elected, we can safely say no or yes, and not be misjudged. One thing is certain: We must either begin our conferences earlier in the summer or have spring conferences or have no Bishops at some of them, and unduly hurried sessions at all, or elect two more. Vigorous as the Bishops are now, the most of them are older than you or I, and can not stand the strain of conferences coming so close together four years longer. The Bishops we have are worth all they cost us, even if they never held any conferences at all nor made any appointments. I say let us have two, but I must choose them, or I say none.

Well, Bro. Armstrong, we are going soon to leave this world, and, had as it is, thank God it is better than it was when we came into it.

Let us look at the present, as Bulestrade did, when he was great Oliver's Prime Minister. One night they were together in the same bed-room. Old Wall could not sleep. He rolled over and groaned. "What's the matter, Oliver?" said the Minister. "Why do you groan?" "For England," said the Protector. "Oliver," said Bulestrade, "who took care of England before you came into the world?" "God." "Who will take care of it when you leave it?" "God, I hope." "Well, trust him to take care of it while you are in it, and go to sleep." So will we, brother. God bless you.

Vineville, Macon, Ga.

The practical value of many movements is on account of some impractical passion behind them.

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Every man that all the in the world single lovely a tenderness of ability of general is an achievement of the life. "I homely old pre snips;" and if to render those an ounce of more than all The only com man's sincerity self for a princ all things elc easy to give a makes a gift practice, it is whatever it is sessionist him, his words gain nency of deeds longer the pal and man, but, what erstwhile super-scription Lowell.

THE KIN

Almost ever to pray daily. If you do not, don't pray for you must do a you must wor for it, you m we have all pr without think kingdom that are not to go to be a kingdo the living. A all at once knows how, cometh not w so, it is not t but in the hea dom of God being within to be seen, though it bri good with it, that: "The k meat and dri peace and joy that is to a beautiful and if we want t dom, and to b it, there's ju first accepted it, as children soever will n child, shall Ruskin.

GOD CARE!

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PERMANENT GOODNESS.

Every man feels instinctively that all the beautiful sentiments in the world weigh less than one single lovely action...

THE KINGDOM OF GOD.

Almost every one has been taught to pray daily, "Thy kingdom come." If you do not wish for his kingdom, don't pray for it.

GOD CARES FOR EACH LIFE.

Happy is the man who feels that God cares for him, that he journeys forward under divine convoy, that his Father is regent of universal wisdom and represents the whole commonwealth of love...

cares for you—therefore, his providence, smiting the rock in the desert, shall bring forth living water. God cares for you—therefore, in thy wild and stormy night he shall come to thee, walking upon the wave, to bid thy storm be still.

"BE OF GOOD CHEER."

No matter what occurs, keep up your courage. The man of hope is the man of valor. Never borrow trouble. If it is in the future, it will come soon enough.

The life and words of Jesus and Paul furnish some apt and forceful illustrations of the uplifting, sustaining power of a joyous, loving hope. On the eve of his crucifixion, when the clouds were black and threatening, Jesus comforted his disciples with those ever memorable words: "Let not your hearts be troubled."

HOW TO PREPARE FOR DEATH.

To prepare for death does not make a convent necessary. We do not need to go into a cell and mortify the flesh, and conjure up ghostly sights, and drown all the voices by which our senses speak to us.

stantly be asking in awestruck whispers: "Is He coming? Is He coming?" This watchfulness simply means that we faithfully are doing our every-day duty every day.—F. E. Clark, D.D.

NO FEAR OF DEATH OR JUDGMENT.

There is coming a very solemn day, I believe, not by any mere processes of natural decay as I take it, but by the action of God Himself, the Judge—that day of the Lord which shall come as a thief in the night—the mountains shall depart, and the hills be removed, and the throne of judgment shall be set, and you and I will be there.

PRaise GOD.

Praise God for a home. Tens of thousands of boys and girls will go to sleep to-night without a mother to tuck them into bed and without any of the pleasures of home about them.

Praise God for food and clothes. Millions of persons are hungry to-day, and many of them are suffering for want of clothing.

Praise God that you do not lift blind eyes to a sky you have never seen. Be grateful for your sight, through which so many of your pleasures come. Praise the kind Father in Heaven, too, for your hearing and speech.

Are not the sun, the moon, the stars, the air, the water, the rain, the snow, the trees, the flowers, worth a word of praise? Yet how seldom do we thank God for these common blessings!

Praise God for books and for the pleasure and power which come from reading and education.

Praise God for the wonderful inventions and progressive spirit which make to-day the best time in all the world's history to be alive.

The comforts, the conveniences, the pleasures, and the blessings that are possible to all of us in these modern days are surely worth a "thank you" to the great Giver of them all.

Praise God for the country's prosperity. He has smiled upon our harvests and upon our factories.

Praise God, most of all, for the blessed Bible, the holy Church, and a wonderful Savior. Jesus is the theme of the praises that are sung in heaven; shall He not be our chief-est cause for praise here?

How shall we do all this praising? With our lips. In our hearts. By our lives. Just to be glad and grateful is praise that pleases God. Then, to give another person reason to be glad and grateful is still a better way of praising God.—William T. Ellis.

Take kindly and heartily with His cross, who never yet slew a child with the cross.—S. Rutherford.

THE GIFTS OF THE SPIRIT.

No one can read the Bible without being struck by the variety of gifts which are bestowed by the Holy Spirit. It was He, for instance, who in the beginning of the world moved like a dove on the face of the waters, and, it may well be by slow and gradual processes, wrought out for us that world which in its beauty and in its order was pronounced to be very good. It was that same Holy Spirit who, in the language of holy writ, breathed into man's nostrils the breath of life, so that man became a living soul.

CHARITY OF SPEECH.

Charity of speech is as divine a thing as charity of action. To judge no one harshly, to misconceive no man's motives, to believe things are as they seem to be until they are proved otherwise, to temper judgment with mercy—surely this is quite as good as to build up Churches, establish asylums, and found colleges.

Unkind words do as much harm as unkind deeds. Many a heart has been wounded beyond cure, many a reputation has been stabled to death, by a few little words.

There is a charity which consists in withholding words, in keeping back harsh judgments, in abstaining from speech, if to speak is to condemn. Such charity hears the tale of slander, but does not repeat it; listens in silence, but forbears comment; then locks the unpleasant secret up in the very depths of the heart. Silence can still rumor; it is speech that keeps a story alive; and lends it vigor.

It is in the kind and gentle heart that charity abides with the peacefulness of a dove. There it makes its home, and, by the word withheld and the kindly word outspoken, we have the sign of the dove of peace nesting in the heart. For kind words are like "apples of gold in pictures of silver."

The heart that is filled with bitterness will give vent to it in words. It sees nothing bright or beautiful because its vision is clouded. Words are a good test of temper and habit

TIRED OUT.

There's many a farmer's wife sits on the porch in the growing shadows of a summer evening, knowing to the full what it is to feel tired out...



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things of thought. As "the pure will be pure," so the meditations and all-tempered, all things are black, unlovely, and of ill omen. Words are also the signs of thought, and if the thought be kind and good, the words will be kind and gentle, free from malice and uncharitableness. There is nothing that so refines the face and mind as the constant presence of good thoughts.

Fifty spoken words fall like the sunshine, the dew, and the summer rain; but when unkindly spoken, like the frost, the hail, and the desolating tempest. Therefore be our words so precious what we utter.—Homans Journal.

The mind is to be kept with the things as well as great. It is not merely in stuporous condition with the powers of will withdrawn that we are to discover its presence, but in the little details of daily life.—W. H. Hay Atkins.

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Restores Health More Surely Than Any Medicine.

It is a short road to trouble when the food does not supply the right material to rebuild the brain. You cannot see the brain without breaking down small particles every day, and you cannot rebuild unless the food furnishes the right kind of building material, and that is albumen and phosphate of potash. Not such as you get from the druggist but such as Nature stores in certain kinds of food.

Grape-Nuts contains these particles and well defined results can be obtained from using the trademarked, delicious food.

A brain worker whose name can be given by the Boston Co., Haverhill, Mich., writes: "Last Fall I got in a desperate condition through excessive mental work and lack of proper food. I was finally compelled to abandon all business and seek absolute quiet and rest in the country."

I had been under the care of a good physician for several months, but it seemed my food did not rebuild the brain tissue properly. I was on the verge of despair when I left for the country.

Down at the ferry I purchased an evening Journal and my attention was attracted to the headlines of a Grape-Nuts advertisement which read, "Food Cure Nature's Way." I read it carefully and decided to give Grape-Nuts a trial. So next morning I went in on the new food and in two weeks time gained ten pounds and felt like a new man all over.

I candidly believe if I had known the remarkable sustaining power of the food prior to my illness I would not have needed a physician nor would I have been sick at all."

Secular News Items.

The secret service department of the Dominion customs has made a seizure of from \$10,000 to \$15,000 worth of false teeth which had from time to time been forwarded from New York to a well-known dental firm in Montreal, and through a conspiracy was passed through the custom house free.

The following dispatch comes from New Orleans: Governor Heard of Louisiana has reported to the State Department at Washington that in his opinion the British Government is maintaining a military camp in the territory of the United States; that the camp in question is the one located a few miles below New Orleans for the transshipment of horses and mules to South Africa, to be used by the British soldiers in the war against the Boers. Several weeks ago General Pearson, the Boer leader, visited the city and held a conference with the State officers. He occasioned some excitement by his public declaration that he was ready to lead a force of armed men to attack the camp. He was denied permission to do this. Several months ago a British steamer was badly damaged by an explosion while it was being loaded with supplies for the British army in South Africa. It was believed in many quarters at the time that the explosion was the work of Boer sympathizers, but the matter was never investigated.

The bill to promote the efficiency of the revenue cutter service was approved by the House, having passed the Senate several weeks ago. It puts the officers upon equal rank with those of the army and navy and provides for their retirement with pay.

A large procession took part in the funeral of Cecil Rhodes at Cape Town, among the pallbearers being Dr. Jamieson and the Premier of Cape Colony.

Parties developing the oil fields of Mexico claim that within a year a production of 250,000 barrels per day will be attained.

Rev. John N. Mulla's, a priest of the Greek Catholic Church, of Palestine, has arrived in Syracuse, N. Y., to do missionary work. The service will be conducted in Greek and Arabic.

Mr. James P. Clark, of Arkansas, has defeated Mr. Jones in the race for United States Senator. It is expected that Senator Jones will resign as chairman of the Democratic Executive Committee as soon as his term as Senator expires. Democrats are eager for his retirement, believing that his presence is detrimental to that vigorous leadership which they regard as necessary.

Dr. Clinton R. Catherwood, of New York City, who has devoted most of his time and his wealth to the scientific investigation of tuberculosis treatment of consumptives, has contracted the disease from one of his patients and is now on his way to Colorado, hoping that the climate there will help him save his own life. He is twenty-seven years old and has been practicing medicine only a few years. When he left college and started out on a career, because of his wealth and social position, he was a most promising person. He was not only robust, but classed among the athletes.

An attempt of anarchists to distribute pamphlets at the Altgeld memorial meeting in New York City, brought prompt suppression at the hands of the police. Three men were arrested. When acting Captain Churchill arrived at the hall he saw men and women distributing anarchist pamphlets making excuses for the assassin of President McKinley and attacking President Roosevelt. He drove them from the hall, and later, finding them distributing their circulars on the sidewalk, arrested them. Emma Goldman sat in the most prominent part of the hall, but was kept under surveillance and did not speak during the meeting.

The application for seats along the route of the coronation procession has begun in earnest. The prices offered range as high as 25 guineas for a single seat and 500 guineas for a window to accommodate twenty people. It is estimated that the omission of Regent Street from the route will mean a loss of \$10,000 as seat hire to people having premises there.

A decree issued by President Diaz provides for more rigid inspection of food products.

Mr. Rhodes' will is a remarkable and voluminous document of more than 3,500 words. It provides for the establishment of the colonial scholarships; two American scholarships to each of the present States and Territories of the United States. The will of Mr. Rhodes also provides for five scholarships for students of German birth at Oxford, to be nominated by Emperor William, and commenting on the bequest Mr. Rhodes in a codicil telegraphed from South Africa, said:

"For a good understanding between England, Germany and the United States will secure the peace of the world and educational relations form the strongest tie."

The insurgent armies in Colombia have been defeated by the Government troops and the backbone of the rebellion is thought to be broken.

Careful computation gives the total strength of the scattered Boer commandos at between 8,000 and 9,000 men.

Twenty-one deaths have resulted from the collapse of the terrace at a football game at Glasgow Saturday and about 250 persons are injured.

Five thousands dollars subscribed in Illinois for the relief of women and children in the Boer concentration camps was forwarded to President Roosevelt and by him sent to the Consul General at Cape Town. A much larger amount will be raised for the same purpose.

Statistics from the Department of Agriculture on the value of exports and imports of farm products in 1901 showed an increase in the former of \$100,000,000 and a decrease in the latter of \$28,000,000.

The prospect for winter wheat is regarded as very good. The acreage is in excess of that for the last crop, which will about offset the difference in conditions and afford a yield about the same as that of last year.

The following is taken from a university publication: "The University of Texas has just cause to be proud of her mathematical output. Dr. Bailey says that in Germany where he was working last summer all mathematical questions which came up were referred for solution to G. W. Pierce, of the University of Texas, now in the faculty of Harvard. Our Mr. Dolmen takes, as a candidate for the doctor's degree in mathematics, the same stand in the University of Leipzig. When Mr. Dickson first left the University of Texas to go to Chicago as fellow in mathematics, Prof. Moore, head of the department there, declared him the best trained man in pure mathematics who had ever come to the University of Chicago. When he returned to Texas they called him back as professor to Chicago. "And now the most conservative of American universities, Yale, notably claim- ed, has conferred its new professor- ship in mathematics not upon one of its own sons but upon an alumnus of the University of Texas, M. B. Porter."

"But the best is still to come, for Dr. Halstead has in reserve a young Texan whom he judges the peer of any of these in absolute geometric genius and promise, Robert Lee Moore." The good citizens of Houston are to be congratulated upon the results of their municipal election. So long has Houston been under the dominance of bad government, that in self-defense, the better class of people joined forces and through their untiring efforts their candidates, with the exception of one alderman and one committeeman, were elected. They held grand demonstration Friday night in honor of victory for good government.

In honor of the accession of the young King of Spain, whose coronation takes place on May 12, the Queen Regent proposes that a general amnesty should be granted to all prisoners then undergoing sentence. The board of trustees met in Waco Monday and elected Prof. David F. Houston president of the Agricultural and Mechanical College, of Texas. Prof. Houston is dean of the faculty of the Texas State University. He is by birth a South Carolinian and has been connected with the university for ten years.

