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Editorial.

NO LONGER AN EVANGELICAL PREACHER.

The Rev. B. Fay Mills some twelve or fifteen years ago was one of the most successful evangelists in the United States. He preached with power and with demonstration and hundreds were soundly converted in his meetings. It was no uncommon thing for all the evangelical ministers in our leading cities and larger towns to unite in an invitation to him to lead the services and great success attended his efforts. In 1892 this was the case in Kansas City, Mo., and he conducted a wonderful service for ten days in the auditorium of the Military Armory and thousands flocked to hear his sermons. We were present and took part as one of the pastors in the revival. He showed the spirit of a very devout and religious man. There was not one frivolous word uttered by him during the progress of the meeting. He was serious, self-possessed, humble and talked like a man who had a message from God to deliver to his fellows. Deep spiritual truth pervaded his utterances and the Savior of sinners was in the foreground of his sermons. But not long after that he began to show signs of latitudinarianism in his preaching, and in the course of a few years he had practically abandoned the orthodox teachings of the Scriptures and he avoided everything of a supernatural character in his expositions of the New Testament. And now he has degenerated into rank and full-fledged Unitarianism. In a recent issue of the New York Advocate, Dr. Buckley says of him: "Mr. Mills is nothing more nor less than a Unitarian preacher of the entirely individualized and unrestricted kind. Every evangelical principle, method, idea of conversion, idea of regeneration, and of the relation of this life to that which is to come, every idea that Christ was equal with God, or in any sense eternal, is repudiated by him, and wherever he goes he will simply sow the seeds which, when they spring up, will lead many away from the faith once delivered to the saint." As a result he has lost his power as a revival preacher and instead of thousands being converted under his ministry as aforesaid, he is simply leading them astray in so far as his influence over them is effective. This is the logical result of a surrender of his faith in the atonement of Christ, in the necessity for repentance, regeneration, and a recognition of the fact that Christ is very God as well as very man. No preacher, however great and scholarly, can have power with God and saving influence over mankind when he ceases to experience and to preach these great fundamental doctrines of grace. The case of Mr. Mills ought to admonish all younger ministers of the fact that without Christ and the witness of the Spirit there can be no fruitful spiritual results in the work of the pulpit and the pastorate. When a man becomes "liberal" in his doctrinal views, as the world understands that word, he is sure-

ly on the road to a barren ministry. And more than this, liberal doctrinal views is but the first step toward a life of lax morals. For there is a close relation existing between what a man believes and what he practices. The hope of our pulpit and of our ministry is found in an uncompromising belief in the divinity of Jesus Christ, in the necessity for regeneration, in the direct witness of the Spirit, in the immortality of the soul, and the other great doctrines of our holy religion. We can not afford to even modify our position on these great questions, much less substitute for them a namby-pamby theology, blondined to suit the tastes of an ungodly and an unregenerate humanity. Thus far the world has been saved through the preaching of the old truths, as Paul preached them, and nothing less radical and drastic will meet the demands of the present day. Away with these mild opiates and narcotics that some smart men are trying to substitute for the old gospel!

ABSALOM THE WAYWARD YOUNG MAN.

Absalom was the pride of David's heart. Physically he was well nigh perfect. His father loved him with a supreme love. He looked upon him as an ideal young man. There was something royal in his appearance. "In all Israel there was none to be so much praised as Absalom for his beauty; from the sole of his foot even to the crown of his head there was no blemish in him." His hair was rich in its abundance and color, and gave to him a leonine cast of expression. Wherever he moved he was the observed of observers, the admired of all admirers. His mind was of superior mold also. He was quick to conceive and ready to execute his plans at a moment's notice. He was brave, generous and fearless. But he was utterly lacking in moral principle. Under great provocation he did not hesitate to deal a death blow to his brother Amnon, after seeking through treachery to bring about the suitable occasion for the crime. Then knowing the turpitude of his offense, he fled from his father's face and became a fugitive in a foreign court. There he remained for a period of time, but his father mourned for him, notwithstanding his fratricidal deed. By and by he was permitted to return home, and instead of punishing him under the law for his sin, his father forgave him, imprinted the kiss of affection upon his lips and restored him as a son and a prince. But Absalom had no filial love and respect for David. He was ambitious and wanted to occupy the throne. Soon he prepared his horses and chariots and a body-guard in uniform, and moved about in state. David encouraged him, and did not once suspect his motive. The young man, having gained this advantage, began to practice the arts of the politician, in order to win the hearts of the people from David, the king. He took his position near the gate of the prominent highway early each morning, to speak a personal word to those who had business matters for the court to adjust. To every one coming and going he thus addressed himself: "Of what city art thou?"

And he said, "Thy servant is of the tribe of Israel." And Absalom said further unto them, "See, thy matters are good and right; but there is no man deputed of the king to hear thee." Then he would add, "Oh that I were made judge in the land, that every man which hath any suit or cause might come unto me, and I would do him justice." And he would put forth his hand, pull the neglected man to his bosom and kiss him! Thus in course of time he won the good will of all who were disgruntled and out of harmony with the king. Many were of the impression, anyway, that David was growing old, and that Absalom would be his successor. By and by this disaffection grew until the young man had a formidable following. On a pretense of going to worship at Hebron, he prevailed upon the King to give him a permit to that effect; but instead of worshiping, he sent spies throughout all Israel and notified the people that at the sound of the trumpet it should be announced that "Absalom reigneth in Hebron." So the trumpet sounded and the rebellion took on shape. Soon he organized a great company and made his descent on Jerusalem, and David with his following fled the city and crossed over Jordan for safety. The leading warriors with their captains followed the King. In a few days a pitched battle occurred, the rebellious forces were routed and Absalom was killed. He "died like the fool dieth," and his body was buried under a huge pile of stones. Thus ended the life of a handsome, badly spoiled and disobedient son of David. He was not properly trained, enjoyed too much indulgence, lost his head and went the way of all the earth. In bringing him up, his father sowed to the wind and in the end reaped the whirlwind. A lack of proper domestic authority resulted in this great disaster and brought the gray hairs of David in sorrow to the grave, and blasted the life of a gifted and promising boy.

MINISTERING TO THE SICK.

Among the many duties that Christ makes incumbent upon his followers is the ministration to the sick. "I was sick and ye came unto me" is what he will say to those in the last day who have been mindful to perform this duty. The sick are helpless and confined to beds of suffering, and they are the people who need attention. When we are well and able to go about the work of life without special attention, we are to some extent independent of the ministration of friends; but when we are down, the temperature high, the pulse wild, the head racked with pain and the mouth dry and parched, it is a very different proposition. Real friends are a necessity under such circumstances. But there are many who are willing to discharge this duty if they only knew how to do it to the best advantage. It does not do a suffering patient any good to have several people call upon him, sit down and ask him numerous questions as to how he feels and relate all the similar experiences they have had with the same disease and recount the number who have died with this same malady. Neither is it comforting to

sit in the sick chamber and gaze mournfully at the sufferer as though you expected him to die. Occasionally it is necessary to call in, speak a cheerful word and express the hope that he will soon be well; but generally unless you are needed to help nurse, it is better to call at the door and make brotherly inquiry about the sick person and then pass on. The very fact that you have thought enough about him to do this is encouraging to the sufferer. Then occasionally if you will call, make the usual inquiry and leave a few flowers as a token of your thoughtful interest it will be an uplift to the patient. All you want to do is to show him that in his sickness you care for him and think about him; and if he needs more practical demonstration of your sympathy, you stand ready to render it. In this way we can be of great help to a sick friend. Of course where the sick person is poor and needs substantial help in his affliction, it is proper to supply all his needs. In fact, it ought to be done. We can not be too thoughtful of the sick. We ought to bear them in our minds and manifest our sympathy to them. It will do them good and it will make us better men and women.

"The burden of souls" was a favorite phrase with the earlier Methodist preachers. They used it often, because they knew what it meant. Their chief desire was the conversion of the men and women to whom they were sent, and often they were in agony when they failed to see visible results following their ministry. We sometimes wonder whether, in the midst of the manifold and exacting labors of to-day, there has not come a sensible abatement of this feeling. God forbid that it should be so. The preacher who is content to rock along, meet his appointments, deliver interesting discourses, make himself agreeable to his flock, and raise the conference collections, is in a bad way. The danger is that he will lose all the fervor and joy of his own religious life. If any such one should chance to read these lines, we beg him to shake off his unconcern, and throw himself with fresh diligence into his supreme task.

It is sometimes alleged by certain economical Methodists that the Church is always calling for money. The assertion can not be contradicted. And why should it not be so? As long as there is work to be done, and nobody but men and women to do it, money will be a necessity. The more work, the more money. A successful business of any sort is bound to have an enlarging capital. How shall we support our ministers, carry on our schools, maintain our publishing interests, and conduct our missionary operations without the sinews of war? But, after all, the contributions that are made for the spread of the Kingdom of God are a mere trifle when compared with the vast sums that are squandered on personal indulgence. Even those Christians who are counted most liberal rarely ever give to God's cause up to the point of real self-denial; and, as for the rest, their contributions are small to the extent of niggardliness.

A CAMP MEETING SCENE IN TEXAS IN 1850.

[In 1881, twenty-three years ago, Miss Helena Gillespie wrote the following article for the Texas Advocate. She passed to her rest twenty-one years ago. Her sister, Mrs. Alice Floyd, of Baird, Texas, requests the reproduction of the article. The publisher gives it space with peculiar pleasure inasmuch as he handled the original manuscript.]

WHITE ROCK CAMP-GROUND.

It had been but a short time since the warwhoop of the red man had echoed among the banks and braes, and a still shorter period since any security from their thieving depredations was felt by our pioneers; but true to their God, and feeling that their only security lay in an arm which was mighty to protect them, they determined to leave their homes (after the gathering of their crops) and re-consecrate them and theirs to Him.

About ten miles north of what is now the city of Dallas, on White Rock Creek, was the place chosen for their assembling. I remember distinctly (child as I was) the veneration and deep feeling of awe and reverence excited in my mind as we entered the encampment. A large arbor covered with bushes stood in the center; at the back of the pulpit was a smaller arbor for the colored congregation. The tents were arranged in a square equally distant from the arbor and near enough to make it practicable for mothers and servants to hear the sermon from the tents. Isaac Webb, R. J. West, F. A. Winn, John Thomas, James A. Smith, Ned Wilburn, Obadiah Knight, William Cochran and perhaps others whose names I have forgotten were the campers. Bro. Andrew Cumming, preacher in charge, assisted by Bros. James A. Smith, W. H. Masten, McKinney, J. W. Fields, presiding elder. Look over the list of campers; where now are their tents spread?

"On that immortal camping-ground Their hallelujahs now resound."

I was but a child, only nine years of age, but I had been baptized in infancy, and had been so carefully trained by a pious and intelligent mother that I had always felt my responsibility to God and considered myself his. That mother had now joined that innumerable company, and I was approaching another place. That called up before me the dear departed one. Every one that was assembled there knew and appreciated my precious mother, one of the first educators and Sunday-school teachers in Dallas County, and many an eye filled with tears as it gazed upon her orphaned little ones. The congregation assembled there was not a congregation of strangers; from Dallas to McKinney was a neighborhood, and at camp-meeting we met our neighbors. When I attend camp-meetings now, especially at night, when the singing begins, my heart is thrilled with visions of these days; it seems to me I can hear Bro. Smith singing: "How happy's every child of grace," and old Uncle Tom (colored) saying amen. Our camp-meeting was one of the times to be remembered. There were many conversions and additions to the Church. One memorable event was the marriage under the arbor. Are there now living many who remember this occasion? The beautiful dark-eyed bride and the stately bridegroom, who were pledged as man and wife to love and cherish each other. Many said this would hinder the service, but no; are not the sacraments of the Lord holy in his eyes? These solemn vows seemed to add solemnity to the occasion.

We went to camp-meeting in those days for a purpose, and that purpose was generally realized; we fasted and prayed the Friday previous, children often keeping the fast days; and on this particular occasion nearly all the children of my acquaintance joined the Church, myself among the number.

I write this sketch at the request of Bro. Andrew Cumming, an aged and infirm itinerant, who has done much for the Master. He writes me: "Tell of our camp-meeting, Helena; I am like an old wounded soldier; I can't fight now, but I like to fight the battles over; it warms up my heart."

Bro. Cumming is associated with my earliest remembrances of Church services. In the Sunday-school, the class-meeting (which was a great means of grace in those days), the prayer-meeting, pastor visiting and in the pulpit he carried with him the invisible presence.

HELENA GILLESPIE.

September 10, 1881.

A LITTLE PERSONAL HISTORY.

It was in the later part of 1838, and after leaving the Memphis Conference, the home of my boyhood, and after leaving the best appointment in the Lexington District, we made our appearance in the great State of Texas, and our home in Kossee. The old

Memphis Conference is indeed our Alma Mater. In her bosom, and in her bosom, sleep mother and father, and in her soil rest the wife of my youth and the children of my early manhood. It was there I was born of the flesh, and then of the Spirit. It was there I was educated, joined the Church and made a preacher. So all these magnets draw my mind homeward. It was in Old Tennessee I found three good women, two of whom have crossed over the river, the other one is with me ready to cross over when the call is made. I hope, however, the good Lord will not call soon.

In 1839 the Texas Conference met in Huntsville. At that place I was personified by my transfer, and Bishop Duncan gave the one personified Kossee Circuit for a starting point. We were induced to come by one presiding elder, Bro. Follin. We left a new parsonage in Adamsville, Tenn., and came to Kossee, where there was none. Expensive move, with a wife and three children. We built the first parsonage in Kossee, in which we now reside. There have been twelve preachers on the work since we left fourteen years past. Just as soon as Bishop Duncan was sent back to the Texas Conference he sent us back to Kossee Circuit.

Since coming to Texas I have been a border preacher. In the fifteen years I have traveled twenty-four hundred miles with a small salary. In all it has cost me to move in the neighborhood of \$500 or \$600. After all, through the goodness of God and the economy of a good wife, we have three meals per day, but no bank account. No wonder so many preachers are left at death with no homes. During our round in Texas we received about 672 members, built two parsonages, built one church and repaired many others. It was said by one D. N. Harris, an honored member of the Methodist Church at Wallis, Texas, in a letter of condolence, after a 200-mile move, "You have never served a charge that was not a better one after you had served it." Without speaking of these things my brethren know my record.

One year ago December 19 we left Comroe, Texas, where we had served four years for the town of Henderson, Texas, to serve the Church (Hill Circuit.) The best preachers serve circuits. The young men, or beginners, stations. This may be just a little irony. Examine for yourself. We had one of the most prosperous years of our itinerant life. They paid the preacher \$200 more than they had ever paid before. We had more than 100 conversions and 69 joined the M. E. Church, South. It was a large work—six churches. I had to ride, say twenty-five miles and return home the same day, for I had no one to stay with the good wife.

We have a large family, but only two in number. So we asked for a lighter work. I am chargeable for the move, but not for the distance. It is hardly right to punish a good people like the Kossee people, unless they ask for his return. The Kossee people are a good people. We have had no regular pounding, still some expressions of kindness have been shown. After they find out the improvement made in my preaching they will come to time. One thing I am sure they like, and that is the smallness of the family; but it takes just about as much to feed two big horses as it does to feed four mules or ponies; and a big horse cannot live on short grass. The salary for the preacher was made, after much objection, \$650. To this date we have received \$28.50, or its equivalent. We have quarantined the boot weevil, but I fear they have gotten out an injunction and going ahead. If not, the preacher will come out, I hope, in the home stretch.

The move cost not less than \$50, with the breakage of my buggy and many other things.

Plenty of lighter work in the Marshall District I could have served acceptably, but I am yours cordially.

A. J. ANDERSON.

SECOND HAND OR FIRST HAND.

I want to shake hands with H. G. Horton and J. A. Brown and then reach out both paws to B. Harris. It is all right to have a good, high theory, but those good people in the rescue work in San Antonio confront a condition. It is not a question of which hand it is, first or second, but have you got anything in it? I have a boy that is wearing a fourth hand overcoat and he seems to thrive. When a person is cold and penniless it is not a question of how many times a garment has been worn, but will it keep out cold? I remember one of those poor creatures, the very first one sheltered by that home after its redemption. Sin and whisky and morphine and cigarettes had stripped her of clothing and health. She would pawn her shoes for whisky. Some one gave her a dress, second hand too, and she wore it to church and joined the Church in it. Then the color came to her cheeks, the lustre to her eye, and lo! a splendid specimen of beautiful womanhood. I remember when she came to me for advice, when a worthy man asked her to marry him. She

had somewhere a living husband. How alive her conscience. How anxious to do right—and she did do right, with a steadfast courage. The second hand clothing helped.

That person who thinks that the devil's servants wear purple and fine linen while the saints go in rags is not posted.

What Brother Harris means is help any way you can. God bless him, don't I remember how he stood by in those days when it counted, with first hand, second hand and anything that came to hand. Then, there were times when a cold biscuit would have counted. When I read Bro. Horton's words in the light of the past my heart said amen: "The most remarkable work in the Church is being done by the Rescue Home." Who could have dreamed it from that first prayer-meeting in which there were three of us! Yet one of these three from the broken-hearted, penitent, beginning of that afternoon, has never faltered, nor lost heart. Many a time when there seemed no way out have I heard her say, "God will provide a way," with such calm assurance that I was ashamed for my own fears.

When after two years of Pauline faith and perseverance, amid appalling difficulties, she had kept to her purpose, sometimes mistrusted even by good people, blessing a hundred desolate lives with her protection and love as tender and unstinted as a mother's, the financial clouds lowered threateningly. Then I brought her the good news that a collection taken at the conference by J. D. Scott, another unflinching ally, had reached the astonishing sum of \$800. I expected to hear her shout. Not a muscle of her face changed. She said simply and calmly: "I knew help was coming. As I was praying in my room I had the assurance, and I was as sure of it then as I am now." She had her shout before I got there. I brought stale news. I thought of Paul in the ship: "The Lord stood by me," and the things he whispered gave courage and calm in the midst of the storm. A letter from our dear Sister Volino lies before me breathing that same spirit of unwearying hope: "The Lord always answers prayers and supplies our needs in due time. . . . The Lord is raising up friends for the home—hope it will not be long before we can have a new building, where we can take care of every one out in the darkness that will turn their back on sin." How like the memorable Monday afternoon at the first gospel meeting in her parlor, when she stood in a circle of weeping outcasts, and, with tears streaming down her cheeks, spread her arms and said: "Where will you go? Come to me. This roof is yours. You shall be cared for, and I will put my arms about you and help you back to virtue." They came and she made good her promise, under what difficulties a few of us know.

And the West Texas Conference stepped into the breach and, with a pluck and liberality that always thrills my heart to recall, stood by her—as they only can stand by a good cause. There are no bigger hearts nor braver ones beneath the stars that thrive in those prairies. This is deliberate and whoever thinks it mere taffy my whilom comrades there will know I mean it. Like Lovey Mary, "I love to love" them.

Now I have just caught myself and will tie up right here, leaving my tether long enough to say, help that rescue work in some way and do it now.

W. W. PINSON.

LETTER FROM BRO. HORNER.

By a strange and inexplicable revolution of the great itinerant wheel I was read out to this place at the last session of the conference, and I am here, hard at work, as usual, trying to build up the cause of the Master.

Finding that it was directly on my route to come by Tyler, we stopped off at that place to visit my brother, whom I had not met in fourteen years. He has a charming family, and they made our stay very pleasant with them for the few days that we were with them. While there, it was my privilege to read from my dear old mother's family Bible—the one she read and loved so well—and while conducting family worship my mind went back to the happy days of boyhood when myself and brother were young boys together in the old home a few miles east of Jefferson. My eyes water with tears while I pen these lines, and we hope the reader will not consider this a weakness—for what boy ever had a sweeter mother than I did?

During our stay in Tyler I heard Dr. Packard preach a very fine sermon at 11 o'clock on Sunday, and then I preached twice at Sneed's Chapel, where my brother's family worship. It was a precious Sabbath day for me and one that I shall long remember.

We came on from Tyler to Gilmer, where I was compelled to wait for my household goods and my horse; but as that was my first appointment in the ministry I was not entirely among

strangers. While there we were the guests of Mrs. Alexander and Mr. Eberhart and wife, who entertained us with royal hospitality. The former was one of my best friends when a boy preacher, and her father's house was one of my best homes in that first year of my ministry. Bro. Eberhart is a prominent lawyer, and his home is a delightful place for Methodist preachers to stay, as the editor can testify. We also dined one day with Dr. Ridley and his charming family, and learned that the Doctor was starting off well and his people are delighted to have him as their pastor.

Now a word about my work. I have made a complete round on the work and have been cordially received all over the charge. The people have been considerably demoralized here, but now seem to be very hopeful, and say they are going to stand by their pastor.

On the night of Jan. 6, they gave us a nice pounding, and after we had spent an hour or more in pleasant conversation and cheerful music we made them a little talk, thanking the dear people for their many expressions of kindness and love. We then knelt reverently in prayer that the richest blessings of heaven might rest upon both preacher and people, and that we might have a glorious revival of pure and undefiled religion all over the work.

