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EDITORIAL.

A SKETCH OF WESLEY WITH COMMENTS.

During the years of his Fellowship and a few following, Wesley devoted himself to his school duties and to preaching. His sermons began to attract widespread attention. His great scholarship, his knowledge of the Bible, his extensive information and his extraordinary eloquence pointed him out as a young man of conspicuous mark. He became a member of the Society for the Propagation of Christian Knowledge. In October, 1735, he was prevailed upon to join Oglethorpe's famous Colony and go as a missionary to America and devote himself to mission work in and near where Savannah, Ga., now is, among the colonists and the Indians. He was then about thirty-two years of age. But he had a real desire to do good in the world. On that memorable voyage he fell in with a lot of Moravians who were exceedingly religious and he observed them very closely, and he was wonderfully impressed with the fact that they had a type of religious experience to which he was a stranger. Landing at Savannah, he went to work methodically and with a will. Often his enthusiasm went beyond good judgment. But his most serious mistake was an unfortunate love affair with Miss Sophia Hopkey. He did nothing not in keeping with his position as a gentleman, but he was much criticised and it furnished the excuse for his return to England. In February, 1738, he reached his native land a sadder and a wiser man. His two or three years of experience in America were of much value to him. From this time on he sought a deeper work of grace in his own heart. He became much exercised about his religious state. He remembered the Moravians and one night he went to one of their Societies in Aldergate Street and while listening to one of them read Martin Luther's introduction to the Epistle to the Romans, he received that baptism of the Holy Ghost which marked the beginning of his wonderful career as a preacher of the gospel. In describing it afterward he was wont to say, "I felt my heart strangely warmed." He confesses that this is the first experience of pardon and assurance that he had ever enjoyed. Thenceforth he became Wesley, the great evangelist. To the scandal of his associates and to his Church, he went out among the poor and the outcasts and preached the gospel with power and demonstration. Thousands of the common people heard him with gladness and his converts were numbered by the hundred. Lay helpers from this class sprang up to assist him, and in due time his work began to spread over England. On account of his irregular way of preaching, the Church began to ridicule and oppose him, and on account of the severe doctrines that he preached to the multitudes, numbers of the baser sort entered upon a campaign of persecution against him and his followers. In these matters he endured hardship, ostracism and indignity beyond any man since the days of Luther. In

the meantime his pen was busy and he soon flooded the land with spiritual literature. Whitefield with his fiery eloquence added to the enthusiasm of the movement; and Charles Wesley put the great truths of his brother's sermons into inspired poetry and music, and England by and by awoke to the fact that she had the mightiest religious movement in progress ever known in her history. For years he continued to travel and preach and to organize his converts into societies for instruction. Local preachers were raised up and by and by his circuit riders were traversing the villages, the country places and the cities preaching the unsearchable riches of Christ. Enemies opposed him, false followers deceived him, many friends deserted him, among them Whitefield; but he turned neither to the right nor the left, but pressed his work day and night. Directly he became the great force in England. His work broke out in Ireland, and then it crossed the sea and took fire in the American colonies. But by this time Wesley was an old man full of years and physical infirmities. He had never consented to a separate organization of his followers into an independent Church. He had advised adherence to the Established Church. But now he saw that separation was a foregone conclusion. So under the act of Toleration he to all intents and purposes paved the way for separate organization to follow soon after his death. As the result of his labors, he had 71,463 members in his societies in the old world, 48,610 in the new, with church houses and preachers to correspond. He also had a flourishing school for the training of his ministers. Therefore at the age of eighty-eight this great and good man had about overcome all bitter opposition, and as a consequence he was the conspicuous and influential character in religious matters throughout England. With poor health from the beginning, with crude and oftentimes ignorant helpers, with the opposition of the Established Church, with indignities from the mob, with the scandalous backslidings of many of his converts, with the deplorable mistake of an ill-advised marriage, with perpetual struggle against poverty, with public sentiment estranged from God and righteousness, this wonderful man's courage never failed him, and at the end of his career he was permitted to see that his labors had won for his enterprise a success that was the marvel of the religious world. He had established a system and propagated truths that were destined to revolutionize the Church work of Christendom and to re-establish the purity and power of spiritual religion among men. And he had furthermore given impetus to a movement that would within the reach of a century fill the world with ministers, and members, and churches, and schools, to the glory of God and the uplift of the race. At the end of his long and laborious life he could say, "Now, Lord, lettest thou thy servant depart in peace." And when the hour of his departure came, he gathered up his last remaining strength and shouted, "The best of all is, God is with us." And his happy spirit took its place with the apostles and martyrs at the right hand of God in heaven.

THE DEATH OF REV. T. DE WITT TALMAGE, D.D.

The death of Dr. Talmage has removed from the eye of the public one of the most conspicuous ministers of the gospel in this or any other land. Not conspicuous in his scholarship or profound thought, or in his ability to organize and direct great Church enterprises, but in his sprightliness of mind, resourcefulness of spirit, and in his power to adapt the truths of the Bible to the needs of ordinary mankind. He was a man of very full reading, with good mental training, possessed of a buoyant and hopeful temperament and gifted with a facility of expression rarely ever equalled in the pulpit and on the platform. He was quick to see and appropriate the practical thought of his day, clothe it with sparkling language, illustrate it with beautiful imagery from nature and literature and then throw it into such perspective as to attract and interest the people whether they sat under the witchery of his delivery or read his production from the cold page of the religion and the secular press. While not so profoundly spiritual in his preaching as Moody, yet Dr. Talmage was orthodox and evangelical, and the whole tendency of his ministerial work was to inspire hope and to lift up the drooping hearts of men. For several years prior to his death he was thought to be somewhat secular in his spirit, nevertheless he was a good man and his life and works will perpetuate his name beyond the generation in which he lived and died. Thousands and thousands of people have been benefited by his ministry. The world is better because he lived and wrought in it. He was born January 7, 1832, was educated in the University of the City of New York, studied law three years, then entered the Reformed Dutch Theological Seminary at New Brunswick, N. J., preached three years in Piedmont, N. Y., then in Syracuse and Philadelphia, and finally in Brooklyn, where he achieved his greatest success as a preacher and writer. But after his church was destroyed by fire the second time, he did but little work as a pastor. He was residing in Washington at the time of his death. His published sermons are said to have been read by thirty millions of people a week. As a preacher he constituted a type of his own. There was scarcely ever one like him, and perhaps there will never be another of his kind. Yet he made and held his place among men.

GENERAL RULES OF THE CHURCH.

"Borrowing without a probability of paying, or taking up goods without a probability of paying for them." Honesty is one of the cardinal virtues of our holy religion. Upon it Mr. Wesley placed great emphasis and the Church of to-day needs to stress it from all the pulpits throughout the land. A loose conscience upon this subject is the peril of correct moral character and a menace to Christianity. Above all things, those who profess to follow Christ must be honest people, else religion will become a farce and the Church a failure. To "borrow without

a probability of paying" is tantamount to stealing, since it is getting the goods and not being to pay in a way that will satisfy the creditor. It is the original sin of the world. We lock our doors against a common thief, yet we are easily approached by those who seek to be accommodated by means of goods. With our eyes open to those who are to be taken advantage of our faith is being sold to the highest bidder and then they feel to turn their backs upon him, doubtless offend against good morals. Of course, there may be retorting, but the chances are that the man who has been taken advantage of will be left to the mercy of the law, but either personal affliction or financial disaster may disconcert his plans and render him unable to meet his debt. But the Rule does not apply to that sort of man. It is the man who willfully borrows from you and then makes no effort to discharge the debt, about whom we are now speaking. Such a man is a thief upon his religion and a thief upon the Church. His manner of life makes him unworthy membership in the sacred name of Christ. And not so this is the man who "takes up goods without a probability of paying for them." There is too much of this sort of thing being done going on among a class of people whose names are upon the Church register. Whenever they can pocket upon people they credit them they proceed to open an account and when they get what they want, they may seem to give it no further thought. The fact that they are in debt is not to them a matter of any concern. They have professional debtors, but debtors are not one of their traits of character. Such people are doing more to prostitute religion and bring the Church into disrepute than almost any other practice among men. However, we are glad to say that among Methodists this sort of thing is not common, and it is exceptional, and even to this extent it ought not to prevail. Hence, the importance of this Rule and its frequent recital from our pulpits. Our pastors should be given no uncertain sound upon the subject of a debt-paying religion. Let all our goods and heed to honest dealings with their fellowmen, so that the very name of Methodist may become as good as a glowing word in all communities. Neither borrow anything nor buy anything on a credit, unless you are reasonably sure of meeting the obligation there assumed at the time stated. As Methodists we can not afford to do otherwise and maintain our place in the Church of God.

Christ likeness is the privilege of the true Christian. By this we do not mean a physical resemblance of him, for no man knows anything about the personal appearance of Christ. All the pictures of him which we have produced are the results of human imagination. But we mean by Christ likeness a resemblance to his life and character. We know perfectly well how he lived, how he thought, and how he demeaned himself before the world. In these respects we can closely resemble him. We can so devote ourselves to him and his cause until we become like him in conduct and character.