The House Monday passed the Chinese exclusion bill. The bill excludes all Chinese of mixed blood and prevents the employment of Chinese sailors on American ships. A dispatch from Washington has this to say concerning the bill: The bill practically re-enacts all the existing exclusion laws and incorporates with them the existing treaty regulations. It extends these exclusion laws to the Philippines and the other possessions of the United States and forbids Chinese laborers in our colonial possessions from coming into this country. The Philippine Commission is directed to adopt proper measures for the enforcement of the provisions of the bill in the Philippines.

President Roosevelt and party left Washington Monday to visit the Charleston Exposition.

Former Governor Eagle of Arkansas, has definitely declined to retire from the capitol commission at the request of Governor Davis and the latter has resigned as vice president of the Baptist State Association, of which Eagle is president. Both these incidents had their origin in the recent heated State campaign.

R. S. Lewis, a negro raised in Bryan, Texas, and who has been living in New York City for several years, has

written a letter to a prominent citizen of Bryan, which includes some statements that may be read with general interest. He says: "This is a very nice place for one who will work, and you have every advantage if you prove worthy; but after all the South, in my opinion, is the only place for the colored man. He is better treated in some respects in the South, and he is understood better by the white man, and it seems to me their relations are closer. For instance, in the whole city of New York, with its 2,728 policemen, there is not one colored man on the force, not a colored teacher in the schools, and I can enumerate many other vocations similarly existing. I think of returning to Texas in August."

In 1901 the native countries of immigrants to the United States were as follows: Austria-Hungary, 113,290; German Empire, 21,651; Italy, including Sicily and Sardinia, 135,996; Norway, 12,248; Sweden, 23,331; Roumania, 7,155; Russian Empire and Finland, 85,257; England, 12,214; Ireland, 20,561; Scotland, 2,679; Wales, 701; China, 2,459; other Asiatic countries, 11,134; West Indies and Mexico, 3,178; all other countries, 26,575; total, 487,918.

The bill appropriating \$100,000 for the erection of a monument at Buffalo in memory of President McKinley has passed the New York State Senate.

Six hundred and fifty-nine million postal cards were used last year in the United States.

All the steamship lines have brought to the United States an unusual number of immigrants during the past few months. The other day the record was reached when the Hamburg American liner, Batavia, arrived in New York from Bremen with 2,692 stevedore passengers. The Batavia left Bremen with 2,694 immigrants, but four died during the voyage.

The pressure of the Western Senators to force the resignation of Secretary of the Interior Hitchcock continues, but President Roosevelt is not disposed to heed the demands for Mr. Hitchcock's resignation. He thinks he is the right man in the right place, and would be glad, if circumstances so shaped themselves, that he might remain.

Dr. Thomas Dunn English died April 1st. He was a writer of note, and was widely known as the author of "Ben Bolt." He was a member of the New Jersey Legislature in 1862. He served two terms in Congress from a New Jersey district.

Sanger Bros., of Dallas, have generously volunteered to bring to the Confederate Reunion 150 of the old soldiers from the Confederate Home in Austin, and that number represents all of the 290 who are able to come, the remainder being sick and infirm.

The newspaper women, of New England, at a meeting held in Boston, took decisive action on the color question. The following resolution was the result: "Resolved, That the New England Women's Press Association instruct its delegates to the biennial meeting of the General Federation of Women's Clubs, to be held in Los Angeles, Cal., in May, to consider, in all discussions and legislative acts of the convention, the necessity of maintaining the rights of our colored club women as of paramount importance. To this end they shall vote for reorganization on State lines, according to the Massachusetts plan, if given opportunity, or for the best

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Yours truly, JOHN CRESWELL.

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substitute for this measure approved by the leaders of the State delegation at the time, preserving the unity of the State's vote and influence by concerted action with other delegates." If these New England women would come down here and mingle for a time with their beloved colored sisters they would soon be framing very different resolutions.

A. Wendlinger, of Richmond, Va., a military tailor, now 80 years old, made the uniforms for Jefferson Davis' staff and for the staff of every Governor since then, and has been selected to make the uniforms for Gov. Montagu's staff, who has changed the color from Confederate gray to bright blue.

The Chicago, Rock Island & Texas Railroad, is to be extended from Fort Worth to Galveston. It is said that the building of this road means a great deal for Galveston, and that it will give that city in a commercial way, and as a port, a wonderful impetus. It will put Galveston in direct touch with the great grain country of the Northwest.

April second was the thirty-fifth anniversary of the triumph of Mexican arms at the close of the revolt against Maximilian, in 1867. The day was celebrated generally throughout Mexico and all business was suspended.

The Nestor of German newspaper men, Heinrich Kruse, died recently at Buekeburg in his 87th year.

All of the 10,000 bituminous coal miners of the Rochester and Pittsburgh Coal and Iron Company are ill. The men will insist on recognition of the miners' union, which the Rochester and Pittsburgh Company has always refused.

The passage of the oleomargarine bill last Thursday in the Senate, brings almost to completion a piece of legislation which has been pending before Congress about six years. While some Democrats voted for it, its majority was so distinctly Republican that the Democrats have determined to make it an issue in the campaign this summer.

Atlantic City, N. J., was visited by fire on April 2d. Twelve hotels and more than a score of small buildings adjoining them were destroyed. The

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It is the greatest thing in the world to cure and prevent sickness with all from the youngest to the oldest, male and female. It cured its discoverer, Dr. Burlington, after everything known to medical science had failed, and has kept him in robust health every day for forty-two years; and now, at the age of 77, he seems as vigorous as a young man, and would pass for 55. He says: "It will not stop the wheels of time, but causes them to run so smoothly as to leave no wrinkles on the body, nor scars on the heart. These are what make age."

Thousands of people who are using it corroborate all he has ever claimed for it. Dr. Burlington offers no medicine and seeks no practice. He has published his experience, giving what led him to this discovery and forty-two years of life without one drug or one day's sickness; also many testimonials from trustworthy men and women in our own State. If any suspicious of his treatment by sending a self-addressed stamped envelope they will have their suspicion removed, by reading what will be sent them.

But if you are not too suspicious and want his treatment, which he reveals clearly in his secret folder, send at once and get his secret folder, and thus make the best investment of your life, for yourself and family.

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THE CONFEDERATE REUNION

THE DALLAS NEWS TO PRINT A MONTH ILLUSTRATED EDITION ON THAT OCCASION.

On Wednesday, April 23, The Dallas Morning News will issue the largest paper ever printed in Texas. It will be fully equal to the great Confederate Reunion taking place in Dallas at that time. It will contain a magnificent historical account of the reunion, and many special articles peculiarly appropriate will be printed.

There will be hundreds of illustrations in fine half tone, and to meet the demand The News has just installed its own photo-engraving plant.

There will also be a splendid illustrated write-up of Dallas, besides special articles exploiting the resources and advantages of Texas in general.

It will be the aim to make it the finest paper, in all particulars, ever printed in the Southwest.

The demand for it will be unprecedented, and will tax the great capacity of the press of The News to the utmost in getting it out.

It is important that those who wish copies of the paper should send in their order in advance so as to be sure to get them.

Notwithstanding the magnitude of the paper the price will be only 5 cents a copy. Anyone wishing copies should remit for them at once, giving their address plainly written. Address orders to Reunion Department of The News, Dallas, Tex.

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TEXAS CONFERENCE.

A Great Uplift in Austin Methodism.

W. D. Bradfield, April 7: We have just closed a most gracious meeting in Trinity Street Church. After an effort extending through my pastorate here, I succeeded in getting Rev. Hubert D. Knickerbocker to assist me in a meeting. The meeting began March 16, and had been preceded by a most encouraging week of prayer.

From the outset we determined to honor the Word of the Holy Spirit and to constantly wait before God in prayer.

A working force had been gathered by a month's previous preaching and exhortation and instruction. The meeting was profound from the first service. Bro. Knickerbocker stuck to the old themes—sin, repentance, faith, regeneration, witness of the Spirit and future and eternal rewards. He preached with great earnestness and power. The Holy Spirit honored the services. There were some remarkable conversions.

The second Sunday night of the meeting a poor girl from a house of shame knelt at the altar, gave her heart to God, and by the kindness of our Church is now safe in one of our Rescue Homes.

A young man, at another example of the power of the meeting, got under such deep conviction that he could not sleep, and about 1 o'clock in the morning awakened his brother, telling him he was lost. The conviction grew deeper and deeper, until it was exchanged for a triumphant peace, secured by perfect surrender to God. Another, a young girl, sank to the floor as a number of us surrounded her in exhortation and prayer. The greatest agony of conviction was portrayed upon her face, and suddenly there came the most wonderful transformation. The face beamed as with the light of

Notes From the Field.

EAST TEXAS CONFERENCE.

Leggett Mission.

L. C. Allen, April 7: Our first quarterly conference is a thing of the past. Our dear presiding elder, Bro. J. W. Johnson, was at his post and ready to do his work. He preached us two extra fine sermons, and hit his right square in the face; and our good brother, E. P. Ansell, P. C. of Livingston charge, was with us Saturday and preached an excellent sermon that evening. Finances very well up, and our good brethren promised to do better next time.

Texarkana.

D. F. C. Timmons: Last Sunday—Easter was a great day in State Line Station. Rev. J. T. Smith, presiding elder of Tyler District, at my earnest request came over and preached for us. He is our conference Secretary of Missions. His sermon on missions was a powerful discourse. It will bear fruit—is doing so already. At the evening service he gave us a unique and splendid sermon on prayer. He summed up the growth of this city and the steady onward progress of Methodism. Bro. Smith is one of our strongest and best preachers, and as a presiding elder stands squarely at the front. State Line is doing well. The growth in membership is steady. As soon as the General Conference is past there will be greater activity in the matter of church building, etc.

Cason.

J. N. McCain, April 1: We have just closed our quarterly conference for this year. Our second quarterly conference was held last Friday at Allina. Dr. John Adams preached one of his best sermons at 11 a. m. At 12 the good ladies proved what they could do by spreading one of the best dinners out. Bro. Adams preached again at 2:30 p. m. My people think Bro. Adams to be one of the grandest men in Texas. And who could keep from loving such a grand man? God bless him! I received fifteen members into the Church during our last quarter. Methodism is coming to the front here in Cason. Have a good Sunday-school and prayer-meeting here. Our Sunday-school is superintended by Bro. K. E. Smith. Bro. Smith is a good and faithful Methodist. We are praying for a great revival in each one of our Churches. We ask the prayers of all Christians.

Kennard Circuit.

J. C. Huddleston, April 5: This is a new charge composed of a part of what was formerly Holcomb Circuit and Will's Mission. In the bounds of the work is being put up the largest sawmill in the world—so said. Also a new railroad is coming across our territory. The depot is located three miles from the mill, and the town of Kennard is laid off there. We hope to have a good town there, as it is eighteen miles from Crockett, and no other town nearer. This being a new work we have had many difficulties. Our first year had quite a job getting a house to live in. It was over a month after conference before we could move on the work. Since that time we have been kept back by the bad weather. Our work up to the present has been principally organizing and planting. We found we have one at every Church. The District Stewards played our assessment for missions, etc., at one hundred and thirty-two dollars and some cents. Of this amount we have received to date fifty dollars in cash, and have the balance in promissory notes. I feel sure we will come out in full. We hope by conference to have a parsonage completed in the town of Kennard. Then we will have one of the best circuits in the East Texas Conference. We can report no promising church people here, but no railroad till of late. So they have but little soda-water, and don't believe in foam much. They believe in substantial, such as corn, pork, syrup and hard money. And a sufficient amount they will surely give to their preacher. We are praying for a sweeping revival of religion, and nothing less will satisfy us.

WEST TEXAS CONFERENCE.

Staples.

C. W. Perkins, April 2: I have just closed a very fine meeting at Martindale, considering the conditions under which we had to labor. We have no church there, but a very nice lot, centrally located, consisting of one acre. The Baptist people very kindly gave us the use of their house, and some of them assisted faithfully in the meeting; also members of the Christian Church. We had twelve conversions, and seven into the Church. It was told this was the first Methodist meeting ever held in Martindale, and that all the converts from there to Lockhart is virtually untouched by Methodism. A subscription of \$250 or \$300 had been secured last year, but owing to the financial pressure it had been dropped. One man who had put down \$50 says now he can do \$25, and several others the same way. Sister Clift still stands with a proposition of \$50, provided the others will raise \$50. \$5 on Sunday at 11 of our meeting. I preached on the subject of giving, and called for subscriptions, to be paid by the first of July, and got \$250. So I know we can very easily raise more than \$50 more, which will secure the house.

NORTH TEXAS CONFERENCE.

Garland.

J. J. Morgan, April 8: We hear a good deal about the women these days, but hardly ever a word about the men. I want to say that I have a fine new barn, and that the men built it. They not only did the work, but paid it. Money—paid it out of their own pockets. I took my orphanage children last Sunday, and got \$16-32 more than the assessment.

Blossom.

W. F. Bryan, April 7: We have just closed a wonderfully successful meeting here at Blossom. We have had forty-two additions to the Church, and our conference collections have been secured, with a margin of 5 per cent in excess of the amount assessed.

South Bonham and Savoy.

T. W. Lovell, April 7: Second quarterly conference held Saturday and Sunday. Finances a little short, but think we will be full by conference. Not much money in the country now. Bro. T. E. Pierce, our presiding elder, preached three helpful sermons for us. Bro. Pierce is conservative and safe. We have had two meetings since Annual Conference, and think we will have two more some time during the year. Bro. W. R. Bayless and H. B. Hood assisted at South Bonham. Both did fine work. Bro. C. M. Harless also preached one helpful sermon for us. Bro. Z. R. Pierce assisted us at Savoy. Our people there were delighted with Bro. Pierce and his work. Since conference we have received into the Church thirty-three. Eleven of our best members in South Bonham are working in the cotton factory here. I see nothing gloomy in the future. We are trying to trust God and do our best. Our people are kind and good.

Eastland, Texas.

I have almost doubled the list on my work, and all but one or two have been cash subscribers. M. A. TURNER, Eastland, Texas. (And Bro. Turner is still working for more subs.)

heaven. A member of the firm of one of our largest grocery stores gave his life to God. Time will not permit to tell of other instances of conversion in this great meeting. There were seventy-five professions during the meeting, and sixty-four of this number joined our Tenth Street Church. Fifty-three of these were received Easter Sunday, and the oldest members of Tenth Street declare that they never witnessed such a scene in this church before. We have received ninety-six since conference, making a grand total of 289 during the sixteen months of the present pastorate. Yesterday afternoon a Junior League of fifty members was organized, and I hope to answer faithfully in the future the question as to "the pastoral instruction of children." Every department of the Church is growing with the richest enthusiasm. We have now a membership of 281, with the promise of an increase that will put us at the 1000 mark in the next two or three years. Our conference collections, I confidently hope, will be secured in full by the first of May. A kinder people, a more loving membership, I have never served. But Tenth Street is not the recipient of all the blessings that have come to our Austin Methodistism. Bro. Campbell of South Austin, is doing a magnificent work—a work unsurpassed by any Church of his opportunity in Austin. His church is filled from Sunday to Sunday. Bro. Booth at First Street, is unable to seat his congregations. He must enlarge or build, and at once. Booth has impressed himself, even in four months, upon almost the entire city. His church is being surrounded by a more loyal, intelligent corps of workers. Bro. Porter at Twenty-Fourth Street, is making a profound impression. Electric lights, beautiful ingrained paper, painting of the ceiling, a new carpet, are some of the material results of his work. A faithful set of pastors, more cordial and fraternal, never got together. A more enthusiastic, progressive Methodistism, perhaps, Austin has never had. A brighter future we have not had.