My work has six appointments and embraces parts of three counties—Upshur, Harrison and Marion. It was in the bounds of this charge, at the old Hawkias camp-ground, that I preached my first sermon, in the fall of 1873, and then, in 1878, I was pastor of this same circuit. What wonderful changes have taken place in these twenty-five years! We have a comfortable parsonage of seven rooms, the best one we have had since we left . . . Station. We have been feasting on spareribs, backbone, sausage and good old East Texas sweet potatoes, and hope to be able to live and have a successful year.

In a future article I will speak of Methodism and the conditions here.

W. W. HORNER.

Coffeerville, Texas.

LAYMEN IN THE BISHOP'S CABINET.

I have read with much interest the discussion which has been the outgrowth of the article written by Bro. Greathouse, and have decided to ask permission to say a few words.

1. Having been in the itinerancy all my life, I yet say without hesitancy that I have seen but few misfits in appointments that could have been remedied by any of the plans suggested. The Bishop was unfortunate in that he could not make the man he appointed any bigger than he was, and he could not make the charge to which the man was sent any better than it was. The conditions which create unrest are in the kind of charges the laymen are content to, have for the preachers to be sent to, and in the kind of preachers who are incapable of making charges of the sort they desire.

2. Charges which contribute no men to the ministry, and complain about the little money they send to aid in carrying on the educational work of the Church, come before the Bishop with great pleas for strong men. Do they not demand, like Pharaoh, the full output of brick and yet make no provision for the exhausted straw?

3. Is it not a fact that the strong men of the Church usually have a place that is in real keeping with their several abilities, and that the Bishops send the strongest preachers to the leading Churches? And is it not a fact that the leading Churches have been having more lay influence in the appointments for several years than most of the pastors and small Churches think is best?

I am quite sure that I have heard more complaint on this very point in the past ten years than on any other feature of the appointing power. Preachers and laymen believed that if the Bishop was not prevailed on by some leading Church to bring in some man from another conference, there would be some deserved promotions, and they believed the Bishop would make them if he had all the facts, but there is a weakness in men that makes it very hard to eliminate the purely personal element, or the needs of a particular charge, from their pleadings, and see in the same degree the needs of another charge and labor for the good of every charge, rather than a few.

4. The fact confronts us that too much pressure from leading laymen has been responsible for the complaint that the transfer power has been abused, and for a suggestion that it be curtailed.

5. Young men are greatly helped by the presiding elder, and he is the greatest preacher many of our laymen hear, and for this reason the presiding elder has more influence than his leading station preacher, or any one else, at the District Conference, and he would practically determine the election of the lay cabinet the Bishop would have, if such provision should

be made, and thus the number would be multiplied who would counsel the Bishop, but the result of the counsel would be the same, the presiding elder largely determining the plans upon which the laymen from his district would agree.

6. If the appointments were made according to a majority of such a body, the Bishop presiding, the power of the Bishop to fix the appointments would thereby be done away. If the Bishop were left with unlimited power, as he now is, to fix the appointments, the laymen and the presiding elders would be represented, and might suit themselves, but the brethren at home would not concur in the action of this body in every case, and the preachers would not have a step taken toward a remedy for the ills they now suffer. On the contrary, many a preacher would be freely discussed, and his frailties, actual or imaginary, so advertised, as to be a source of subsequent embarrassment to the appointing power in placing him, but he would not be on hand to speak a word for himself, while every charge would have representation from among the laymen as well as from the presiding elder. So far as I am concerned, I have never seen the day that I did not most sincerely believe that my case would be fairly dealt with by any Bishop in the College, if the facts could only be clearly brought before him, and I would have cheerfully risked any Official Board I ever served as his counselors, but would not have risked the opinion of any one that might be selected from that board, or of one outside of the charge.

7. I urge as a remedy for existing evils: Let laymen try to make better conditions for their preachers by building better parsonages, paying better salaries, so that they may have more books, attend preachers' institutes, etc., for self-improvement, and let them pray God to call some one of their own sons into the ministry instead of to the more lucrative professions; and when they are called, let them be educated in our Church schools and sent out with such equipment as will make them anxiously sought by awaiting Churches. By this means we will have better charges for every preacher and better preachers for every Church. Until then, let us learn, like the apostle, with whatsoever things we have, therewith to be content. Let us not complain at the faults of our preachers or charges except in the spirit of Christ, and with a sincere purpose to remedy existing evils in the same spirit.

8. In the meantime, let us all get ready to go to the Preachers' Institute at Georgetown, and get ready for more intelligent work, and let us pray for a baptism from on high that we may perform it.

V. A. GODBEY.

LAYMEN IN THE BISHOP'S CABINET.

By all means let us have them. It is true the Bishops have no cabinet, but that can be provided for. Of course much care should be taken that no partialities be shown. To avoid this each pastoral charge should be represented. Brushy Mission should have the same rights that First Church has.

As I do not expect to be a delegate to the next General Conference I will give those who expect to be a simple plan that will be just to all, both great and small.

At the beginning of each conference year let there be a Church Conference held. Let this conference elect a layman to represent it in the Bishop's Cabinet. Let it be the representative's duty to inform himself concerning all members of the Annual Conference, undergraduates, applicants for admission, transfers and supplies.

Just before the Annual Conference let another Church Conference be held. The representative can then make his report, and the conference can select the preacher wanted. The representative can then go to the cabinet fully enlightened, knowing what he wants. In case more than one charge has selected the same preacher, let lots be cast. The Bishop can announce the decision, and the presiding elders can count the lots. This will relieve the Bishop and presiding elders of all responsibility concerning the appointments. It will also ensure a large attendance at the Annual Conferences, and the interest will be greatly increased.

I hope to see this plan in operation at the earliest possible date; for there is another thing I want to see, but we must get the laymen properly seated before we can come to the desires of my heart—pastors in the Bishop's Cabinet.

Now, if you brethren that shall compose the next General Conference will provide the Bishops with a cabinet consisting of one lay representative from each pastoral charge, and all the preachers having work in the conference, we will have something worth going to—an annual show of our own.

J. M. ADAMS.

Mt. Pleasant, Texas.

Devotional and Spiritual

WINNING A CROWN.

There are two motives that determine men in their allegiance to God. One is a sincere compliance with the commandment of the Master, "Thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thy heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy mind;" and the other is an earnest desire to flee the wrath to come, and to enter into the felicity that is reserved for those who have been found faithful in this probationary period of existence.

Whatever the motive of their separation from the world may be, the followers of Jesus are soon convinced that the Master was not exaggerating when he portrayed the sufferings to be endured, the difficulties to be encountered, and the persecutions to be met by his disciples. He said to his little band, "I send you forth as sheep in the midst of wolves," and the subsequent life of these devoted men gave startling force to the statement. They, with splendid fidelity, endured unto the end, and, in common with all who finish their course with the approval of the Master upon them, obtained the crown.

The fact is, the Christian life is an overcoming life. Its first requirement opens the way for opposition, and its successive steps are taken in the face of hostile influences. St. Paul's exhortation to the Ephesians, "Put on the whole armor of God, that ye may be able to stand against the wiles of the devil," is worth giving heed to, for the reason that "we wrestle not against flesh and blood, but against principalities, against powers, against the rulers of the darkness of this world, against spiritual wickedness in high places." The Christian is in the world, but not of it; and so high is the estimate that the world places upon his relations to Jesus Christ, that it expects him, not only to overcome its evil influences in his own life, but to become an agency for its transformation and improvement. This thing was done in a wonderful degree by our divine Lord, as well as by his disciples, and the great host of the overcomers of this world has marvelously increased with the passing of the years.

Probably one of the greatest victories that a Christian can achieve is the mastery of himself. If one can bring his own character and life into line with the teachings of Jesus, and keep them there, he has fought a good fight, and is entitled to a crown. This is one of the essential things. For how can a man hope to influence other lives for good, and bring other men to see the benefits and blessedness of the Christian life, unless his own life is thoroughly under the dominating influence of Jesus Christ? It is not always easy to do this, just as it is not always easy to keep a ship true

to her course in the face of the raging hurricane. But it can be done, and the world expects the follower of Christ to do it. That it involves constant vigilance in order to thwart the enemy in his dastardly work of destruction, is conceded; but as it opens the way to greater efficiency as a worker for the salvation of the world, and the greater peace and joy as a personal possession of Christian experience, it is worth while to achieve this victory of personal mastery for Christ.

To some people the idea of rewards for Christian service is repellent. It would be so properly if the securing of a reward were the impelling motive to service or to allegiance to Christ, but the reward is a natural and legitimate accompaniment of the service. Jesus did not hesitate to emphasize this feature of his work. He held it out as an attraction, and he repeatedly urged men to follow him, and sought to draw them away from lower to higher and better things by the enticing promise of reward. What would the Bible be without its sweet and precious promises! Besides, there can be no service without its recompense of reward. The consciousness of having performed a good deed, of having ministered to some one's need, of having served God by serving humanity, brings to one's heart its own sure and rich reward. Why, then, should it be thought strange that God adds his blessing whenever his children do the things that merit such gracious recognition?

Many are the promises held out to the overcomer: He shall eat of the tree of life; he shall not be hurt of the second death; he shall be given to eat of the hidden manna; he shall be given power to rule over the nations; he shall be clothed in white raiment; his name will not be blotted out of the book of life, but it will be confessed before the Father and his angels; he shall inherit all things, "and I will be his God, and he shall be my son." To have these promises of God fulfilled in his own life should be the absorbing ambition of the Christian. But they cannot be fulfilled unless the conditions pertaining to them are fully complied with. These conditions involve the humiliation of self, and the exaltation of Christ; the surrender of the world with all its enticements, and the acceptance of the cross with all its sacrifices. One must have "fought a good fight" and have "kept the faith," if he would come into possession of his "crown of righteousness."

Some hope to receive their crowns after they have finished their course, but if our eyes were not holden we would see the crown of life on the head of many a child of God. It is invisible to our eyes, but it is none the less real. God does not wait until the last day to speak his approving word, and to say, "Well done, good and faithful servant;" nor does the righteous Judge withhold the crown that has been won until the course has been finished. Every day is a crowning day with him, and the head of the faithful follower of Jesus is wreathed with the crown of glory while the smoke of battle still lingers in the air, and the marks of the struggle are still visible on both the conqueror and the conquered.—Christian Advocate, New York.

HE KNEW ONE THING.

The late Rev. Robert W. Dale, D.D., of Birmingham, England, perhaps the strongest, sanest and most intellectual force in the pulpit of the English-speaking world during the last generation, told me an incident which illustrates the point which I wish to make. In some meetings of the Salvation Army in Birmingham one of the worst men

in that city was converted. He was a leader among characters of the baser sort, a human brute. But the change in the man was evident to all. He was a new creature. One day some of his former associates began to make fun of him, and such a conversation as the following ensued:

"You say you are a Christian—who was the father of Jesus Christ?"

"I don't know."

"Who was his mother?"

"I don't know."

"Where did he live?"

"I don't know."

"How old was he when he died?"

"I don't know."

"How did he die?"

"I don't know."

"Well, you are a pretty Christian; you don't know who was the father of Jesus, or who was his mother, or where he lived, or when he died, or how he died—what do you know?" Then the rough, but genuine Christian man lifted his head and looking those who were taunting him in the face replied:

"I know that he saved me."

"There was nothing more to be said. He knew in whom he believed because of what he had experienced, and those around him were forced to recognize the change. That man's new life came directly from his Savior, and was not dependent on any theory of the construction or interpretation of the Scriptures. He had been raised from spiritual death, and the fact that he was spiritually alive could not be controverted.—A. H. Bradford.

THE MYSTERY OF GRACE.

When a weary, selfish heart comes to the Savior, the Savior meets his and weary already; another yoke upon you." "But, Lord, he is tired and weary already; another yoke will crush him." "No, no; he has just been carrying himself, and himself only, and that is the heaviest of all loads; heavier than any one man can bear. But strange it is, that if he adds another burden, his own burden will become light. That is the mystery of grace, that the burdens of a selfish man are lightened by adding more. "Take my yoke upon you." And what yoke is that, Lord? "The yoke of other people's needs—the burdens of the blind and the deaf, and the lame and the lepers—the burdens of other folks' sorrows; put them on to thy shoulders—take my yoke upon thee—increase thy burden, and thy burden shall become light, and instead of weariness thou shalt find rest."—J. H. Jowett, in "Apostolic Optimism."

EXPERIMENTAL RELIGION.

They mistake the scope and significance of experimental religion who think of it as relating only to sentiment and emotion. It does relate to these, but only as incidents. It has wider and deeper meaning. All that pardon, regeneration, adoption and sanctification include or imply must be embraced in it. In contents it is as grand as salvation—it is salvation revealed, proved, verified, brought within the sphere of consciousness and incorporated into the substance of personal knowledge. Of course, it has a psychological side, suggesting material for abstruse thought and for learned investigation; but that is not an essential, nor does it come into the range of our purpose in writing. It rather belongs to the class of learned people who come into possession of religion as a concrete blessing, and thus gain the proper standpoint for rational inquiry. Without the knowledge that comes with the experience itself, speculations and theorizing can never reach more substantial ground than conjecture. Those who undertake the exposition of experimental religion without possessing it as a verity of conscious-

ness reason on the mystery in the absence of the most important data; they seek to solve the problem while omitting the chief factor, the only one that can assure success.

An experience of this kind brings light and love and power. Emotion, pure and blessed, accompanies it. Whether shown in grateful adoration with restful joy, or in acclamations of rapturous triumph, there is substantial oneness in the experience, as there is in the filial relation newly attained. Since temperament and environment determine the type of emotional manifestations, it is reasonable to expect as much variety in the expression of elevated feelings as there is in temperament and environment. Love, not emotion, is the final test of the state of the heart. "He that loveth is born of God." "Love is the fulfilling of the law." It therefore follows that "the love of God shed abroad in the heart by the Holy Ghost given" is the highest and noblest experience, the brightest and best and truest embodiment of experimental religion.—Northwestern Christian Advocate.

THE GOSPEL OF HELPFULNESS.

One of the stories that never grow old is the gospel of helping one another. To be a helper may well fill out the round of a life's ambition. "To get" is the cry of a sordid world; "to give" is the answer of the true hearts, that move among men. No man ever had such joy in getting things as he whose purpose is in the opposite direction—to be helpful, and give of self and service to others. It is the one great cure-all for soul-ills; there is no burden that cannot be lightened by it; no darkness that cannot be brightened by it. Soul sickness can find its healing in the hour that it turns to heal another. The sum of things is not in the getting, but piness will be in the consciousness that you have always helped and sought to serve.—Baptist Union.

MOTHER'S PRAYER ANSWERED.

Years ago a widow in the Highlands of Scotland, unable to pay the rent demanded of her, was threatened with eviction. She determined to seek refuge with a kinsman, who lived on the other side of the mountains. Early one morning she left home for the ten-mile journey over a lofty pass. She took her only child with her. The weather was calm and beautiful when she started, but when she was half across masses of clouds and sudden gusts of wind overtook her. Then followed rain and sleet, and finally snow.

The woman did not reach the house of her kinsman and the next day a dozen men started out to search for her. At the summit of the pass, where the snow had drifted deepest and the wind had been the fiercest, beneath a huge granite boulder they found her, dead. All of her clothing was gone except a miserable, tattered garment.

A shepherd, searching farther, soon discovered the child, sheltered in a nook in the rock and covered with the clothing which the mother had taken from her own body. The words of the minister at the funeral of that mother were never forgotten.

Fifty years passed, and that minister's son, himself now an old, gray-haired man, went to Glasgow to preach a sermon to a small congregation. Snow fell unexpectedly that evening, and it recalled to the clergyman's mind the story of the widow's sacrifice, often heard from his father. He abandoned the sermon he had prepared, and in its place told the simple story of a mother's love. He ended with these words: "If that child is now alive, what would you think of his heart if he did not cherish an affection for his mother's memory? What would you think of him if the sight


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of her clothes, which she had wrapped around him, in order to save his life at the cost of her own, did not touch his heart, and fill him with gratitude and love too deep for words? And what would you think of him if the memory of his mother's sacrifice for him did not call to his mind the Savior's stupendous sacrifice? Should he not look upon both with adoring gratitude?"

Within a few weeks a messenger arrived from a dying man who wished to see the minister. The clergyman started at once. The sick man was a stranger to him, but he seized the minister's hand, and said: "You do not know me, but I know you, and I knew your father before you. Although I have lived in Glasgow many years I never entered a church. The other Sunday I happened to pass your church door as the snow came down. I heard the singing and slipped into a back seat. There I heard the story of the widow and her son." The man's voice choked, and he cried: "I am that son!"

"Never did I forget my mother's love, and my only desire now is to lay my bones beside hers in the old churchyard among the hills; but, sir, I never saw the love of Christ in giving himself for me until now. It was God made you tell that story. My mother did not die in vain. Her prayer is answered!"—Youth's Companion.

Money is not the measure of a man, but it is often the means of finding out how small he is.—Ram's Horn.

ON A RANCH.

Woman Found the Food That Fitted Her.

A newspaper woman went out to a Colorado ranch to rest and recuperate and her experience with the food problem is worth recounting.

"The woman at the ranch was pre-eminently the worst housekeeper I have ever known—poor soul, and poor me!"

"I simply had to have food good and plenty of it for I had broken down from overwork and was so weak I could not sit up over one hour at a time. I knew I could not get well unless I secured food I could easily digest and that would supply the greatest amount of nourishment."

"One day I obtained permission to go through the pantry and see what I could find. Among other things I came across a package of Grape-Nuts which I had heard of but never tried. I read the description on the package and became deeply interested so then and there I got a saucer and some cream and tried the famous food."

"It tasted delicious to me and seemed to freshen and strengthen me greatly so I stipulated that Grape-Nuts and cream be provided each day instead of other food and I literally lived on Grape-Nuts and cream for two or three months."

"If you could have seen how fast I got well it would have pleased and surprised you. I am now perfectly well and strong again and know exactly how I got well and that was on Grape-Nuts that furnished me a powerful food I could digest and make use of."

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Secular News Items.

The Supreme Court of Texas has decided that the law annexing Oak Cliff to Dallas is valid, and that suburb is now the Ninth Ward of the big city. This adds about five thousand population to Dallas.

Houston has just had an exciting municipal campaign and in the primary last Saturday, Hon. A. L. Jackson was nominated for Mayor. The daily papers of the city took sides in the contest, and the election was a hot one.

The case of Reed Smoot, the Mormon Apostle, who is trying to show that he is entitled to a seat in the United States Senate, is now before the Committee on Elections, and it is exciting a great deal of attention. One Joseph Smith, the President of that so-called Church, took the witness stand and made many shameful confessions of his violations of the law prohibiting polygamy. He stated that he had several wives and forty-one children. He did not help Mr. Smoot's cause.

The constitutionality of the Texas local option laws is now before the Supreme Court of the United States at Washington. It was taken there by Judge George Clark in a case from Grayson County. Attorney-General Bell, of Texas, is there arguing the case, and when it is decided, it will settle the question once for all as to the inequality of the law.

A negro was lynched by a mob in Springfield, Ohio, last Monday night. He had killed a policeman and was in jail. The jail was stormed and the negro taken out and killed. His body was then dragged to the square, hung and ridiculed with bullets. And this, too, in Ohio, one of the States up in the good land where they do no wrong.

A number of the officials indicted at Washington for misusing their positions to their own financial aggrandizement have been found guilty and sentenced to the penitentiary. Of course they will appeal their cases, but the outlook for them is rather gloomy. When Uncle Sam lays his iron hand upon misdoers they rate very badly, and they ought to.

WAR NEWS.

St. Petersburg, March 7.—Admiral Alexieff telegraphed the Czar from Urdulud as follows: "Supplementing the telegram of yesterday, I have to inform your majesty that at 1:25 yesterday five of the enemy's squadron of seven warships opened fire on Forts Souveroff and Linevich, and also upon the town and port. The bombardment lasted until 2:15, when the squadron was observed to turn south. By 2:30 it had disappeared from view. The batteries and fortifications sustained no damage, but in the town one sailor and one woman were killed." A later dispatch from Vladivostok says the Japanese squadron returned to the attack after 2:30. In this bombardment several houses were damaged, including the Yurt Club and the Marine Barracks. The squadron reappeared this morning in front of the city about 8 o'clock, but again departed southward, sailing between Askold and Russes islands. Alexieff's dispatch does not mention the landing of the Japanese troops, which was reported to have been effected under cover of the fleet's bombardment.

Vladivostok, March 6.—A fleet of 5 Japanese battleships and two cruisers appeared on this place at 1:25 o'clock this afternoon and bombarded the town and shore batteries for fifty-five minutes. The fleet approached from the direction of Askold Island, at the east entrance to Usuri Bay and about thirty-two miles southeast of Vladivostok. Entering Usuri Bay, the enemy formed a line of battle, but did not approach to a closer range than a mile and one-third. They directed their fire against the shore battery and the town, but no damage resulted, as most of the 209 lyante shells failed to burst. The Russian batteries, commanded by General Severonitz and Antononoff, did not reply, awaiting a closer approach of the enemy. The Japanese fire ceased at 2:20 p. m., and the enemy retired in the direction of Askold Island. Simultaneously two torpedo boat destroyers appeared near Askold Island and two more near Cape Maedel. The Japanese ships were covered with ice. The attack resulted in small loss to the Russians, but cost the enemy 200,000 roubles (\$100,000) in ammunition. Most of the projec-

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tiles were six and twelve inch shells. The population of Vladivostok was warned this morning of the presence on the horizon of a hostile fleet and the prospect of attack during the day, but it remained tranquil.