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reference in St. Louis in 1890. I need them, but some good men, Bro. Hughes, of Dallas, the enactment of a law to take preachers at 65 years of age, and the fact is, ought to retire at 20, others depend upon the man, the Church have lost if had existed in the days of the old is disgracing. This, is a strange age—when a sophomore, just in the theology, should be preferred of age, ability and experienced pastoral work. Not a certain conference, some were conspired to relegate a man and presiding elder to of superannuation. He appears to have just completed. His was: "If these brethren have one lot on any line, then result: he still goes on in his life. "By their fruits ye shall know them." I know men now who are retiring rather than be not wanted, and they are best-equipped and successful in their conference. They are tired, etc. What a crime to more years of age! It is such foolishness was it. Nearly seven years shut out experience. Oh, how I look again!—go to church and hear sermons. Yes, you and be none. May we meet and river of life in the city of no success break and where seems swell the music of before very long, I will my pencil and tablet and pen. This may be my last, well, for I look for a city er and builder is God, I grow anxious to go, and of the departure of the to me I ask, Why could been me? Sore and weary, pleasure of the Lord, hope.

E. L. ARMSTRONG, Texas.

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write-up of a part of ordinary occasion in the Ad-faithful and complimen-he was compelled to leave program was only half ven-it not out of taste to add. I would simply empha-he said of Sherman, Dr. Bishop Key. Certainly we entertainment, but we were been able to furnish a at gave our hosts rich fun-spiritual feasts in re-ber hospitality. We had eachers and Sunday-school in the conference outside and the city contributed required to pack the house, the services a good many r want of seats. Most of appointed to places on the re present and did their A few, however, were ab- great regret. Most of their filled by persons in attend- request of the chairman.

Mrs. Hamill's work too it be said. They are "mas- tress" of the situation, in t sense of these terms, te will add intense mean- unday-school with all who sessions. A feature not gram was added by Mrs. Key, President of North le College, in the form of at the college, and is host by the words used by Dr. making the announcement are useless. It is enough Key is going to entertain." guests added later: "Lacy is the biggest adjective in J. A. WYATT.

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over us. No one who knows God as Christ does, who looks up into the heavenly Father's face with that perfect spirit of childhood, can doubt that God intends good for His children and is able to bring it about. Christ's perfect confidence in God comes out in the illustrations which He uses to show us the completeness of God's care. One day it is the lilies to which He points, asking His friends to mark how they grow and with what beauty they are clothed, and drawing the assuring lesson that the God who paints the lily with such resplendent colors will not forget the children made in His own image and likeness. Another day He points to the sparrow—a little cheap thing, two sold for a farthing and five for two farthings, and yet not one of them forgotten by God. And if He cares for the little bird, He surely will not forget His children.

What a precious thing it is to have that kind of a faith in God! And you can only obtain it by getting rid of yourself in a working fellowship with Jesus Christ. If you will go into partnership with the Savior and seek every day to bring blessings to somebody, feeling as He does that every man you can help is your neighbor and that every-thing that hurts your brother is your own personal enemy, thus putting your shoulders in close touch with Jesus underneath all the burdens of humanity, you will be brought into such a relation to God that the spiritual and the super-natural will appear real to you. In the greatest emergencies of Christ's burden-bearing, in His temptation in the wilderness and in the agony of the garden of Geth-semane, angels came and comforted Him; and angels will come to you and soothe you when you need them if you are wearing Christ's yoke and bearing His burden.—Louis Albert Banks.

LOVE AND HOME.

The affections which bind a man to the place of his birth are essential in his nature, and follow the same law as that which governs every innate feeling. They are implanted in his bosom along with life, and are modified by every circumstance which he encounters from the beginning to the end of his existence. The sentiment which, in the breast of any one man, is an instinctive fondness for the spot where he drew his early breath, becomes, by the progress of mankind and the formation of society, a more enlarged feeling, and expands into the noble passions of patriot-ism. The love of country, the love of the village where we were born, of the field which we first pressed with our tender footsteps, of the hillock which we first climbed, are the same affection, only the latter belongs to each of us separately; the first can be known but by men united into masses. It is founded upon every advantage which a nation is supposed to possess, and is increased by every improvement which it is supposed to receive.—S. Leavelle.

THE BELIEVER'S RELATION TO GOD.

We are indebted to the gospel of Christ for the glorious doctrine of the Fatherhood of God. Jesus reveals unto us the Father. He is himself the revelation of God so that as He told His disciples, "He that hath seen Me, hath seen the Father." And as John in speaking of Him says, "As many as received Him, to them gave He the prerogative or right to become the sons of God, even to them that believe on His name." There is no more comfort-

ing assurance in the Word of God than that it is the privilege of the believer to address God as Abba Father, which Luther renders "Dear Father." The sweetest sense of cannot see. The highest conception of God's Fatherhood is inexpressible. The best part of the Christian life is that which the world does not and which the world has of a Christian is of one who exerts in the moral-ities of daily life and the virtues of human character. But these things are the merest dress of the spirit. The Christian life is a hidden life. Its springs, its essence are out of sight. It is nourished at divine sources. "All my springs are in Thee." It grows more inexpressible as it deepens and strengthens, for Christ can save to the uttermost. Fatherhood means more and more to the believer. Sonship becomes tender in its affection and more intimate in its communion. This Spirit-born relationship implies a divine fellowship that the world or worldly Christian can neither know nor appreciate.—Christian Uplook.

THE SPIRITUAL LIFE.

The spiritual life is the life of God in the soul of man. It is a life which is ordered with reference to the things which are spiritual. The spiritual man recognizes something higher and better than the things of time and sense. These things are ours. We may know them, possess and enjoy them. There is a God above us. We may know Him and enter into conscious fellowship with Him. It is our duty to love and serve Him. Fellowship with Him is as real and satisfactory as fellowship with any other being. The everlasting kingdom of God, with its invisible and immortal treasures, is all about us. These treasures are far more substantial and glorious than the richest treasures of earth.

Those who recognize these invisible things and seize upon their life a spiritual life. It is a larger life than worldly men live. When Christians went into the house of the Interpreter, in Bunyan's "Pilgrim's Progress," she saw a man with a muck rake in his hand. He could look no way but downward. He was busily engaged raking to-gether sticks, straws, and dust and gathering them up. All this time a shining angel stood above him holding out a glittering crown. He did not seek after the crown, he did not desire or even see it, because he could look no way but downward. Here is a type of the worldly man and the worldly life. What are all men doing if there be no spiritual life? What are all men doing who ignore the spiritual life? Are they not using the muck rake? What is the pleasure seeker doing but raking straws with a muck rake? What is the merchant doing? What is the politician doing? Everyone has a muck rake. One rake may be a little larger than another, but no one has anything better than a muck rake. Even the astronomer who pries into the secret of the stars is raking with his little muck rake. His rake has a longer handle than some others, but to him there is nothing beyond the stars, if he be not a spiritual man. His life is bounded by the stellar universe.

Now open the door and let us enter into the spiritual realm, and all is changed. Here is a larger world. Here is something larger than a farm, larger than a great ocean steamer laden with articles of commerce, larger than the palace of a king, larger than the earth and the stellar universe. There are no boundaries to this world. God is here. Here is the love of God in the human soul. Here is truth, righteousness, immortality, and eternal life. It is this that redeems life from its incomplete and fragmentary character and makes it broad as eternity. It is this that

enlarges the soul from a mere capacity for childish things and makes room for the infinite. It is this that makes Jesus more than a philo-sopher. It is this that makes Paul more than a statesman. It is this that makes Bunyan more than a poet. It is this that makes Luther more than a politician. It is this that makes every Christian more than a millionaire. It is this that transforms the intellect into a sage, the child into a full-grown man, the sinner into a saint, and makes the humblest human being a king and priest unto God. But there is a puny spiritual life as there is a puny physical life. The world is often disappointed in the Christian. The world says all manner of evil falsely against the children of God, but that does little harm. It is when the world tells the truth in its adverse criticisms that the Church is damaged. The world expects to find in the Christian a broad-minded, large hearted, unselfish, unspotted, and Christ-like soul. What a sad thing when it finds a man much like other men, selfish, narrow, peevish, fretful, discontented, unhappy, and worldly-minded! Is it not often so? What does it mean? Is the spiritual life a dream or a failure? Nay, but professing Christians are often failures. They have recognized the beauty of the spiritual life and made an attempt to realize it, but they have come short. If they have any spiritual life at all it is puny and sickly. They are more than half carnal.

More dear in the sight of God and His angels than any other conquest is the conquest of self, which each man with the help of heaven can secure for himself.—A. P. Stanley.

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Secular News Items.

Champ Clark was renominated for Congress by the Democrats of the Sixth District of Missouri.

The Irish members of the house of commons have decided not to participate in the coronation ceremonies.

Mr. Phillip Sanger, of Dallas, one of the most prominent business men in the State, died at Pasadena, Cal., April 22.

Eighteen thousand Russian peasants are said to be participating in riots now in progress, resulting in wholesale destruction of property.

Gov. Sayers has appointed Samuel Streetman of Cameron, Associate Justice of the Court of Criminal Appeals to succeed the late Judge Collier.

As a result of a storm at Joplin, Mo., three persons were killed, several fatally wounded and a large number of residences and business houses destroyed.

A cyclone struck the town of Glen Rose, in Somerville County, Monday and almost wiped the town out of existence. Five people were killed and forty injured.

A prisoner in jail at Clinton, La., on a charge of fratricide asserts that he is the murderer of the Earl family, for which Barson has been convicted at Lake Charles.

Prince Regent Luitpold, of Bavaria, presented a royal Bavarian flag to the Hawaiian-American Society of Chicago. It was dedicated on the 7th inst., 6000 members of the society attending.

President Ana Bird Gardiner, of the Rhode Island State Society of the Cincinnati, announced that the society will present a gold medal to the composer of a new tune for the national anthem, "America."

Dallas holds first position in the South in the manufacture of ice, having in all five ice factories, with a total daily capacity of about 455 tons, and approximating an output of 100,000 tons during the season.