Waco District.

E. R. Edlin, P. E., April 3: I am glad to report Waco District with a revival flame. Nearly one-half of the charges in the district are in the midst of or have just closed unusually successful meetings. You will hear from the boys as to results. We have the broadest missionary spirit ever seen. Confidently expect to double assessments.

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Albany.

W. A. Manly, April 8: We have been on this charge a little more than five months. There are some visible signs of improvement in all the departments of our Church. The women's society has members into our Church, organized two Epworth Leagues, Senior and Junior, also a good Sunday-school, at Moran, one of our appointments at which we preach once a month. Albany is a thriving city, and it is our greatest desire to serve them in the Lord to the very best of our ability. Our love for them is sincere, and we believe they are our friends. They have proven themselves such. We are so glad of a revival are expecting to begin a meeting Thursday night. Our second quarterly conference was held a few weeks ago. Bro. Smith, the presiding elder, was with us, and did most excellent work while in our midst. His sermons Sunday were indeed His. I had a very favorable preacher, and a good presiding elder. We all like him very much on all his charges. I have sent you two new subscribers to the Advocate. Hope to send at least a dozen soon.

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monable. As I saw his indomitable persistence in his work I could not help thinking of our own H. M. Powers, who was from us only a few years back. His work is telling as the number of missionaries who have been provided for in the conference will show. Bro. H. M. Powers, our missionary returned from China, and took his missionary board for his present care and instruction. May God's blessing be upon him. When we look at Georgetown, Waco, Waco District, Waco District, and Brownwood, soon to be organized, and others making provision to support missionaries in the past and the future, we can only say, "God bless the Georgetown who have offered themselves for work how our hearts rejoice." May the spirit that characterized Bro. Powers and Brother Powers soon animate the heart of every preacher and layman, and Jesus shall reign where'er the sun doth shine, wherever our weary feet are seen. His kingdom stretch from shore to shore, Till moons shall wax and wane no more.

Forreston.

R. J. Tisdale, April 8: Our second quarterly conference was held last Saturday at the Falls, three miles west of Waco. The beloved Bro. Southwick was on hand and preached a strong, spiritual sermon that reached through and stirred readers from all who heard it. After preaching we gathered under the shade of a tree, where we found a nice table, erected at the expense of our faithful local preacher, Bro. Perry, upon which was served a good dinner. As we were about to part, Bro. Southwick walked into the conference in the afternoon was a profitable one. The beloved presiding elder and his wife, on shortcoming with good results. We expect to do better this year. We had a great and very timely discourse was given for the purpose of the members, which is a very good showing, considering the death scare. Sunday morning we celebrated the Lord's Supper, after which our Conference Missionary Secretary, Bro. Tisdale, presided in an excellent manner on missions, which was an inspiration to pastor and people, and will doubtless bear much fruit. We were glad to have Bro. Tisdale with us, and hope to have him in our charge again. His preaching was a blessing. The Missionary Society of the district, which has my permission to give. Most of them are loyal, open-hearted people.

Rising Star.

J. H. Chasidias, April 2: I am glad that myself and family are surrounded at last. We have just passed through five weeks of sickness, including some and some of our children. We hope all will be well soon. My people have been exceptionally kind to us in our affliction, meeting our every want. I have had to make several appointments, but the kind progress has come to the room. We have one woman's Foreign Mission Society, Senior and Junior Leagues, and a Sunday-school, at every appointment. Quite a number in the Sunday-school have attended the Teachers' Course of Study, and are doing very well. I can remember, I failed to attend. But the conference was an eminent success. Bro. Adams, the presiding elder, was on hand, and did a great deal of good. He is a most excellent preacher, and his sermons were a blessing to all who heard them. We are so glad of a revival are expecting to begin a meeting Thursday night. Our second quarterly conference was held a few weeks ago. Bro. Smith, the presiding elder, was with us, and did most excellent work while in our midst. His sermons Sunday were indeed His. I had a very favorable preacher, and a good presiding elder. We all like him very much on all his charges. I have sent you two new subscribers to the Advocate. Hope to send at least a dozen soon.

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THE INWARD LIGHT.

I have a little trembling light which still
All tenderly I keep, and ever will,
I think it never wholly dies away,
But oft it seems as if it could not stay,
And I do strive to keep it if I may.

Sometimes the wind gusts push it sore
aside;
Then closely to my breast my light I
hide,
And for it make a tent of my two
hands,
And though it scarce might on the
lamp abide,
It soon revivers and uprightly stands.
Sometimes it seems there is no flame
at all;
I look quite cross because it is so
small;
Then all for sorrow do I weep and
sigh;
But some One seems to listen when I
cry,
And then the light burns up—I know
not why.

O God, O Father, hear Thy child who
cries!
Who would not quench Thy flame, who
would not dare

To let it dwindle in a sinful air;
Who does not feel how precious such
a prize,
And yet, alas, is feeble, and not wise.

O hear, dear Father! for Thou
know'st the need,
Thou know'st what awful height there
is in Thee—
How very low I am: O do Thou feed
Thy light that it burn ever, and suc-
ceed

My life to deepest holiness to lead.
—Henry Septimus Sutton.

JUST HOW MUCH?

"I would do anything to get an edu-
cation," said Joe, savagely thumping
the down sofa pillow till a fine fluffy
dust flew from the seams and corners.

"Just how much would you do, Joe?"
said practical Uncle Phil, interestingly.
"As much as Ethel Barrett?"

"How much did he do?" inquired
Joe. "Was he a boy without a chance?"

"No, indeed," said Uncle Phil, who
never sympathized with whining Joe's
way of looking at things. "As many
chances as you have, or any other boy
with brains and ten fingers. Had to
work at the forge ten or twelve hours
a day, but that didn't hinder him from
working away in his mind while his
hands were busy. Used to do hard
sums in arithmetic while he was blow-
ing the bellows."

"When," said Joe, as if he, too, saw
a pair of bellows at hand. "How old
was he? Older than I am, wasn't he?"

"About sixteen, when his father died.
By and by he began to study other
things. Before he died he knew eight-
teen languages, and nearly twice that
number of dialects. All this time he
kept hard at work blacksmithing."

"I don't have to work as hard as
that," said Joe after awhile, with a
shamefaced look that rejoiced his
uncle's heart.

Joe was a farmer's son, and in busy
times there was a good deal for a boy
of his age to do. So far he had not
been spared to go away to any prepara-
tory school to "fit" for college. So
he had faint-heartedly and sulkily
given up the thought of going there.
Somehow Uncle Phil's words had put
things in a new light.—Christian Up-
look.

"ONE SWEETLY SOLEMN THOUGHT."

Phoebe Cary wrote this beautiful ly-
ric, which will probably outlive all her
other poems, when she was only a girl,
seventeen years of age. It was on the
Sabbath. She had attended Church in
the morning, and on coming home to
a friend's house, her heart stirred with
emotion by the services in which she
had just taken part, she retired to her
room and wrote this hymn. Metrical
versions have been made by many
composers, and the poem is now found
in nearly all the hymn-books of the
English tongue.

After both she and her hymn had
become famous, this friend had wrote
to her, inquiring about the hymn and
its story. In answering her friend's
letter she says: "I inclose the hymn
for you. It was written eighteen years
ago (1842) in your own house. I com-
posed it in the little back third-story
bed-room one Sunday morning, after
coming from Church, and it makes me
happy to think that any word I could
say has done any good in the world."

Dr. Russell H. Conwell, of Philadel-
phia, relates a very beautiful and inter-
esting incident connected with the
singing of this hymn. Dr. Conwell was
traveling in China, and had occasion
one day to enter a gambling-house in

a Chinese city. Among those present
were two Americans, one a young man
and the other older. They were betting
and drinking in a terrible way, the
elder one giving utterances continually
to the foulest profanity. Two games
had been finished, the young man los-
ing each time. The third game, with
fresh bottles of liquor, had just begun,
and the young man sat lazily back in
his chair while his companion shuffled
the cards. The man was a long time
dealing the cards, and the young man,
looking carelessly about the room, be-
gan to hum a tune, and finally to sing,
in a low tone and quite unconsciously,
this hymn:

"One sweetly solemn thought
Comes to me o'er and o'er;
I'm nearer my home to-day
Than I ever have been before."

But while the young man sang, his
more mature and depraved companion
stopped dealing cards, stared at the
singer a moment, and then, throwing
the cards down, exclaimed: "Harry,
where did you learn that tune?"
"What tune?"
"Why, the one you have been sing-
ing."

The young man said he did not know
what he had been singing.
The other repeated the words, with
tears in his eyes, and the younger man
said he had learned them in a Sunday-
school in America.

"Come," said the elder gambler, get-
ting up, "come, Harry, here is what I
have won from you; go and use it for
some good purpose. As for me, as God
sees me, I have played my last game
and drank my last bottle. I have mis-
led you, Harry, and I am sorry. Give
me your hand, my boy, and say that
for old America's sake, if for no other,
you will quit this infernal business."

This story gave the greatest happi-
ness to Miss Cary, when she heard it.
After her death Dr. Conwell received
a letter from the older man referred
to in the story, in which he declared
that he had become a "hard-working
Christian," and that Harry had ut-
terly renounced gambling and kindred
vices.

Miss Cary did not set a very high
value upon this poem when it was
written, and was surprised in later
years to find that it outran in popular-
ity other poems to whose composition
she had given much more thought and
time. It doubtless owes its universal
success to the fact that it was born
out of her own heart's experience, and
because of that has touched the hearts
of readers everywhere.

Phoebe Cary died at the age of forty-
seven, and found at the last that the
prayer of the closing verse of her
hymn was answered:

"Father, perfect my trust,
Let my spirit feel in death
That my feet are firmly set
On the Rock of living faith."
—Evangelist.

A DIFFICULT TASK.

Harry came back from the Sunday-
school. The teacher had spoken about
the words, "Blessed are the meek: for
they shall inherit the earth."

Meekness—did he not consider that
equal to cowardice? What was it to
be meek? "Slow to be irritated," said
the teacher. Did Jesus mean to say
that when a boy was kicked he might
not take his revenge?

The same afternoon Harry was at
home with his little brother. They
were looking at some pictures in a
book.

"Can't make that out," said Baby,
trying to read some words, printed
with big black letters. "Harry, look,
do tell me."

The elder boy got up and explained

the few words which were written un-
der a picture of some young children.

For a short time Baby was quiet.
Harry's peace, however, was soon dis-
turbed. His sister called him to come
down. The picture which he was busy
coloring had to be left. Soon he would
come back to his book to finish it.

Alas! a pet bird, leaving her cage,
flew on Baby's knees. "O, dear
birds," said the little one, kissing it
ardently, "let us have some fun!"

After some moments of reflection
the two little feet of the bird were
plunged in an inkstand.

"Now walk!" exclaimed naughty Ba-
by. The bird obeyed, and alas! chose
his way over Harry's picture. Dark
spots spoiled the beautiful painting.
Just at that very moment Harry
jumped into the room to finish the
work he had begun.

A dark cloud covered his face. "O,
you naughty—!" There he stopped.
It seemed as if he heard the words,
"Blessed are the meek." A moment
Harry hesitated. True, Baby was a
little child; had he the right to scold
him so severely? Was that the behav-
ior which Jesus would expect from
one of his children? He sat down.
What would Jesus have done? Would
he not surely conquer his anger?

"Never do it again," was all that
Harry said; and going to his little
brother he took his hand. "Come, let
us go into the garden." Tearing up
his spoiled picture, the two brothers
for which Jesus would except from a
coward?—Morning Rays.

THE VALUE OF FAMILY PRAYER.

Who can estimate the value of the
influence upon his sons of that father,
long since gone to heaven, who each
morning before beginning the day's
toil would bow before God with the
family, and in humble prayer de-
voutly ask the divine blessing on all
through the day? On their lives it is
still like the dew of Hermon and the
showers of Lebanon. Fathers, moth-
ers, think of this. Your children are
yet in your homes. A few years
more and they will have gone forth to
combat the toils, hardships, and evil
influences of the world. Are you, by
keeping up the family altar, stamping
upon their lives an influence that will
be for them a stronghold and hiding
place in times of danger and a refuge
when the storms of passion rage? God
bless you! God bless your children!
—Religious Telescope.

"POOR, BRAVE THINGS."

In the heart of the slums of London
is a mission, or guild, called the
"Guild of the Poor, Brave Things."
This odd band was suggested by Mrs.
Ewing's "Story of a Short Life." On-
ly persons who are crippled or afflicted
with some painful or incurable disease
can become members. Suffering is
the necessary passport to this unique
society. Their motto is, "Laetus Sorte
Mors"—Happy in My Lot—and their
guild hymn is, "The Son of God goes
forth to war." Their badge is a scar-
let ribbon.

There is probably no more pathetic
sight in London, perhaps few more so
in the world, than a meeting of this
club. From out of dark alleys the
young and the old, having mustered
their pitiful strength, drag themselves
to the assembly-room. It takes some
of them an hour to crawl a block; but
they make no sign of distress, although
bends of sweat may stand upon the
brow. Smiles, joyousness, hope, con-
rage—these are the brevets of rank in
this beautiful guild.

A pompous, short-sighted official who
came to attend a meeting, blurted out,
"Why, God bless us, there isn't any-

thing the matter with them! They're
all laughing." In his experience
frowns, tears, complaints, and fretful-
ness were the only sure signs of pain.

One afternoon, while a guild tea was
in progress, a poor little waif of a girl
was seen disconsolately hanging out-
side on the pallings, peering eagerly in.
A sympathetic passed by stopped and
said, "Well, my little girl, and what is
the matter with you?"

"Please, sir, that's just the trouble;
there ain't anything the matter with
me."

What cripple, what child or man in
bondage to physical torture, would not
join this brave guild? With those
courageous sufferers pain teaches the
value of joyous sympathy, and misery
is forgotten in good cheer.

There is work for the most helpless
invalid to do, and lives that are crippled
need not necessarily be wasted.