St. Petersburg, March 6.—A communication from Viceroy Alexieff to the Czar, from Mukden, bearing today's date, says: "I most humbly inform your majesty that the commandant at the fortress at Vladivostok reports at 8:50 this morning seven vessels were sighted south of Askold Island. At 9:45 they were seen to be warships making for Askold Island. About noon the enemy's squadron was midway between the coast and Askold Island, making for Usuri Bay. They were out of reach of the shore batteries. At 1:30 the enemy opened fire. Two vessels in the squadron were probably the first-class cruisers Izum and Yakumo, but the names of the others are unknown."

Anti-vivisection advocates are preparing to make an exhibit at the St. Louis Fair, at the instigation of Miss Calla Harcourt and Judge E. L. Spence, Secretary of the International Anti-Vivisection Society. John D. Long, Ex-Secretary Boutwell and Mrs. John L. Gardner, of Boston, have promised aid to the exhibit.

The charge of transmitting wireless messages from ship to ship at sea is sixpence a word, with the address and signature free. From ship to shore the rate on the American side is \$2 for ten words and 12 cents each for each additional, with no charge for address and signature. On the English side the charge for a "Marconigram" from a liner is 6 shillings for twelve words and sixpence for each additional word, the signature and address being charged for.

There is a rumor that the purpose of the Standard Oil Company in cutting the dividend is to carry to reserve a larger fund in order to enable the Standard Oil to take possession of the Russian petroleum trade. The Standard Oil is anxious to get into the far East, and it is stated that, while the reduction of dividend is clearly not due to loss of profit the increase of reserve is unquestionably for fighting purposes, whether in the United States, in Europe, or in Asia.

Baltimore will not ask for Legislative authority to borrow \$6,999,999 to make street improvements, etc. That plan has been abandoned. It has about \$1,000,000, which was derived from the sale of its stock in the Western Maryland Company, and it will use this as a fund for making such improvements in streets, etc., as are necessitated or suggested by the recent great fire.

In the general unrest that is sweeping throughout Europe because of the war in the far East there are signs that the Finns may rise against their Russian oppressors and strike a blow for freedom. Perhaps of all the modern races of the world that have felt the heel of tyranny the Finns deserve most the sympathy of free people. Progressive, loyal, peaceable they have been creatures of monstrous governmental malice.

The Italian legation at Peking is equipped with a wireless telegraph outfit, through which it is able to keep in communication with the Italian war vessels lying in the harbors of Taku and Tientsin without the necessity of using the Chinese overland lines. According to a dispatch, the Japanese have, however, proved the insecurity of the wireless system by intercepting Marconigrams of the Russians to and from Port Arthur. A system of communication which can be tapped that way is of doubtful value.

The Virginia House of Delegates recently passed three bills in relation to the liquor traffic. One strikes out the jail punishment for Sunday selling; another gives ninety days for the disposition of stock by dealers in districts which vote for no license, and the third allows the barkeeper charged with selling to students to plead that he had no means of knowing that the man to whom he sold was a student. These bills now go to the Senate, where their passage is very doubtful.

The University of Pennsylvania, in connection with its observance of Washington's Birthday, conferred honorary degrees on a number of distinguished men. Baron Speck von Sternburg, Governor Samuel W. Pennypacker, Chief Justice James T. Mitchell, of the Pennsylvania Supreme Court, and Professor James Truman received the degree of Doctor of Laws; William H. Dall, the paleontologist, the degree of Doctor of Science; and James Whitcomb Riley, the degree of Doctor of Literature.

When Speaker Cannon takes his pen in hand to sign a few bills everybody moves away from his immediate vicinity, so as to be beyond reach of the ink shower he is sure to distribute.

The Board of Control of the Naval Institute has awarded the annual prize for the best essay to Lieut. S. P. Fullenwider, U. S. N. The subject of the

essay was, "The Fleet and Its Personnel." The sum of \$200 and life membership in the Institute constituted the prize.

The city of Rochester, New York, was swept by a great fire recently, which resulted in the destruction of seven noble buildings in the heart of the business district. Aid was summoned from Syracuse and Buffalo, and firemen from those cities did valiant service. There were no fatalities. The property loss was very heavy, being estimated at between four and five millions of dollars.

The Wisconsin State Capitol building at Madison was destroyed by fire last Saturday. The loss is estimated at \$800,000. Practically all the valuable State records are believed to be safe.

A TRIP TO ARKANSAS.

I reached my home, wife and daughter, February 26th, so weak from a severe spell of grippe, contracted at Abbott, Arkansas, about February 4th. That "Pilgrimage," of which you kindly spoke, was not made to my original conference, which I entered "on trial in '71." No; the visit was to Northwest Arkansas; covered entirely by Arkansas Conference. It was a visit "I long had sought, and mourned because I found it not;" but when kinsfolk said, "Come and we'll foot the bills," and good Bro. J. O. Jordan said, "Go on, I'll fill a few Sundays," etc., I went. Who wouldn't? Oh, what a treat to meet with 3 precious sisters, from whom I had been separated about 28 years; also nieces and nephews of dead brothers, "victims of war." I hadn't seen since little children. My health was fine till grippe struck me hard. Bro. J. H. Glass, of Ozark, Arkansas, honored me with his pulpit at 11 a. m., and night. Well, we had a good day. I believe it was the fifth Sunday in January I reached Fayetteville, i. e., Saturday night before. E. R. Steele, P. C., of course, gave me his pulpit and congregation morn and night. Oh, how I plead with our Father for help in this fine Church and State University town. He was with us especially at 11 a. m. A bright University student knelt at the altar and was happily converted. At night 2 were at the altar and 2 joined the Church; from thence to Abbott, where they had an appointment. I dedicated 4 infants; went to my sister's, took my bed, etc., but I am home again, still quite weak.

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UNANSWERED LETTERS.

Feb. 25.—Geo. M. Hall, sub. B. H. Passmore, sub. M. L. Story, sub. J. N. Hunter, change made. Geo. H. Phair, sub. S. R. Hay, sub. B. W. Allen, sub. W.

D. Mountcastle, sub. J. M. Armstrong, sub. Albert Little, sub. J. H. Reynolds, sub. L. B. Saxon, sub. J. W. Bridges, sub. J. K. McMillan, sub. Stuart Nelson, sub. J. A. Wyatt, sub. J. W. Bowden, sub. J. E. Walker, sub. J. J. Canafax, sub. H. B. Urquhart, sub. J. H. Chambliss, sub. Z. B. Pirtle, sub. S. L. Harris, sub.

Feb. 26.—J. L. Murray, sub. J. R. Ritchie, sub. E. L. Silliman, sub. J. J. Creed, o. k. Jno. E. Ronch, sub. R. J. Smith, sub. M. L. Story, sub. J. T. Bludworth, sub. Eugene T. Bates, sub. G. W. Davis, sub. J. E. Morgan, sub. has attention.

Feb. 29.—A. J. Weeks, sub. W. D. Mountcastle, sub. Henry E. Carter, sub. and change. M. W. Clark, sub. H. J. Hayes, sub. J. M. Armstrong, sub. W. D. Shugart, change made. M. L. Story, sub. W. S. Easterling, sub. o. k. G. W. Riley, sub. C. Bruce Meador, sub. C. A. Evans, sub.

March 1.—O. P. Thomas, sub. A. T. Stodgel, o. k. J. A. Wyatt, sub. W. P. Edwards, sub. I. F. Harris, sub. I. Christian, sub. C. G. Shutt, sub. A. P. Ipscomb, sub. E. S. Williams, sub. J. M. Baker, sub. G. W. Kincheole, sub. Eugene T. Bates, sub. D. F. Pulley, sub. J. E. Vinson, sub. Atticus Webb, sub.

March 2.—J. N. McCain, sub. W. B. Hayless, sub. J. B. Farr, sub. R. L. Ely, sub. L. A. Reavis, sub. W. W. Golibugh, sub. M. F. Daniel, sub. M. H. Neely, sub. D. J. Martin, sub. Jas. W. Albritten, sub. G. W. Riley, sub. J. F. Tyson, sub. A. E. Carraway, sub. E. S. Holzer, sub. Jno. E. Ronch, sub.

March 3.—Ross Williams, sub. 2 cards. J. P. Rodgers, sub. J. L. Massey, sub. T. S. Armstrong, sub. W. W. Graham, sub. V. A. Godbey, sub. R. E. Porter, sub. J. D. Hudgins, change made. T. H. Hall, sub. J. R. Ritchie, sub. W. A. Thomas, sub. Jno. W. Goodwin, sub. R. L. Ely, change made. W. R. McCarter, sub. C. R. Gray, sub. Jno. M. Neal, sub. Walter Griffith, sub. C. W. Meyers, sub. N. Powell, has attention. J. C. Huddleston, sub. J. D. Dorsey, sub. March 4.—R. A. Clements, sub. R. J. Teoley, sub. G. W. Hughes, sub. M. S. Heteckiss, change. S. L. Ball, sub. E. P. Ledbetter, sub. O. F. Hatfield, sub. C. G. Shutt, sub. C. T. Cunningham, sub. R. F. Dunn, sub. 2 cards. D. W. Gardner, sub. C. D. West, sub.

March 5.—W. W. Watts, sub. M. C. Bobbs, sub. C. A. Clark, sub. W. P. Edwards, sub. J. J. Callaway, sub. E. H. Lovejoy, sub. J. C. Carter, sub. Jesse Lee, sub. C. V. Oswalt, sub. Ben Hardy, sub.

March 7.—T. M. Kirk, sub. M. I. Brown, change made. J. W. Bowden, sub. W. A. Thomas, sub. E. J. Maxwell, sub. A. S. Whitehurst, sub. O. P. Kiker, sub. W. H. Stephenson, sub. J. E. Vinson, sub. W. J. Holder, sub. B. T. Hayes, sub. J. R. Henson, sub.

March 8.—J. W. Johnson, sub. F. O. Favre, sub. has attention. J. T. Howell, sub. has attention. J. D. Hudgins, change made. J. F. Tyson, has attention. C. W. Dennis, sub. C. P. Combs, has attention. R. W. Nation, sub. Ross Williams, sub. J. M. Armstrong, sub. E. P. Williams, sub. G. W. Harris, sub. Sam'l Weaver, sub. G. W. Kincheole, sub. H. B. Henry, sub.

March 9.—W. H. Long, sub. C. B. Smith, sub. J. A. Wyatt, sub. Z. B. Pirtle, sub. D. A. Gregg, sub. A. Little, sub. J. M. Crutchfield, sub.

CHURCH DEDICATION.

Our church at Caps is now complete, and our presiding elder will dedicate it at our Second Quarterly Conference, which will be the 9th and 10th of April, 1904. All former pastors are earnestly requested to be present.

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Notes From the Field.

NORTHWEST TEX. CONFERENCE.

CARLTON.

J. H. Watts, March 4: The first Quarterly Conference of this charge came off according to announcement. Our presiding elder was with us, preaching with his usual earnestness and power, and looking well after every interest of the Church. All the appointments were represented and reports encouraging. Assessments for support of the ministry remain the same as last year. The parsonage has been furnished with some much-needed furniture, and the pastor and family have been kindly remembered by these good people in the way of a nice and much appreciated poundage, and other donations which were very thankfully received by us. This is our third year on this charge, and we hope to make it the best of the three and prove ourselves worthy of the confidence and esteem of these good people.

BLUM.

A. D. Livingston, March 7: Being myself an amateur in the work of journalism, I have as yet seen nothing from our charge. Blum Circuit is a nice charge, situated in one of the most picturesque sections of the State, and embraces some of the most beautiful scenery. The cedar-covered mountains and sun-capped hills are everywhere, and the scenery is so beautiful everywhere, that the buoyant soul. Certainly an aspiring preacher here will grow poetic. Our first Quarterly Conference came and went without any manifestations on account of bad weather, except the pastor was made glad by the sight of his presiding elder and the consolation derived from his words of cheer and counsel. The assessment was raised \$50. Also our new debt of \$50 has been lifted since conference. I also hear rumors of parsonage improvements, but nothing yet consummated. With a courageous and Church-loving Board of Stewards, everything points to the most successful year in the history of this charge.

GRANGER.

A. L. Moore, March 4: Because of the tried friendship and true devotion of the people of Seventh Street, Temple, to their pastor and to the Church, it was with sadness that I parted with them last November and came to my present field of labor. But I have found good people here. They gave me a royal welcome and have been thoughtful and good to me all along. At Granger, I found no organizations but a Church and a small Sunday-school. We have started a prayer-meeting with a fine spiritual interest—have already reached 50 in attendance. A Home Mission Society with twenty-two members—started off nicely. The Sunday-school has doubled in attendance. On Feb. 13 our first Quarterly Conference was held. Dr. J. S. Chapman was on hand, just full of business and enterprise. His preaching on Sunday was of a high type and enjoyed by all. The conference was a very fine one. Every steward present. They made a liberal assessment for the preacher in charge and paid more than one-fourth of it—a record.

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breaker for this work. A church enterprise was sprung and the conference took right hold of it. A committee was appointed to sell our present church property, buy a new location, solicit funds to erect a new Methodist Church. Lots have been bought, property sold and by the time this is printed, our present parsonage and barn will be on the new location, which is the finest place in town for a church. Work on new church will begin real soon. Revival is moving nicely; thirty-seven additions up to our first Quarterly Conference at Granger. Outlook for a good year is splendid. Methodism has been very weak here, but bids fair to prosper in the days to come. I have placed quite a number of Advocates in our homes. The Lord gives us grace to minister to them in spiritual things and to lead wisely in all the work.

TRUBY.

C. H. Ledger, March 2: Our first Quarterly Conference was held at Delk Feb. 12 and 14, by Bro. E. A. Smith, our wide-awake presiding elder. He preached three excellent sermons, to the delight of those who heard him. The finances of the Church were very good. Yes, and the stewards raised the preacher's salary \$50 after cutting down the appointments to seven to four. Our congregations are growing larger at each preaching place. We organized a Sunday-school last Sunday and enrolled forty names. Sunday-schools are good and growing better. The Church is advancing spiritually; received twenty members, have put on parsonage and other objects \$100. We put before the Quarterly Conference an application to build a church and it was granted, and we meet the committee to-morrow at Delk, where the church is to be built, and by God's help and the co-operation of the good brethren, we will pay an old church debt at Truby. We have put the Advocate into eight homes. Where the people take the Advocate and read it, it makes them better men, and they love the Church better. May God speed the day when every Methodist will take and read the Advocate more. We are talking and preaching missions wherever we go. Of course the poundage came the first of the year as usual, and as the good people administer into us temporal things, may God help us to issue out spiritual things unto them. We are trusting and praying for a glorious year in the salvation of many souls.

ASPERMONT.

G. H. McAnally, Feb. 28: We are gradually moving along on this work. No marked enthusiasm, but one even, steady pull. Aspermont charge is now a "whopper"—ten appointments. Bro. Archie Crawford, my junior preacher, has charge of about half the work. We have made preparation for revival at this place March 5th and have secured outside help. Well, we may not have as many rainstorms, but we can boast of storms of different nature. Late yesterday evening about 9 o'clock a storm began gathering a few hundred yards east of the parsonage until it assumed wonderful proportions and then made straight for the parsonage, and such a shower of packages, parcels and bundles was never witnessed before by the writer. Just push aside the pantry and take a peep before the crowd left we read the 23d Psalm and invoked the blessing of heaven upon each giver. May God help us to administer heavenly things to this people as they have dealt out temporal things.

TEXAS CONFERENCE.

BURKE.

W. W. Graham, March 1: Our first Quarterly Conference has just been held, and how it did rain! Sunday, however, was a clear day and we had a good time. As everybody expected, Bro. T. rendered good service in the pulpit and elsewhere. Finances well up, bull weevil, etc., to the contrary notwithstanding. The preacher that receives still at the first Quarterly Conference and then goes on his way complaining, well, he needs to be treated. The pastor's report contained this statement: "Members received by certificate, 32." The elder adjusted his spectacles and all hands, as it were, called a halt as if asking for an explanation. However, when they learned that the brother had not been hobby riding, they readily agreed to pass him, especially as he is the oldest man in the district and had to make a very long move on the gravel train at that. With this mail I send you two more subscriptions for the Advocate. Up to date we have averaged two to the month, and as the spring opens we hope to do better than that. We are all so sorry that the editor could not go and see that other country for us.

MAYSFIELD CIRCUIT.

J. B. Gregory, March 7: Our first Quarterly Conference has just been held. Our presiding elder, Rev. C. E. Smith, was with us and preached with his usual ability, and presided with ease and good humor. We had the sacrament of the Lord's Supper on Sunday and quite a number communed with us. Three Churches were represented and a good crowd came from Ben Arnold on Saturday morning, all ladies but three, who were men, and officials of the conference. Hurrah for Ben Arnold! I'm expecting a great upheaval there this year. They are an excellent people. We are soon to build an M. E. Church there. In fact, all of my people are so fond of their pastor all over the work. The Maysfield ladies are looking after their pastor's needs at the parsonage. That good little woman, Sister Jesse Tyson, drove down town and that good and faithful lady, Sister Powell, joined her and the two around and mustered other good sisters into line and supplied the pastor's needs and brought to the parsonage. May God bless them all, and may they be useful in the Master's service; and, O that we may have a great revival here this year. It is so much needed. I've received some members and dismissed some. I have others in view. I hope to catch soon. We as preachers are "fishers of men," and must strive to catch them, but must be careful in the selection of the bait we use, lest while we fish for a "buffalo" we may catch a "gar" or turtle, and thus be the worse off in the "catch." We are happy on the way, trusting in the Lord.

NORTH TEXAS CONFERENCE.

LANNING.

A. H. Hussey, March 7: We have been getting along smoothly since conference on our work. A two weeks' meetings closed here last night. The best meeting held here in several years. It was con-

ducted by Rev. C. M. Harris, the Cumberland Presbyterian pastor. He was assisted by Rev. W. E. Pippin, the Missionary Baptist pastor of Dodd City, and by myself. Bro. Pippin preached six times and I preached five times. Bro. Harris did the remainder of the preaching except one sermon by Rev. H. T. Watson, of this place. There were over twenty conversions, mostly children from ten to fourteen years of age. The Church was greatly revived. Nearly all the children who attended the services were converted and many of them worked like grown people among their friends at the altar. Sixteen persons joined the Methodist and C. P. Churches yesterday, with more to follow. The writer preached to the children yesterday afternoon. The fact was clearly developed that the converted children had a good knowledge of the nature of religion. There was deep conviction among the hardened sinners, but few of them would yield.

PRINCETON.

Sam'l Weaver, March 8: Our second Quarterly Conference has just passed. Bro. P. A. Rossier, our presiding elder, was with us and did some good preaching; also looked carefully after the interests of the Church. This work is getting on reasonably well. The finances are not up so well as they might be. We have just built a new parsonage and a good one, with well and barn, but have not got the yard and garden fenced yet, but will have before a great while, and when all the finishing is completed we will have a very nice and convenient preacher's home, for which this preacher and the people of this circuit are proud. And one good thing about it is the whole thing save a little on the barn and well is paid for. Yes, how glad we feel in this neat, new house, which is pleasant and comfortable. May God bless every one who helped in building this house. We are praying and hoping for a gracious revival all over the work.

SOUTHMAYD.

W. Byron Byars, March 5: We have just been called to the phone and informed that our second Quarterly Conference convened at Stanfield Chapel March 29 and 31. Dr. Alderson will preach Sunday night and hold conference Monday morning. The people of Southmayd Circuit know how to take care of a preacher. Sometimes they make a raid on my barn, such men as W. M. S. and others—and just literally stuff it with the "choicest hay." And then chickens, eggs and good things too numerous to tell. We are going to build a house for the Lord in Southmayd.

WEST TEXAS CONFERENCE.

CUERO STATION.