The police have ordered Russian art dealers and book-sellers to give a pledge in writing that henceforth they will not exhibit portraits of Count Tolstoy. All postal cards bearing his picture have been confiscated.

Gen. Nelson Vial, the sole survivor, in Rhode Island, of the Mexican War, is reported to be dying at the State Institution in Creighton, where he has been the warden of the State prison and jail for a long term of years.

Railroad estimates of reunion crowd place at not less than 114,000. Dallas is worn out, but its citizens are pleased with the result of their work. Nearly 100,000 meals were served at Fair Grounds during the reunion.

The discovery has been made in Austin that the Cotton Products Company, which was recently given a permit to do business in Texas, is the "holding" company of a number of companies interested in cotton products.

Rev. Dr. Wilson of East Orange, N. J., has compiled a history of the home missionary work of the Presbyterian Church for the past 100 years, which will be issued at the centennial celebration of the home board to be held next month.

The North-western States were visited by a severe blizzard last week. The most severe April snowstorm ever known in those States razed many homes. The cold weather in Wisconsin brought rain to the crops which the hot weather had threatened to ruin.

Dallas is the home of the largest Portland cement manufacturing plant in the South. It was established one and a half years ago and within that short period of time has taken a position as one of the most important cement concerns in the United States.

George S. R. Wright, a member of the Philadelphia Council, has horrified the other city fathers of that most corruptly governed community by re-

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turning to the Pennsylvania Railroad an annual pass which the company sent him. Mr. Wright says he always paid his own fare before and sees good reason why he should do so now more than ever.

Patrolman John M. Penniman, who has served on the Boston police force for fifty-four years, has been retired at his own request and will hereafter receive a pension of \$600 a year. He was the oldest officer in point of service in the city. His age is 79 years.

Col. Van McGary, one of the veteran editors of the State, died at the home of his son in Beaumont April 22. He was the best known newspaper man in that part of the State and has for years been connected with the Age, which he continued to edit up to the time of his last illness.

The Pacific cable has reached the Fiji Islands. The laying of the all-British-Pacific cable to Fiji completes its first section. This extends from the New South Wales and New Zealand coasts to Norfolk Island, which lies about midway between them, and thence to Fiji.

On account of the uneasiness caused in Constantinople by Italy's attitude with reference to Tripoli, the Porte has decided to garrison the Island of Rhodus, off the coast of Tripoli, and the Port of Tebrul, Tripoli, a military commission having drawn up plans for the general defense of the Tripolitan coast.

Members of the Somerset Club, an aristocratic and famous organization of Boston, are much put out because United States Senator Lodge has fitted up some nearby buildings as stores. These are part of an estate which the Senator's mother occupied until the time of her death. In one of the houses Mr. Lodge was born, which fact makes his conduct all the more flagrant in his townsmen's eyes.

Dallas leads the world in the manufacturing and jobbing of saddlery and harness. Six large houses are engaged in this important industry and branch of commerce. They occupy eleven buildings, ranging in height from one to seven stories, with 319,500 square feet, or seven and one-half acres of floor space, and employ from 650 to 800 men. Their business last year amounted to \$1,500,000.

The following dispatch from Washington is dated April 25: The bill for the establishment of a national park embracing the four great battlefields of Fredericksburg, Chancellorsville, The Wilderness, and Spottsylvania, has passed the Senate twice and been reported favorably by the House Military Committee. It now awaits again the pleasure of Speaker Henderson. A well known Civil War General said:

Among the visitors to the reunion was an aged negro from Bossier Parish, La., named Henry Johnson. He went to the war with his master, Joseph Hodges, and into the firing line with him and when he was shot down carried him on his back for four miles to the rear. Johnson is now a prosperous farmer and owns 320 acres of land. He is highly respected by his white friends and came to the reunion as a Confederate soldier.

The following dispatch from Manila is dated April 27: The cholera situation in the islands does not show any improvement. Cholera cases are reported among the American soldiers in the Camarines, provinces of Southern Luzon and elsewhere, but so far few Americans have been attacked and the disease is mainly confined to natives and Chinamen. In Manila there have been 555 cases and 145 deaths, while the provinces report 1,509 cases and 1,189 deaths.

Hon. J. Sterling Morton, ex-Secretary of Agriculture, died April 27 at the home of his son in Chicago. Death was due to cerebral thrombosis. Mr. Morton began ailing several months ago, and in hopes a change of climate would restore his health he went to the City of Mexico, accompanied by his son, Paul Morton, Vice-President of the Santa Fe Railroad. Mr. Morton continued to grow worse in the Southern country, however, and six weeks ago he returned to his old home in Nebraska. He then went to Chicago, where it was believed he would have better medical attention.

The authorities at the Watervliet arsenal expect to complete work on the 16-inch gun to be placed at Fort Hamilton in New York harbor by June 1. The gun, which has been in course of construction about four years, will first be sent to Sandy Hook for proving. Last week the War Department decided to mount the gun on a disappearing carriage. Its first trial is eagerly awaited by all the gunmakers of the world. It is claimed the gun will hurl a shell twenty-one miles. This is disputed by the Krupps, who claim it will not throw the shot more than fifteen miles. In order to discharge the gun it will require 1,000 pounds of powder and a 3,900-pound projectile. The gun when completed will weigh 150 tons.

The Confederate Reunion Association which convened in Dallas last week was a decided success. The weather was perfect, the accommodations ample, and the entertainment superb. Of course the proverbial fault finder was present, but even he was compelled to inconvenience himself in order to find cause for complaint. Many were the congratulations and compliments showered upon Dallas and the grand old State of Texas. All wondered that Dallas could so successfully entertain guests who in number doubled her own population. It was indeed a reunion, for in many instances, comrades and relatives met who had not seen each other for years. New Orleans will next year have the pleasure of extending a hand of welcome to our beloved ex-Confederate soldiers.

Admiral Schley and his wife were guests of Memphis the first part of this week. The beautiful silver service was presented to Admiral Schley on behalf of 18,000 subscribers to a fund for that purpose. The movement to present a testimonial to the Admiral was begun by the Commercial Appeal about a year ago, and contributions in small amounts were solicited from Arkansas, Mississippi, Alabama and Tennessee. Former Senator Thos. B. Turley made the presentation speech, and Admiral Schley accepted the beautiful gift in a fitting reply. The silver service is a magnificent collection, consisting of a chest of table ware of 100 pieces, two candelabra of beautiful design, one epergne and a loving cup, bearing a base relief of the Admiral on one side and the cruiser Brooklyn on the other.

G. A. Entress, formerly of Austin, but now assistant civil engineer of the Monterey Iron and Steel Company, which is erecting a steel plant at Monterey, Mex., at a cost of \$10,000,000, is in Austin visiting friends. He says that the work of constructing the buildings for the new plant is making good progress, but it will be some time before all of the departments of the big concern are completed and ready for operation. The company which is erecting this steel plant is composed of Eugene Kelley, a wealthy banker of New York City and several capitalists of Monterey and the City of Mexico. The company will manufacture steel rails on an extensive scale and will compete with the steel trust in this as well as in other iron manufactured products. It is stated that the Mexican National and the Mexican International Railroads have already placed orders for about 200,000 tons of steel rails with the new concern. The company has extensive iron ore mines in Northern Mexico.

Again has the President been compelled to reprimand one of his officers. By the direction of President Roosevelt, says a Washington dispatch, Acting Secretary of War Sanger has addressed the following letter to Gen. Fred Funston: War Department, Washington, April 22.—Sir: I am directed by the President to instruct you that he wishes you to cease further public discussion of the situation in the Philippines and also to express his regret that you should make a Senator of the United States the object of public criticism or discussion. Very respectfully, Wm. C. Sanger, Acting Secretary of War. Brig. Gen. Frederick Funston, Commanding Department of the Colorado, Denver, Col. At a banquet last Saturday night of the Colorado Sons of the Revolution, Gen. Funston is reported to have said of Senator Hoar: "I have only sympathy for the senior Senator from Massachusetts, who is suffering from an over-heated conscience." Probably what caused the issue of this particular letter was the application of Gen. Funston for leave of absence in order that he might attend the banquet to be given in Boston by the Middlesex Club. It was understood that he was to deliver another address there, and as the President deprecates the discussion of public questions in this fashion by United States officers, this letter was sent. This request for leave of absence was refused.

An Austin dispatch says: It is a seldom thing in recent years in Texas that men like Judge A. W. Terrill, former jurist and Ambassador to Turkey, offer themselves for the Legislature, but Travis County is fortunate in that Judge Terrill is a candidate. In his opening address last night Judge Terrill made some observations which will interest all of Texas. Among other things, he said: "Men have changed, and times have changed also. Once in this land the citizen's ballot was deposited pure and white as the snowflake in the valley at midnight. It registered the unbought vote of the freeman. I am told that votes in later years have been bought here as one would buy chickens from a market wagon, and almost as cheap. Yes, and it is said that sometimes elected officers, after buying their way to office, will lay their perjured hand upon the Holy Bible and swear that they have

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DISTRICT CONFERENCES.

Table listing district conferences by location and date from May 1 to July 21.

REV. GEORGE R. STUART.

We had the pleasure of a most delightful visit from Rev. George R. Stuart last week. He had finished his meeting at Ennis, and was on his way to Hillsboro to begin services there with Rev. Jerome Duncan.

THE GENERAL CONFERENCE ENTERTAINMENT.

We have nearly perfected the arrangements for entertaining the General Conference. By the time the delegates arrive everything will be in readiness for their reception.

properly labeled when the conference opens. The delegations will be provided with chairs, tables, stationery and the like. And such is the arrangement of the hall that no delegation will be very far from the rostrum.