Such courage is godlike, for it is in-
spired by the example of the Master
of suffering himself.

HIS EDUCATIONAL ADVANTAGES LOST.

One of the best Greek scholars in
New York City is a guard on the Sixth
Avenue Elevated Railway. Not long
ago a famous professor in one of our
leading universities published a vol-
ume on certain features of the ancient
Greek dialects, of interests only to
scholars. The "L" guard referred to
wrote to a newspaper, pointing out
several errors made by the professor
in his book, and signed himself by his
road and number. After a month's
search a correspondent found the
man. "How does it happen," he said,
showing his card, "that you, a Greek
scholar of first rank, should be doing
such work as this?" He looked at the
correspondent sadly, and his red face
flushed more than usual. "I was the
best Hellenist of my year at Dublin,"
he replied. "My Greek is still what it
used to be, but my career has been
ruined by—whiskey!"

TWO KINDS OF READING.

A young boy found that he could
read with interest nothing but sensa-
tional stories. The best books were
placed in his hands, but they were not
interesting. One afternoon, as he was
reading a foolish story, he overheard
some one say, "That boy is a great
reader; does he read anything that is
worth reading?"

"No," was the reply, "his mind will
run out if he keeps on reading after
his present fashion. He used to be
a sensible boy till he took to reading
nonsense and nothing else."

The boy sat still for a time, then
rose, threw the book into the ditch,
went up to the man who said his mind
would run out, and asked him if he
would let him have a good book to read.

"Will you read a good book if I will
let you have one?"

"Yes, sir."
"It will be hard work for you."
"I will do it."

"Well, come home with me, and I
will lend you a good book."
He went with him and received the
volume that the man selected.

"There," said the man, "read that,
and come and tell me what you have
read."

The lad kept his promise. He
found it hard work to read simple and
wise sentences, but he persevered.
The more he read, and the more he
talked with his friend about what he
read, the more interested he became.
Ere long he felt no desire to read the
feeble and foolish books in which he
had formerly delighted. He derived
a great deal more pleasure from read-

ing good books than he ever derived
from reading poor ones. Besides, his
mind began to grow. He began to be
spoken of as an intelligent, promising
young man, and his prospects are
bright for a successful career. He
owes everything to the reading of good
books, and to the gentleman who in-
fluenced him to read them.—Exchange.

USES OF SAWDUST.

Sawdust, which long ago was wasted,
is now used in a great many ways. It is
mixed with tar and formed into bricks
under strong pressure. A gas is made
from these bricks. Sawdust and coal
tar are also pressed into bricks and
used for fuel. Bricks of clay and saw-
dust are recommended for building, be-
cause they take the plaster without
laths. Sawdust is used for filling walls
and floors to deaden sound. Mortar for
building has been made of sawdust in-
stead of sand. Large quantities of saw-
dust are used in ice-houses, fish mar-
kets, etc. Wood-alcohol and various
chemicals are made from sawdust. A
certain kind of sawdust can be made
into paper. A kind of gun powder is
made from sawdust.

Some people do not believe in ef-
fices in the Church because they are
never nominated.—Ram's Horn.

A FIGHT ON

When You Tell People to Quit Coffee.

"At least 75 people among my ac-
quaintances have been helped or cured
by leaving off coffee and using Postum
Food Coffee in its place," writes a lit-
tle woman from Independence, Ia. "I
will mention one case, Miss Cora—
I learned she was suffering from nerv-
ousness and constipation and went to
call on her. Found her in bed, and
she looked like a living skeleton, so
wild and haggard that I feared for her
reasons."

I asked Cora if she was improving
any. She said not but was gradually
growing worse. The doctor was com-
ing twice a day and giving her a pow-
erful medicine. She said, "I am so mis-
erable that I tell you privately if I
don't get better soon I will end it all
myself some day." I told her not to
talk that way for I believed it was
something she ate or drank that caused
the trouble and she might get well by
making a change in her diet. I told
her my experience in leaving off cof-
fee when I was in almost as bad a shape
as she, but as soon as I mentioned cof-
fee I had a fight on my hands, for she
insisted that coffee helped her and her
mother lacked her in it saying that
it was "the only thing she did enjoy"

and "she did not believe coffee hurt
anyone."
I talked with them a long time and
finally got Cora to agree to let me
make a cup of Postum Food Coffee for
her supper. She was surprised that it
was so good. Said she "had heard it was
terrible fishy-washy stuff." I told her
it was because they did not follow
directions in boiling it enough. She
promised to use it faithfully for two
or three weeks and if she was not bet-
ter I would admit that I was wrong.
I went to see her again in about ten
days and Cora met me at the door with
a smile and said "Ada, your doctor
Postum is the best doctor of them all.
I can sleep all night, can eat heartily,
and am growing stronger every day.
Ms and all the rest of use Postum now
in place of coffee."

The facts are the girl was being ac-
tually poisoned to death by coffee. Cora
has since married and has a happy
home and you may depend upon it no
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Name given by Postum Co., Battle
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BRYAN CHURCH. H. G. H.

The present pastor of the above Church suggests that I write a few more things about early days of that Church. First, you make me say "Capt. Trice," when I wrote "Capt. Luce." He was a splendid man, though not in the Church, but his wife was. He was the third man to give me \$100 for a new church. I was preaching one Sunday night down on Main Street in the old theater, with saloon underneath. In the midst of the sermon clinking of glasses and drunken songs down below (a type of hell) came near breaking services above. I stopped short and called on an old one-eyed Presbyterian brother to raise "Jesus, lover of my soul." It was song against song, and we beat 'em. In a few weeks a theatrical company came along and bought the old building and turned us all into the streets. That suited me exactly, for I said, now we'll build a church. Five hundred dollars was subscribed in twenty-four hours. Every saloon-keeper in town chipped in \$5, \$10 and \$15. A saloon-keeper is worth saving. While arrangements were on hand for the new building, we moved into an old long school-house in the edge of town. Here I soon gathered a Sunday-school of nearly 200 members. My principal helpers were women of no particular Church. Specially do I remember Misses Farrell and Annie Martin. This was a Methodist Sunday-school. The Presbyterians joined right in with us. I never saw so many poor people in one new town as there was in Bryan at that time. The war had torn the country up, and everybody had moved to town. Hymn books were scarce, and I printed two hundred cards, with forty hymns on each card. It would have done you good to have heard those Calvinists singing Arminian hymns at the top of their voices. When we went into the new church our Sunday-school marched two abreast, with the Presbyterians carrying a banner and the children all singing. James Addison, a superannuated preacher, was there and he got to shouting. H. V. Philpott turned over to me a piece of paper containing forty names, and I soon found forty more lying loose around. Many of them had to take the vows over again. We had several local preachers—G. W. Castles, James Addison, Bro. Arnold, Bro. Downs, T. T. Smothers. We soon got up rousing prayer-meetings. Harvey Mitchell was a worker for the Church at that time. He was one of the State Commissioners to locate the Agricultural and Mechanical College. T. T. Smothers had been pastor of the Church in Houston. F. M. Law was pastor of the Baptist Church, and a fine man. I remember some of the members: Dr. Webb, A. M. Dechman, D. M. Clower, Charley Sterne. Two miles from the church lived Mrs. F. P. Baker and her sister, Mrs. Phillips, sisters of Col. C. C. Gilbope, first editor of the Texas Christian Advocate. We held District Conference in the new church, presided over by Robert Alexander. There were present at that conference: Francis Asbury Mood, Benj. T. Kavanaugh (brother of the Bishop) and Homer S. Thrall. I was Secretary of the conference. On the occasion, Thrall delivered a fine address on "Methodism." During the year the venerable Dr. O. Fisher moved in from California. He preached for us often, and was afterward pastor of the Church there. It will be remembered that his wife was once a captive among the Indians. His daughter, Rebecca, was our organist. The widow and daughter are both now living in Austin. Dr. Alexander, you know, was big all round. He came into my little room to rest one evening, lay down on the bed, and the Doctor and bed both keeping going until they struck the floor. A new bedstead had to take its place. The only occupant with me in the 15x14 room was a squirrel. "Banni" came down from the loft and ate a part of my Watson's Institutes, and I sent him adrift. We borrowed an organ, and as we were putting it into the church Congressman Clark came along, helped us, and then played the first piece on the organ in the church.

NOTES FROM ABE.

We closed our three hundred and fiftieth revival at this thriving town of 3000 inhabitants, which is located on the banks of the Mississippi, and is the county seat of Mississippi County. The land is in a high state of cultivation and very productive, making one and a half bales of cotton to the acre. Valued at \$75 per acre. A farmer told me he had lived there thirty years and had raised thirty good crops. They own fine mules, and the negro labor is abundant and much employed. We have an up-to-date church building and congregation. Rev. F. W. Rhew is pastor. The membership numbers 125, and as a result of the meeting quite a number of new ones were added. They can boast of fine music. We had a most excellent choir, which rendered valuable assistance during our meeting. I can not refrain giving our chor-

ister honorable mention. He is, first, an old bachelor; he wears a bold front—but because of his fair backing; his attributes—attention, affection. He is lovable, and is loved by—the old people. The girls speak for themselves. I think he ought to marry—if—he—could.

I never served a pastor and people I appreciated more.

It was my pleasure to be entertained at the home of Bro. and Sister H. H. Bowen, whose hospitality was of that Southern style which is characteristic. Our table in private room was loaded all the while with fruit and flowers; our desk with paper, pen, ink and envelopes, and them stamped, too. We sat and looked from the broad piazza upon the boats plying up and down the river, affording a beautiful scene, especially at night, when brilliant with electricity.

We were invited into many homes and shared their kind hospitality.

Had the pleasure of meeting some relatives whom we had not seen for years, and some we had never seen before.

May God's richest blessings abide with this good pastor and his people, now and evermore.

Our next place is in Durant, I. T.

ABE MULKEY.

Osecola, Ark.

FROM WESLEY HALL.

One of the most prominent features about Wesley Hall is its missionary spirit and enthusiasm, and one of the most productive sources of this is its annual Missionary Institute or Training Conference, held to prepare, in method and zeal, the boys who expect to go out during their vacation months and engage in that growing work of our land among the young people of our Church known as the "missionary campaign."

The fourth and in many respects the best of these institutes just closed last week, and to say that it has left an indelible impress for good on our hall does it but half justice. Beginning on Friday night, March 7, with a session to consider the history and more practical phases of the campaign work, it went on from "strength to strength" until it culminated Sunday night in one of the most remarkable experience meetings I have ever seen. Not an intervening session lagged in interest. Saturday morning, like Friday night, was largely consumed considering practical things. Saturday afternoon Dr. Atkins, our Sunday-School Secretary, just returned from Cuba, told us of that island's wishes, its needs and possibilities and of our work there. Then, on Saturday night, Dr. Stevenson, of our chair of Hebrew and Old Testament literature, gave a most stimulating address on the "Catholicity of the Prophets," and we had firing reports from some delegates we had sent to that wonderful missionary gathering lately held at Toronto.

On Sunday, besides Dr. Brown, we had with us Dr. Lambuth and Dr. Reid, and a great day it was for us all, indeed—a day of awakening, of quickening, of purposing. I have never heard three addresses link themselves together with such logical and cumulative power as those given us by these men did. Dr. Lambuth began the day by presenting the general opportunity and need of the field. He said the Church must accept the responsibility of her prayers. She had prayed and the doors had been thrown open. She must enter in. The needs had been disclosed. She must meet them or prove recreant.

Dr. Brown followed him with a sermon on "The Missionary Call." How I wish it could have been spoken into the ear of the whole Church! It must have enlarged our missionary treasury and added to our list of volunteers. He said in part: "Young men covet the privilege of being a missionary rather than feel the responsibility to do so. God has a plan for each of us. We may be assured as to this plan. Our career is as important as our character. Therefore, get this assurance. It comes in different ways. The important thing is to have a character that will respond to the call when it comes. Love the Christ love, and you will be led into the Christ career. Do you desire the supreme opportunity for intimate friendship with Christ, for heroic philanthropy, for the best realization of your inner self, or breadth of thought, for deepest peace? The missionary life holds it for you."

This was followed in the afternoon by an appeal from Dr. Reid for immediate action on the part of men and the Church. "Now is the supreme opportunity," he said. "Rationalism, materialism, etc. are stalking abroad, and we must pre-empt the territory now open to us. This requires quick and immediate action."

And then, as a fitting climax to all this, came that experience meeting Sunday night that I have already mentioned. For more than two hours it lasted. Man after man arose, testifying to a renewed consecration of his life and expressing a deep anxiety to know and do God's will, regardless of

BAD BLOOD TELLS



You have the most convincing evidence of this fact every day. Otherwise beautiful faces marred with black heads, blotches and pimples, muddy or sallow complexions, and red, rough or oily skins are some of the most common and conspicuous symptoms of bad blood.

You can hide these ugly and humiliating blemishes by glazing them over with face-powders and rouge, and the rough and discolored skin is made white and smooth by a lavish use of cosmetics, but these artificial complexions and false skins only last for a day, when the eruptions and spots stand out as bare and brazen as ever. The natural beauty and smoothness of the skin cannot be permanently restored by the use of external applications, for the reason that these skin diseases are due to some poison or humor in the blood that must be antidoted and eliminated before the skin can or will return to a healthy state. Under the purifying and tonic effects of S. S. S. all impurities are expelled from the blood, the general health is invigorated, and all disfiguring and annoying eruptions promptly and permanently disappear from the skin, and it becomes as soft and smooth as ever.

Bad blood tells in many other ways. Itching and burning eruptions, rashes and sores, boils and carbuncles show the presence of some irritating poison or unhealthy matter in the blood, and these aggravating troubles will continue until the weak and slow circulation has been quickened and the deteriorated blood made rich and strong again. Some are born with bad blood, and it begins to tell in infancy; scrofulous affections, sore eyes, scalp diseases, nasal catarrh, stunted growth, brittle bones and soft, flabby muscles are some of the early manifestations of bad blood by inheritance. These symptoms, if neglected, may develop into some deep-seated and serious blood trouble later on in life, but the timely use of S. S. S. will check the disease in its incipiency, remove all taint from the circulation, and the little sufferers grow into healthy manhood and womanhood.

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When the blood is healthy and pure it tells a different story, a smooth and flawless skin glowing with health, a sound body and active brain, well nourished system, good appetite and digestion, and restful and refreshing sleep. S. S. S., combining both purifying and tonic properties, contains all that you need in the way of a blood builder and skin beautifier.

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any sacrifice or cost it might involve. No one directly volunteered. It is true, but only because of a desire for full time in which to know certainly God's will. I believe decisions for the foreign field will come later as a result of the services; but even if not, this contribution at least has been made—a more consecrated, more mission-enthusiast body of young preachers has come out of it, and who can calculate the influence those will carry with them out into the pastorate? The institute is gone, but its influence abides. May there be others like it.