L. B. Ellis, March 1: We are four months into our second year, and have good cause to be encouraged. Upon our return from conference our people gave their pastor and presiding elder and their families a reception at the church. There was good fellowship, cordial friendship, expressions of pleasure at our return, followed by speech-making, songs, prayers and refreshments. Our people are delighted that the conference is to meet with us this year. We are planning for debt paying and improvements this year. We have recently had a very gracious revival. The pastor was assisted by Rev. A. P. Lowery, of Waco. Bro. Lowery is a good, true man, and a strong gospel preacher. He cries out against sin but hates sin, he loves the sinner. The most gracious results were in the Church, resulting in a stronger faith and a deeper consecration and a more constant loyalty to the Church and more brotherly love, and they do say that the pastor can preach better. There were forty conversions and recommitments and sixteen additions to the Church. We have received twenty-one additions since conference, the larger part on profession of faith. Bro. Lowery is a safe man and will help any charge he may be into. The presiding elder has just informed me that Cuero is far in advance of any charge in the district in their financial report, though we have only had one Quarterly Conference, while some charges have had two. We mention this fact, not to boast, but as evidence that we are really making progress. Bro. Wilson is very popular in the district. The people enjoy his preaching and his fellowship. He is a systematic and hard worker. He preaches from four to six times at most in his Quarterly Conferences, and exhorts and calls mourners, and frequently there are conversions at the Quarterly Conferences. In the country charges he is bringing the Quarterly Conferences to their old-time importance to the people. Saturday night preaching conference at 2 p. m. and preaching Saturday night, Sunday at 11 and 2 p. m. and at night. He magnifies his office. We have reason to expect the most prosperous year this station ever had, and will in fact show for the conference this year. We attend a hearty welcome to all the brethren and I am sure we will not have to ask the sisters to stay at home.

P. S.: Our people "pounded" us last night. We had our people, and they said last night that they loved their pastor and his family.

BRIGHT'S DISEASE.

Caused the death of Doctor Bright. Bright's Disease is simply slow congestion of the Kidneys. In the last stage the congestion becomes acute and the victim lives a few hours or a few days, but in past years I have cured many troubles caused by sluggish, torpid, congested liver and slow, constipated bowels, whereby the kidneys are involved and ruined.

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EARLY COLLECTIONS.

I am in receipt of a letter from J. D. Hamilton, Treasurer Board of Missions M. E. Church, South, reading as follows: "March 31st, the end of the fiscal year, is near at hand. The reports from the conferences of collections during their year show an increase over the previous year. To make this increase through our fiscal year liberal amounts must yet be sent in before its close. The Secretaries sometime ago sent a letter to their presiding elders urging that early collections be taken and money remitted to the Conference through your conference paper, and by other means secure prompt remittance before the end of our year? Your earnest co-operation in this endeavor will bring its fruits and be highly appreciated." Please note and give this such publicity as it deserves.

A. F. PLATTER, Treas. Board of Missions, Denison, Texas.

NOTICE.

Rev. J. H. Hunter, of Fort Worth, has taken the South Heights and South Flores Street charge in San Antonio. This will answer all applications.

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Later: Rev. J. D. Young, pastor Glenwood church, Ft. Worth, has just phoned us that Mrs. Young secured 60 subscribers in two days. They are going to the Fair FREE OF CHARGE.

THE GRIP OF HONOR

By Cyrus Townsend Brady.

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(From Hearst's Chicago American.)

FORT WAYNE, IND., (Special Correspondent). In response to numerous requests your correspondent called on the now famous Dr. James W. Kidd, to learn if possible, the secret of the mysterious power by which he was effecting so many wonderful cures. Dr. Kidd was found at his office busily engaged in answering the hundreds of letters of inquiry which he is daily receiving from all over the world regarding his remarkable discovery.

"It is hardly necessary to say that I am busy," said the doctor. "In those files are thirty-five thousand letters that we received and answered last month, but I am always willing to explain, as far as possible, my discovery, especially to newspaper men, because I know that they will publish the information, and I want the whole world to know that there has at last been discovered a remedy which will cure every ailment."

"Will it cure every case?" "It will cure every disease that I have been called upon to treat in my experience in thousands of cases, and has positively cured thousands of afflicted people who thought that they were beyond all earthly help."

"What do you call your discovery?" "The Elixir of Life." Dr. Kidd here showed the correspondent a number of small egg-shaped capsules containing various colored liquids in which floated small tablets, and said: "Doctors have known and used nearly all the remedies which constitute my discovery for years, but the proportions and the method of compounding are my secret."

"Do the doctors accept or use your discovery?" was next asked. "Not as a rule, because I do not care to explain or give my secret to them. It is the result of a lifetime of study and experiment and naturally I am jealous of the honor which it brings me."

"Do your patients seem to appreciate what you do for them?" "Yes, indeed. In this set of letter files are thousands of letters from grateful cured patients, and I am receiving more every day. They are the greatest source of pleasure and satisfaction to me, and the only pay that I ask for the years of study that this discovery cost me. Here are a few which are particularly interesting to me, because they are patients whom I cured two years ago, when I first made my discovery, and before I was as sure of the results as I am now. They are all enjoying perfect health now. You may publish as many

of them as you like, as I have their permission." Your correspondent copied the following extracts word for word, from a letter. The following from Miss Sarah Pennington, Milton, Iowa, tells a thrilling story of her cure: "It does not seem possible that a person paralyzed as I was could be cured in 73 days. When you get the statement of my case, I was perfectly helpless, had to have a friend write to you in my name. Now I feel that I am cured. I will always praise and thank Dr. Kidd for what he has done for me. You cured me when others had given me up to the grave." A. C. Blair, a prominent attorney of the firm of Blair & Green, Charleston, W. Va., writes as follows: "I received your treatment for nervousness, indigestion, stomach, kidney and bladder troubles twenty days ago. It is truly 'The Elixir of Life.' I am exceedingly surprised at the wonderful results. I have suffered for more than five years, and was getting worse all the time. I have improved daily since beginning your treatment. I now feel ten years younger. Instead of having to pull myself up the court house steps by the railing I can run up as I did ten years ago." Ten days later Mr. Blair reports as follows: "I am restored to perfect health, sleep well, eat hearty, digestion good, kidneys and back cured, nervous in the shade." Your correspondent was shown hundreds of other testimonials telling of miraculous cures of apparently every disease with which man or woman was ever afflicted, and was firmly convinced that Dr. Kidd only too modest in his claims for his marvelous discovery. "Can your 'Elixir of Life' be used by patients at home?" "Yes, with my instructions and with equally as good results." Is it true that you are giving away treatments to all applicants?" "Yes, and I expect to continue until its virtue is known all over the world. You can tell your readers that I will send every sick or afflicted person a course of treatment prepaid, especially for their case by mail postage paid and absolutely free. To be sure of personal attention ask them to describe their case and address my private office as follows: Dr. James W. Kidd, 71 E. Bates Block, Fort Wayne, Ind."

As the doctor asks for no money it would seem that every reader afflicted in any way, no matter what the disease, should take advantage of this liberal offer.

The Home Circle

A FELLOW'S MOTHER.

"A fellow's mother," said Fred the wise,
With his rosy cheeks and merry blue eyes,
"Knows what to do if a fellow gets hurt
By a thump or bruise, or fall in the dirt.

"A fellow's mother has rags and strings,
Bags and buttons, and lots of things;
No matter how busy she is, she'll stop
To see how well you can spin your top.

She does not care—not much, I mean—
If a fellow's face is not quite clean;
And if your trousers are torn at the knee,
She can put in a patch you'd never see!

"A fellow's mother is never mad,
And only sorry if you are bad;
And I'll tell you this, if you're only true,
She'll always forgive you, whatever you do.

"A fellow's mean who would never try
To keep the tear from her loving eye,
And the fellow's worse who sees it not
That his mother's the truest friend he's got!"

—Margaret E. Sangster.

IF I COULD I WOULD.

The many money jinglers of to-day who sit in the uppermost seat of money power are not to be condemned simply because their coffers are full of bursting. This is not the crime but rather how did they get it, and how are they using it?

I count it no crime to be a multi-millionaire. The possession of great wealth has been the means of achieving knowledge and bestowing benefits which perhaps through no other channel could the same amount of good have come to this mundane sphere.

The life-giving and enervating orb of day pursues its unwearied course, filtering down to earth the wealth of its power, notwithstanding there are those who murmur at lack of discretion or suitability in giving too much to one place and not enough to another. So we sit in judgment on bestowals of gifts or disbursement of money from flush hands. The same mind that steers the ship-laden fortune, however illiberal its conception of right may be, takes cognizance of its stupendous power, and feels quite wise enough to give as well as take.

We grumble at the fabulously rich man (who loves the land of romance, and home of Ellen and the Douglas) when he loosens his purse-strings and drops his shekels here and there. It is his own bought with a price.

Who knows but the falling tear of repentance has washed the dross from the gold, and the quality of the seed sown, as well as the quantity, may fall on good ground and bring forth an hundredfold.

If I could I would not lessen the weight of their plethoric purses. But if I could I would have them make amends for their method in obtaining ill-gotten gains, and cry with a loud voice against their stewardship, lest they be swallowed up by their own devices and meet a fate comparable only to the finale of the great cities of the plains.

The man who sits resigned and indifferent inside the four walls of his mud-chinked cabin may not be a better man than he who sits in his gorgeous room in his great Madison Avenue mansion. Poverty of life too often makes poverty of soul—it mews up, as it were, desires for something better. So it comes about that the man who is not able to own a horse sometimes cares but little if he is brother to the ox.

It is hard to give thanks for a crust of bread when the earth teems with loaves and fishes. Tantalus-like—just out of reach. It is hard to be glad when the sun kisses the world into a cornucopia of plenty, and not one little spot to call one's own. It is not his—the man of need—to flood the world with charities nor indeed to lend a helping hand for his scope of influence may not reach beyond the cabin fire-side. If I could I would tell him—that man of poverty and toil and disheartenment—that the wealth of Croesus cannot buy the chalice of happiness; that a conquering multitude cannot blight the sweet content of the man who lives just the best he knows, nor frets nor wears a crown of thorns because he sees no gleam in the cloud nor silver lining.

I know a Church full of hard, unfeeling pews. They sit and gaze intently and unmoved up at the pulpit. The pulpit tries to make new creatures of them, feeling and responsive creatures; and so out from the "sacred desk" comes chidings, abuses and complaints.

Hard knocks fall on the hard, relentless pews and the rebound is hard against the hard pulpit.

The text is from the Scriptures, and through mazy paths and byways the discourse courses its unscriptural way. The pulpit means business—business entrusted to it by high authority for the betterment of humanity. The world needs the pulpit indeed. Without its uplifting influence and sign-board pointing to a better life our earthly pilgrimage would be dark and labyrinthine, and I think heathenish. The pulpit is not to be condemned for being a pulpit. It just needs to know what should emanate from a pulpit.

If I could I would whisper to it to try the kind weapon of brotherly love surcharged with persuasion and godly patience. Then echoes from the grim old pews might soften into a post-coital reform and fill the pulpit with a benedictive refrain.

If I could I would say to the pews, pulpits in general are not made of tough, hickory wood. The material is more pliable, the grain and fibers delicate and easily polished, so if you kick it more than likely a scar will be left. Don't kick. Let criticism, hickering and complaints be brickbats to cast at something uglier and more harmful than the pulpit. I would say, too, "Ye generation of vipers" who but the pulpit is to warn you to flee the wrath that now is, and leading to that which is to come?"

If I could I would throw a mantle of charity over all the misdeeds of life that come through ignorance or enlightenment. I would make the good better and the bad good. To avarice I would say, "Thou unsatisfying despot, loosen the hold, slacken the tension cord of greed, grab and gain."

To those who wait and hope or stand with out-trethed arms "amid the encircling gloom" I would have their pilgrimage paved with peace and lighted with a radiance from the streets of jasper and gold.

JOSEPHINE TULLOSS, Amarillo, Texas.

PREVENTED A WRECK.

Ted Sanford was an intelligent boy of fifteen. His father had died a year ago. He sold newspapers, and did anything he could to make money. His mother took in washing, and made about three dollars a week. He had a sister eight years old, and a brother five. He came in one evening about 6 o'clock and said:

"Mother, I have ten new customers." "That's right, keep hustling and you will make a man some day. I expect you had better write a letter to the publishing house to-night and tell them to send you ten extra copies," said his mother.

"All right, I will," said Ted. He sat down to writing, and ten minutes later he was on his way to town.

The moon was shining very brightly that night, and as he was crossing the railroad track he could see the track was jerked out of place. He took out a watch and muttered to himself:

"Ten minutes more and the night express will come along."

He knew he would not have time to go to a house and get a lantern. And in two minutes more of thinking he heard the shrill whistle of the night express. He tore the lining out of his coat and lit a match to it and started down the track at full speed.

The engineer saw the light and brought the heavy train to a standstill. The engineer came out and said to Ted:

"What's the matter?" And Ted replied:

"The track is jerked loose about a hundred yards up the track."

The President of the road was on the train that night and came out and said:

"Rogers, why did you stop?"

And Rogers, the engineer, told Ted to tell his story. Ted told the whole thing, and after he had got through the President said:

"Boy, you are a hero; you have probably saved the lives of a good many persons to-night. Would you like to work at the depot? They are needing a new hand. I will give you seven dollars a week to start on. Do you accept?"

"Certainly, I would be foolish not to," replied Ted.

The people who were on the train made up a large collection for Ted.

Ted is now getting fifty dollars a month at the depot, and some day expects to own a part in the railroad.

JAMES OTIS MCKINNEY.

AN ISLAND OF BIRDS.

In the Hawaiian group of islands is one, Laysan, that is possibly the most wonderful home of birds in the whole world.

Uncle Sam maintains a lighthouse there now, since Hawaii became part of American territory, and the Stars

and Stripes that flutter over this lonely little government reservation have the distinction of flying over the strangest population that is under any American flag, for the population is composed entirely of albatrosses, booby birds, stormy petrels, puffins, frigate birds, and other strange sea fowl.

They all nest on Laysan Island. So numerous are the birds there that, long before the island itself can be seen above the horizon from an approaching ship, the crew will sight a cloud above it. That cloud is formed by the birds that are forever rising and settling.

Recently Uncle Sam sent an expedition of naturalists to study the island, and Walter K. Fisher, the ornithologist, who was one of the party, says that when they got into the petrel colonies, and that the earth was so completely honeycombed by their burrows that the members of the expedition were continually sinking to their knees.

"From out the shadow of the tussocks," says he, "young albatrosses, uncouth and awkward, snapped their beaks at us and, occasionally losing their balance from overhaste, fell forward on their chins. This proceeding usually made them actively sick."

"Few of the birds seemed frightened, and with the exercise of a little care we were able to approach most of the species as close as we wished. It was certainly gratifying to be able to walk up to an albatross or a booby and watch it feed its young, and to record this domestic duty with the camera."

"It might, perhaps, be difficult to convey the pleasure I experienced when, standing in a group of albatrosses, one came up and peered into my face, and finding my intentions good, proceeded to examine inquisitively the polished top of my tripod."

"Many of the young albatrosses would allow themselves to be stroked after a ludicrous show of displeasure, that would soon disappear as if they had known us always. The little rails scampered hither and thither like diminutive barnyard fowls, but soon returned, craning their necks to discover why they retreated."

"When we sat working, the little miller-bird came and perched for a moment on our table and chair backs, and the Laysan finch and rail walked about our feet in busy search for flies and bits of meat."

"The beautiful little red honey-eater visited us each day at meal time, and sought for 'millers' in the crannies and seams between the boards."

"Thus, wherever we went we were free to watch and learn and were trusted by the birds. It seems a most touching and unique experience, and one which demonstrates all too forcibly the attitude of wild creatures which have not yet learned that man is usually an enemy."—San Francisco Bulletin.

OLD SAYINGS.

Many times the inquiry comes regarding certain familiar old sayings. The following bits of information have been collected by "The Christian Advocate":

Dean Swift is credited with "Bread is the staff of life."

It was Keats who said "A thing of beauty is a joy forever."

"Man proposes, but God disposes," remarked Thomas a Kempis.

Franklin is authority for "God helps those who help themselves."

"All cry and no wool" is an expression found in Butler's "Hudibras."

It was an observation of Thomas Southerne that "Pity's akin to love."

We are indebted to Colley Cibber, not to Shakespeare, for "Richard is himself again."

Edward Coke, the English jurist, was of the opinion that "A man's house is his castle."

"When Greeks joined Greeks, then was the tug of war," was written by Nathaniel Lee.

"Variety's the spice of life," and "Not much the worse for wear," were coined by Cowper.

Edward Young tells us "Death loves a shining mark," and "A fool at forty is a fool indeed."

Charles Pickney gave the patriotic sentiment, "Millions for defense, but not one cent for tribute."

"Of two evils I have chosen the least," and "The end must justify the means," are from Matthew Prior, a poet of the seventeenth century.

To Milton we owe "The paradise of fools," "A wilderness of sweets," and "Moping melancholy and moonstruck madness."

Christopher Marlowe gave forth the invitation so often repeated by his brothers in a less public way: "Love me little, love me long."

The poet Campbell found that "Coming events cast their shadows before," and "Tis distance lends enchantment to the view."

To Dr. Johnson belongs "A good water," and to MacIntosh, in 1701, the

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phrase, often attributed to John Randolph, "Wise and masterly inactivity."
Thomas Tasser, a writer of the sixteenth century, said: "It's an ill wind turns no good." "Better late than never." "Look ere thou leap," and "The stone that is rolling can gather no moss."

"First in war, first in peace, and first in the heart of his fellow-citizens" (not "his countrymen.") appeared in the resolutions presented to the House of Representatives in December, 1799, by General Henry Lee.

A SWEET LOW VOICE.

"If the rising generation of American girls is not taught to use the speaking voice properly, we shall develop into a race of unconscious, unintentional shrews. If some rich woman wished to bring upon her head the blessings of posterity, she should endow a chair of voice development which would not necessarily include singing lessons," so says Miss Helen Lord, one of the fine singers of the day.

"Listen to the penetrating feminine voices all around us, shrilling, almost shrieking in head tones. And I am sure that not one of those women realizes that her remarks are being heard all over the room. If she did, she would talk less of personal matters. Ride on the elevated trains or on open surface cars, and your head will ache more from the piercing voices of the women around you than from the combined din of train and street. Have you ever had a telephone ring in your car because the woman at the other end of the wire was using head tones in talking? It is frightful."

"The true root of evil is that American women either can not or will not use her speaking voice properly. Hundreds of dollars to cultivate a singing voice but not one cent nor a jot of her time to improve her speaking voice! Massages and lessons in physical culture to develop a plump throat, but not five minutes a day to enlarge her chest. And yet a gentle voice is a woman's most effective weapon."

"If a woman will stand squarely before her glass, with her shoulders back, her head high, while she slowly inflates and empties her lungs, she will secure excellent chest development. Then let her give the sound of double O (oo) as the lungs are emptied, but in rich, low tones, which she feels comes straight from the chest, or, as one woman expressed to me, from the pit of her stomach, and she will have taken the first step in developing a pleasing speaking voice."

"Next let her take the same position and count up to ten as slowly as possible while emitting one long breath, steadily increasing her chest expansion. Then let her practice her low speaking tone on her family, seeing how deep she can place her voice and yet be heard distinctly by members of the home circle. When on trains or walking on the street let her aim to be strike a voice tone below the din, and not above it, so low, in fact, that it rings like a second or alternate part in singing. She can then be heard as distinctly as if she tried to shout above the roar of street traffic, and her voice will lose that penetrating, shrill quality which is the hall mark of the ill-bred woman."—The New York Tribune.

TWO THINGS WE NEED.

There are two points worthy of your consideration.

The first is that thoroughness is the secret of success—is a much more important factor in getting on in the world than either opportunity or cleverness. Do not, as the habit is, carry your skimping into your daily life or business.

To the student of sociology it is one of the amazing facts of life that so few people take the trouble to understand their business.

Women become mothers without the least knowledge of the science which should guide them in the rearing of their young and in the intellectual development of children. They undertake housekeeping without a rudimentary knowledge of sanitation, of the laws of hygiene, of any system of account-keeping or domestic economy, and, nowadays, it is rare to find a woman who understands the art of cooking.

Men engaged in this or that business all their lives you will find content to know "enough to get along." The habit of skimping sticks to them in all that they turn their hands to. They are thorough neither in knowledge nor in method.

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Perhaps your work is to stand behind some counter and retail strips of ribbon and lengths of silk. It seems to you that, besides being industrious and honest, there is no more that you can do. Well, if I were in your place I would make a study of silks. When, without giving offense, it is possible, I would ask from those who knew more than myself all the questions I could about those soft and dazzling goods. And I would read all I could on the subject. I would find out the best books to study on the silk-worm industry, on the manufacture of silk, and kindred matters. Such books, if you could not buy, you could borrow or obtain from the library. By degrees you would begin to feel new confidence in yourself and command new confidence from others, and very quickly fresh channels of usefulness and advancement would open before you.

The world wants experts. And then there is a second point I would like you to consider. Outside your business, or main occupation of life, there should be at least one other subject on which it shall be your privilege and pleasure to be thorough.

If possible, make the second interest tributary to your first interest, but let it be sufficiently apart to afford you change and recreation. Become an expert on any subject, and this acquisition shall be a backbone of steel to your character.—Anna Woodward, in Chicago News.

"DOETH GOOD"

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"I am an old lady and had used coffee all my life until a year ago, then I found a drink 'that doeth good and addeth no sorrow.'"

"For many years I had been troubled with constipation and stomach trouble, sleeplessness and various other ills and although I had been constantly treated I got almost no relief."