MANY PECULIAR AND HUMOROUS REQUESTS.

The Committee on Entertainment for the General Conference are receiving numerous letters from people who have many peculiarities to be taken in account in providing for their comfort.

THE EX-CONFEDERATE REUNION.

The late session of the ex-Confederate Reunion is now a thing of the past, and, like its predecessors, has become a part of history. It was the most largely attended of any other one in the history of these gatherings.

These subscribers (two new ones) are the first fruits of my trial subscription, and I believe I will be able to have the Advocate continued in each home where the trial subscription has gone.

A HAPPY FAMILY REUNION.

The ex-Confederate Reunion which met in Dallas last week brought about a great many pleasant meetings of relatives and friends long separated.

tered the Church. Not one of them ever swore an oath, or played at a betting game, or took a drink of intoxicants as a beverage.

I herewith send you eight new subscribers. I got all of them since 3 o'clock this afternoon.

A DEPLORABLE VISITATION.

A fearful cyclone passed over the town of Glen Rose, about sixty miles west of Fort Worth, last Monday evening, and demolished nearly every building in the village.

OUR DISTRICT CONFERENCES.

Several of our District Conferences are in session this week and we have been arranging to attend some of them, at least for a day.

TEXAS PERSONALS.

We had an enjoyable visit the past week from Bro. H. W. Spear, who is an official member of Carondelet Street Church, New Orleans.

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ch. Not one of them in oath, or played at a bet or took a drink of intoxicant. They are earnest, and they are earnest. After a separation of the joy of their meeting with that of their oldest brother can be better imagined than it was a time of great com- plete delight will never be they meet beyond the

with send you eight new rs. I got all of them clock this afternoon. T. W. LOVELL, n, Texas.

ABLE VISITATION. cyclone passed over the n Rose, about sixty miles Worth, last Monday even- molished nearly every the village, killed seven ht, and injured forty oth- the dead is our pastor, Ford, of the Northwest renee. He was one of the and devoted members of nd full of life and vigor. a calamity and it will be ned by the Church xas. We mention this af- emphasis because he was n and well known as a course the other deaths ad chapter and the com- catly bereaved. The de- ought by the storm was rely a house was left in d the crops were swept of the earth. Other towns in help to meet the needs and the wants of the sur- ing met. We pray the d's grace upon the com- arfully afflicted.

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man; Bro. Jethro Jones, Whitesburg, Ga.; G. H. Denison and ladies, Shive; Rev. J. W. Sandel, Magnolia, Miss.; Dr. A. M. Hill, Hill's Prairie; Dr. J. H. Dye, Camden, Ark.; Rev. C. H. Rowe, Virginia Conference; M. S. McClellan and son, Knoxville, Tenn.; W. E. Mangum, Commerce, Texas, and his comrades of Company B, Fifth Louisiana Regiment—H. J. Ward, of Pearsall, Texas, and J. B. Drake, of Oak Grove, La.; W. A. Abney, Lufkin; A. J. Dyer, Blum; Rev. W. M. P. Rippey, Gainesville; J. W. Brewer, Brownwood; M. V. Mitchell, Ciseo; Rev. Jas. Wilson, of North Carolina; Rev. Jesse Willis, Malakoff; Rev. B. F. McDaniel, Custer City; S. C. Brown, Crawford; W. W. Heartill, Marshall; Mrs. D. E. Emerson, Miss Mary Lee Emerson, Chickasha, I. T.

CHURCH NEWS. Bishop Hendrix will preach the commencement sermon at Cornell University in June. Our Bishop is popular with our Northern friends.

About fifty Methodist academies, colleges and universities were represented at the late Students' Volunteer Convention in Toronto.

Dr. O. E. Brown, of Vanderbilt University, will preach the baccalaureate sermon at the commencement of the University of North Carolina.

The afflicted son of Bishop Galloway died recently at the home of his father in Jackson, Miss. He was a grown man, but had been greatly indisposed all his life. The Bishop speaks very pathetically of the affliction in the last issue of the Nashville Advocate.

One million persons have been won to Christ in India, 350,000 in Africa, 75,000 in China, 60,000 in Japan. In the South Sea Islands fifty years ago most of the people were savage cannibals; to-day Christianity is the prevailing religion. Notwithstanding this progress, we are told more than half of mankind are living in barbarism or savagery.

The Southern Christian Advocate suggests that we discontinue the publication of the Epworth Era, do away with the Secretary of the Epworth League work, and turn this department over to the Sunday-School Board.

MAGAZINE NOTICES. The Atlantic Monthly for May comes to us with a richly-laden table of contents. In it we select a few of the subjects, as follows: "Second Thoughts on the Treatment of Anarchy," "The Study of the Infinitely Small," "John Fiske: An Appreciation," "A Hidden Weakness in Our Democracy," "Higher Commercial Education," "The Disarmament of the Trusts," "This will give an idea of the subjects treated in this number. The writers are all men of high ability."

Eagle," Sewell Ford; "The Whippet," Lillian C. Moeran; "A Modern Voyage to Lilliput," David Buffum; "The Philosophy of the Road," Cloudesley Johns; Song, Ethel M. Kelley; "A Bit About Bass," Edwin Sandys; "Wild Bird Songs," F. Schuyler Mathews; "In the Presence of the Enemy," Frederick Trevor Hill; "Francis Wilson," Acton Davies; "A Daughter of Raasay" (Chapter III), William McLeod Raine; "Lost Island," Lesley Glendower Peabody; "Marginalia."

An air of spring pervades Scribner's Magazine for May. It contains a beautiful drawing in color by Henry McCarter to illustrate Heine's "May-Song;" there is a breezy salt-water narrative by James B. Connolly, who gives his adventures "On a North Sea Smack" (illustrated by M. J. Burns)—another of those immitable fishing sketches which have already put Mr. Connolly in the front rank of writers of the sea; an exciting "Fight With a Muskallonge," by John R. Rathom, who in a very brief space gives the reader all the sensations that an expert fisherman gets in landing a zamy fish (illustrated with a spirited picture by A. B. Frost); and there is an "Early May" poem by John Burroughs.

NOTES FROM ADVOCATE AGENT. I took in the Rosenberg work with Bro. E. S. Hursey a few days ago. He is doing a very fine work, indeed—building up Methodism to the first position down there. We took in the country south along the lower Brazos Valley, and into almost every home we placed the Advocate.

W. T. GRAY. These subscribers come from the trial list. When once the Advocate enters a home, it is almost a necessity.

THE SITUATION AT JACKSONVILLE, FLA. On the 3d of May—almost one year ago—the great conflagration swept away about \$15,000,000 worth of property in six hours, and left homeless 10,000 people inside the corporate limits of the city.

W. T. GRAY. The Pittsburgh Advocate says: Several ministers in New York City have formed a Hotel Chaplaincy Committee, the object of which is to see that by definite plan pastoral help shall be given to hotel guests on call.

NOTICE. I have mailed program of Abilene Sabbath School and Epworth League Conference to every pastor in Abilene District. If you fail to get program, notify me at once. Please elect delegates and forward names. Our conference convenes at Anson, June 2. We are making preparation for a large delegation. Come praying that you may leave a moral influence on our town. J. H. TRIMBLE, Anson, Texas.

GENERAL CONFERENCE INFORMATION. Rev. L. S. Barton has established headquarters at the Oriental Hotel where he will give all visitors to the General Conference all the information necessary for their accommodation while in the city. Go there when you arrive and he will look after you.

MARRIAGES. Mullis-Drown. At the residence of Mr. J. T. Brown, the bride's father, in San Antonio, Texas, by Rev. J. E. Harrison, Mr. Thomas H. Mullis and Miss Clara Belle Drown, both of San Antonio.

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SHAKESPEARE NEVER WROTE MACBETH. We can prove this as a positive fact, because the poet lived in a time when the lamp chimneys made by MACBETH were unknown.

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FOUND. Found, at the reunion in Dallas, Texas, a pair of half-lens spectacles. The owner can get them by describing and giving me his address and paying for this advertisement. Rev. Jas. M. Culver, Forestburg, Montague County, Texas.

Sunday-School Department.

SECOND QUARTER, LESSON 6, MAY 11.

PETER DELIVERED FROM PRISON.

Acts 12:1-19.

Golden Text.—The angel of the Lord encampeth round about them that fear him and delivereth them.—Psalm 34:7.

Time.—A. D. 41.

Place.—Jerusalem.

From Dr. Torrey's "GIST of the Lesson" we take the following:

EXPOSITION.

I. Peter in prison, the Church praying unto God, 1, 2. The bull in Jerusalem was but temporary. It began again with great fierceness. James was killed and Peter arrested that he might be killed. Peter seemed to be in a very perilous position, securely locked and chained in a Roman prison with sixteen soldiers guarding him. But Peter's enemies had left God out of their calculations, and "there is nothing so hard for the Lord" nor for the Church that links itself on to God by prayer. It is the last night, too, that often withholds his deliverances and his answers to prayer to the last moment. What shall the Church do? Do? Why pray, of course. They appealed the case from "Herod the King" to God the King of kings. Peter seems to have had faith that he would be delivered, for he was calmly and very soundly sleeping. And just as soon as he was thoroughly awake he said: "Now I know of a truth, that the Lord hath sent forth his angel, and has delivered me."