GLENN FLINN

Nashville, Tenn.

PROF. ATWATER'S DOCTRINE.

In the Advocate of February 29 "Nath" introduces to us Prof. "Atwater." So just at this time, while saloons are moving and others to move, for the armies are in action, I find in the Medical Brief, a medical journal published for the American Medical Association, the following in the issue of October, 1901:

"In this association two hundred eminent teachers and practitioners are studying alcohol. Ten papers were read and discussed at this meeting on scientific study and investigation into the action of alcohol in health and disease. Four of these papers discuss Prof. Atwater's teachings and attack them in the following: 'Danger to Laxity,' 'Doctors Repudiate Prof. W. O. Atwater's Theory of Food Value in Alcohol,' and unanimously adopt the following:

"Whereas, The American Medical Association, the members of which are physicians and medical teachers who have devoted years to the study of alcohol and its effects and who are conversant with the work done by

scientific men the world over to determine the effect of alcohol when given in any quantity, have noted the teachings of Prof. W. O. Atwater, of the Wesleyan University, upon the food and medical value of alcohol as set forth by him in the pages of the influential lay press; therefore, be it

"Resolved, 1. That this association utterly repudiates the pseudo-scientific doctrine of the said Prof. W. O. Atwater as being contrary to the evidence adduced by scientific experimentation, and that his conclusions are unwarranted by the evidence resulting from his own experiments.

"2. That this association regards the teachings of Prof. W. O. Atwater as erroneous and a source of danger to the laity, inasmuch as such teaching contributes toward the increased consumption of alcoholic beverages by giving a supposed reason for their safe use. (Signed)

N. S. DAVIS, M. D., President, Chicago, Ill. T. D. CROTHERS, M. D., Secretary, Hartford, Conn.

The foregoing ought to be a good weapon for our warfare not only against the open saloon, but against alcohol in all forms. Our common tonic bitters, so-called, are but little less than so much whiskey. Men are often seen drunk in our town in local option towns on bitters of various kind.

Let us wage the warfare until this accursed traffic—even the wolf in sheep's clothing—is obliterated.

J. I. RUSSELL,

Fairfield, Texas.

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179 Cantogral Street, Secretary
Dallas, Texas

I am doing my best to put the Advocate into every Methodist home in this charge. E. L. EGGER, White Rock Station.

We have on hand a number of cards in answer to the three questions sent out awhile back, and now and then cards are still coming in. All these will be published in our issue of the 17th instant, and after that no more of them will be published. So that if any one wants to express himself on those subjects, now is his time, for the opportunity will have passed with the issue above mentioned.

Rev. N. B. Read, of Abbott, sends two new subscribers and writes: "Three minutes talk from Rev. C. S. Cameron from the pulpit fetched these, and set others to thinking."

THE BEHEADMENT OF CHIEF OF POLICE PRICE.

During the commissionership of Capt. A. J. Brown, Capt. Sterling Price was appointed the Chief of Police of this city. He was an experienced officer, a fine gentleman, and nephew of the old Confederate chieftain, Gen. Sterling Price. He took charge of the office not as a politician, but simply as an officer determined to do his duty without fear or favor. This he did during the incumbency of Capt. Brown. All offenders were promptly attended to, whether they disturbed the peace or indulged in midnight gambling. But some time back Gov. Sayers appointed Mr. Dan Sullivan to succeed Capt. Brown in the Police Commissionership, the time of the latter having expired. It was hoped by the good people of the community that Mr. Price would be retained in his position, but fears were entertained as to the willingness of Mr. Sullivan to permit this. So these fears have been fully realized. The first of this month Mr. Price was promptly beheaded. There was no charge of any sort preferred against him. The Commissioner admitted that he had been a capable and conscientious officer, and a gentleman of high character. But, according to the edict of Mr. Dan Sullivan and Mayor Ben E. Cabell, Mr. Price was doomed. For some reason known best to them, and surmised by the community, they wanted a more "liberal" man in that position, and they availed themselves of the first opportunity to secure him. And this, too, right in the face of the meeting of the great Confederate Reunion, when thousands and thousands of people will crowd this city. It does look a little strange that Mr. Sullivan and the Mayor would consent to dispose of a competent and experienced officer in the face of such a responsibility and install an untried man. The hasty and ill-advised action of the Mayor and Mr. Sullivan is exciting a great deal of suspicion and unfavorable comment. People who believe in the enforcement of laws against moral offenses, as well as other crimes, suspect that there is a motive in this deal that bodes no good for the moral sentiment of Dallas. The whole affair seems to point to what is called "a wide open city." However, we suspend judgment until there is further light thrown upon the matter. But the cruel injustice inflicted upon Mr. Price is without explanation. That he has been willfully sacrificed because he did his duty faithfully is self-evident to all who believe in fairness and justice. Without a word of censure or criticism upon the part of his executioners, he has been officially destroyed. The bad element who run their nefarious business behind closed doors were clamorous for his head, and the result is that, with his commission in his pocket, not to expire till the first of June, his neck was placed upon the block and his head chopped off without a moment's notice. That the community feel outraged at the conduct of Mr. Sullivan and the Mayor in this matter is but just and natural. And they have not heard the last of it.

I enclose you herewith nine subscriptions, which you will kindly send out at once. Doubtless, some of our ministers look upon soliciting subscribers to this paper as one of their burdens. If this paper is intelligently presented, there will be no occasion for any one to form such an idea. It seems to me that there is no better way for any preacher in Texas Methodism to surround himself by an intelligent membership than by seeking to obtain a subscription from every family. And I do not believe that any pastor has discharged his full duty till he knows by personal contact the attitude of every member toward our Advocate. When this feeling becomes general, and our official organ receives its full share of attention by everyone concerned, we are certain to be favored with a larger number of liberal, intelligent, spiritual Methodists.

S. S. STEPHEN,
Cameron Circuit.

THE GOLDEN WEDDING OF A WORTHY COUPLE.

Judge and Mrs. J. V. Cockrell, of Abilene, celebrated their golden wedding last Monday, and they kept open house to their many friends and relatives. The occasion was one of congratulations and many good wishes by all present, and many who were absent. They are natives of Missouri, but came to Texas in 1865. Since that time Judge Cockrell has been a prominent figure in the public life of the State. He was Judge of the district of all the territory of that western section for several years and he represented the same territory in Congress through two terms. In these positions he gave eminent satisfaction and retired to private life of his own accord. He is a local preacher in the Church and maintained his standing as such throughout his public and private life. He and his wife have reached a ripe and happy old age and their friends are numbered by the hundreds. They have a son, Joseph Cockrell, who is a prominent attorney in this city, and other children who are also honored citizens. We wish for these two excellent old people many years yet of joyous life among us.

This is the third subscriber following a little talk on the Advocate, and am confident of half a dozen more. J. M. CARTER, Comanche, Texas.

AT CELESTE.

Last Tuesday evening we ran up to Celeste and lectured for our good women in the interest of their handsome new Church pews. We had quite a good hearing, and hope they gathered a nice little sum for their worthy enterprise. Rev. W. H. Stephenson, the pastor, has done fine work there during his term of service. Under his administration the old building has disappeared and a splendid new one has taken its place. We were surprised to see such an elegant structure, all finished and elegantly furnished. The whole property has cost not less than \$5,000, and it is paid for, except a very small balance on the edifice, and a reasonable amount for the seats, assumed by the ladies. We have no more beautiful and well furnished building in any of the small towns of the conference. The pastor and his devoted people deserve great praise for their liberality and enterprise. They have certainly done well. We enjoyed the hospitality of Professor B. E. Stafford, who has charge of the school work of the town. He is a brother of the Stafford brothers in the conference and a most excellent Christian teacher. He has made a success of his work. We spent the night pleasantly with Brother Stephenson.

FIRST CHURCH IMPROVEMENTS.

The ladies of First Church in this city started out last fall to raise funds with which to renovate and improve their church edifice preparatory to the coming of the General Conference. They were headed by that indefatigable worker, Mrs. W. C. Young, and this fact insured the success of the enterprise. As a result they raised about \$1,000 for the purpose indicated. The work of improvement has been accomplished. The pews have been thoroughly cleaned, and oiled with a hard oil finish until they look like they had just come out of the factory. The wainscoting has been likewise gone over, and a handsome velvet carpet has been made to cover all the floor space, including the pulpit platform and the choir loft. The whole appearance has a decidedly beautiful effect and the work has brought the entire congregation under renewed obligation to these good women. First Church can boast of a very fine body of lady workers, and their devotion to the interests of the Church is without reserve or faltering. The General Conference will not hold its session in this building because it is not large enough to accommodate the people who will want to witness the proceedings, but many of the religious services will be conducted within its walls, and it is in fine shape for exercises of this character.

POST CHECK MONEY.

We notice that there is a movement on foot to induce Congress to reprint all \$1, \$2 and \$5 Treasury notes, coin or silver certificates now in circulation and have the face value of the new bills. This would be the ordinary money of the day. Then, when you would want to send money by mail, say \$2, you could take such bill from your pocket-book, write on its face value the name of the person or firm to whom it is to go, the city and State, and affix a two-cent stamp, canceling the stamp with your initials, and date and sign your name on the back of it, and send it through the postoffice. The bill, which was previously negotiable money, is instantly changed into a personal check on the United States Government for \$2, and is as safe for transmission as any bank check. The New Haven Register says of this new venture:

This scheme would be of vast advantage to our rural communities. It would also tend to increase rural free delivery, a subject of much interest to the Postoffice Department and the country at large. It would do away with the nuisance of sending and receiving stamps instead of money. Business houses during the year receive large amounts of stamps. One large Chicago publisher reports the receipt of upwards of \$250,000 in stamps in one year, nearly \$1000 per day. Others

have the same experience on a smaller scale.

One thing is certain, the bill would stop stealing in the mails. The thief could not collect one of these post checks, for he has to be identified when he presents the bill for payment. The Postoffice Department officials have already recognized the advantage of this new system, and are heartily in favor of it. If the people throughout the country demand this convenience, Congress will not refuse it.

TEXAS PERSONALS.

Major A. M. Deelman and family, formerly of Waxahachie, are now living in this city. They are earnest Methodists and good Church workers.

Bro. J. G. Adams, of Fort Worth, has just completed a lecture tour through several Southern States in the interest of temperance, and he met with a most cordial welcome at all points.

Rev. Abner Mulkey passed through the city recently on his way to hold meetings in the Territory, and he made the Advocate people a very enjoyable visit. Abner scatters sunshine into whatever circle he enters.

We notice in the Daily News that Prof. G. J. Nunn has resigned the Presidency of Polytechnic College to take effect at the close of the present term, and that he will take work elsewhere. Prof. Nunn has done efficient work since his connection with this institution.

In a note from Rev. W. F. Bryan, of Blossom, we learn that his charge has just been blessed with a gracious revival. Results to date: Forty-two accessions, and all conference claims in full and fifty per cent in excess of assessment. That sort of a revival has a solid basis.

We are pained to announce the death of Mrs. S. C. Keller, of this city, which sad event occurred last Sunday night. She was a member of First Church, and one of God's true saints. A more lovely and unobtrusive woman we have never known. She leaves with her children a precious memory.

I will do my best for the Advocate because I love it. I wish I could get all my people to read it, for it would help them to be better Christians. G. M. SAWYERS, Roane, Texas.

CHURCH NEWS.

Rev. F. A. Branch, of the South Georgia Conference, died the day before Easter at Marshallville, Ga. The Wesleyan speaks in tender and loving terms of his pure life and excellent character.

Rev. W. T. Davidson, President of the Wesleyan Conference, is quite ill. He is perhaps the ablest man in the Wesleyan connection, and one of the foremost preachers in world-wide Methodism. At the late Ecumenical he was a striking figure, both on the floor and in the chair.

We notice in an exchange that Rev. G. W. Bruce, for several years a member of the Northwest Texas Conference, is now in charge of St. Charles College, Mo., and that the school is prospering under his wise management. His many friends in these parts will be glad to see this notice of him.

The Baltimore Conference, which adjourned last week, elected the following delegates to the General Conference: Clerical—Collins Denny, P. H. Whisner, H. J. Hamill, J. A. Anderson and J. S. Hutchinsion. Lay—M. I. Walton, A. P. Pew, T. T. Fishburne, A. E. Huddleston, and C. E. Muller.

Of the sixteen delegates who represented the three Arkansas Conferences in the last General Conference, only three of them will be in the Dallas Conference. In fact, there will be, perhaps, less than one hundred of the old delegates at this conference. There will be eight new clerical delegates from Texas and ten or a dozen new lay members.

Rev. S. A. Steel, D.D., says in one of our exchanges, anent the "War Claim," "What we have to fear now is that the division of sentiment as to what ought to be done will enable the Book Committee, and the Bishops who sustain them, to carry out their plan and prevent anything being done." This is a serious reflection upon the Book Committee and some of

our Bishops. But our does not say one word er parishioner and one E. R. Stahlman!"

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Col. I. E. Shumate and Rev. James O. Branch of Georgia, occupy two pages and over a column of the third of the last issue of the Wesleyan in discussing the "War Claim" business. The former is a leading layman and a fine lawyer, and the latter is an influential member of the South Georgia Conference.

LITERARY NOTICES.

The April number of Review of Reviews is up to usually high standard. In fact it is one of the best monthlies of the kind issued in this or any other country. It is a library of current history, touching all subjects of interest to the reading public. This number treats a large list of topics, a few of which we mention: American Captains of Industry, The Northern Securities Case, A new Factor in Lake Shipping, The Treaty between England and Japan, The Beet-Sugar Bounties and the Cuban Tariff, and others of special interest.

The American Illustrated Methodist Magazine for April comes to our table with rich contents. There is a finely illustrated article on "The Early Haunts of Mark Twain," by C. F. Wimberly. There are some things about Mr. Twain not according to our liking, but this is a very readable sketch. The next article of high merit is, "Famous Hymn Writer," in which Ray Palmer justly figures as a master of hymnology. Then follows, "The Twentieth Century Life of John Wesley," a serial, which when completed will make a handsome book on the life and character of this great man. This running history is worth the price of the Magazine. But the table of contents is too elaborate to notice them all. It is a splendid number.

The Popular Science Monthly for April describes the proposed British Academy for the promotion of historical, philological and philosophical studies and calls attention to the fact that our National Academy of Sciences was intended to include students of these sciences, but the few representatives have died and no successors have been elected. It seems likely that unless the National Academy decides to give recognition to sciences other than those commonly called natural and exact, the conditions that prompted the establishment in England of a special Academy may lead to a similar undertaking in the United States. The national societies devoted to history, economics, philology, archeology and the like fill most of the important functions that were formerly exercised by a national academy, but there appears to be as much reason for the students of these sciences to unite in a national academy as there is in the case of the natural sciences. There seems also reason to suppose that the societies referred to will form some basis of co-operation as the natural sciences have done by uniting in the American Association. Whether all the sciences should unite in one national academy and in one national association or whether they should divide into two separate groups is certainly a question of considerable importance.