"I have always been a great worker with many cares and often in the morning I would feel unequal to my daily tasks. So I would drink a good stiff cup of coffee of which I was very fond and then for two or three hours afterwards I would feel so smart and buoyant and keyed up to such a high note that I could undertake most anything. But along about 11 o'clock the reaction would begin and leave me stranded on a lounge until dinner time. Then I would get a cup of tea to tide me over the afternoon. So it went on for a number of years and the great wonder is that I did not collapse altogether. I must have had a good constitution. Every month I got a little worse."

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Since our last communication from our field of labor, we must confess that the blessed Lord is with us. We are progressing slowly, very true, but gaining.

There seems to be some kind of a commotion among the Bohemians all around; just like a bee-hive, when knocked at; all the bees within are awakened and a buzzing is being heard. Just so it is here. Many who were indifferent before as to Protestantism are now anxious to know what Methodism means in reality.

Indeed and glory be to God, not only are we telling who Christ is, and that the Christ of Methodism is the living Christ and not the dead Christ, but more than this, some of them are anxious to know more about that Christ the Methodist Church preaches! Yes, a few days ago, when the news reached us that some of the people we had visited were eagerly awaiting our return, and, with tears in their eyes, stated, not only they wanted to know more about Jesus, but even teach them how to pray.

When this communication reached me, I shook, I trembled, and I turned pale. I was so restless; but after calling on them and instructing them how to pray, we felt easy and at peace again. God is good and great his works.

Again we met some who claimed not to believe in anything, but before we left, yea, while leaving their premises, we had had to give our word of honor that we call again.

At another place we did not get out of our vehicle but remained seated therein. A woman came out, very shy at first; her children played on the porch. This good woman inquired after our business by guessing if we were a doctor, or a merchant, or an agent of insurance, a farmer and finally we stated that we were a little preacher. Then we asked her if she believed in God (the woman all the while standing at a distance); she answered in the negative. Then we told her in very plain words that she as a mother needed God's blessing upon her and her children. Then the woman came up to our vehicle and put one foot upon the hub of the wheel and listened attentively while we began explaining and demonstrating God's love to man. We began with an illustration, to-wit:

Opposite where we stopped with the buggy was a hogpen with a few hogs in it. We asked if they knew her, and she answered, Oh, yes, for everytime we go there we take something to them. "Then we said that the hog knew its benefactor, which she affirmed; that the cow and the horse knew their benefactor, and, according to her statement, man had nobody to look up to, no benefactor, then man was in a pitiful condition indeed. We told her right there that man was not without a benefactor, and that God is his benefactor and friend; even if all her kinsfolk left her, God will not leave, if she serves him.

To prove that God keeps his word always, we illustrated same by the tragic death of King and Queen of Serbia, and the Emperor of Austria. The former's wife was a concubine of his (Alexander's) father.

God created Kings, and to be a King is to follow a divine calling, which God had instituted.

Scripture tells us that God will judge whoremongers. The position of a Queen is an exalted position, and in the Old Testament we read that the Lord chose Kings.

With Alexander of Serbia, the last of the house of O'Crenowitch, has gone, which marks the house of the O'Crenowitch as extinct, etc. Disobedience God punishes. We then gave her a Bible and some Testaments for her grown children.

But here it was more difficult to leave than at any other place yet; for we had to promise more than a dozen times that we surely would come back again.

Many are the experiences we have to go through. Would I be in this work on my own account? I would have sought some other work, but that divine, invisible hand is more powerful than man. A. C. F. SMITH, Taylor, Texas.

LEGISLATIVE DEPARTMENT OF AMERICAN ANTI-SALOON LEAGUE.

Washington, D. C., Feb. 12, 1904.

To Temperance Friends Throughout the Country:

The liquor trade has worked up a strong opposition to the Hepburn-Dolliver bill among the so-called liberal element of the country. The turn-of-events, maennenchors and other similar societies are petitioning against the measure very largely. They claim that over six thousand of these societies are to be heard from in this way.

They have been at it for weeks. The Congressional Record daily gives the record of many referred to the Committee on the Judiciary. From one hundred to one hundred and fifty and more are frequently presented in a day.

By this time our friends know what this bill is, realize its importance and our need for it and are, I trust, ready to act promptly in its behalf.

Do not let the work of individually signed petitions be interfered with. Have that done thoroughly but quickly. In addition, however, we want every Church, temperance society, lodge or union, etc., to endorse the bill and have the proper officers immediately send in a memorial to the House and Senate urging the early consideration and speedy passage of the bill. Do not fail to act promptly. An approved form is given herewith in order to facilitate the work and avoid delay.

In addition to this and the voters' petitions referred to, if you have not already done so, write at once a brief letter to both of the Senators from your State and to your own Congressman respectfully urging them to aid by influence and vote in passing the measure. Let this be done everywhere, and particularly in States and districts represented on the Judiciary Committees as they follow this suggested form of memorial for organizations, Churches, etc.

To the U. S. Senate (or House of Representatives):

Believing in the principle of home rule, in the right of each State to exercise its police powers for the regulation and control of the liquor traffic in its own way, without outside interference under the guise of interstate commerce, the Church of city or town, county of State of and composed of members, hereby respectfully urges the early consideration and passage of the Hepburn-Dolliver bill to this end by your honorable body.

All that the Hepburn-Dolliver bill will do and all we urge its enactment for is to give full scope to the legitimate exercise of the police powers of the States in dealing with this question. It will not make an unconstitutional law valid; it will not set up one policy of the State above another; it does not invade the so-called personal liberty of the people; it will simply give the States jurisdiction over liquors shipped within their own borders before as well as after delivery. It is in line with the present attitude of the Federal Government as expressed in the Wilson law, which it is designed to amend, and in the internal revenue law (Sec. 3243, edition of 1900) in which the paramount rights of the States in dealing with this subject are recognized and conserved.

Signed on behalf of the congregation, Pastor, Secretary or Clerk.

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We sincerely deplore the loss on last Friday of our handsome stone church in Fort Worth, known as Missouri Avenue Church. It was built at a cost of \$25,000, and had just been paid for in full when the unfortunate fire occurred. We understand that the destruction was complete, and that there was only \$4000 insurance on it. These facts we glean from the daily press. The people have not yet recovered sufficiently from the shock as to state what their plans for the future will be, but we presume they will rally and replace the burnt building. We certainly sympathize with them in their severe loss.

MONTAGUE AND BURNET ALL RIGHT.

In the Cooke County decision rendered by the Court of Criminal Appeals recently, Montague local option was knocked out, as one precinct was omitted in the election ordered by the county. But as soon as the election became null and void, the people rose up and asked for another one all over the county, and it came off last Saturday. The result was five hundred majority for local option. This, we presume, will satisfy the court. Then down in Burnet, where local option has been in force some time, the anti-brought on another one last Saturday, and every precinct in the county went for local option. We presume that this will satisfy the anti; at least, for a couple of years. Some other counties will vote soon and we look for the usual local option victories. Revolutions never go backward, and the opposition to the bar-rooms in Texas is a veritable revolution. On with the battle!

News comes from Dr. C. F. Reid at San Francisco that he has nearly raised the \$7500 which was necessary to secure a lot and plant an effective Church at the University of California.

EDITORIAL BIRDSHOT.

The man who supports the liquor shop has a motive.

Men who say they are local optionists, and want the local option law changed, do not tell the truth.

The cry of "fairness" on the part of some fresh liquor advocates is only a false note sounded to divert attention from their real purpose.

Men who defend the claims of the saloon by attacking our local option laws do not serve the devil for naught; somebody foots the bills.

There are those who are howling against local option on the plea that they have always supported the party, but when you scrape the froth off their voices, the brewers are talking through them.

DOCTOR J. D. BARBEE.

For some weeks Dr. J. D. Barbee, of Nashville, and formerly our Book Agent, has been lying very ill of pneumonia, and at times his life has been despaired of. But as we go to press we learn that he has slightly improved, and there is hope that he may yet recover. We trust that this hope will be realized, and that this eminent servant of the Church may yet be spared for longer service. We have no truer man than Dr. Barbee, and Texas is full of his devoted and admiring friends. May the great Head of the Church be merciful to his servant and restore him to his accustomed strength and vigor.

A DAY IN SHERMAN.

We ran up to Sherman last Saturday for a little outing and spent the day at the North Texas Female College. This is always a happy retreat for a tired editor, and it helps him when he is sick to look on the activity and life that everywhere abound. This is the first time we have been there since the great fire, and we could see at a glance that much damage had been wrought. But nothing can daunt the courage, or depress the spirit, of Mrs. Key. The debris is all cleared away, and the workmen are busily engaged replacing the central building known as the Brick. The foundation was left intact, and the new structure, very much like the old one, will soon occupy the site. Then Sherman promised to raise ten thousand dollars toward replacing the wooden edifice, and with the help the Church is supposed to contribute this one will also go up. The present plan is to buy the ground on which this structure stood from Mrs. Key, and build on it a property belonging to the Church. After these improvements shall have been completed, the last state of the case will be an improvement on the former. The present condition of the school is a marvel. Ordinarily that sort of a calamity would have broken up the college, but it only nerved Mrs. Key to stronger effort and larger purpose, and the result is her school is crowded with girls. We looked out over the circle as they were congregated in the dining room, and the place was full to its utmost. And we never saw Mrs. Key looking brighter and happier than on that occasion. Our conference is to be congratulated more and more at having such a woman at the head of our great school.

A NIGHT AT MILFORD.

A few weeks ago we had the pleasure of spending a night at Milford with Rev. G. W. Hearon and his young people. We went over to lecture for them. Milford is fifty-odd miles south of Dallas on the M. K. & T., and it has a population of twelve hundred thrifty people. It is situated in one of the best black land sections of Ellis County, and when the season hits well there is no limit to the productivity of the soil. There is a good public school in the town, and the Presbyterians have a splendid Female College located there. It belongs to the Church throughout the State. They already have two excel-

lent buildings, and others in contemplation. It is under the Presidency of Dr. Evans, an accomplished educator, and the room allotted to boarding pupils is full. I was shown through this institution. Brother Hearon and his people are getting ready to build a two thousand dollar church structure, which is badly needed. We are not strong in Milford, but our outlook there is brighter. The new building will help us wonderfully. Brother Hearon is a young man, well educated and full of consecration and zeal. While there we had the pleasure of meeting Brother Mouzon, the venerable father of Rev. Ed. Mouzon, of Kansas City. He is a bright, intelligent and Christian man, and it is a delight to be thrown with him.

A NEW MEXICO NOTE.

We appreciate a kind note from Rev. E. F. Goodson, of the New Mexico Conference. He says many pleasant things about the Advocate and the work we are doing, and he adds:

I am so glad when you show in their proper attitude to the world the leaders who send men from the Northern Church to evangelize our Southland. Only recently the M. E. Church established a Church in Roswell, New Mexico, a town in which we were at work when it was a village of 250 inhabitants, and 200 miles from a railroad. Now, however, that the town gives promise of prosperity, and we have property valued at about \$14,000, and a good membership, they see fit to visit us; attempt to win from us all the Northern people, in order to locate a mission. What a bad use of God's money! I am glad to say that the people were true to the pioneer Church, and remained with us, with but two or three exceptions. May God bless the Advocate.

SOUTHWESTERN UNIVERSITY NOTES.

The various summer schools with us are all getting up their faculties and putting things in ship-shape for their coming sessions. There are three of these, the Biblical Institute, the Summer Session, and the Summer Normal. These three will become regular features of the University.

The senior class were given a reception in the home of Professor and Mrs. Cody last week, and it was a delightful occasion, according to reports. This is a fortunate class, as Mr. Craig and Dr. Black have already given them receptions. Well, they are a clever set, and deserve their good fortune.

It is still in the future at this writing but will be in the past when the readers of the Advocate peruse these words; we refer to the anniversary of the Alamo Society, on Monday night, March 7th, when Rev. Sam Bares will make the address. Nevertheless, ye writer is not afraid to say it was a great occasion, and it was a great address.

The measles and grip have been widespread among us, but we may consider ourselves fortunate, as we have had but few who were seriously sick, and no fatal cases. The news from sick-beds at this writing is all cheerful.

Our pastor is making all his arrangements to begin his revival meeting here March 20th. Let the whole Church in Texas unite with us in prayer for a great meeting.

Our Y. M. C. A. has for years done good work, not only among the students, but they have conducted services on Sunday afternoons at the jail and at the poor farm. Recently the presence of large bodies of railroad laborers working on the Katy from here to Austin, has given them new opportunities. They have had preaching on Sunday afternoon at as many as three camps at once. Then, too, they hold service at times over in North Georgetown. By the way, our Northern brethren have a good Church and a small parsonage over there, and did for several years try to establish themselves at this place. Under the leadership of our presiding elder, Chapman, and Brother Vaughan, P. C. of North Georgetown Mission, we have secured this property, and the Northern Methodists abandoned this field. "So mote it be."

TEXAS PERSONALS.

The good pastor, Rev. E. L. Egger, and his people at Wimsboro, are getting ready to build a ten thousand dollar new church in the near future. We congratulate them on their enterprise.

Rev. J. K. Wooten, of Memphis, Tennessee, called to see us Monday. He is the brother whom the Dallas police arrested while making a prohibition speech on one of the streets of the city. He expects soon to make Texas his home. Any correspondence for

the time being addressed to the city, in care of the editor of the Advocate, will be forwarded to him.

In a private note from Rev. C. B. Fladger, of the Sulphur Springs District, he reports his work in good condition, and he speaks well of the Advocate among his preachers and people.

Rev. E. S. Shettles, of Pittsburg, paid us a visit last week. He has a \$20,000 church enterprise on hand, and when he and his good people put it through, they say it will be one of the handsomest in their conference.

Brother J. M. Cochran, of Cochran Chapel, dropped in to see us recently. He is running for County Commissioner in his district, and no man stands higher than he in the esteem and confidence of the people.

Rev. J. M. Leatherwood, of the North Texas Conference, is now in the Indian Territory helping the brethren up there in revival services. He will be in Caddo several days, and then go to Tishomingo. Brother Leatherwood is a success in revival work, as he was also in the pastorate.

We had a very pleasant visit from Rev. Abe Mulkey last week. He is just from Allee, in the West Texas Conference, where he held a successful meeting. He was on his way to Collinsville, where he is now engaged in a meeting. His health is good, and he is preaching more than ever.

Mrs. Mitchell, wife of the late Rev. F. T. Mitchell, D. D., died the third of this month, and her remains were laid to rest the following day. She was well advanced in life, a ripe Christian, a noble woman, and she has now joined her sainted husband in the home above. Peace be to her ashes!

We learn from an exchange that Rev. D. F. C. Timmons, of the Texas Conference, is in Georgia improving in health. He was in Monroe a short while back, and preached to his old friends with power and acceptability. We rejoice to know that his health is coming back to him, and we hope that he will soon be fully restored.

We hasten to express our sympathy with Rev. L. Christian and his family, of Homphill, in the death of their only son. This deep affliction came to them on the second of this month, and their distress is very great, but they have the sweet comfort of our holy religion. May God strengthen them in our prayer.

We notice in the daily papers last week that the War Department at Washington had received news from the Philippines that Bascomb Nelson, a brother of Rev. Jno. R. Nelson, of Waco, had been accidentally killed. He was a soldier in the United States Army, and we extend sympathy to the bereaved members of his family.

From Rev. R. S. Armstrong, D. D., we learn that Bishop Duncan has appointed Rev. Jerome Duncan, of Hillsboro, to take the place of his sainted father, Rev. T. J. Duncan, to represent the Northwest Texas Conference at the World's Sabbath Conference to meet next October in St. Louis. The appointment will meet the hearty approval of his brethren.

Miss Bell Bennett, President of the Woman's Board of Home Missions, has been visiting the city and vicinity for several weeks looking over matters pertaining to the work. She has been tendered several receptions, and she has occupied the Churches and made a number of addresses to the ladies. She is a gifted and consecrated woman, and her work is of a high character. She has given a good deal of time to the workings of the Rescue Home, and expresses herself well pleased with its progress.

We had a pleasant call from Judge L. S. Schluter, of Jefferson, last Monday. He is a candidate for Attorney-General and a member of the Legislature. He is a very pleasant gentleman, and gave the weight of his influence against the Wilney bill during the last session of the Legislature. He stands squarely by the local option laws of the State, and thinks to make any change in them would violate the Constitution of Texas. He is a fine lawyer, and a man of fine presence, and to know him is to appreciate him.

CHURCH NEWS.

A son of Bishop Morrison recently graduated in medicine from the University of Michigan.

Bishop E. R. Hendrix has transferred Rev. J. M. Porter from the in-

dian Mission Conference to the Western Conference and stationed him at Seventh Street, Kansas City, Kansas.

Bishop Hendrix has appointed Rev. J. W. Payne, presiding elder of the Atchison District, Western Conference.

It is announced that the Annual Meeting of the Board of the Woman's Foreign Missionary Society will be held in Jacksonville, Florida, May 18.

The value of mission property of the Southern Methodist Church in Korea amounts to about \$10,000, and that of the Southern Presbyterian Church to nearly an equal amount.

Through a bequest of Miss Mary Sophie Walker, just deceased, the Episcopalians of Boston will build a great cathedral. Miss Walker was the daughter of a Congregational minister.

Rev. H. M. Morrison, of the Quitman charge, South Georgia Conference, was appointed by Bishop Key to take the place of the late Dr. J. O. Branch, as presiding elder of the Valdosta District.

Mrs. J. L. Teague, wife of Rev. J. L. Teague, of the Tennessee Conference, granddaughter of Bishop Soule and sister of Mrs. T. H. Haden, of Japan, died at Wesley Hall recently of pneumonia.

It is estimated that the contributions of the Southern Presbyterian Church will, by the close of the fiscal year, March 31, reach \$230,000, which will be \$1.00 per capita for the entire membership.

According to the Irish Yearbook for 1904, Methodists in that country now number 62,000, an increase of over 11 per cent during the decade. The Roman Catholics, Protestant Episcopalians and Presbyterians show a decrease for the same period.

The Wesleyan Methodist Church of England is preparing a new Hymn and Tune Book for its own use, and will issue a special edition for the Church in Australia. The day for a common hymn book for universal Methodism may yet be a long way off.

Singleton, the fourteen-year-old son of Rev. W. R. Branham, our pastor at Jackson, North Georgia Conference, was accidentally shot in the left leg recently, and so seriously wounded that amputation was necessary. The little fellow is suffering greatly, but his life will be spared.

Bishop Morrison, after an absence of four or five weeks in California, reached home last week. He went to California with a son who was sick and needed his attention. While out there, California being in his Episcopal district, he visited the Churches and held one or two District Conferences.

It is officially announced that this month the Wesleyans will have accomplished their task of raising a million guineas, and will have in hand \$5,000,000 for aggressive work. Two things are to be remembered: no part of this money is to be paid towards the removal of debts; all is for new work; and the money has been raised without any abatement of the ordinary money giving of the Church.

Bishop Keener, says the New Orleans Advocate, at this writing is quite feeble—confined to his room, and much of the time to his bed. His condition is due to a fall some days ago which severely shocked his nervous system. But he is cheerful—keeps up with the news—knows what is going on in the world, both in Church and State. It is a benediction to spend an hour in his company.

Bishop Hendrix, of the Church South, says an exchange, has recently received from Dr. W. L. Watkinson, a former President of the Wesleyan Conference and now editor of the London Quarterly, and autograph letter of Bishop Asbury, written in 1896, and giving his estimate of Bishop Whatcoat, just deceased, who, as an elder, assisted in Bishop Asbury's ordination. It is a most interesting and valuable letter, which, says Dr. Watkinson, "I know will be prized by yourself and your Church." Bishop Hendrix is anxious to get an autograph letter of Bishop Whatcoat, and also of Jesse Lee and of Freeborn Garretson, to complete a collection of rare autographs reaching from John Wesley to the close of the last century, including all the chief actors on both sides of the ocean in the great religious movement of the last two centuries.

THE GREAT MISSIONARY RALLY.

The meeting at Waco promises to be a grand success. The preachers and presiding elders, who are also preachers, are taking profound interest in the movement. The General Secretaries are giving much time and attention to preparation. The Executive Committee are having frequent meetings to discuss ways and means. Delegates are being elected by Quarterly Conferences, congregations, Sunday-school and Epworth Leagues, the two woman's societies; and where there is no Quarterly Conference to be held in time, the presiding elders, preachers in charge and officials are choosing suitable parties to represent them and are sending in their names.

Certificates will shortly be sent out. Hundreds of names are coming in. There will be an immense crowd in Waco. But come on! Nelson, Hotchkiss, Morris and Barnes are on deck; and General Bolton is with them. Come on! You will have something to eat and a place to sleep, at low rates, and you will see and hear things you have never dreamed of. Candler, the giant, will be there. Galloway, the peerless orator, will thrill you with the story of the Orient. Morrison, the graceful speaker and optimistic leader of men, will tell us about the great West; and Coke Smith, whom we do not know whether we love or admire him most, will bring us tidings from some part of the field. The courtly Hendricks and the forceful Duncan will both be on hand. The chivalrous, scholarly, and polished Hoss, and the grand, old chieftain, Bishop Wilson, who has long been numbered, not only with the famous "thirty," but has "attained unto the first three," will fire our souls with zeal according to knowledge, while the situation will be unlocked by the Key of Texas, our own tried and true Bishop, who has never forgotten the duties of the field hand, though wearing the highest honors of the Church. Our Secretaries will be there equipped for great service. The members of the Parent Board will be ready for every good word and work. The representative men of Texas will tell of the triumphs of the cross in different fields. Prayers and praises will ascend continually for almost a week. Counsels concerning the kingdom will be heard from the wisest and best men we have. If you love the Lord and feel an interest in the greatest cause on earth. Come to the Waco meeting! HORACE BISHOP.