There are three things to notice about the prayer that brought such great things to pass: (1) It was "unto God." Much so-called prayer is not "unto God." There is no real coming into God's presence and actually presenting our petition to him. (2) The prayer was made "with our voices." The R. V. says "earnestly." The R. V. gives the thought, but is hardly expressive enough. The Greek word is a vividly pictorial word that represents the soul in a stretch with intensity of desire. It is the word used of Christ's prayer in the garden when in the intensity of his prayer "His sweat was as it were great drops of blood falling down to the ground" (Luke 22:44; Rom. 15:30). (3) There is power in the prayer of an individual, but there is added power, viz. multiplied power, in united prayer (Matt. 18:19, 20; Acts 1:14; 4:23, 24).

II. Prayer Answered, Peter Freed, 3-7. An angel of the Lord stood by him and a light shined in the cell. A prison cell is a dark and dismal place, but no place is more luminous than a prison cell when an angel of the Lord stands there. Prayer has brought heavenly light into many a prison cell. God's angel was very unceremonious. "He smote Peter on the side and awoke him." Sharp blows are often more loving than gentle lullabies. It is frequently necessary to wake a man up before he can be delivered. Poor, tired Peter may have needed sleep but he needed deliverance more, and it was a mercy to wake him up, though it took a sharp blow in the side to do it. Peter had been so much in the habit of obeying God that he did it in his sleep, or at least when he was not more than half awake, and thought he was asleep. It was well for him that he had not wasted time debating whether it was a vision or reality, but had just gone along and done as the Lord's messenger bade him. "They came to the iron gate, which opened of itself to them of his own accord." If Peter had been like many of us he would have stopped long before they got to the iron gate, and debated with the angel how they were to get through it. But he had more sense, and did just as he was told, and left the "how" with God. If we just obey God, difficulties will disappear when we get to them, and oftentimes not until we do get to them. March right on, and see if it will not open of itself when you come to it.

III. Believing Rhoda and an Unbelieving Church, 12-17. Peter went to the very house where they were holding a prayer-meeting in his behalf. The prayers were started by a knock at the door. Two things are noticeable: the persistent unbelief of that praying company as a whole, and the persistent faith of Rhoda. The company had come together to pray for Peter's deliverance. God as might be expected, heard the prayer and sent the answer to the meeting. While they were yet speaking he had heard comp. Isa. 65:24.) But they were sure it could not be so. Rhoda was crazy. But when she maintained her position, it must be his angel. Perhaps they thought that he had been executed in the night. But Rhoda had

faith! She seem to have been expecting Peter. As soon as there was a rap at the door she was there listening. As soon as she heard Peter's voice she knew it was he. When they told her she was crazy she stuck to it still. Her prayer of faith counted more than all the rest. She was only a "maid" (R. V.), but she is the only one in that praying company whose name the Holy Spirit has thought worthy to put on record. There were, presumably, Church dignitaries there, very likely Mark was there, for it was his mother's house, but Rhoda was there, and she had faith, and she alone is counted. The unbelief of the rest seems all the more unaccountable when we remember how Peter had, once before this, been miraculously delivered from prison (ch. 5:19.) But Peter kept right on knocking. That is the way to treat unbelief—just keep hammering away. They looked quite foolish when Peter himself walked right in, but oh how happy Rhoda was. They were now ready to honor Peter, but he beckoned them to hold their peace and told them "how the Lord had brought him out of prison." He turns attention from himself to Jesus. Herod seems to have left Judea in disgust and spleen because Peter had escaped from his hands.

THE TEXAS STATE EPWORTH LEAGUE CONFERENCE

This conference, on May 16th to 18th next, promises to be the greatest event in the history of the Texas Epworth League in so far as beneficial work is concerned.

The day of flying banners and great jubilee meetings is past, and the serious thought and deep consideration of our people is turned toward this conference with expectations of abiding good.

Those who will not be disappointed, for the program is not only brimfull of the best things, but such as will be of abiding benefit to all who attend.

The spiritual uplift following the gathering of such a band of consecrated workers, and the direction of thought by such masters as have accepted places on the program, will be such as has never been felt in our State before. And, of course, to these things will be added the social pleasures of fellowship with friends and co-laborers.

Every number on the program, from beginning to end, will be worthy of attention, but the mention of only a few of these is sufficient to arouse in every Leaguer an intense desire to be present.

Bishop Candler, on the "Good Samaritan;" Bishop Galloway, on "Ecumenical Methodism;" and Dr. Monk's closing sermon would well repay any one for the trip. And when we add to this the work of such men as John R. Pepper, Dr. Crookland, Rev. Collins Denny, and an experience meeting conducted by Bishop Fitzgerald, such drawing force is given to this conference as will bring to it those who are seeking to be built up and made stronger in the work.

The work of the conference begins at 2 p. m., Friday, May 16, and closes with the night service of Sunday, May 18, giving Sunday morning to the visiting and taking part in the Sunday-schools of Fort Worth and attendance upon 11 o'clock services at the various churches of the city, whose pulpits will be filled by members of the General Conference, then in session at Dallas.

We can not now say who those preachers will be, but it may be depended upon that they will be strong men, and in all probability will select themes for that evasion of special interest to young people and their work.

A little more than a week before our meeting, the General Conference of our Church convenes at Dallas, only thirty-two miles from Fort Worth. And this particular time was selected for our conference from the fact that it was thought toward the close of the week ending May 17 there would be something of a lull in the work of the General Conference on account of the committee requiring time for their work, and at this time members of the General Conference can be with us without materially interfering with their duties at Dallas; but the beginning of the week following our League meeting is expected to be lively in the General Conference, and a good time for the Leaguers to spend a day or two looking in upon that body.

The Epworth League excursion railroad tickets to Fort Worth will be good returning to leave Fort Worth as late as Monday night, at all events, and it is expected to arrange for these tickets to be good still longer than that, but definite announcements as to that can not now be made.

We understand that the round trip over the electric railway from Fort Worth to Dallas is 60 cents, and the trains start from each city every thirty minutes. This, added to the regular railway service between the two points, gives splendid opportunity to run over to Dallas and visit the General Conference.

Remember that Bishop Candler opens our conference and Dr. Monk closes it, so your arrangements must be made to be there from beginning to end, if you do yourself justice.

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in General Conference assembled, with such small expense of time and money, is an opportunity that will, in all probability, never be afforded the people of Texas again, and it should be improved. ***

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The people of Fort Worth are thoroughly organized for this work and are making ample provisions for the entertainment of this conference, and they may be depended upon to do their part well. The chairmen of the various committees are thorough-going Leaguers and Church men who have had experience in this kind of work, and who will leave nothing undone to make this meeting a great success.

We owe it not only to ourselves and our local Leagues to attend this League Conference, but it is also due the members of the General Conference that they will visit our meeting, that they be given an opportunity of seeing a real representative body of the Epworth Leaguers of Texas, as these men of the General Conference are not only interested in the success of this meeting, but they also desire to understand the condition and needs of our organization, in order that proper direction may be given to whatever legislation may be undertaken by the General Conference touching the League.

By making this a representative body, we may incidentally be of great benefit to the Epworth League throughout our Church, assisting these members of the General Conference in a thorough understanding of the situation.

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"NAT" AS AN INFANTRYMAN.

In scanning the columns of the Advocate of April 17, I pined up on where the editor-man had been taking a peep at Abbott, the home of my old friend, "Nat" Read.

What struck me so forcibly was where "Nat" hooked up a two-horse wheeled vehicle to take the editor some six miles into the country, through that black land, which is so different to my introduction to "Nat" in the brush of Eastland County several years ago, when I conducted him to his first "pintment," infantry style, a distance of some four miles from the little town named Carbon. On traveling some two miles, we came to a friendly brush arbor, where the word of God was preached annually to large congregations of people and where a shout has been heard to ring by what used to be known as "howling" Methodists. I do not hear 'em "howl" much nowadays. Here, under this arbor, we rested our weary limbs and praised God for his goodness. Nat, in trying to keep pace with the writer, was somewhat fagged, which brought about the halt. Finally we arrived at the school-house, perched under the hill, where a goodly congregation of Methodists had assembled, awaiting the "new man." Here the good brethren took hold of "Nat" and his infantry style was to an end, from then on being a cavalryman.

The writer has kindly remembrance of many of those good people out in Eastland County.

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TEXAS AS A CATTLE STATE. The claims of Texas in the matter of cattle raising are entitled to very great consideration, as the following statistics go to show: Milch cows in 1900 numbered 363,312, and were valued at \$3,291,117. The average value per head in Texas was \$9,063. The average value per head in the United States was \$3,500. The estimated value of milk and butter consumed at home and marketed was \$3,732,358. The total value of all cattle in the year 1900 was \$34,768,148, and of their products \$6,232,708. The total value of swine for 1900, 2,515,000 head, was \$31,286,975. These were marketed and consumed at home \$2,500,000, valued at \$5,330,300. In 1900 the sheep numbered 2,627,380 head, valued at \$5,997,000; the production of wool, 1,292,179 pounds, valued at \$1,190,520; mutton valued at \$3,822,470; a total annual production of \$5,103,990. Texas ranks seventh in the United States in respect of number of sheep. The horses in January 1, 1901, numbered 1,279,239 head, valued at \$23,878,117, and the mules numbered 246,678 head, valued at \$9,922,635, a total of 1,525,917, valued at \$33,800,752. Texas leads every State in the United States in number of animals, but is below the average in value per animal. Texas has one-twelfth of all the horses and one-eighth of all the mules in the United States.