How to Prepare a Manuscript.

In preparing manuscripts use plain white paper and good black ink. Do not use paper that is flimsy or transparent or so spongy that the ink is likely to blur, nor sheets that are of different sizes or that have been torn out of a notebook and left with the rough edges untrimmed. The two sizes of sheets that are most generally used are commercial note and letter paper. If you have to send out hand-written copy never write it in pale ink or in lead pencil, or in black-hand, which as a rule is extremely difficult to make out. Cultivate a round, clear, good-sized, almost vertical hand, and form the habit of leaving a wide space between the lines. Write, of course, on only one side of the paper, and if you find, near the end, that you are going to run a few lines over what you thought would be the last sheet, don't squeeze the final lines together at the bottom of the page or write them on the back of it in order to save another sheet. In both hand-written and typewritten copy leave a margin of at least an inch at both sides of the sheet as well as at the top and bottom—Franklin B. Wiley, in the April Ladies' Home Journal.

First-class advice.—Ed. Advocate.

I send the names of three new subscribers. I only spoke to these three about the paper and secured all as subscribers. C. H. ARMSTRONG, L. P. Dixon, Texas.

WANTED, THE UNLIMITED PASTORATE. The names of the preachers in Texas who have served the same charge two full quadrenniums. Also the names of the preachers in the entire Church who have done the same. "Let them now speak, or forever hereafter hold their peace" on an unlimited pastorate. I. Z. T. MORRIS, Fort Worth, Texas.

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DELEGATES AND VISITORS TO GENERAL CONFERENCE.

For the information of delegates and visitors who wish to attend the General Conference, I wish to state that the Southeastern & Southwestern Passenger Associations, embracing all the roads leading to Texas, have made a rate of one fare for the round trip, plus \$2.00, from all points in their territories (except from points from which one way fare to Dallas is \$6.00 or less the rate will be one and one-third fare for the round trip) to Dallas and return on account of the General Conference of the Methodist Church, South.

Tickets on sale in Southeastern Passenger Association Territory May 2nd and 4th and Southwestern Passenger Association May 4th and 5th, with final limit June 9, 1902, except that by deposit of tickets with joint agent at Dallas on or before May 20th and on payment of a fee of fifty cents at time of deposit an extension to not later than June 20th may be obtained. This extension is to afford opportunity for side trip to Mexico after adjournment of conference. We have made application for reduced rates to the Eastern, Western, Central and Trans-Continental Passenger Associations, but thus far have not received any encouraging news.

We would suggest to those residing in those territories, if reduced rates cannot be procured, to purchase tickets only to the nearest points where rates can be had and rebuy tickets from there. If we receive any further information along this line, we will notify you of same. All those who want hotel accommodations for members of family please write at once. We will need this information right away to enable us to properly arrange with hotels.

To enable us to make proper arrangements, we must know by April 20th if you expect to bring ladies to be provided for. B. M. BURGHIER, Dallas, Texas.

WHISKEY-MORPHINE—I am now sending out my great remedy to all those who use Morphine and Whiskey. Dr. J. S. Hill, Greenville, Texas.

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CHANGE IN THE LAW NEEDED—TRIAL OF A MEMBER.

Paragraph 290, answer 1, after the words, "The preacher in charge," add, where the offense is committed, "Shall appoint," etc.

Paragraph 291, after "The preacher in charge, add, where the offense is committed, "Shall appoint," etc.

Leave out the words after the word "thirteen" of the charge to which the accused belongs, and in its stead add "of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South," and at the close of each of these paragraphs add the following: "This law applies to members holding certificates."

TRIAL OF A LOCAL PREACHER.

Paragraph 280, answer, instead of the Quarterly Conference, say "any" Quarterly Conference where offenses are committed "which shall have power," etc.

Change Paragraph 281, answer 1, as in the case of a member, and add this language: "This law applies to those holding certificates."

I mention these changes in order to call attention to them. We have frequent use for such changes. Members or local preachers going abroad on pleasure or business would be answerable to the Church wherever they go. Methodism is the same everywhere, and the law ought to be made to apply to our people anywhere. Let our law-

makers take due notice and govern themselves accordingly. R. V. GALLAWAY.

STUB ENDS OF THOUGHT.

Thinkers, not dreamers, are doers. God wants heart love, not lip love. Begin right, and the chances are that you will end right.

He who would serve his generation must spend his youth, not in idleness, but in study.

Bouquets of eloquence may tickle the ear, but the heart needs something more substantial.

When a person looks wholly to the past for sunshine, there is a screw loose somewhere.

The people who are the most religious are not always the ones who have the most religion.

WALLACE R. EVANS.

MARRIAGES.

Gilstrap-Watson.—At the home of the writer, March 26, 1902, by Rev. Daniel Morgan, Mr. J. W. Gilstrap, of California, and Miss Callie Watson, near Lometa, Texas.

Neely-Davis.—At the home of the bride's brother, Mr. M. G. Davis, Whitewright, Texas, March 19, 1902, at 4:30 p. m., Mr. Chas. B. Neely, of Dallas, and Miss Hannah Davis, of Trenton, Rev. Zoro B. Pirtle officiating.

Teel-Ashlock.—At the home of the bride's parents, near Trenton, Texas, on March 9, 1902, Mr. T. L. Teel and Miss Martha E. Ashlock, both living near Trenton, Rev. Zoro B. Pirtle officiating.

Martin-Hatten.—In their buggy, at the writer's gate, March 12, 1902, Mr. Clarence Martin and Miss Rosa Hatten, all of Leander, Texas, Rev. J. A. Bittick officiating.

In another place in this paper will be found an advertisement of Professor F. Z. T. Jackson, of Runge, who is seeking a position for school work. He is highly recommended by a number of our leading preachers, and if any good community is looking for a first-class and competent man, this is a fine opportunity.

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The following rates were announced by the Houston and Texas Central Railroad: To Jackson, Miss.—Account of the General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church, May 14-27, 1902. Dates of sale, May 12 and 15; limit, May 20, 1902; rate, one and one-third fare.

To Lampasas, Texas.—Account of the Annual Meeting of the Texas Veterans and Daughters of the Republic of Texas, April 19-21, 1902. Date of sale, April 18; limit, April 22, 1902; rate, one and one-third fare.

To Waco, Texas.—Account of the State Volunteer Firemen's Association, May 14-16, 1902. Dates of sale, May 12 and 15; limit, May 17; rate, \$2.50.

To Houston, Texas.—Account of Sanger's and Local Undertakers' Association, May 5, 6 and 7. Dates of sale, May 4 and 5; limit, May 9, 1902; rate, \$6.50.

A Preacher Wanted.

I want a preacher, a single man, for Cedar Creek Circuit, in the Austin District, Texas Conference, for the balance of the conference year. Fair support. Address me, giving references or testimonials, at San Marcos, Texas. E. S. SMITH, P. E.

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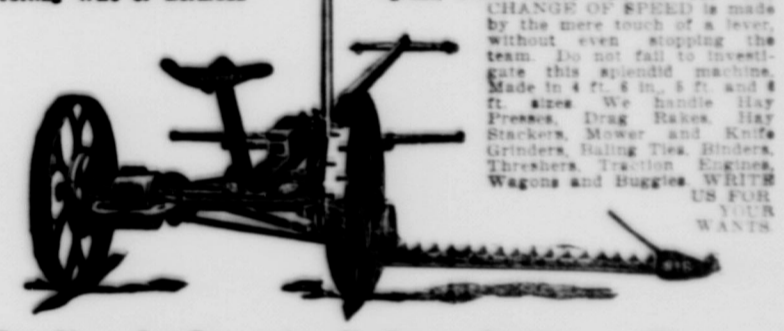
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SECOND QUARTER, LESSON 1, APRIL 20.

PETER AND CORNELIUS. Acts 10:34-44.

Golden Text: "God is no respecter of persons."—Acts 10:34.

The following points we take from the International Evangelist:

Location: Continuing the story of Peter's Preparation; Joppa, Caesarea.

Material—(1) Introductory; Cornelius of Caesarea (10:1-2); divinely directed (vs. 3-6), sends to Joppa for Peter (vs. 7-9). Meanwhile, by a vision (vs. 10-16), which is somewhat explained by the coming of his messengers (17-23), Peter is prepared to go to the house of a Gentile. On reaching Caesarea, he, and his companions from Joppa, are received by Cornelius and his friends (vs. 24-29), and the summons that has been answered is further explained (vs. 30-33).

(2) Lesson-Text: Peter declares that he now sees that God accepts people who are right, from any nation (v. 34); summarizes the Christian message with which he considers them already acquainted (vs. 35-42); presents Jesus as the Judge of the world (v. 42); and proclaims remission of sins to every one who believes in Him (v. 43). While Peter was speaking, his Gentile hearers showed the familiar signs of the reception of the Holy Spirit (vs. 44-46), to the astonishment of his Jewish companions (v. 45). Upon this evidence of divine acceptance they were baptized (vs. 47, 48), and at their desire, Peter remained with them some days.

I wish, as it is so conspicuously illustrated in the present lesson, to call attention to the relation of prayer to the missionary evangelization of the world.

(1) Begin with Christ himself. Jesus chose twelve men to be his immediate followers, to be personally instructed and trained. These He called "apostles." An "apostle" means one "sent forth." There was the prophecy of their mission in the name given to these twelve men. But notice how in the choosing of these "sent-forth" men, Jesus spent the all preceding night in prayer (Luke 6:12, 13).

(2) Then take the typical day of Pentecost, when the Holy Spirit moved the disciples to preach the gospel to representatives of every nationality. This hour of anointing for world-wide service was preceded by ten days of prayer and supplication (Acts 1:13, 14).

(3) Take the conversion and commissioning of Paul, who was to be the apostle pre-eminent to the Gentiles. When God directed Ananias to go to the house of Judas and announce to Saul, lying there in blindness, the fact that he was appointed "to hear my Name before the Gentiles," the command was preceded by the statement, "Behold, he prayeth."

(4) Then take the incident of the lesson. It is a case of prayer at both ends of a line. Cornelius was a man who "prayed to God always," and while engaged in his devotions an angel appeared and said to him, "Thy prayers and thy alms are come up for a memorial before God." And he was directed to send messengers for Peter at Joppa. Meanwhile Peter, at the home of Simon the tanner, went up on the housetop to pray, and while so engaged the vision of the sheet let down from heaven appeared, followed by the messengers of Cornelius, whom God commanded him to follow. Prayer at both ends brought the Christian and the Gentile together.

(5) Then, going forward beyond the lesson, take the actual sending forth of the first foreign missionaries. The Holy Ghost said to the Church at Antioch as they fasted (which always involved prayer), and ministered, separate me Barnabas and Saul for the work wherunto I have called them. "And when they had fasted and prayed, and laid their hands on them, they sent them away" (Acts 13:1-3).

(6) Finally, take Paul, spirit-led, at Troas. It is safe to assume that it was while engaged in prayer, enquiring of the Lord why they had been forbidden to preach the Gospel in Asia and been forbidden to go into Bithynia, that the vision of a man of Macedonia appeared, "and prayed him, saying, 'Come over into Macedonia and help us'" (Acts 16:9).

Prayer has been immediately connected with all the missionary movements of the Church. Prayer is the avenue through which the will of God is made known to men. Prayer is the great solvent of prejudice. In answer to prayer power comes for the work appointed, and doors of opportunity are opened. A praying Church will be a missionary Church, and the missionary work of a praying Church will be crowned with success. God puts it into the hearts of men to inquire what He would have them do.

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Topic for April 29: "How Can I Know That I Am Saved?"—John 8:32; I John 2:14; Rom. 8:1-16; I John 4:7. Reference Word: Saved.—Jer. 4:11; Luke 7:50; I Pet. 4:18.

DAILY BIBLE READINGS.

- S. Necessity of Salvation.—John 3:1-8. M. The Only Savior.—John 3:13-21. T. The Name That Saves.—Acts 4:5-12. W. A Question and Answer.—Acts 16:25-34. T. Grace and Salvation.—Eph. 2:1-9. F. Faith, Works and Salvation.—James 2:17-26. S. The Topic.—John 8:32; I John 2:14; Rom. 8:1-16; I John 4:7.

KNOWLEDGE OF THE TRUTH.

"And ye shall know the truth." Salvation draws upon the human intelligence. Ignorance is the mother of superstition and sin. "Ye do err, not knowing the Scriptures." (Matt. 22:29; John 5:39.) We must discriminate between truth and error, sin and holiness, earth and heaven. To be saved, one need not be learned in other books, but he must know the Scriptures, that he may be made "wise unto salvation through faith which is in Christ Jesus." (II Tim. 3:15.)

ACCEPTANCE OF JESUS AS A PERSONAL SAVIOR.

This knowledge of the truth must be, not theoretical, but practical; not academic, but experimental. "This is life eternal, that they might know thee the only true God, and Jesus Christ" (John 17:3.) Devils have an intellectual knowledge of God and of Jesus (Mark 1:24; James 2:19.) Wicked men also have this intellectual faith. This is not sufficient. We must claim Jesus as our own; must take him into our hearts; must abide in him, and he in us. (John 15:4.)

FREEDOM FROM SIN AND SATAN.

The first thirteen verses of the eighth chapter of Romans tell us of this. We have a number of particulars which show the slavery of sin and the freedom of righteousness; some negative, others positive. Freedom from sin and Satan is to walk not after the flesh, but after the Spirit; to obey not the law of sin and death, but the law of the Spirit; to hate and condemn sin in the flesh, and to fulfill the righteousness of the law; to mind not the things of the flesh, but the things of the Spirit; to be not carnally, but spiritually, minded; to be not an enemy of God, but a loyal subject; to be not in the flesh, but in the Spirit; to possess the indwelling Spirit; to have Christ in us; to be dead to sin and alive to righteousness; to be filled with the hope of the resurrection; and to mortify the deeds of the body. In one word, it is to be a servant of God, and not of the devil; the Lord's freeman, and not Satan's slave.

LEADERSHIP OF THE HOLY SPIRIT.

"As many as are led by the Spirit of God." He who is saved will put himself under the guidance of the Spirit, constitute himself an obedient follower, and be a loving disciple. The Spirit takes the will of God and communicates it unto us. It is a matter of experience. He does this by touching our emotions, reproving and enlightening conscience, suggesting higher duties and encouraging their performance, pointing out right paths, and urging us to go therein.

CONSCIOUSNESS OF SONSHIP.