THE MISSIONARY CONFERENCE AT WACO.

I write for explanation to West Texas Conference in particular, but state facts of general use. Cut this out and put it in your vest pocket for reference. Item 1: About Nov. 1st announcement was made that the Parent Board of Missions would meet in Waco, and from the first day of announcement word passed around, "Let us make the most of the board's meeting for the first time in Texas." 2. Pursuant to due call, representatives of all the four Boards of Missions in the State and also Bro. Rector of the German Conference, met with Dr. Seth Ward, of the Parent Board, in Waco, on Jan. 8th. The object of the meeting stated was to plan, including the making of a program, for a missionary conference to be held in connection with the Board of Missions' meeting next May. 3. After deciding to have the Missionary Conference, the next point decided was to make it as great as possible, to attract as many people as possible, the purpose to be effected being (1) Instruction, (2) Conviction, (3) Inspiration. It was desired to reach every part of our great State and every department of our Methodism with these effects. 4. Next it was decided to make the conference a delegated body, not to keep any one from attending who would, but to designate some one whose duty it would be to attend and to thus further the great aims in view. The basis of attendance fixed upon was: (1) All our traveling preachers, active, supernumerary and superannuated; (2) all our local preachers; (3) Delegates to be elected as follows: Three from every Quarterly Conference; two from each organized Church; one from each Home Mission Society; one from each Foreign Missionary Society; one from each Sunday-school; one from each Epworth League. 5. It was decided that elected delegates should be furnished with certificates of election. It was agreed that certificates were to be signed by Drs. Lambuth and Ward and countersigned by the Conference Secretary of Missions. Presiding elders and preachers in charge are to furnish names of delegates to Conference Secretary of Missions, and the latter is to furnish to delegates signed certificates of election. This Secretary here and now rules, once for all, that no preacher, local, supernumerary, superannuated, or active, requires any certificate from him. Ex-officio they all are members. 6. The time fixed upon for the Waco meeting was to begin with an opening sermon on Monday night, May 2nd. The conference proper to begin on Tuesday, May 3d. Tuesday and Wednesday to be filled with half-hour addresses, except 11 a. m. and 8 p. m., which are allowed one hour each, or as long as the speaker can hold his audience, all to be filled with selected themes and selected speakers. Thursday, May 5th, the Board convenes. That day and Friday will be taken up with the Board meeting. Mid-year meetings of the Conference Boards, Conference and combined rallies, to be announced in due time. The whole State Missionary Conference to close with a great theme by a great orator on Friday night, so that all who attend till then will have the privilege of the whole program, and be at home for Sunday. That was agreed upon Jan. 8th. The brethren in Waco propose, inasmuch as nearly if not all our Bishops and many others will find it convenient to remain over Sunday, to add an extra program for Saturday and Sunday, as seems wise and good, for those who can remain over for the extra addition. 7. As to railroad fare, a committee was appointed, of which Rev. B. R. Bolton, Waco, is chairman. Ask him. (As to entertainment, see article by Rev. John R. Nelson in this Advocate, page 9, issue Feb. 4th.) Exhortation No. 1: Let all presiding elders, and pastors, and departments of the Church, select their delegates at as early a date as possible, and those of the West Texas Conference send names to this Secretary at once upon election. No. 2: Let us all pull together to make this proposed conference the greatest possible, or else let us pull off together and have no failure. No. 3: Let us make this the greatest meeting for results ever held in Texas. No. 4: Ask me any question you want answered about the Waco meeting. I am your servant for the success of the meeting, but it is hoped no question will be asked that is answered in this article. A. L. SCARBOROUGH, Missionary Secretary. Victoria, Texas, Feb. 26, 1904.

A STATEMENT.

I read in this week's advocate a communication headed "Superannuated Homes," signed "Geo. F. Boyd." I note in it this statement: "But it does seem to me that any heart ought to be stirred when we think of a man who has traveled and preached 35 years, raised orphan children, and his salary averaging less than \$300 a year, and now has no home. It is not human to even work a horse until he is old, and turn him out on the common to graze for a living." It is known by some of the preachers and people in the bounds of this conference that the children referred to are mine. And as I am yet living, they are not orphans. I state that I have furnished the money needed for their support from the death of their mother to this hour. I have never refused to pay any call for money demanded for their support, neither have I ever sent less than was demanded for any purpose. The money for their support goes to them regularly monthly, and when any extra amount is called for books, clothing or any other purpose, it goes on demand. Yours for a just correction. J. C. WEAVER.

MRS. LOU W. CLARK.

We as members of Clark's Chapel Ladies' Aid Society met Wednesday, Feb. 24, to hold memorial services for our dear beloved sister, and wife of our pastor, Mrs. Lou W. Clark, who died Feb. 20. Sister Clark was a willing worker in all the societies of her Church, wherever her lot was cast. She was frail in body, but strong in heart and purpose. She was a great-hearted woman and a woman of many noble qualities of character, and all her talents had been used in the service of her Master and for the uplifting of mankind. She was a busy woman. Truly hers was a long life well lived. Many beautiful tributes were paid to her, and many loving testimonials were repeatedly words are inadequate to express our deep sorrow, therefore let it be resolved,

- 1. That we as a society will miss our dear sister's loving presence, and yet in the peacefulness and resignation of her death she was an example to us.
2. That we submissively bow to His will, knowing that God doeth all things well.
3. That our sincere sympathy be extended to our dear beloved pastor and loved ones. We commend them to Him who is able to comfort in the deepest distress.
4. That a copy of these resolutions be sent to the Texas Christian Advocate, and a copy be sent to the bereaved husband, also a copy spread upon our Society record.

MRS. JENNY ROGERS, MRS. McLENDON, MRS. HONEA, Committee.

Repentance is the first step towards getting your naturalization papers for the Kingdom of Heaven.—Ram's Horn.

FROM HOBART, O. T.

A fearful storm swooped down on us from a clear sky on Wednesday night about 9 o'clock. The clouds of dust and debris were so dense that you could not see an arc light across the street. The wind blew for three solid hours at the rate of eighty or ninety miles. Our nice church building is badly damaged. Can not use it. The Congregationalists have opened their doors to us. They have no pastor. To add to the awfulness of the situation, prairie fires came in on us from the north, and set fire to buildings in the northeast and middle north portions of the city. For two hours or more it seemed to be impossible to save the town. Some eight or ten residences and as many barns, two business houses, thirteen fine horses were burned. The wind blew the fire down to the ground and blew it so straight down the street that it did not catch laterally. With heroic efforts, amid the dense fog of dust, our people fought the fire fiend and subdued it at the light loss of some \$20,000. Our church building is damaged \$1,000. There has been great destruction of property and a number of lives lost by the fire in these Territories. It seemed that fires were prevailing in many places before the storm came from the north. Man is very small and helpless when storm and flame and flood come upon him. "We are cast down, but not destroyed," nor discouraged. We have a brave, courageous people, and they will rise to the exigency of the situation. W. J. MOORE.

SAN ANTONIO ITEMS.

Rev. W. J. Johnson, the active presiding elder of the San Antonio District, reports progress all along the line. A new church is just completed at Del Rio, in which the District Conference will be held in May. Another new church is going up at Batesville, and a parsonage has just been completed at Carrizo Springs. Finances, despite the ravages of the boll weevil, are better than at this time last year. Speaking of Del Rio reminds me that a syndicate of great wealth, at the head of which is Mr. Bedell Moore, of this city, is now at work on the most extensive system of irrigation ever projected in our State. From Del Rio to Eagle Pass and skirting the Rio Grande valley, a distance of forty miles, a section of country unsurpassed in fertility, is to be opened for farming purposes. The water is to be supplied by the immense springs at Del Rio, and lower down from the Rio Grande River. Rev. J. W. Moore is preaching to large congregations and his Sunday-

school has had a phenomenal growth. This is our Cathedral Church and is growing all the time.

Rev. J. M. Alexander has his Church at West End well in hand and is strengthening our cause in every way. This may be called the liberal Church. It pays per capita more than any Church I know of. Bro. Alexander has a large and inspiring congregation, made up largely of students, and he is doing solid work—work that will abide.

Sherman Street needs a new church and in a different locality. The pastor, Bro. Lawrence, is doing all that can be done under the circumstances, but we all agree that it will be next to impossible to build a strong Church with the present unsightly building and the present surroundings.

South Heights and South Flores Street Churches are struggling to maintain their existence. The newly organized City Church Extension Board is earnestly considering the situation, and we hope to conceive plans and adopt measures that will solve the problem as to these Churches.

Comal Street Church, now served very efficiently by Rev. S. W. Moore, is unfortunately located and its future very doubtful.

Prospect Hill Church is now self-supporting. The best Leagues in the city are here, both Senior and Junior, and a strong, vigorous Sunday-school. This Church has promise of a good, strong congregation in the future.

Of our San Antonio Female College, now more prosperous than ever, I will write in a future article. The time for which Rev. J. E. Harrison was elected President expires May 12. The trustees are to meet March 8 to elect a President, and I am sure I voice the unanimous sentiment when I say we want him to be his successor. B. HARRIS.

AMERICAN HOME JOURNAL.

The American Home Journal for March has on its outside front page a striking picture of "The Girl From Texas." Its contents throughout are up to its usual standard in stories and illustration. It is a twenty-four page monthly magazine, purely literary and domestic. It takes no part in discussing current issues or other matters of the State or the Nation. It confines itself to a line of fiction of good quality and suggestions suited to home reading. It has a good list of writers, and it is a creditable periodical. It is published by Mr. Fred Johnston, with a good company back of him, and it is issued in Dallas at one dollar a year.

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ANNOUNCEMENTS.

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The Sunday-School Department

First Quarter, Lesson 12, March 20.

JESUS FEEDS FIVE THOUSAND. Mark 6:30-56, Luke 9:10-17.

Golden Text: "Jesus said unto them, I am the bread of life."—John 6:35.

Topical Outline: I. Followed by the Multitude. (Verses 13, 14.) II. Feeding the Multitude. (Verses 15-21.) III. Withdrawal for Prayer. (Verses 22-23.)

Time: Not many weeks after the death of John the Baptist, A. D. 28.

Place: A "desert place" in the close vicinity of Bethsaida Julias, on the northeastern corner of the Sea of Galilee.

Dr. Paul Whitehead in Sunday School Magazine:

The first motive for this miracle was surely benevolence. The Christ "had compassion" upon the weary, hungry multitude, so many of them poor and improvident. He could not send them away to faint by the wayside. But he had also a higher reason—to show these human beings the source whence they might receive the bread that cometh down from heaven. "Labor not," he said afterwards, "for the bread that perisheth, but for that bread which the Son of man shall give you." "Him hath God the Father sealed," said he. By the attestation of works, impossible to mere man, it was declared that here was present the beloved Son of God, able to save unto the uttermost. If he could feed five thousand men (besides women and children) with five loaves and two fishes, how easily could he give freely "pardon and peace to dying men!" And surely he would withhold no good thing from any needy and upright soul!

As in the miracle of calming the storm, the evidence of supernatural power is manifest. Here was no cunning craftiness, no magic or mystery about the matter. The disciples knew the exact measure of their scanty store of provisions; they accurately counted (and report) the number of basketfuls of "fragments" which remained when all were satisfied with food. It could not be imagination in the eaters or the persons who carried them the food. Nor was there, possibly, room for trick or conjuration on the part of Jesus. All was open as day and as simple as a plain meal of bread and fish could be. This is history—simple truth related by eye witnesses; or the story is fictitious, a falsehood concocted, forged, and circulated by base men. This is the plain issue.

With men who deny the possibility of miracles, yet are afraid to charge the evangelists and the disciples of Jesus with fraud and forgery, it is left to invent schemes like the theories of David Friedrich Strauss or Ernest Renan, Bauer of Tubingen, or other rationalists. These may exercise the ingenuity of learned men unwilling to believe that a miracle ever occurred; but they have not had, and can never have, currency with men of plain but clear minds, unbiassed by sophistry. These will say that it is a far greater miracle than the feeding of the five thousand with five loaves and two fishes to accomplish what Christianity has done in the world with the agency of pious frauds and legendary stories told about a fictitious character alleged to have been in Palestine nineteen centuries ago.

The Epworth League Department

(All communications intended for this department and exchange with articles to be commented upon, should be sent to Gus. W. Thomasson, Van Alstyne, Texas.)

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Topic for March 29: "Blessedness of the Divine Forgiveness."—Ps. 32:1-7.

Forgiveness is a personal matter. It must be sought by the individual himself. The forgiveness must be complete. No guilt must be left in the heart, no deceit in the mouth. The sin must be blotted out, covered in the depths of the sea. Then, no iniquity will be imputed to the one forgiven. His sins will be as though they never had been. This comes about through the atonement of our Lord. Not to ask for this forgiveness is to punish one's own conscience. No man can cover his sins and not feel a sense of compunction. On the contrary, when he repents and gets forgiveness, he has a sense of joy. This is his Christian experience. God becomes the hid-

ing place of such a man, and he will henceforth have nothing to fear. He will be a blessed man, for he has peace with God. His spiritual peace will be full of comfort, and he will be enabled to praise God and sing aloud. This, then, is the blessedness of forgiveness. It comes as result of repentance, confession and adoption into the heavenly family. We become heirs of God and joint heirs with our Lord Jesus Christ.

NOTES.

Rev. T. F. Sessions, of Seguin, is arranging a lecture tour in Texas for Dr. S. A. Steel for the month of May. Write to Bro. Sessions at once if your League would like to have a date.

Considerable interest is being manifested in the World's Fair trip. The plan is to organize a special party of Leaguers and make the trip similar to the Detroit excursion.

March 13 will be "Forward Day" in League circles. It is to be hoped our Leaguers will carefully plan the services for that day to the end that local enthusiasm may be aroused, new Leagues chartered wherever possible, and the Epworth Era list be enlarged. Do these things and report results for publication in this department.

We were at a stewards meeting the other night at which the roll of membership of the Church was being distributed among the collectors. When the name of a certain member was called one said: "I do not want His name. I have tried for two years to get something out of him and failed." Wouldn't you hate to be so sorry that no one would take your name on a collection list? I would. It was gratifying to note among the younger membership how much above an average ranked as compared with the young members outside the League. Surely the League is making character.

Our Leaguers are getting anxious to know where and when the League State Assembly is going to be held. What about it, President Halsell? G. W. T.

RELATION OF SIN TO LAW.

Dear Bro. Brown: If you believe what I have written is true, you will admit the following statement: God did not put the tree of the knowledge of good and evil in the garden in order to make sin possible. It was already possible. Given a moral being and the principles of right and wrong, sin and holiness are both possible. But if we imagine there are no absolute principles of right and wrong we must imagine there were no moral distinctions; then one violation did not differ morally from all others, and no act was either good or bad until Adam was put under probation—a sort of trial for his life—subjected to the rigid requirements of the moral law, and this made sin possible (?). Then holiness and guilt are words expressive of loyal attitude only.

In "Personal Salvation," page 35, Dr. Tillett says, "If we define holiness as that attitude of a free being under probation which results from right volitions and virtuous acts, and guilt as that attitude which results, under probation, from wrong volitions and sinful acts, we have a definition that can harmonize with the doctrine of moral free agency." Be it understood that I admit it is both clear and self-consistent, but what has probation to do with the results of volitions? Does the law of probation determine that this volition shall be right and that that volition shall be wrong? If not, what effect could probation have on results of volitions?

It is quite evident that the moral results of volitions must be according to the moral nature of the things chosen. So, then, if probation does not make right and wrong, good and evil, it can have no effect whatever as to the results of volitions.

The law of probation might affix rewards to right volitions and virtuous deeds, and penalties to wrong volitions and sinful acts, and thus present motives to the probationer and move him to right volitions in order to save him from the dire results of wrong volitions and sinful deeds. But it seems a mere sophism to argue that two volitions having such diametrically opposite results on human character can be mutually dependent upon each other. I quote from "Personal Salvation" again, "In order to make probationary holiness possible, it was absolutely necessary to make sin possible."—Page 27. Now if we study the Doctor carefully, from his definition of holiness and guilt to the conclusion of his schemes of probation and allow him to be consistent with himself, that statement can mean no more than this: In order to make obedience to law a necessity it was absolutely necessary to make disobedience possible; which no man in his sober sense would deny and the reason for which the Apostle Paul tersely states in these words: "For

where no law is there is no transgression."—Rom. 4:15. This is not equivalent to saying in order to make right the rule of conduct it was necessary to make wrong possible, for we can conceive that right and wrong may both be possible without a written law.

It seems that any man ought to be able to discern the difference in the meaning of the word law, as when on the one hand we say the laws of nature, and on the other hand the moral law. In the first instance we refer to silent, unseen principles and forces by the operation of which God controls the material universe. When we say the moral law we refer to that rule of moral conduct declared by the mouth of the Lord and his prophets, by which moral free agents are required to govern themselves. In this latter sense the term law has no application to inanimate things because they have no power to accept or reject, to obey or disobey. Nor is there one moral principle embodied in all the laws of the material universe. Hence these laws never affect moral character for good or evil, for neither is a man morally the better if he believes all of them, nor is he worse if he believes none of them. They lie wholly outside of the moral universe.

Why then do men suffer when they violate the laws of physical health? Such suffering is not penalty. If so, brute beasts are punished. Only a little sober reflection will show this to be true. Penalty may be inflicted justly only when disobedience is voluntary, and always means punishment, but never means consequence. Penalty may be wisely remitted when it can be done in honor of the law and in justice to the government. But this crosses us over on to the territory of moral law; but we were talking about physical law. How is this? It is this way: Man is a liner—the line between the physical and moral realms cuts straight through his constitution. He may vote on both sides and pay tax on both sides, but he must attend court on one side, he is necessarily a subject of physical law and free from moral law. Spirit on the other side, he is necessarily a subject of moral law and free from physical laws. As a spirit you cannot measure him with your yardstick, nor weigh him in your balances, nor poison him with strychnine, nor shoot him with your gun, nor crush him with the weight of a thousand worlds. He has perfect immunity from all infectious diseases except sin, and sin is moral leprosy. Therefore, "Be not afraid of them that kill the body and after that have no more that they can do. But I will forewarn ye whom ye shall fear. Fear Him which after He hath killed hath power to cast into hell." Penalty. "Yea, I say unto you fear him."—Luke 12:4-5.

Physical laws have no penalty, all suffering attendant upon the violation of these laws is consequence, and the manifest fact that the suffering consequent upon the violation of physical law is not graded according to the guilt or innocence of the sufferer ought to have settled this question long centuries ago. A man willfully exposed himself to the small-ox, he took the loathsome disease, suffered a few days and recovered. Another man was taken a prisoner of war, thrust into an infected prison, was stricken down with the smallpox, suffered several days, and died. Who says penalty? A man designedly put his foot under the wheel of a coming locomotive; in a few seconds his foot was gone and he was lame for life; but he got damage money from the railroad company. Two strong men seized a wealthy man, put both his feet under the moving wheel; soon both his feet were gone, and he was doubly lame for life; the ruffians fled, he knew them not, got no damage money. Carry on these illustrations to the end, and who talks penalty here talks nonsense.

Center Point, Texas. H. T. HILL. COWPEAS ERADICATE BOLL WEEVIL. Owing to the fact that the boll weevil is becoming a menace to the cotton raisers of the South, it behooves those interested to take active measures to eradicate this pest which bids fair to devastate the cotton fields of the South. Now I have been informed by competent authorities who have used the remedy that the boll weevil, the pest of the cotton plantation, can be positively eradicated by planting cowpeas broadcast over the lands where they existed last year.

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LIFT UP CHRIST.

(Jno. 12:32. "And I, if I be lifted up from the earth, will draw all men unto me." Jno. 12:46. "I am come a light into the world, that whosoever believeth on me should not abide in darkness.")

We sometimes wonder why we see so few results of our labors, and almost become discouraged. Men are all about us that are unsaved, and a great many of the down-trodden of earth never enter a church door, and we wonder why. Christ said: "If I be lifted up from the earth will draw all men unto me," and I think that the reason of so many failures on our part is, that we do not lift up Christ to them. He says in verse 46 of our lesson, "I am come a light into the world, that whosoever believeth on me should not abide in darkness." If we would lift Christ up to the world men might see the light of his countenance and be led into the glorious liberty of God, and realize that "he came not to judge the world, but to save the world."—Jno. 12:47.

It is the habit of a great many ministers to try to lift themselves up in the estimation of the people, rather than to hold up Jesus. They preach a very learned sermon on the creation, a man's duty to the institutions of the Church, or eulogize Mr. Emerson, Dr. Parker, or Wesley, and think to win for themselves the distinction of being learned men, while poor, starving souls who wanted to hear something of Jesus go home disgusted.