	Number	Value
Cattle	4,987,795	\$85,519,922
Milch cows	363,312	3,291,117
Swine	2,515,000	31,286,975
Sheep	2,627,380	5,997,000
Horses	1,279,239	23,878,117
Mules	246,678	9,922,635
Total	12,252,239	\$172,921,646

The total annual production, 1900, \$51,232,328, sold and consumed, does not include horses and mules. These figures point to a very strong leaning Texas ranks highest in number of farm animals, producing more cattle and horses than any other State, and one-sixth of all the cattle in the United States, one-eighth of all the mules, one-twelfth of all the horses, one-eighth of all the sheep, and one-twelfth of all the milch cows. The average value per animal is less than the average value in the United States:

	Highest State	U. S.	Texas	
Cattle	Montana	\$17.96	\$13.07	\$9.07
Mules	Montana	\$25.15	\$25.06	\$15.15
Horses	Montana	\$29.55	\$14.61	\$6.77
Hogs	Montana	\$4.40	\$4.40	\$4.25
Sheep	Montana	\$1.92	\$2.92	\$4.25
Milch cows	Montana	\$22.25	\$21.60	\$9.55

Texas is undoubtedly adapted to the production of farm animals, and by improving the quality, so as to bring the average value up to the United States average it would add the great amount of more than \$22,000,000 to the total value, and increase the value of what is marketed each year by \$25,000,000.

Texas leads all the other States in the Union in number of head and total value of beef cattle, including all except milch cows. In 1900 they numbered 4,987,795, and were valued at \$85,519,922. This makes Texas own one-sixth of the total number in the United States, worth one-ninth of the valuation. The estimated value of beef cattle marketed was \$30,000,000.—Literary Bureau, Houston and Texas Central, Southern Pacific.

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EAST TEXAS NOTES.

The Sunday-School Institute of the East Texas Conference, directed by Stuart Nelson, the active chairman of our Conference Sunday-School Board and Dr. Hamill, in the language of Nelson himself, was "a howling success." But another will write of it.

Tyler District moves steadily in the direction of success. Through the courtesy of Bro. Timmons, our pastor at State Line Church in Texarkana, I visited that city and charge lately as Conference Secretary of Missions. I was delighted and surprised out of measure at what I saw. Bro. Timmons has a fine congregation, in which there is enough of wealth and culture and piety to do whatever ought to be done in that city, besides the Hardys at Fairview, son and father, with the best prospects that charge has ever had. Bro. Timmons, like the wise and efficient pastor that he is, has managed things at State Line for the best. No new church has been built. That was wise. Better to have stayed in the old till the hour for building permanently and for the future years has come. Texarkana is a flourishing city. It is the gate from the North and East to our great State. A hint to the wise is sufficient. Our delegates to the General Conference must not suffer it divided—must not lose it to Texas Methodism. No, must not. East Texas is the mother of Texas Methodism, and just can't spare this fine charge. I did not think till I went there and looked into the face of that fine congregation, and heard the best singing I have ever heard in Texas, that we would be badly damaged if we lost it; but my mind is altogether changed. On Monday morning Bro. Timmons took me in his buggy and drove me over the city, to the high and low points. Its beautiful streets, fine homes and immense business were a revelation to me. I had no real idea of what was there. I shall never cease to appreciate Bro. Timmons' kindness in inviting me there, and the greater kindness of him and his cultured family to me while in their home. Oh, the brotherliness of being brotherly! It is like the dew of Herman—like precious ointment. Bros. G. C. and W. F. Hardy showed me great kindness, too. I was with them and prayed in their home. J. T. SMITH.

EAST TEXAS SUNDAY-SCHOOL INSTITUTE.

Our institute met in the Methodist Church at Jacksonville, Texas, on Wednesday evening, April 15, and closed at 9 p. m., Friday, April 18. The afternoon of the first day was a rainy and stormy one, and most of us went to one train through the rain, and we found Jacksonville's streets wet and muddy, yet the attendance was good and the service inspiring. Rev. Stuart Nelson was in the chair. Bro. Adams, the Nestor of our conference, led the opening prayer. Professor Williams, in an address of welcome, deeply impressed us with the importance of our work. To this Bro. Nelson made a felicitous and inimitable response. Bro. Greenhouse then delivered a fine speech on "Methodism and the Sunday-School," in which he traced the origin of the modern Sunday-school idea back to the great Wesleyan movement, and called our attention to our great neglect of the Sunday-school as a direct agency in the conversion of children, but encouraged us by saying that he believed we were entering on a great epoch-making period in our history, from the fact that the Church seems aroused as never before in the interest of her children.

Thursday morning dawned bright and clear, as if prophetic of the spiritual light that was to be shed forth on our institute. Then it was we first met Mr. and Mrs. Hamill. It was a task too great for me to undertake to describe their work and to tell of the many things they said and did. Besides, space would be lacking. Several pages of the Advocate could be profitably filled with the report of their work. Yet they must be seen and heard to be justly appreciated. They are masters of their art. They instruct the mind and inspire the heart. Dr. Hamill is of Scotch descent—broad-minded, full of common-sense and playful humor, and full of spiritual earnestness and power. He struck fire more than once. His wife is a peerless primary worker, and a womanly spirit, a love for God and little children shine

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out through all she says. Now imagine us sitting in heavenly places in Christ Jesus, our hearts strongly warmed by a fire not of earth, our bosoms heaving with strongest emotions, while we listened to these matchless workers, and perhaps you can form some idea of the privileges and value of the occasion. Every phase of Sunday-school work was discussed and the parts contributed by our own people were of no mean value, but space forbids my speaking of them all. The address of J. T. Smith on "The Sunday-School as a Soul-Winner," however, must receive special attention. Bro. Smith was at his best and on his favorite theme. The address was sound in doctrine, and was earnestly and powerfully delivered. He showed that the one business of every department of Church work is to win souls for Christ, and said he believed the Lord was turning his Church's attention specially to the children. A deep wave of spiritual power, peace and joy swept over the congregation during his speech.

We had one very pleasant little episode. Thursday night Bro. J. T. Smith arose to take the collection for institute expenses, when Dr. Godley held up a beautiful hand-made quilt or counterpane which had been made by a good woman who had since gone to her reward. It was her desire that the quilt should be used in some way to help forward the home-mission cause of our conference. Bro. Godley suggested that the quilt be bought by the institute and presented to Mrs. Hamill and the proceeds of the sale go to the treasury of our Sunday-School Board. The suggestion was heartily approved, and almost as fast as the Secretary could write \$107.71 was subscribed, of which \$61.71 was paid in before adjournment. On Friday morning Mrs. Hamill was called forward, the Secretary read a letter to her prepared

severing with undaunted courage. Let us catch the spirit of the new movement and make real the possibilities we now see looming up before us. "Oh such is the kingdom of heaven," said Jesus. Let this be the watchword, the battle cry of this century. Our children are in the kingdom; let us present a solid front to Satan's hosts, and by God's grace keep them there. Resolutions of thanks to Jacksonville for her hospitality, to Dr. and Mrs. Hamill for their help to the railroads for their kindness in reducing their rates to Bro. Nelson and his committee for their untiring efforts, were adopted.

Jacksonville people received us cordially and treated us kindly while we stayed. They have a warm place in our affections. Brethren who pledged money to the expense account will please forward to me as soon as convenient. I will receipt you and settle with the board. F. A. DOWNS, Sec. Institute, Lindale, Texas.

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Conducted in the interest of the W. P. M. Society and the W. H. M. Society. Address all communications to Mrs. Florence E. Howell, 170 Masten Street, Dallas, Texas.

HOW A FALSEHOOD GROWS.

First somebody told it. Then the room wouldn't hold it. So the busy tongues rolled it. Till they got it outside. Then the crowd came across it. And never once lost it. But tossed it and tossed it. Till it grew long and wide.

This lie brought forth others. Dark sisters and brothers. And fathers and mothers. A terrible crew; And heading they hurried. The people they hurried. And troubled and worried. As lies always do.

-Christian Observer. NOTICE. The Woman's Home Mission Society of the Northwest Texas Conference will hold its annual meeting at Waco, June 4, 5 and 6, closing the afternoon of the 6th.

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THE DESTRUCTION OF BIRDS.

As the merry springtime approaches there are not lacking champions of the song and other useful birds that are distinctly a blessing to all people of these United States.

The plumage of more than three million birds were received in New York City during one year. One shipment alone carried the wings of four hundred thousand birds to a single dealer.

TIDINGS FROM PARIS.

This lovely afternoon of San Jacinto day in day very dear to the heart of every native Texan when all earth is flooded with sunshine and nature robed in royal attire.

I wish to thank each auxiliary Treasurer in the conference for prompt reports and extra effort to collect all back dues. This quarter our dues amounted to more than ever before.

con. relative to the Deaconess order. Mrs. Lem Williams, in a beautifully prepared paper, pleaded for our women in the home and nursery, while on the other hand Mrs. Mary Marks told us of woman's work in the hospital. If only equipped for it, in spiritual training, as would be the deaconess, so that she might go forth to meet life's duties strong in faith and hope.

After a while "when we awake in His likeness," we shall be satisfied, and "the toil of the road will seem nothing, when we reach the end of the way." A fervent prayer was made in behalf of our sister and friend, and we were made to feel that every sorrow we have, every cross we bear, every sacrifice we make, helps us in our walk and prepares us more fully for the joys that await us beyond.

Report of Treasurer of W. H. M. S. of Northwest Texas Conference for quarter ending March 15, 1902. Dues \$519 23, Contingent 33 42, Specials 100 20, etc.

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THE LEAGUE OF LIBERTY. I notice an item in the Dallas News, stating that the Texas Grand Lodge of the League of Liberty held a three days' session in San Antonio during the week.

It should be gratifying to the lovers of law and decency in our great State to know that the devil has thoroughly been aroused at last and put on the defensive. It not only shows that the saloon men are hard hit and are realizing their danger, but it proves that at last even they are forced to admit the untruth of the old, threadbare argument that "prohibition does not prohibit."