"They are the sons of God. . . . Ye have received the Spirit of adoption, whereby we cry, Abba, Father." Methodism calls this "assurance." There is a sense of relationship, a feeling of mutual possession, that may not be explicable, but it is experienced; it is a matter of consciousness, and that closes discussion. This experience enables one to sing, "Blessed assurance, Jesus is mine."

WITNESS OF THE SPIRIT.

"The Spirit itself beareth witness with our spirit, that we are the children of God." The direct proof of sonship in God's family is the witness of the Spirit. Salvation is a fact in consciousness. Two witnesses are necessary to prove this fact. One is the testimony of consciousness; the other the testimony of the Holy Spirit.

When these two witnesses agree, like Enoch we know that we are God's children and that we please Him.

CHRISTIAN AFFECTIONS.

These are all summed up in one word—love. "We know that we have passed from death unto life, because we love the brethren." "Love is of God; and every one that loveth is born of God, and knoweth God." The words may be reversed: "Every one born of God loves God and all his creatures." Jesus connects love to God and love to man indissolubly. (Matt. 22:37-39.)

AN OBJECTIVE PROOF.

If faith and works, if heart and hand, conjoin, we may be satisfied that we are saved. Then we should not say, "I think," "I believe," "I hope," but "I know I am saved." A semi-consciousness of acceptance with God is fatal to religious peace. The son in the family accepts the fact of sonship, acts upon the relationship, and is happy in the fact. He can leave his father's house, disinherit himself, and die among strangers; but whenever he returns and claims sonship, the right is without denial. We are made children of God by grace through faith. Nothing but our own sin and willfulness can cast us down from the Pisgah of assurance and peace, on which our Heavenly Father stands all his believing and faithful children. To one on this summit doubts and fears may come, but they are only cloud-flecks that do not hide the sun; the breath of the Holy Spirit blows them away forever.—Epworth Era.

SHERMAN DISTRICT LEAGUE CONFERENCE.

Names of pastors and delegates expecting to attend the meeting here, April 17-19, must be sent in at once, that entertainment may be provided in advance.

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OUR ORPHANAGE.

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The school children here in the Orphanage seemed to have very bright, active minds. It has never been my good pleasure to hear so many beautiful literary gems recited in any other school, and the very fact that the children have learned so many shows that Prof. Burkhead is a man of wide and varied reading, having fine selective judgment and a wonderful tact and skill in getting these great thoughts in the memories of the students. I noticed that every boy and girl was deeply interested in the recitation of these literary gems, and seemed to know them perfectly.

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I was well pleased with everything I saw about the Orphanage, and it shows that Mr. Vaughan and his helpers are doing a noble work for the Church.

My sole object in writing this letter is to express in this public way my delight in having visited the Orphanage at Waco. FANNIE MURCHISON, Waco, Texas.

It is a pleasure to distinguish synonyms. The difference between "news" and "gossip" is that when we tell what is going on around town it is "news." When some one else tells it before we get the chance, it is "gossip"—and, somehow, it seems to us of the worst kind.—Zion's Herald.

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A PRAYER.

F. E. Butler.

London, March 2. Peace was today an observation of Good Friday. Bishops of Lou St. Albans issued the following notice in English and French: of penitents, and similar prayers are, Dutch Churches of I

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Cause, brothers, cease Think not that you Can bring the world For which the Mass Think not that either All honest and all r For far as in heaven "Thy seen in heaven

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IMMORTALITY

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A PRAYER FOR PEACE.

F. E. Butler, A. M., Th. G.

London, March 25.—A "prayer for peace" was to-day a novel feature of the observance of Good Friday in Great Britain. Bishops of London, Rochester and St. Albans issued three appeals to their dioceses to unite in prayer that both British and Boers be granted the temper of peace-makers and polluted out that similar prayers are being offered in the Dutch Churches of Pretoria.

Across the wide imperial sea, There goes the prayer for peace To Him who rules their destiny; That strife and war may cease; That white-winged angels with their tears May hover o'er each land And bring again the absent ones To aching heart and hand.

Too long the Briton and the Boer Have sought each other's fall; Too short the glance that went before The words they can't recall. For war with hoarse hand and sin Hath frowned o'er land and sea; Thine will the awful price is soon In Christ's humanity.

Heart-broken ones in Albion's land And by the southern sea In sorrow and amazement stand, That such a price for golden dust Could ever once be paid. That so much blood for empire lust On Christian altars laid.

Cease, brothers, cease your awful strife; Think not that power and pride Can bring the world that hither life For which the Master died. Think not that either of you have All honor and all right; For far across the ocean wave 'Tis seen in different light.

Lay now the dripping sword aside, Clasp friendly hands again; And to your wounds be there applied The arts for healing pain. Let Boer and Briton not prolong This savage butchery; For neither hath all right or wrong, 'Tis seen so o'er the sea.

IMMORTALITY OF THE SOUL.

(A synopsis of a sermon preached in Coleman, Texas, Sunday evening, February 16, 1902, by Rev. R. J. Birdwell.)

"If a man die, shall he live again?"—Job 14:14.

The vicissitudes of Job's eventful life forced this question into his mind. His property had been swept away, worms were eating up his body, and he felt himself fast hastening to the tomb; so he desired some certainty as to the future, and when he solved the problem he said: "In my flesh shall I see God." Job's life is but a type of our own. Temporal and perishable are written upon everything about us. If we turn backward in memory, how much of life that we have known but that has o'er it the pall of death? The past is but a charnel-house containing the hopes, joys and loved ones of other years. The mocking-bird which used to call to thee, in early morning, through the window-shutters in childhood's home, has long ago ceased to sing; the roses which once blushed in beauty along the garden trail have been gathered to mother dust; the happy boys and girls that used to romp in the old play-ground are gray-headed sires and matrons, or have joined the silent funeral march to the city of the dead; the loved one whose heart beat in touch with thine has kissed thee, smiling, one sweet farewell, and now thou art wandering alone. Not much is left us of other years but remembrances, touched with memory's immortality and garnered in her sacred urn, free from the hand of death. The past is to us what the old battle-ground is to the wear-worn veteran. Limping upon his crutches, he stands with uncovered head where he fought in manhood's lusty prime. He hardly recognizes the place of so many dear associations. Bare hands have felled the trees and plowed the ground. There a younger brother and father fell, and here a dear comrade, but no sign now remains to tell him where they rest. He remembers they were once here, but they are gone, and he feels that soon he shall also join the "chor invisible." So the past is to us all. We stumble upon the crutch of memory into other years, and all is changed. Here a tombstone and there a hoary head to remind us that we once came over the road. And it is not strange that in this shifting, fleeting life that, overlapping all others, should come the question, "If a man die, shall he live again?"

And without doubt this is one of the most important problems—perhaps the most vital—touching the life of man. No man can live this life intelligently until he has taken into account that he is an immortal being. If man lives not beyond the grave, he should emphasize this life only. His motto should be, "Eat, drink and be merry, for to-morrow we die." But if he is to continue his existence beyond the tomb, and the felicity of that existence is conditioned upon the conduct of this life, he should let every act here have respect to that world to come.

Some considerations that cause us to answer that we shall live again beyond the shadows of the grave: 1. The prevalence of this idea among men. The good and bad men of all ages and all countries have believed in the immortality of the soul. The wise and the illiterate have concurred in this opinion. The old philosophers

pursued this star of hope. They believed that after the wreck of death man should sail upon some fairer sea. Plato, the genius of them all, has given us Phaedo, the greatest argument upon the nature and destiny of the soul. The Indian, in his darkness, has not laid his dead away without hopes of a happy hunting-ground. The stars of literature, irrespective of religious belief or character, have paid homage to this truth. Lord Byron says: "Immortality o'ersweeps all pains, all tears, all time, all fears; and peals, like the eternal thunders of the deep, into my ears this truth: 'Thou livest forever.'" Shakespeare, in Hamlet's soliloquy, has published to the world his thoughts on this subject. R. G. Ingersoll, that blatant agnostic, did not blot this out of his creed. When called upon to make some remarks over the dead body of his brother, he did not try to crush this flower of hope. He, speaking of his brother, said: "He mistook death for the return of health, and said, 'I am getting better.' And shall we not hope all the numberless dead, who sleep in the windowless palaces of the tomb, that they are better?" Abraham "looked for a city which hath foundations whose maker and builder was God." Job, in the night of his sorrow, was cheered with the hope that "after skin-worms had eaten up the body that in his flesh he should see God." Fundamental, intuitive ideas are always true. So that this idea has been prevalent among all men in all ages of the world goes far to prove that it is not an idle dream.

2. Man's greatness is a constant proclamation of his divinity. He has subdued and made the natural world his servant. He has used the mystic fires of the universe to light his home, cook his food and carry his voice round the world. Places once far apart, by the power of steam have been brought nigh. Worlds far out in space, by his telescope have been brought down to earth. He names them, tells of their laws and composition; and this generation knows more of Jupiter and Saturn than others knew of this earth. He has dug down into this planet, deciphered the plan of creation, and read the expressed thought of God. Passing from his faculties and reason, in his heroic moral qualities he is more than the brute of the field. Take man as he offers himself as a martyr for his religion as he gives his life for those he loves, as he dies rather than do wrong—take him in all his wonderful qualities and endowments, and he is more than the infinitesimal things of time and space—he is immortal.

3. Man must live beyond this present time, that the inequalities of earth may be adjusted. If there is such a thing as equity-justice, it must come to man beyond this world. The scales of life do not weigh out to all men the same in this life. Here is one man who has by inheritance and nature all that life can confer on a man. Without any act of merit or demerit, it has been thrust upon him. Take King Edward. Born in a palace, heir to one of the greatest thrones and incomes in the world, it is his to enjoy, whether he be saint or devil. His contrast is the poor boy born in a garret. Sick in body, feeble in mind, he must battle against the hard hand of fate all his days. The King deserves no praise for his position; it was thrust upon him. The poor boy deserves no blame for his poverty and gloom; it was thrust upon him. Lord Jeffries and his bloody circuit; Nero using tar-covered Christians as torches to light up his midnight revelry; the many times helpless innocence and virtue have been outraged by fends of night in human form—all these tell us in words as loud as eternal justice that there is another world where "God will avenge his own elect which cry unto him night and day."

4. Man's yearning after life proves that he is immortal. In this world God has supplied that which will appease every natural desire of man. Man craves food, all about him are found things good to the taste and that support the body. He desires health; around him are nature's inexhaustible drug stores. He seeks beauty, and everywhere he looks is incomparable beauty. As Adam in the garden, he pines for companionship, and he has about intelligent beings for associates. God has so bountifully supplied the wants of the lower nature, is it not reasonable to suppose that he has also provided for the greatest desire of man—the yearning for life? Man yearns to live, and he shall live again.

5. We now, in conclusion, appeal to the teachings of the inspired Book. The Bible teaches that all men, whether good or bad, live beyond the grave. In every man is a living soul—a spark of divinity that shall never cease to be. Some have taught that the righteous only would live beyond this life, but this finds no support in the Word of God. Take the words of the Master, and what is their manifest meaning? "Then shall he say also unto them on his left hand, Depart from me, and these shall go away into

everlasting punishment, but the righteous into life eternal." If we accept the teaching of Christ concerning the felicity of the saved, we must also accept that of the immortality of the wicked and their everlasting punishment. So everywhere we turn, whether to the history of man, his nature and present surroundings, or the Word of God, we are confronted with the fact that he is an immortal being. We are immortal—are but babies now trying to learn our A. B. C's. Millions of years from now, perhaps we will be far enough along to begin to travel, study and know something of God's illimitable universe.

SOMETHING FOR THE THOUGHTFUL.

A comparison of some of the items set forth in the statistics of the late sessions of the Texas conference gives food for thought. First, the following group shows the relative membership of the several conferences, the assessments and the payments of each for missions, and the payments of each per member:

Table with columns: Conference, Membership, Assessed, Paid, Per Member. Rows include Northwest, North, East, Texas, and West.

Another point of view: Take the claims under the control of the Parent and Conference Boards, including the collection for conference claimants, foreign and some missions, Church extension, education and expense of delegates to the General Conference, auditing salaries, women's work, local enterprises and "other objects." For these connective claims we have assessed and collected, per member, as follows:

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Roll round, strange years; swift seasons come and go; Ye leave upon us but an outward sign; Ye can not touch the inward and divine

Which God alone doth know. —Dinah Muloch Crank.

The question of providing for the Order of Deaconesses in our Church will come up for discussion at our approaching General Conference. We hope the women of our Church are thinking about the question, and we would be gratified to hear from any of the members of our W. F. M. Society or W. H. M. Society on the subject, for publication in this department. The time is short. General Conference is near at hand. Let us hear from you, if any one of you has anything to say on the subject.

NOTICE, W. F. M. SOCIETY, NORTH-WEST TEXAS CONFERENCE.

Our annual meeting will be held in Granbury, Texas, from June 14 to June 18, inclusive. We expect reduced rates. Special notice will be given regarding it later. We earnestly desire each society, adult and juvenile, to send delegates to the meeting. All visitors will be welcome. Come praying for the Holy Spirit to meet with and abide with us during the entire session.

Rev. Horace Bishop will preach our annual sermon. We are looking forward to a precious season of loving service for our Lord.

MRS. J. P. MUSSETT, Cor. Sec. Conf. Society, Grapevine, Texas.

W. H. M. SOCIETY.

The Fort Worth District Conference convenes here the first day of May. I will hold my district meeting on Friday, the second day. I am anxious that each Home Mission auxiliary in the district send a delegate. Will the Presidents of the auxiliaries see to this, and send the names to Mrs. Jim Langston or myself? Our meeting will be held either in the Cumberland Presbyterian or Congregational Church. The delegates will be met at the depot by some of our Home Mission ladies. Come praying that we may have a gracious meeting.

MRS. W. H. PURCELL, Dist. Sec., Fort Worth Dist. Cleburne, Tex.

OLD PEOPLE.

"Ah, this is the country for old people!" exclaimed an old Scotch lady, who, after half a century spent in America, had returned to visit her kith and kin in Scotland. She could not forbear contrasting the tender respect and deference, the gratifying attentions, the charming consideration shown to her by her youthful relatives, with the nonchalant and often slighting manner in which the aged are treated by "Young America."

For it can not be denied that the "hoary head" is not held in the reverence that it obtains elsewhere by this same "Young America," which, on the contrary, is inclined to push it aside, out of its bold, impetuous, progressive way.

"Who wants to hear that old foggy preach?" asked a saucy young woman, member of a village Church—the "old fog" being a clergyman of fine abilities, who had formerly preached with acceptance to a large city Church, but whose locks were now sprinkled with gray. "Who wants to hear him preach? What our Church requires is a young man."

It is the same in other professions. Having lately been laid on a sick-bed, the writer called in a physician who had long been known for his skill and success in the medical profession.