It is well to know something of creation, but most every one knows all that is necessary about it. The institutions of the Church should be looked after, but they should never for a moment be allowed to take the place of Jesus. The ordinary man knows more of Emerson than he does of Jesus. Wesley was a grand old man and we all respect his memory, but men are starving for a message from Jesus. They are in darkness; their sky is clouded with sorrow and gloom of sin. Their hearts are crying out, "Give us a glimpse of the face of Jesus! Let the preacher get behind the cross. We would see the blessed Master and worship him! We don't care so much about science or theology; we see and hear too much of that every day, but we want to hear of Him who came to save the world."

They would see Jesus, lift him up to a dying world, that they may see him and come to him. He died for them on Calvary's rugged cross, and they want to worship at his feet.

Preachers are making a great fuss about education (and education is a good thing and will generally take care of itself), saying: "We must teach the people." Let that teaching be the simple story of the cross and quit trying to instruct in other things, for the world knows more about its affairs than the preacher does. There is nothing in the commission authorizing you to prove the Bible to be true. Christ proved that by his death and resurrection. Go and preach a risen Christ; lift him up that he may draw all men unto himself.

Then we don't lift him up in our lives. We put ourselves "away up," so much so that we won't get down on a level with the very ones Christ came to save—the poor. But we will look up at you if you have either fame or riches. We don't hold up Christ's spirit and go down into the very lowest depths of humanity, but we would hold up our pride and vanity. The truth sometimes hurts, but let a poor, ragged stranger enter one of our fashionable chapels to worship, and if he gets a seat he will have to hunt it; and no one, not even the pastor, will shake hands with him. God pity us! and may we return to the teachings of Jesus and thus save the cause from reproach. W. N. CARL.

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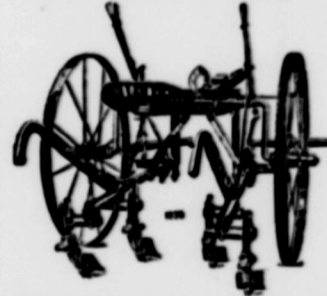
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WHITHER?

O thou immortal principle within! That through the never-ending years to come, Shall know no death nor change; Whither art thou tending, O soul of mine? And what are thy hopes, and what are thy fears? Wilt thou bask in the fair light of heaven? Or with the damned in hell forever dwell? T. H. YARBROUGH.

A man's life ought to agree with what he professes to be. T. H. Y.

GEORGIA LETTER.

I am very sorry to hear of Rankin's illness. I hope by this time he is himself again. I have always had a fatherly interest in the red-headed young preacher and teacher I first met at a camp-meeting in Maury County, on the Tennessee line, over thirty years ago. He has met all I expected from him and more. Then, too, I have always had a tender affection for Texas. The fact is Texas and I were born about the same time. Much of the best Georgia blood was shed on Texas soil. Once I had in my hands the sword Santa Anna wore at the surrender at San Jacinto. It had gone to President Mirabeau Lamar, and from him to a kinsman in Georgia, who had it at the time I saw it in 1860. How much depend on Texas as the greatest of American States in the way of preserving our ancient virtues, political and religious. We are growing so fast in this East in our cities, and they are the devil's workshops, that if our rural States, where there is much land, are not conservative, it will be as it is largely the case in the North now, that the men with money will be our Congressmen, and the men who can please the itching ear with broad Church teaching will be our popular preachers.

We can never make heretics where preachers are willing to live in dug-out and sleep on a prairie. Mountaineers are always free, for they are always poor. I have spent to-day a silent Sunday, and heard this morning a capital sermon from my friend, Dr. Serreggs. It is a very refreshing thing to hear from a man of such strength of mind and such clearness of vision, such clear-cut utterances on the old orthodox kind as he gave us. Like myself, he accepts the traditional theory of Jonah—whale and all—without revision or amendment. His sermon set me to thinking of how the moral lessons of that wonderful story applied to the present day as well as to that of 2600 years ago. Whether it be a pious fiction or no, it tells what is God's way of dealing now, as it told of what was God's way then. The doom which overhung Nineveh's destruction on account of sin is just as sure now to cities and to individuals as it was then. Death follows sin is the universal law.

No culture, no wealth, no power can save the sinning man and the sinning people from their doom. The sand heaps in Assyria, the mounds of Babylon, the tombs of Memphis, the ruins of Athens and Rome all tell what Paris, London, New York and Chicago will be if vice runs rampant as it is running now. The warning is always given loud and clear before that dark day dawns. Isaiah and Ezekiel and Jeremiah and Hosea lifted up their voices before Babylon and Nineveh fell. Socrates and Plato, heathens though they were, could not but see what would come to Athens and Greece. The early Church came before Rome fell, and the Huguenots were banished before France had her reign of terror. Wesley and Whitefield and their companions saved England 150 years ago, and Asbury and his unlettered preachers saved America.

The work of crying out the peril is never a pleasant one, and the selfish man would gladly flee to Joppa. The faithful preacher who bravely stands for the right and cries out the peril must be ready for martyrdom if need be. The silly cry of pessimist, censor, narrow-minded foggy, slave to old traditions, moss-back, will deter him unless he hear the divine mandate, "Go to Nineveh." The lust for popular favor, the real pain of heart when one has to awaken from pleasant dreams those who are in peril, has led many a man to give an anodyne when nothing but burning cautery could save. But the man or the Church which fails to do its work of warning may expect the consequences in a storm of wrath, and for some of these there is no friendly whale to rescue. Texas has an object lesson in her next door neighbor, Mexico, and Methodism may well learn from Rome. But honest effort will oftentimes arrest the bolt of vengeance. Jonah had little to hope for, but Jonah did his duty, and God did the rest. Repentance will avert calamity. Nothing else will, and faithful preaching will bring about repentance. To see men wasting their energies in a great contest about "tweedledum and tweedledee" with the state of things about us, is the saddest sight in the world. But the gospel is the power of God; yet the Holy Spirit is not bound

nor is the word he inspired. Let every man go to work, and let every man rebuke with all long-suffering and doctrine, and let the one cry go up from every heart, "Revive the work. Oh, Lord, in wrath remember mercy."

Dr. Lovett is republishing Bishop Pierce's tract on "A Revival." It is good reading. "Oh for that clarion call once more!"

I don't want my old friend, Ham Horton, to think I am in despair again. While my heart is burdened with the sins of the people, still, thank God, I have faith in Him and in His gospel and the bulk of our preachers. GEO. G. SMITH.

CATECHISMS.

I have received a large number of requests from Texas for my first Catechism. I have sent the little books to many persons. It may be a little difficult to remit small sums for a few of them, but postage stamps can be secured everywhere, and they will answer as well as never. The Catechism is strictly a first Catechism. The questions are very plain and the answers very short. I have more advanced Catechisms, but none I have beyond this first one are as well suited for country schools as the Thigpens. It costs, however, twice as much as this little one, and does not suit very little children so well. I think my Intermediate Catechism, published in Nashville, gives the clearest statement of old-time Methodist teachings that I know of. The fact that those to whom the work of preparing a catechism has been committed time and again by the General Conference have not done it is well known; nor is it likely any officers elected by the General Conference ever will. May not the reason be that there is quite a school of our advanced thinkers who reject much that is Wesleyan and traditional, and these officials are waiting to have a new confession agreed on? My Intermediate Catechism teaches Methodism as it was when the articles were adopted. It is owned by the Publishing House, and sold for 5 cents a copy. I never wrote any of the books I have written and published with so much care as I did this Catechism, but I have never succeeded in securing any attention to it by those who were in position to pass upon it, except the Bishops, who gave it their indorsement, and Dr. Cunningham, who very greatly valued it. It is to be found in Dallas, and I would be glad to have my friends look through it. Those who reject the vicarious atonement, the inspiration of the Bible, the fall of man, the doctrine of depravity as found in the seventh article, nor the dogma of entire sanctification as Mr. Wesley, and not Mrs. Palmer, present it, will not be pleased with a Catechism in which these things are brought out, and those who reject the general rules and Methodist usages will be alike displeased with this little manual. Now I said, and I say again, that I am not seeking to sell anything, but to do some service to our children. GEO. G. SMITH.

Macon, Ga.

Our Beautiful Language.

A boy who swims may say he swum, but milk is skimmed and seldom skum, and nails you trim, they are not trum. When words you speak, those words are spoken, but a nose is tweaked and can't be twoken, and what you seek is never soken.

If we forget, then we've forgotten, but things we wet are never wotten, and houses let cannot be lotten.

The goods one sells are always sold, but fears dispelled are not dispold, nor what you smell is never smold.

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In Isaiah 65:20 and remainder of chapter we find man's age is to become as the age of a tree, the wolf and lamb feed together, etc. In Isaiah 11:6-9 we find a parallel to above scripture and in 9th verse the reason for these conditions is given, and we find such to be, "because the earth shall be full of knowledge." We are taught by history this increase of knowledge began in the fifteenth century and has wonderfully increased from then till now, one leading feature being as knowledge is increased there is less faith being placed in medicine and more in hygienic measures. A good evidence of the wisdom of this change is the fact that even to-day man's average life is much longer than in the days of superstition. The fact is, though medicine is one of our greatest blessings in relieving and curing certain abnormal conditions, yet is powerless in supplying the vitalizing agents of the blood and hence hygienic measures only can benefit and cure diseases caused by a deficiency of same. For the blood to contain a full supply of vitalizing agents added to its circulating medium is the basis of health and the reason of Natural Law Discovery supplying these agents is why it is the "most valuable information known to man." The information makes one engineer of the machinery circulating the blood, for he who understands the information can control the resupply of vitality and the blood's circulating agent, decreasing or increasing the action of the organs circulating the blood as surely as the engineer controls the amount of steam and the speed of his engine.

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My husband had sold his farm and spent all we had in treatments, six leading physicians attending me at time I obtained information. They said my only chance was an operation. Morphine made me deathly sick and could not use chloroform on account of heart trouble, and so my condition was something awful. My case being known in Willis Point and my husband having spent his all, financially, Mr. Sides was induced by some of my friends to try my case as an advertisement. He informed me he was not after money, but desired to show the Willis Point people the merits of Natural Law Discovery in my case, assuring me it had cured in a short time women confined to their bed all the time, and some beginning work after first 15 minutes' treatment. Of course I accepted his proposition. In 15 minutes I found all pain relieved and kept them so. My improvement began immediately; in thirty days I attended Church services; in sixty days I gained twenty-five pounds in weight.—Mrs. S. A. Hawkins, Willis Point, Texas.

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W. F. M. SOCIETY, TEXAS CONFERENCE.

The Committee on Program and Arrangements for the great Missionary Conference at Waco has fixed the basis of representation of the W. F. M. Society at one delegate from each auxiliary.

This promises to be the greatest missionary meeting ever held on Texas soil. No auxiliary in our conference can well afford to let this gathering pass without having at least one of their number present.

Select your delegate, if you have not done so, and if she can not pay her expenses, provide for this at once. This is a good time to attend to this. The auxiliaries have just completed the work of the year, and to send a delegate to this conference will be a New Year's start.

No doubt the railroads will give reduced rates, and board can be obtained at reasonable prices.

Watch the Advocate for announcements by Rev. J. B. Sears, Missionary Secretary, Texas Conference, about railroad and hotel rates and program, and don't let your auxiliary be the one not represented.

I hope to meet a delegate from each auxiliary in Texas Conference in Waco May 2-6, 1903.

(MRS.) C. A. HOOPER, Cor. Sec. Conf. Society.

W. F. M. SOCIETY, PARIS DISTRICT.

The W. F. M. Society of Paris District held its annual rally at Centenary Church, Paris, Wednesday, Feb. 19, with Mrs. W. G. White, District Secretary, in the chair. On account of the very cold weather the attendance was not so large as we had hoped, but all who were present got a blessing from the meeting and went away more enthusiastic in the cause of missions.

We were much encouraged and helped by the presence of Bro. Casey, our presiding elder, and Bros. Morris, Guber and Stafford, who, by their wise suggestions and inspiring talks, made us feel sure of their sympathy and co-operation in our work. Our work in China, Korea and Mexico was presented by excellent papers and talks from the ladies from the several auxiliaries. The juvenile work was discussed at length, and the reports from some of the lady managers showed that this branch of the work had not been neglected in the district. "Is Our Literature Intelligently Read?" was the most important subject brought up for consideration, all of the ministers and workers concurring in the opinion that if our missionary literature was more widely and intelligently read by the members of our Church that the problem of raising the necessary funds for carrying on the work would be forever solved, as only the want of information of the great work already being done, and the crying need of the Christless millions, could hinder all loyal Christians from feeling their personal responsibility or leave them deaf to the command, "Go or send."

Our new Corresponding Secretary, Mrs. L. S. Barton, was with us, and by her charming personality, consecration and thorough knowledge of the work, won all hearts and convinced us that she was the right woman for the place. Rev. J. B. Guber, of Lamar Avenue Church, preached for us at night; all who heard him were aware that he had been with God, and caught glimpses of Pentecostal glory, as he delivered his beautiful message.

MRS. G. W. HOLMES, Paris, Texas.

W. H. M. SOCIETY, OAK CLIFF, NORTH TEXAS CONFERENCE.

The meeting of the Oak Cliff Auxiliary of the H. M. Society on February 15th was devoted to the consideration and discussion of the Loan Fund. An appropriate chapter, the eighth of 2 Cor., was read, and the program on Loan Funds, as prepared by Mrs. Vaughan, was carried out. It is the habit of this auxiliary to be "doers and not hearers only," so we constituted our pastor and his wife, Bro. and Sister Hamilton, patrons of the Education Endowment Fund. This was also the day set apart for the annual opening of the Baby Mite boxes, and a number of little folks had assembled for that event. Mrs. Dorsey made them an impressive talk, instructing them in regard to the purpose of the mite boxes. Questions brought out the fact that many of the children had earned the money saved. The boxes were then opened, and to our gratification yielded \$16.11. Some of the children having passed the age for the baby mite boxes, exchanged them for those of the Florine McEachen Brigade. One little girl having

had her box all her life didn't wish to part with it, but desired to keep it and a Florine McEachen box, too. Candies and fruit were served to the children, and they started in with renewed zeal to save their pennies for another year.

FLORA THOMAS, Rec. Sec.

The auxiliary, W. H. M. Society, First Methodist Church, Dallas, Texas, held the annual election of officers in February, which resulted as follows:

President—Mrs. J. G. Fry, 181 Live Oak Street.

First Vice President—Mrs. Max Hahn, 145 Powhatan Street.

Second Vice President—Mrs. J. M. Coble, 358 McKinney Ave.

Third Vice President—Mrs. T. A. Manning, 534 Ervay Street.

Corresponding Secretary—Mrs. M. E. Glass, Swiss Ave.

Recording Secretary—Mrs. Ben Hill, Hickory Street.

Treasurer—Mrs. T. P. Dawson, 270 N. Pearl Street.

Press Reporter—Mrs. J. D. Dickerson, Young Street.

JUVENILE FOREIGN MISSIONARY SOCIETY.

The Juvenile Missionary Society of Terrell, Texas, held a most interesting open meeting a short time ago, and I was so delighted over it, I cannot refrain from letting others hear of our success. The President, Miss Margio Rowell, presided with great dignity, assisted by the First Vice-President, Norma Belle Clark. The Secretary, Beatrice Harper, and Treasurer, Bessie Turner, were in their places, and to say they did their parts creditably, would be but faint praise for these noble little workers. A most interesting program of readings, recitations and beautiful songs was rendered, after which the money barrels. I gave them some time ago, were opened, and it was found these little "Workers for the Master" had collected over \$26; and this, with a small offering taken from the congregation, gave us over \$40! Now, wasn't that fine? I hope that each child's heart will be filled with fresh zeal and love for the missionary cause!

(MRS.) W. B. DASHIELL, Lady Manager and District Sec. Terrell District.

NOTES FROM CLARENDON.

The Home Mission Society at Clarendon is in a prosperous condition; good work is being done. While we feel all the ground is not covered, a brave effort is being made to bring out and carry forward every department of the work as planned by our Executive Board, and we feel our efforts have not altogether been in vain. While we have made little progress with the press work, and we feel the Baby Roll and McEachen Brigade haven't been properly reported, we have good ones.

Twenty-two names on the Baby Roll, and 24 members compose the McEachen Brigade. We are making a diligent effort, and feel safe in saying these departments will be heard from each quarter the coming year.

Our auxiliary meets three times a month, the second week being devoted to the foreign society. The first meeting, which is Home Mission Day, we have the program as given in Our Homes; looking after all collections, such as pledges, dues, etc. The local meeting is the third week in the month, at which we attend to our local work, and have the Bible study. No part in the monthly program we consider more important than this, our direct means of spiritual development. This "searching the Scriptures" makes us realize the great possibilities of "even me" doing service for the Master. The interest in the study is general, for we have a better attendance than at any of the other meetings.

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We have sent two boxes this year; one to the Mission Home in Dallas, valued at \$42, the other to the Orphanage in Waco, valued at \$22; all new goods. There were never better people to respond to calls for the needy than in Clarendon.

The sick and strangers are well looked after by our members. A goodly number of visits are reported every month. We have 53 members in our auxiliary. Have raised and expended for local purposes, the past year, \$518.25, besides meeting all obligations for connectional enterprises.

We are looking forward with great pleasure to the annual meeting of the Conference Society in May, which will be held in our town.

In behalf of Clarendon, I take this means of extending a cordial welcome to all who may come.

(MRS.) C. A. BURTON.

Life Guards.

The Life Guards are two regiments of cavalry forming part of the British household troops. They are gallant soldiers, and every loyal British heart is proud of them. Not only the King's household, but yours, ours, everybody's should have its life guards. The need of them is especially great when the greatest foes of life, diseases, find allies in the very elements, as colds, influenza, catarrh, the grip and pneumonia do in the stormy month of March. The best way to guard against these diseases is to strengthen the system with Hood's Sarsaparilla—the greatest of all life guards. It removes the conditions in which these diseases make their most successful attack, gives vigor and tone to all the vital organs, purifies the blood, imparts a genial warmth to the blood, remembers the weaker the system the greater the exposure to disease. Hood's Sarsaparilla makes the system strong.

APPOINTED LEAGUE PRESIDENT.

Rev. E. E. Swanson, of Del Rio, has been appointed President of the San Angelo District League. The League Conference will be held in connection with the District Conference.

W. J. JOHNSON, P. E.

MUSIC AT THE GENERAL CONFERENCE.

The arrangements for the approaching General Conference at Los Angeles go steadily on. The Music Committee has selected Epworth pianos for the use of the regular sessions of the Conference in the great Hazard Pavilion. These well-known pianos have been used at various General and Annual Conferences for a number of years, and they have demonstrated that their power and enduring quality are sufficient for such demands.

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PERSONAL.

Dr. Jno. P. Lowery, of Little Rock, Ark., will be in Texas next Saturday, and can be possibly secured for services during the next few weeks. His address for the time will be Gladings, Texas. H. B. SMITH.

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DALLAS DISTRICT.

The following are the Committees of Examination: Deacon's and Elder's Orders—T. H. Morris, M. S. Hamilton, J. F. Archer. License and Recommendation—I. M. Moore, W. F. Bryan, J. P. Lowery. Dallas District Conference is hereby moved from Hutchins to Lancaster, and convenes April 19 at 8 p. m. I. W. CLARK, P. E.

CUERO DISTRICT.

The Cuero District Conference will convene in Edna, 9 a. m., May 18. Friday afternoon will be devoted to interests of the Woman's Missionary Societies and Saturday is to be Epworth League day. Following are the committees: License to Preach—F. B. Buchanan, I. T. Morris, R. S. Collier. Admission on Trial and Re-Admission—L. B. Ellis, G. W. Blanton, A. L. Scarborough. Deacon's Orders—A. B. Davidson, I. B. Gordon, F. L. McGehee. Elder's Orders—R. S. Adair, C. F. Annis, H. M. Glass. J. C. WILSON, P. E.

CIRCUIT SUPPLIED.

The Marvin Circuit has been supplied by Rev. I. S. Smith. This will answer all interested parties. Paris, Texas. E. H. CASEY, P. E.

Dallas District—Second Round.

Farmers Branch, at Cemetery Hill, Me. 26, 27. Lewisville, Me. 27, 28. West Dallas and Grand Prairie, at Maple Cedar Hill, Duncanville, at D, Apr. 9, 13. Lancaster, at L, Apr. 16, 17. District Conf. at Lancaster, 8 p. m., Apr. 19.

Whentland, at D-Soto, Apr. 23, 24. Denton, Apr. 29, May 1. Westfield, at Chis's Chapel, May 7, 8. Grace Church, 11 a. m., May 15. Trinity, 8 p. m., May 15. Ervay Street, 11 a. m., May 22. Oak Lawn, 8 p. m., May 22.

First Church, 11 a. m., May 29. Oak Cliff, 8 p. m., May 29. Cochran and Caruth, June 4, 5. Clark's Chapel, 8 p. m., June 5. I. W. Clark, P. E.