Fifteen years have gone since the voters of Texas said that the saloon must be retained. The moral and Christian people of the State, as law-abiding citizens, submitted gracefully to the will of the majority, but did not change their faith, knowing that it was founded on truth, and that majorities are often wrong.

In the same column and directly under the report of this meeting is the old stereotyped headline "Killed in a Saloon." The killing took place in the same town and at the same time the "League of Liberty" was in session.

"Well, what of that?" says one. Nothing at all, my friend; the man was a thief and was resisting arrest. The officer was said to have been justified, only he was in a saloon, a common resort for thieves.

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Carmine is a German town of about six hundred inhabitants, situated on the Austin branch of the H. & T. C. Railroad. There are only one or two American families there. It is only about fifteen miles from old Rutersville, the cradle of Texas Methodism.

Densely populated—all Caucasian people, financially prosperous, intellectually well up—yet from this territory Methodism has cravenly skulked, because, forsooth, God could not speak German.

On the fourth Sunday in January, 1901, I preached in Carmine for the first time. There was no church in the place save one owned by the colored Baptists. There was not an organization of any name or order, or any kind of religious instruction going on in the town.

A little more than a year had passed. It was Sunday morning, April 20, 1902, I stood in Carmine before a Methodist church, just completed, and pretty as a pink, with nice tower, recess pulpit, pretty blinds, and listening in the sunlight with new point.

I send you eight new subscribers from Marble Falls as a result from our trial list and a little personal work Monday morning. J. M. SHERMAN. Round Rock, Texas.

The War Department has recently reported some interesting figures touching the appropriation for the several parks, which show an extraordinary partiality on the part of Congress for the West.

Read the "Spring House on Your Gallery" advertisement on page 16.

Prof. L. R. Hamberlin, for several years assistant professor of English and expression at the State University, Austin, but lately of Vanderbilt University, Nashville, Tenn., died of paralysis after a brief illness, April 24, 1902, at the home of his wife's mother.

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UNANSWERED LETTERS.

April 24—J. M. Armstrong, sub. M. J. Allen, sub. J. E. Back, sub. G. S. Sander, sub. W. A. Myers, sub. A. P. Lincoln, sub. W. O. Hightower, has attention.

Santa Fe Excursion Rates.

Dallas—Account State Medical Association, convention rates, May 5 and trains arriving morning of the 6th, limited May 10.

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CRITCHFIELD—Our mother, Mrs. E. A. Critchfield, whose maiden name was Allen, was born in Casey County, Ky., April 8, 1829. On March 12, 1892, death came and found her ready, waiting and watching at the river's brink, and her little feet had learned the ways of the Lord, and ere his hand had lifted her to the presence of her Father, who has already passed the meridian of life. Sister Menefee was not a demonstrative character, but rather one through whose life the peace of Christ and the consolation of His Spirit shone with consistency and beauty. When she knew the end was near, she asserted her faith and whispered that she was ready to go. Then, lovingly bidding a farewell to her sister, husband and children, she peacefully fell asleep as though resting on the bosom of her Saviour.

G. E. CAMERON.
Henderson, Texas.

CAYLOR—One of the oldest citizens of this country has recently passed away. Mr. M. G. Caylor died at the home of his daughter, Mrs. H. D. Newman, Runge, Texas, March 12, 1902, aged 78 years, 1 month and 1 day. He was born in Washington County, Va., February 12, 1811. When quite a boy he joined the Methodist Church, in which he lived and labored for many years. He was for long years a class-leader, also teacher of the Bible class in the Sunday-school. He was a good singer and a leader of the choir. He was a great friend of the preachers, and his home was their home. He was kind and generous to the poor, and he loved to do good. He was a member of the Methodist Church, and he was a member of the Baptist Church, in which he lived and labored for many years. He was a member of the Baptist Church, and he was a member of the Methodist Church. He was a member of the Baptist Church, and he was a member of the Methodist Church.

RAWLS—Mary Ann Black was born in Alabama, January 18, 1822. When quite young her parents moved to Leon County, Texas, where, practically all of her life was spent. In early girlhood she was converted and joined the Methodist church at a young age. In 1829 she married a physician, Dr. Rawls, who was a physician of no mean ability. To this union four children were born. Two died in infancy. Two are living—Mrs. J. W. Rawls, of Oakwood, Texas, and Mrs. E. W. Allen, of Goldsboro, Texas. In 1882 Dr. Rawls died, and she was left to know the loneliness of widowhood and the sting of life's battles. On the morning of October 28, 1901, she fell asleep in Jesus at Oakwood. Here was a whole life given to the service of God. Such was her high plane of living that one knew not how to suggest a deviation from Christian duty. Her seat in the sanctuary was to the preacher's left. If this were vacant, he knew where to sit down. She was then alone, but soon her second son came in, but soon returned to his work, thinking that she thought she was not seriously sick. Soon her daughter came and found her growing worse, and with all the help that could be had, death soon ended her previous life about 1 or 2 o'clock that night. The writer performed the burial service in the presence of a large congregation at Prospect Cemetery, on Saturday evening, where her body was put away by the side of her sainted husband to await the call of God's trump. Look up, dear children, for you may know where to find your dear mother.

W. M. FOSTER.
Emory, Texas.

THOMPSON—Mrs. Frances Melissa Thompson, daughter of Patrick and Carolina Williams, died at her home, near Annona, Texas, April 2, 1892, after a brief illness. She was born in Union District, S. C., August 28, 1842; was "born again" in early life and joined the M. E. Church, South, in which she lived faithfully till death. She was married to Benjamin W. Thompson May 4, 1864, who preceded her into the world beyond. Her Christian life was steady and helpful, and she was loved and honored by all who knew her.

J. A. WYATT.
WILSON—Rev. Wm. A. Wilson, son of Rev. Frank Wilson, was born in Newton County, Texas, January 26, 1828. He was converted under the ministry of Rev. J. W. Cullen, and was licensed to preach August 27, 1850. He was married to Miss M. E. McCraney December 22, 1852, in Polk County, Texas, where he had lived from his boyhood. He died at his home, five miles west of Moscow, January 11,

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J. J. FRANKS.
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C. G. SHUTT.

MOREHEAD—Sister S. C. Morehead, whose parents were E. J. and C. C. Murray, was born in Benton County, Miss., June 5, 1818, and married D. C. Morehead, in the same county, in July, 1845. Bro. Morehead was a local preacher in the M. E. Church, South, and a brother of H. C. Morehead, of the North Mississippi Conference. Sister Morehead moved with her family to Rains County, Texas, in 1859, where she died April 4, 1892. She joined the Church in early life, and lived a good, consistent member. I was her pastor last year. No preacher need want a better friend nor a truer member than was she. Her love to her Church was inspiring, her walk was godly and her devotion to duty was worthy of imitation. Her home was the preacher's home, and one of her sons is now a faithful steward of this (the Emory) Circuit. On Thursday, April 3, while cooking dinner, she took a chill, which proved to be a congestive chill. She was then alone, but soon her second son came in, but soon returned to his work, thinking that she thought she was not seriously sick. Soon her daughter came and found her growing worse, and with all the help that could be had, death soon ended her previous life about 1 or 2 o'clock that night. The writer performed the burial service in the presence of a large congregation at Prospect Cemetery, on Saturday evening, where her body was put away by the side of her sainted husband to await the call of God's trump. Look up, dear children, for you may know where to find your dear mother.

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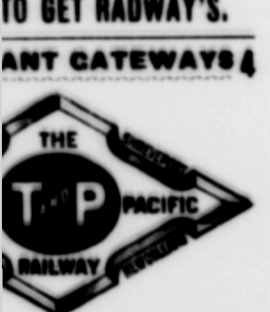
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Paris District-Second Round. Emberson, at Bethel, May 3, 4. Marvin, at Shady Grove, April 24, 25.

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Marshall District-Second Round. Harmony, at Midgett, May 3, 4. Arleston, at Bethany, May 10, 11.

New Mexico Conference. Albuquerque District-Third Round. Carrilou, May 24, 25. Albuquerque, May 31, 1st June.

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Among the matters which may come before the approaching General Conference is the provision now made by our Church law for the support of her ministers and preachers. Under the present law the amount of this assessment and the manner of its distribution is left entirely to the discretion of each Annual Conference.

Our own government at Washington, at well as that of Great Britain and other advanced nations, each have laws by which certain officers, upon reaching the age limit, are retired, but their names remain on the pay roll.

Again, all admit that the Church needs men in the ministry, who have entered for life, specially prepared and fully equipped for the great work which lies out before them.

As the people continue to realize the importance of this subject and consumers insist on having baking powder of established name and character, and as the health authorities continue their vigorous crusades, the alum danger will, it is hoped, finally be driven from our homes.

laws, should not only provide against existing evils, but against such as may at any time come into existence. The law should be so framed as to protect men alike against favoritism on the one hand and against being overlooked on the other.

Again the element of uncertainty now existing as to the amount each claimant shall receive should as far as possible be removed. This, I believe, could be largely accomplished by simply making the length of active service the only basis for the grant.

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As alum costs only two cents a pound, there is a great temptation for those manufacturers who make substitutes and imitation goods, to use it. Alum baking powders can be detected by the health authorities by chemical analysis, but the ordinary housekeeper, whose assistance in protecting the health of the people is important, cannot make a chemical examination.

To bring about the results which I think are to be desired there must be some legislation along the lines indicated. I trust the General Conference

will so change the present law as to provide more liberally for the assessments in support of these faithful men, as well as make more definite and equitable its distribution.

W. M. ALLISON, San Saba, Texas.

NOTES FROM SOUTHWESTERN UNIVERSITY.