"Oh, he's too old!" cried a friend in dismay. "Why don't you send for Doctor This or Doctor That?"—mentioning two young physicians who themselves thought it a privilege to appeal to the older one in difficult cases.

It is very different on the other side of the water. The old pastor, the old family physician—how respected they are! How dear to the hearts of those whom they have known and served so long!

But a friend of mine who was traveling in Great Britain had a rather amusing experience of this trait. Although still in the prime of life, her hair from some cause had changed prematurely and become perfectly white, which made her appear much older than she was. Wherever she went she found herself treated with extraordinary respect and attention. Railway porters, guards, etc., vied

with one another in helping her, and seeing to her comfort and safety. It was the same with waiters and chambermaids at hotels—royalty itself could scarcely have had more attention.

At first she was puzzled at this, but she soon found out the reason. "It is all owing to that venerable white head of yours," said her companion. "They take you for a very old lady, and hence their attention."

And the lady, though somewhat annoyed by the excessive attention, overcame her annoyance for the sake of the beautiful principle underlying it.

A young clergyman, with his wife, were invited to a dinner party, to meet the officers of his Church and their wives, all of whom were more or less advanced in life. And afterwards—incredible as it may appear—that young wife made fun of her host and hostess and their company! "The idea," said she, laughing, "of asking us with all those old people!"

There is one phase of this lack of reverence of the old which is almost too painful to contemplate. I mean the disrespect with which many young people treat their mothers. I never see an instance of it but I think of those terrible words: "The eye that mocketh at his father, and despiseth to obey his mother, the ravens of the valley shall pick it out, and the young eagles shall eat it"—a strong figure, showing with what abhorrence the benign Father of all regards such conduct, and the certainty that sooner or later retribution will come.—Christian Work.

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FROM JAPAN.

The letters which have appeared in the Advocate over my signature were not written for publication. Some friends have written congratulating me upon my progress in the language. In reply, I wish to state that I have not even learned "A" in the language. It is true that the Japanese characters are not very difficult, but all the Japanese books are printed in Chinese, and of the latter I have not learned even one character. The Bibles are printed in both Chinese and Japanese kana (also the hymn books), which accounts for the statement made in one of my letters. Missionaries who were born in the East, who have lived here all their lives, still have their teachers—are still studying the language. I trust that this is a sufficient explanation. EMMA POTETE, Kobe, Japan, Feb. 15.

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DISTRICT CONFERENCES.

Gainesville District.

At the Gainesville District Conference, which will convene at St. Jo, April 29 to May 4, the following subjects will be given special attention: Opening sermon, by Rev. J. W. Tincher, Wednesday night, the 29th. Thursday morning the pastors will make such reports as the Discipline requires for the District Conference. At 11 a. m. Rev. I. T. Stafford will preach a sermon on "A Prepared Ministry." In the afternoon special consideration will be given to the spiritual conditions of the Church and finishing reports. There will be preaching every evening at 8 o'clock. Friday—Best methods for full collections this year. The financial problems of the Church. A discussion, led by laymen, 11 a. m., sermon, "The Financial Support of the Church," by Rev. J. F. Pierce. In the afternoon special attention given in considering successful pastoral work. Discussion led by Rev. W. M. P. Rippey. The state of Epworth Leagues in the Gainesville District.

Saturday—Reports from disciplinary and special committees. 11 a. m., sermon on missions. In the afternoon the Women's Foreign Missionary Society will hold a special session, presided over by the Conference President, Mrs. J. H. Bowman.

Sunday—Preaching in the different pulpits, Sunday-school and Epworth League, 10 a. m. Let preachers and delegates come prepared to stay over Sunday.

Committees: For License to Preach—Atticus Webb, chairman; O. C. Fontaine, J. P. Rodgers. Admission on Trial—J. F. Pierce, chairman; Franklin Moore, J. W. Tincher. For Deacons—I. T. Stafford, chairman; W. M. P. Rippey, L. F. Palmer. GEO. S. SEXTON, P. E.

McKINNEY DISTRICT.

Following are the committees for McKinney District Conference, at Anna, May 1: License to Preach and Admission on Trial—T. H. Morris, S. W. Miller, J. N. Hunter. Ordination, Deacons and Elders' Orders—E. G. Roberts, J. W. Blackburn, F. A. ROSSER, P. E.

SAN MARCOS DISTRICT.

The time of meeting of San Marcos District Conference is changed from June 11 to June 17, at 3 p. m., and will embrace the fourth and fifth of June.

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GATESVILLE DISTRICT.

Committees of Examination for Gatesville District Conference: For License—S. P. Brown, J. R. B. Hall, C. B. Meador. Deacons' Orders—G. W. White, W. B. Wilson, C. W. Daniel. Elders' Orders—A. P. Smith, O. P. Kiker, F. M. Winburne.

TRIAL—T. E. Hillburn, M. L. Moody, J. E. Blaylock. J. G. PUTMAN, P. E.

VERNON DISTRICT.

Committees for Vernon District Conference: For License to Preach—C. N. N. Ferguson, M. W. Rogers and J. T. Bloodworth. For Admission and Readmission—C. E. Lindsey, Ed. R. Wallace and J. F. Tyson. For Deacons and Elders' Orders—J. H. Stewart, W. S. P. McCullough and E. A. Walker.

Opening sermon by W. S. P. McCullough, Friday at 8:30 p. m., June 20. J. H. WISEMAN, P. E.

SHERMAN DISTRICT.

Announcements for Sherman District Conference, Whitesboro, Texas, May 1, 1892, 8:30 a. m.: Committee on Orders—J. M. Binkley, C. A. Spragins, Jno. A. Old. On Admission and Readmission—W. E. Rogers, J. O. Davis, C. H. Gavette. Committee on License to Preach—A. L. Scales, J. B. Guber, A. G. Noble. Opening sermon April 23, 3 p. m., by P. C. Anderson. Trial—Send in names at once to Rev. P. L. Smith, so that entertainment may be provided for delegates and others. J. A. STAFFORD, P. E. Sherman, Texas.

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UNANSWERED LETTERS.

April 2—H. M. Pottle, subs. J. N. McCain, subs. C. G. Shutt, trial subs. Sam'l Weaver, subs. L. F. Palmer, subs. M. E. Hawkins, trial subs. M. A. Turner, subs. C. A. Evans, subs. J. B. Guber, subs. J. A. Wyatt, subs. Jas. F. Callaway, subs. has attention. S. Crutchfield, trial subs. N. B. Read, subs. W. C. Hillburn, subs. J. M. Armstrong, subs. E. G. Roberts, subs. D. W. Gardner, subs. and trial subs. M. L. Hickey, trial subs. J. S. Mathis, subs. G. P. Hatfield, trial subs. J. M. Mills, subs. Atticus Webb, subs. D. A. McGuire, trial subs.

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April 5—W. A. Thomas, subs. J. B. Guber, subs. J. A. Wyatt, subs. J. P. Skinner, subs. A. A. Nolan, subs. J. C. Moore, subs. G. P. Hatfield, subs. Atticus Webb, subs. S. W. Thomas, subs. F. E. Luker, subs. D. A. Gregg, change made J. H. Chambliss, has attention. April 7—J. W. Hill, subs. W. P. Garvin, subs. W. G. Hays, subs. L. L. Hays, o. k. W. A. Manly, subs. E. V. Cox, subs. W. W. Moss, subs. C. E. Simpson, trial subs. Thos. Hanks, trial subs. H. P. Shrader, o. k. W. H. Head, subs. J. T. Hicks, subs. W. A. Ingersoll, trial subs. D. P. Fuller, subs. J. W. Bowden, subs. G. W. Kincheloe, trial subs.

April 8—Jno. H. McLean, subs. R. J. Tooley, subs. J. W. Fort, subs. Jas. M. Wayne, trial subs. Frank Hughes, subs. W. L. Pate, trial subs. T. J. Donnan, subs. J. J. Franks, has attention. W. F. Mayne, subs. Gus M. Sawyers, subs. Atticus Webb, subs. has attention. Jas. L. Wilson, subs. A. W. Wilson, subs. J. T. Morris, subs. N. A. Keen, subs. J. C. Hubbardston, subs. C. B. Smith, subs.

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Mrs. Allen said in her piece to the Advocate some time ago that she would go again. I would also, even if I knew of the hardships of the itinerant life, for they are not to be thought of in comparison with the joy that comes in the faithful performance of duty to God and lost sinners. In saying nothing of the final reward when the battle is all over here and the rich reward over there. In the providence of our good Heavenly Father I have been able to preach every Sunday since conference, and the pastors of Austin filling our four churches had me to preach for them every Sunday since conference. So you see I have had a circuit in the city. Our pastors seem to be doing well. One Sunday I preached out at the Confederate Home. How some of those old war-worn veterans seemed to enjoy the message from one who stood in rank with them during the mortal conflict! But to them and me the signs of carnage will soon be obliterated, and peace, peace, will be ours forever. I hope to be of service to my brethren as they may need me in their fields of labor. I suffer, but I will not complain, for the cup He gives I will drink, for his was to the death on the cross, while mine may be denominated "these light afflictions."

FRED L. ALLEN.

An Acknowledgment.

When the heart is broken by a great sorrow, the next best thing to the grace of God is the love and sympathy of hearts made akin by the common experiences of life. During the illness and since the decease of our daughter, many letters have come to us the liberality of hearts touched by our loss. These have been, indeed, oil poured on troubled waters, and we would gladly respond to every kind writer personally, but they are so numerous that we must ask you to grant us, and the writers to accept, this method of acknowledgment. Dear friends, your tender words soothe us in our sorest trial, and we pray God that when similar sorrows have come to you, you may have like comforters—human and divine. God bless you all every one.

W. M. LEATHERWOOD, SALLIE A. LEATHERWOOD, Rockwall, Texas.

More Changes Suggested.

While others are suggesting changes, we would suggest that some change be made in Paragraph 86, bottom part of page 29, in the charge to parents when we baptize a child, where it reads, "In causing this child to be brought by baptism into the Church of Christ," etc. Let us go to the church as members when we baptize them or quit saying we take them in by baptism. It can't mean the invisible Church, for that would teach water-regeneration. Then, if we are not going to enroll them as members when we baptize them, let us amend it so as to read, "In causing this child to be baptized, it is your duty," etc., so as to be consistent with our own teaching.

High Pressure Days.

Men and women alike have to work incessantly with brain and hand to hold their own nowadays. Scarcely were the demands of business, the wants of the family, the requirements of society, more numerous. The first effect of the pressure is to keep up with all these things is commonly seen in a weakened or debilitated condition of the nervous system, which results in dyspepsia, defective nutrition of both body and brain, and in extreme cases in complete nervous prostration. It is clearly seen that what is needed is what will sustain the system, give vigor and tone to the nerves, and keep the digestive and assimilative functions healthy and active. From personal knowledge we can recommend Hood's Sarsaparilla for this purpose. It acts on all the vital organs, builds up the whole system, and fits men and women for those high-pressure days.

Albuquerque District—Third Round. Corralitos, at Live Oak, May 26. Albuquerque, at Round Mountain, May 27. San Marcial, at Valley Forge, May 28. Magdalena, at Valley Forge, May 29. Gallup, at Valley Forge, June 1. The District Conference will meet at Magdalena May 28. Robt. Hodgson, P. E.

Llano District—Third Round. Llano sta., at Valley Forge, April 12, 13. Brokenoak cir., at Valley Forge, April 19, 20.

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Bandera, at Bandera	July 12, 13
Center Point sta.	July 19, 20
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BEEVILLE DISTRICT MISSIONARY INSTITUTE.

In response to a call from Presiding Elder J. F. Webb, the members of the Beeville District met in Beeville, Texas, March 25, for the purpose of organizing a District Missionary Institute. The opening service was conducted by J. B. Davis, who preached upon "The Holy Ghost in Mission." The following morning at 8:30 Presiding Elder J. F. Webb called the institute to order and after having the hymns sung, read and heard of the institute. The Beeville District Missionary Institute was organized, with all but three of the members present. (The three who were absent present.) The institute was held at the Beeville Hotel. The program was taken up and carried out in full. Several things of importance were brought out by the different speakers. The extreme need of the institute was emphasized by the fact that some of our best men are not thoroughly acquainted with our opportunities and responsibilities in our different mission fields. It was likewise determined that we have not fulfilled our duty in equipping our missionary force. Our minds were filled with a language for a broader and more trustworthy knowledge of missions, our hearts were kindled with a deeper loyalty to our Master, and it was resolved to say that every member returned to his people more thoroughly determined to do all in his power to carry out our Lord's command, "Go ye into all the world and preach the gospel to every creature," thus making the day of world-wide evangelization.

The following resolution was passed at the institute: We feel that there was a duty of all our foreign and of \$20 for our domestic missionary assignment for last year, and.

Whereas, We believe, since our discussion of the matter here, that we can wipe out that debt, we therefore recommend that every pastor at the earliest date organize his Sunday-school into missionary societies and that all money raised from said Sunday-schools for missions be used as an overflow fund. We further recommend that each pastor write at once to Beeville, and get missionary literature for free distribution, and that Rally Day be strictly observed. We further recommend that our presiding elder use some of the Quarterly Conferences to bring the subject of missions more prominently before the people, and that he, if he deems it necessary, call sub-district meetings at different points in the district.

I. K. WALLER,
C. S. MILLS,
B. S. ADAIR,
J. M. LINN,
Committee.

Correction.

The time of the Texas excursion to Santa Ana is in April 26. Instead of April 25 as mentioned in Bro. Sam P. Wright's letter, and Dr. J. W. Lowrey's address is California instead of Hillsboro. Our year round trip ticket to Los Angeles on the 26th of April. All who go on that day get a free ride from Los Angeles to Santa Ana and return, and a free ride through the groves. Send in your name to Dr. Lowrey. J. W. LOWREY.

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THE S. W. U. REUNION AT THE GENERAL CONFERENCE.

Bro. Downs moves that we have a reunion of the alumni of Southwestern University at Dallas during the session of the General Conference. I write to second the motion. By all means, let us have it. Let's have something that will not only bring back the memories of the good old days and be an occasion of mutual joy, but let's have something that will impress itself upon others, and (at least for one short evening) turn the attention of all Southern Methodism to our great University at Georgetown—create some enthusiasm—and there's no telling what might be accomplished. Perhaps the equipment of our new building—yes, and more!

I suggest that a Committee on Arrangement be appointed, say two from each conference in Texas, one clerical and one lay. Mexico must be represented, too. I nominate Bro. R. G. Moody to represent the North Texas Conference. Let us hear from others. J. J. MORDEAN, Garland, Texas.

Leaguers, Notice.

The officers of the Terrell District Epworth League Conference are urgently requested to meet in Terrell on Wednesday, the 10th of April, for the purpose of arranging a program and selecting a time for our coming conference at Garland. All Leaguers will be welcome.

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