The faculty has noted with pleasure that the suggestion first made by Bro. F. A. Downs in the Advocate, that the alumni and former students of Southwestern University meet in Dallas at some time during the General Conference, has been promptly and heartily endorsed by several writers in the Advocate.

We have just received and placed in position the \$1000 worth of books purchased with Mrs. Hunt's donation. It makes a handsome and valuable addition to our library.

There is now a promise that our library shall no longer be a disgrace to the institution—a part that we are ashamed to show visitors who know what a college library should be.

The prospect for well-equipped laboratories is also brightening. Bro. Wm. Weiss, of Beaumont, was recently in Georgetown, and before leaving gave \$500 to the department of physics.

We desire to publicly thank those friends for their timely aid and to commend their example to others. The friends of Southwestern University must know that this institution is not properly equipped to do the work expected of it.

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R. S. HYER, Georgetown, Texas.

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MOVEMENT FOR A REUNION OF THE ALUMNI AND ALUMNAE OF THE SOUTHWESTERN UNIVERSITY AT THE APPROACHING GENERAL CONFERENCE.

In pursuance of such suggestion made by former students, through the medium of the Advocate, and more recently at the instance of Dr. R. S. Hyer, Regent of the University, a number of the alumni residing within the city of Dallas met at the Publishing House, under an informal call, on April 28, and by unanimous vote favored such reunion, and appointed the following committee, vested with full power to effect all arrangements necessary to the same—as to time, place, program and expense, to-wit: R. W. Baird, W. E. Hawkins, R. E. L. Knight, M. M. McLean, Miss Belle Raggsdale, Mrs. Lovie Lewis and Judge Geo. N. Aldridge, ex-student of McKenzie College.

The committee will enter at once upon their work, and arrange as rapidly as possible all details of the meeting—giving due notice to ex-students, soliciting the attendance of such as may find it practicable to be present, and request prompt response from all who can attend, that ample provision may be made for all.

REUNION.

I heartily endorse the idea of a reunion of Southwestern University Alumni and old students at Dallas during the General Conference. I suggest Thursday, May 22, as the day. Will the local alumni provide a place? Let us have some addresses.

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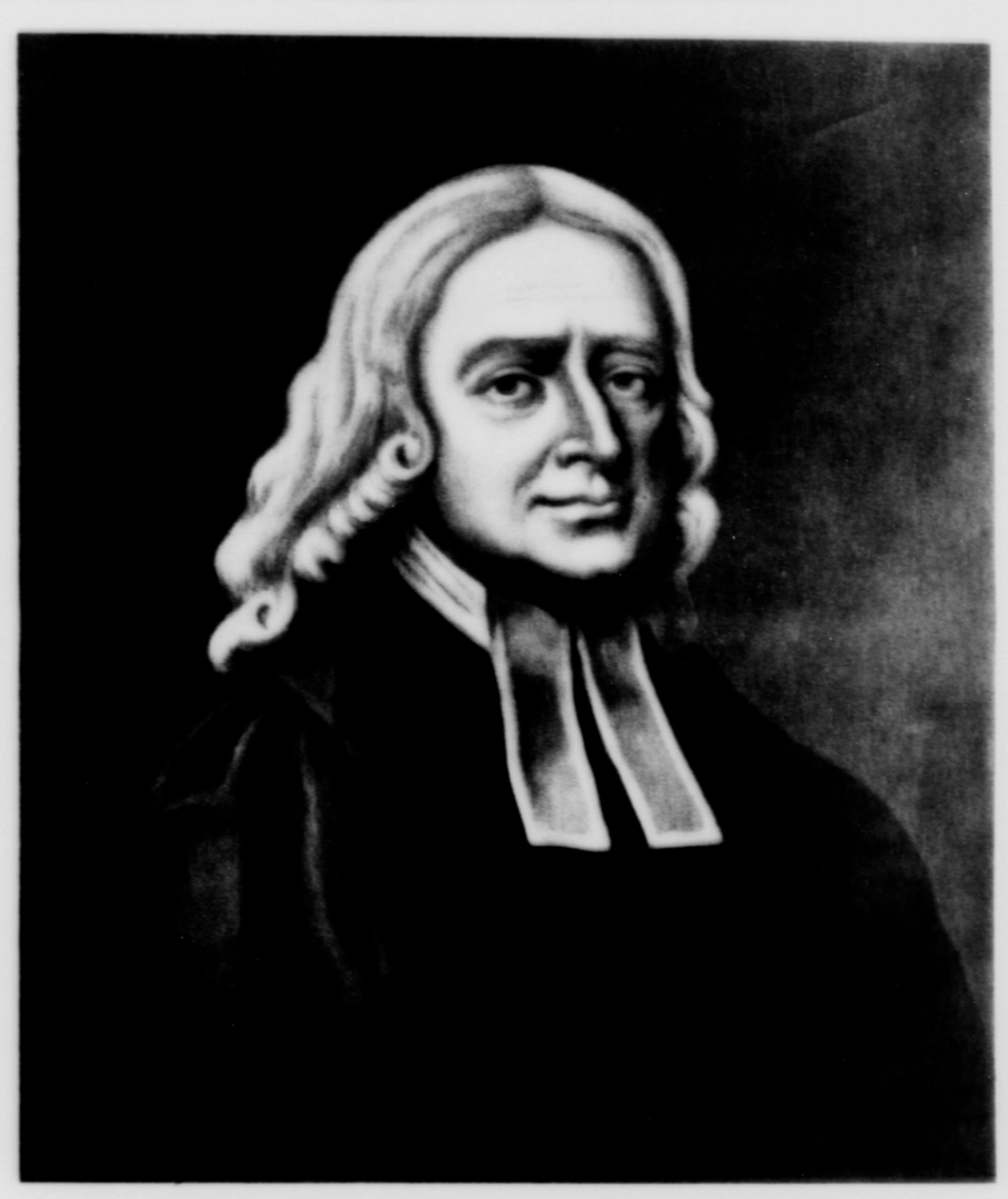
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THE COST OF A BOY.

Children, youth, and even young men and young women, have no idea of what they cost their parents in dollars and cents, to say nothing of the work and worry in training and caring for them.

It seems that the editor of that live paper, The American Boy, has been thinking about this, for in his July issue he published a request for letters from boys telling him what, in their opinion, they had cost their parents from the day they were born, and what they would, probably, cost them by the time they were eighteen years of age.

In his September issue he published some of the letters he received in reply, which we give below, believing they will not only be of interest to our readers, but will awake in the minds of boys and youth wholesome thoughts and a keener appreciation of the great debt of gratitude they owe to their parents in return for what they receive at their hands. The answers are as follows:

"Paul Stewart, Nebraska City, Neb., says he cost his father \$3,129.75. He thinks by the time he is eighteen the figure will be \$6,259.50. Paul must have done some pretty close figuring. "J. A. Himmelt, New Orleans, La., gives some statistics the reliability of which we can not vouch for. He says the average cost of bringing children to maturity is \$600. Up to five years of age, it costs \$300. As for himself, he says that he has cost—and he is twelve years old—about \$900.

"John Bent, Mapleton, Vt., has the computation down fine, making a total for the eighteen years of \$1,688. He has neckties figured in at \$100, and candies, ice-cream, etc., at another hundred. Just think, boys, of two thousand dishes of ice-cream at five cents each! Wouldn't that freeze you?"

"Chester A. Werts, Weiser, Ida., fixes his cost for the full eighteen years at \$4,505. Chester is nineteen years old. He began school at the age of seven, and at the age of fourteen entered the Weiser Academy. After he was sixteen, he worked on the farm, and took the architectural course at the International Correspondence Schools at Scranton, Pa. He is the editor of a little four-page amateur paper entitled The New West.

"Fred D. Grant, Jr., Austin, Ill., says it costs about \$500 to bring a boy from babyhood to ten years of age. He says that from ten to twelve a boy should be able to pay for his own books, amusements, and other small items; that from ten to eighteen a boy will cost about \$700, and that from eighteen on he should care for himself. He says: 'It costs a good deal to bring up a boy, but what is the cost when it is compared with the joy a parent must have if his boy is honest, truthful and manly?'—Selected.

TO AVOID COLLISIONS.

A good many Christians are kept back from wholly surrendering themselves to God from fear lest he will ask them to do something hard and disagreeable. They think that there will then be no knowing what he may do with them, or what their friends may think of them.

Suppose that a child who had been wayward and willful were to come and say to a wise and loving parent: "Father, from to-day I will let mother and you choose my life; you shall choose my companions, my amusements and my books." Would that father say to the mother:

"Now, wife, here is a chance to torment our child. What dress does she detest? What companion does she hate? What books does she eschew? Let us select these, and pile them into her life!" Of course he would not; he would only take from the child the things which were really cursing her, as a cancer might curse a healthy body, and then he would crowd her life with all that would make it one long summer day of bliss. Will Christ, who died for me, do worse?

Friends, you may trust him. He means to do the best for you, and the only thing which can curse and blast your life is to get out of God's hands. When George Stephenson was trying to pass his bill for railways in England a peer said to him: "Suppose a cow were to get on the line when one of our new-fangled engines was on the road?" "So much the worse for the cow," said he. If you get into collision with God, it is so much the worse for you. "Woe to the man that striveth with his Maker." Do not let the devil cheat you out of your inheritance.—F. B. Meyer.

If we would endeavor, like men of courage, to stand in the battle, surely we should feel the favorable assistance of God from heaven. For He who giveth us occasion to fight, to the end we may get the victory, is ready to succor those who fight manfully, and do trust in His grace.



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