Sulphur Springs District—Second Round.

Sulphur Springs sta, 7:30 p. m., Apr. 4. Mt. Vernon and Pineforest, at Pineforest, 2d Sun Apr. Cumby sta, at Brashear, 2d Sun Apr. Cooper sta, at Midway, 4th Sun Apr. Wynnboro sta, 1st Sun May. Rely Springs cir, at Prairie Valley, 2d Sun May.

Ben Franklin cir, at B. F., 3d Sun May. Firthright cir, at Mahoney, 4th Sun May. Bonanza, 2d Sun May. Furley cir, at Clopton, 1st Sun June. Sulphur Bluff, at Collier's Ch, 2d Sun June. Yowell, 3d Sun June. Lake Creek, 1st Sun July.

Romana, 2d Sun July. Klondike, 3d Sun July. The District Conference will convene in Mt. Vernon June 24, at 9 o'clock a. m. The opening sermon will be preached by Rev. J. B. Adair at 11 o'clock a. m. There will be preaching on Wednesday evening, June 23, at 8 o'clock, by Rev. J. A. Old. After the sermon the organization of a District League. C. B. Fladger, P. E.

Marshall District—Second Round.

Northside and Harleton, at Harleton, Me. 19, 20. Marshall, First Ch, Me. 29, 31. Kilgore, at Hopewell, Me. 26, 27. Cooper sta, Apr. 3, 4. Kellyville, at Shiloh, Apr. 9, 10. Jefferson sta, Apr. 19, 11. Coffeeville, at Mims Ch, Apr. 16, 17. Henderson cir, Apr. 23, 24. Harrison, at Rock Springs, Apr. 20, May 1. Ardmore, at Mt. Zion, May 7. Halvill, at LaGrone's Chapel, May 14, 15. Longview, Kelly Memorial, May 15, 16. Beckville, at Allison's Ch, May 21, 22. Church Hill, May 28, 29. Jas. W. Downs, P. E.

Greenville District—Second Round.

Celste, Apr. 3, 4. Kavanagh, Apr. 7. Commerce cir, at Mt. Zion, Apr. 9, 10. Wesley, Apr. 14. Leonard, at Orange Grove, Apr. 16, 17. Dist. Conf. at Wolfe City, Apr. 22-26. Campbell, at Friendship, Apr. 29. Floyd, at Floyd, Wed, May 11. Kingston at Ballard Grove, May 14, 15. Fairlie, at Wesley Chapel, May 21, 22. Merit, at Dulaney, May 28, 29. Greenville mis, at Kellogg, June 11, 12. Neola mis, at Vansickle, Wed, June 15. Ardmore, at Mt. Zion, 18, 19. Wolfe City, Wed, June 22. Lone Oak, June 25, 26.

Opening sermon of the District Conference by Rev. J. R. Wages, Friday, April 22, at 8 p. m. O. S. Thomas, P. E.

Sherman District—Second Round.

Key Memorial, Feb. 29. Travis Street, Me. 6, 7. Whitewright, Me. 12, 13. Collinsville and Tioza, at T, Me. 19, 20. Southmayd, at Stanfield, Me. 29, 31. Belle, at Belle, Me. 28, 27. Whitesboro, Apr. 2, 3. Howe, at Cedar, Apr. 9, 10. Gordonville, at G, Apr. 16, 17. Burns, at Zion, Apr. 23, 24. Pottshoro and Preston, at Preston, Apr. 29, May 1. Gunter, at Ethel, May 7, 8. Trinity and Messenger, at M, May 14, 15. Waples Memorial, May 15, 16. Sherman cir, at Hope Ch, May 21, 22. Van Abtyme, May 28, 29. District Conference will meet at Van Abtyme April 25 at 8 p. m. Opening sermon at that hour by Rev. J. B. Dodson. E. W. Alderson, P. E.

San Angelo District—Second Round.

Center City, South Benet, Me. 12, 13. Goldswalte sta, Me. 13, 14. Lometta cir, at Kempner, Me. 29, 31. Lampasas sta, Me. 21. Milburn cir, at Locker, Me. 26, 27. Mason cir, at Mason, Me. 29, 29. Fontotoc, at Fredonia, Me. 29. Brady sta, Me. 31. Brady cir, at Lohn, Apr. 2, 3. Menardville cir, at Hest, Apr. 9, 10. Junction cir, at Bode, Apr. 16, 17. District Conference at Brady April 21-27. Each pastor will please see that each League Senior and Junior has one delegate elected and present at the District Conference. Also a delegate from each Home and Foreign Missionary Society in his charge and I will send each pastor a Har-grove blank which must be filled out and brought to the Secretary of the District Conference. J. D. Scott, P. E.

Brenham District—Second Round.

Lyons, at Somerville, Me. 19, 20. Fulshear and Brookshire, Me. 26, 27. Sealy, at San Felipe, Apr. 2, 3. Giddings, at Burton, Apr. 9, 10. Chappell Hill, Apr. 16, 17. Cameron cir, at Salem, Apr. 16, 17. Cameron sta, Apr. 17. Thorndale, at Pleasant Retreat, Apr. 23, 24. Davilla, at Tracy, Apr. 29, May 1. Brenham, May 8, 9. Bellville, at Sempronis, May 11, 15. Lexington, at Center Point, May 21, 22. Caldwell mts, at Dearyville, May 22, 23. Caldwell sta, May 29, 30. Milano, at Gause, June 4, 5. Rockdale, June 5, 6. Maysfield, June 18, 19. Chas. F. Smith, P. E. P. O. Cameron, Texas.

Beaumont District—Second Round.

Sabine Pass and Port Neches, Me. 12, 13. North End, Me. 15. Cartwright Chapel, Me. 19, 20. Port Arthur, Me. 29, 31. China and Sour Lake, Me. 26, 27. Kountze, Me. 29. Warren, Me. 31. Woodville, Apr. 2, 3. Jasper mis, Apr. 5, 6. Jasper and Kirbyville, Apr. 19, 11. Corrigan, at Camd., Apr. 12. Livingston, at Goodrich, Apr. 16, 17. Orange, Apr. 29. Call, Apr. 23, 24. First Church, Apr. 25. Liberty, at Smith's Ch, Apr. 29, May 1. Wadley, at Wadley, May 7, 8. Burkville, May 14, 15. Silsbee, May 21, 22. J. B. Cochran, P. E.

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LONG.—Dr. J. R. East Long was born in McMinn County, East Tennessee, April 1, 1828. He came to Texas in the winter of 1852, locating in the northeastern part of Collin County. August 4, 1851, he was united in marriage to Miss Cordie Lewis, daughter of a prominent family in Tennessee. In 1859 he professed religion and joined the M. E. Church, South, at Cane Creek camp-ground. The first two or three years after coming to Texas he taught school, after which he attended medical college at the Vanderbilt University, Nashville, Tenn., graduating in 1859. He then began the practice of medicine near Elm Grove, in the northeastern part of Collin County, where he had a large and successful practice for years. He also joined the Masonic order at Mantua years ago, and was a bright, strong Mason. The two Methodist preachers who officiated at his marriage in East Tennessee were Rev. John Bruner and Rev. C. C. Lary. After quite a number of successful years of medical practice near Elm Grove, he sold his home and moved to McKinney, the county seat. Remaining here a few years, he then moved to Meadows, in Dallas County. After a short while he bought a home at Richardson and moved to it. About the time he and his devoted companion were getting the new home in good shape and had begun to enter upon the practice of medicine the summons came. On the morning of the 15th of December, while his good wife was preparing the morning meal, he fell over from the chair in which he had been sitting and in a moment or so life was gone. He and she had prayers morning and evening. They talked together of the goodness of God. Their last words were often told each to the other. They in their little home took sweet counsel together. His remains were laid to rest in the cemetery at Elm Grove near his former home, after a short funeral service by the writer. He was buried with Masonic honors. The high esteem in which he was held was shown by the large crowd of old neighbors and friends present. Dr. Long was a good man, a noble Christian, a good neighbor, a splendid physician, a loving husband and father. When the end came, while it was sudden, he was ready; and while the light of earth suddenly faded from his vision, the golden light of heaven came into view. Time, labor, disease and death with his good wife were at rest in the pavilion above, beyond the reach of trouble, pain or anguish. May the devoted, weeping widow, two sons and the two daughters all at last meet beyond the clouds and beyond the tomb. D. J. MARTIN.

ADDINGTON.—Ganaway Parks Addington, Sr. was born near Brushy Creek, Anderson County, Texas, Jan. 18, 1827, and departed this life in Palestine, Texas, Dec. 17, 1903. Deceased was the son of Bro. Moses H. Addington, deceased, and Sister Mary M. Addington, who with the widowed young wife, Mrs. Edie M. Addington, infant son, G. P. Addington, Jr., and Sister Mrs. G. V. Elrod, Brothers O. J. M. W. and Ed C. Addington, mourn the sudden taking away of this strong young branch from the family tree. "Parks" as he was familiarly known to the writer, was of that friendly, sunny disposition that caused him to be a favorite not only in his own family, but in the community in which he lived. This trait incidentally contributed to his death. He was Deputy County Clerk and while engaged in a romp with one of his dearest friends, a peace officer, he was accidentally killed. He had only been married since May 19, 1891, at which time he led to the altar Miss Effie Mae Robertson, of Dallas. There was one of the happiest homes the writer ever knew. Such is the uncertainty of life. Let the dear ones strive to gain that home which shall never be disturbed, where there will be no parting, no goodbye. H. C. WILLIS.

SUMMERS.—Miss Lena Summers departed this life Dec. 29, 1903, at the early age of 23. Miss Lena was a model Christian young lady. She was converted at the early age of 15, joined the Methodist Church and lived a consistent Christian life till she went home to God. Miss Lena was a fine worker in the Church, a good singer and good worker at the altar during protracted and revival meetings. Doubtless many souls were encouraged to give their hearts and lives to God because of her prayers and encouragement. We have lost, but heaven has gained one more voice to sing the Master's praise, and one more soul to swell the attendance at the kingly court. May the Father's blessings console and sustain the bereaved ones. J. W. R. BACHMAN, Eldorado, Okla.

SMITH.—Died, January 2, 1904, Katie Smith, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. L. F. Perkins, 119 St. George Street, Dallas, Texas. She was born in Ellis County, Texas, August 17, 1877. From early youth she was pious and when twelve years of age she cast her lot with the M. E. Church, South. In 1894 she was happily united in marriage to Geo. F. Smith, who survives her. Two children blessed the home circle. One has gone to be a pearl in a brighter land. The other is left to comfort the hearts of the parents. For several years she was almost an invalid, yet she bore her affliction with remarkable patience. Sweet words fell softly from her lips. She was conscious to the last moment and expressed a perfect willingness to face death. Yes, Katie has fallen asleep. She is gone from those who loved her; gone from those she loved. The grave will soon be robbed of its victory and in one grand anthem of praise a reunion will take place. A FRIEND.

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TURNER.—Mrs. Lela Turner (nee Smith) was born in Arkansas about twenty-one years ago. At an early age she was left an orphan, but was adopted by an uncle who raised her near McGregor, Texas. She was married to Bob H. Turner May 21, 1888. Years ago she was converted and joined the Methodist Church, but she allowed her membership to lapse. Last August in a meeting led by the writer she and her husband came to the altar and were both soundly converted or reclaimed, and on the following Sunday, August 23, 1903, both were received anew into the Church. She henceforth held fast to her Christian integrity. She was of a quiet, gentle, even-tempered disposition, and had many friends. Her end was unexpected, she being sick less than a day. She died in peace Jan. 27, 1904, near midnight, and two days later was buried at Moody, Texas. A devoted husband is left alone, but he follows on, resolved some day to meet her again. SAM J. RUCKER, P. C.

SCOTT.—Mrs. Mary E. Scott, whose maiden name was Franks, was born in Mississippi Nov. 28, 1830, and went to her long-sought home in heaven from her home near Purnell, Texas, Jan. 16, 1904. She was married to H. R. Scott in July, 1857. Her husband preceded her to glory some three years, where he joined the children who had gone before, leaving her with the remaining five to rear a while longer, and then depart and join them, and be forever with her Lord. Sister Scott was converted when eleven years old, thus entering early into the service of the Master, which service was ever the joy of her heart. Her religious education was also an active worker in the Church, to the extent of her opportunities. The brother who conducted the services at her grave testified that she had been of personal benefit to him by her godly counsel to him when a young preacher. Many others can testify likewise. In short, Sister Scott was a true, humble follower of Christ. She professed the blessing of perfect love and all who knew her intimately can testify that she manifested the meek, gentle spirit of our Lord. Of course such a life brought a glorious ending. During her last illness she suffered intensely, but amid it all, she shouted and praised the Lord. It was indeed a benediction to be in her room, and she parted all who came near and sent messages to loved ones away. We sat by her bedside and sang and wept and received her dying blessing. God bless the children, some of whom we fear are not saved; also our dear old mother, brother and sisters. Good sister, for awhile I will meet you "in the city of gold" some sweet day. Her brother, SAM J. FRANKS.

HENSON.—Bro. Thomas G. Henson died at the residence of his daughter, Mrs. Bertha Boulware, in Greer County, Okla., Jan. 18, 1904, at the advanced age of 77. He left a wife and four daughters to mourn his departure. Bro. Henson was a Captain in the Confederate Army under Col. Vance, of North Carolina, during the war between the North and South. He was converted in Guthrie County, N. Dak., and joined the Methodist Church, South, in which he lived a consistent member till death. I only met Bro. Henson one time, and before my return on next round he had died. I was impressed with his remarks about the Church, ministry, etc. Doubtless a good man has gone to the high courts above to join in the great chorus of praise to the Father of spirits. J. W. R. BACHMAN, Eldorado, Okla.

CRAWFORD.—Mrs. Isabelle Birch Crawford (nee Neal) was born in Boone County, Mo., April 7, 1828; died of pneumonia at her home near Silvertown, Briscoe County, Texas, Feb. 2, 1904. She was married to P. L. Crawford, of Washington County, Ark., Aug. 28, 1866, where they resided until March, 1889, when they moved to Stephens County, Texas, where they lived until they moved to Briscoe County, Texas, in 1891. Sister Crawford was converted early in life and joined the M. E. Church, South, and lived a consistent member up to the day of her death. She was a true Christian, a faithful wife and a devoted mother. She was loved by all who knew her. She was patient through all her suffering and when she was told that she could not get well it did not alarm her. She said that she was not afraid to die and that her way was clear. She called her husband and children around her and talked to each of them and had them promise to meet her in heaven. She was conscious to the very last and talked of death as if she were only going on a journey. She leaves an aged husband, eight children—four sons and four daughters—to mourn her departure. They will miss her here, but they know where to find her. Her pastor, WALTER GRIFFITH.

DERRICK.—Nancy Elizabeth Derrick, whose maiden name was Feaster, was born in Benton County, Mo., Feb. 28, 1834; was converted at the age of 15, and joined the Episcopal Church, South, at the age of sixteen years, and lived a devoted Christian life to the day of her death. Those who knew her best loved her most; even the wicked have been heard to speak of her as the salt of the earth. She lived to glorify God and bless humanity. She died in Roswell, N. M., Jan. 29, 1904. She died very suddenly of appendicitis—only sick about two days. She leaves a husband who is a Methodist preacher (Rev. W. A. Derrick) and nine children to mourn her loss. We laid her to rest in the Story Cemetery to await the morning of the resurrection. A devoted wife and loving mother has gone to her reward. May God's richest blessings rest upon father and children and bring them all together again where parting will be no more. McLean, Texas. W. H. WILLIAMS.

OWENS.—Bro. Samuel O. Owens was born in Heard County, Ga., April 3, 1841, and died in Bell County, Texas, Jan. 19, 1904. He was married to Miss Martha Ellen Browning, and four children—two boys and two girls—were born unto them. These four children and their mother Eve to mourn this their great loss. Bro. Owens was converted and joined the M. E. Church, South, when in his sixteenth year and after having lived in the Church militant for forty-seven years, God took him to the Church triumphant. We tenderly laid his body away to rest in the Val Verda Cemetery until the resurrection morn, when we expect to meet him again. C. E. GALLAGHER.

BAKER.—Annie B. Baker (nee Smith) died at the family residence near Fairview, Texas, Jan. 27, 1904; her husband, Robert G. Baker, followed three weeks later, Feb. 17, at the home of William Baker, his brother, near the same place. He went to the home of his brother to spend a few days after the burial of his wife, with the intention of returning to his home and keeping house with the three little ones. Her little babe passed over the river eighteen months before, and was at the beautiful gate to welcome the parents home. She was born in Giles County, Tenn., Nov. 13, 1871, and he in Lunenburg County, N. C. July 22, 1863. They were married in Collin County, Texas, March 11, 1891. In 1890, in Collin County, she professed religion and joined the M. E. Church, South; at the age of ten or eleven in North Carolina, he was happily converted and united with the same Church. Her mother died when she was young, and she and her father reared her two brothers who were present at her funeral. The three live to mourn her death. He was religious from his youth and never swore an oath or took a drink of whiskey as a beverage. His mother went to heaven a few years ago, and his father, eighty-two, an old-time Methodist, is ripe for the home of the good. Three sisters and one brother have gone on before, and three brothers and one sister linger in this world. His wife was an invalid two years. He never murmured or complained at his lot. With a happy, cheerful spirit, he did the work of the farm and larger portion of the household during the thirty years of married life constituted a model Christian home. Their words were seasoned with grace and love governed their actions. Their children were dedicated to God in holy baptism, and the Bible was their constant prayer was offered to God; the Texas Christian Advocate was received and read each week; and they loved their Church, her doctrines, her government, her institutions and her preachers. They loved their friends and neighbors, and their friends, it was a pleasure for their old and new neighbors to do all they could for them. Their end was peace. They died in their right mind and were happy in the Savior's love. Their faces were radiant with the joy of heaven. Death sounds in him a shining mark. He will be in their mansion above to welcome them home when the battles of life are fought. G. F. BOYD, Pastor.

BAKER.—William Arthur, infant son of Wm. A. and Bell Baker, was born Oct. 15, 1901, and died Sept. 23, 1902. He was a bright and promising boy. Death sounds in him a shining mark. He will be in their mansion above to welcome them home when the battles of life are fought. G. F. BOYD, Pastor.

TURNER.—Little Eldon, son of Mr. and Mrs. Willis Turner, closed his lovely eyes for the last time Jan. 19, 1904. He died of the dreaded congestion of the stomach. He was four years old and a beautiful, promising child. While they miss his tender prattle and listen for the soft patter of his little feet, they shall never more hear, they know he is treading the streets of gold and mixing his voice in praise with the throng of God's redeemed. Of course there are no words to express the grief of the parents as they beheld the still white form of their darling for the last time, yet we know 'tis best or it would not have been, and they have the glorious privilege of looking from the cross to their crown where heartaches and partings come no more. SARAH BUSTER.

MOORE.—The subject of this notice, Mrs. Eula Moore, was the daughter of Mr. and Sister S. K. Rainey, of Winchester, Texas. She was born Oct. 29, 1884, and was married to Joseph Moore Feb. 14, 1903. This union were born two children—Howard and Maggie May, a patient and loving wife and mother, she can but be missed. We breathe a sincere prayer for the dear little ones. She was a devoted wife and mother, and she was converted and joined the Methodist Church under the ministry of Bro. Brazelton. When circumstances would admit, she was always at her place in Church and Sunday-school. On Sept. 18, 1903, she was stricken with a fatal illness, one to whom she spoke words of comfort, she bade farewell to life's pains and sorrows, exchanged the cross for a crown and went home to be with those of whom it is said, "These are they which came out of great tribulation, and have washed their robes, and made them white in the blood of the Lamb." J. J. CALLAWAY.

SMITH.—Sister Julia Ann Smith, wife of Dr. M. M. Smith, daughter of William and Mary C. Usery, was born in Jones County, Ga., Dec. 8, 1826, and died at Terrell, I. T., Jan. 27, 1904, age 68 years. A few days before she died I called on her and she said, "There's so much sickness and suffering all over our hearts, I wish to help care for the sick." And this was the spirit of her life. Sister Smith did not fear death, but often spoke of it as a gracious deliverance from the sorrows and afflictions of this life and an entering into eternal rest with Christ and loved ones gone before. A devoted wife, a true friend, a noble unselfish Christian, "she served her generation by the will of God and fell on sleep." To her bereaved and loved ones we offer our hearty sympathy. Just across the river in a land where there is no sorrow, sickness, pain nor death, and where parting is no more, she is waiting, and if we are faithful we will meet again. May the memory of her life inspire us to be her men and women. ROBT. A. BAIRD.

NEILL.—Miss Dussie Neill was born at Nettville, Nacogdoches County, Texas, Oct. 17, 1883, and departed this life at the Charity Hospital, New Orleans, La., Jan. 28, 1904. O how sad our hearts to see one so loved by all, such a sweet character, with such a bright future, snatched away in the very bloom of life! Miss Dussie was preparing herself as a trained nurse, and had made fine progress for one year with bright hopes of finishing her work this year. The highest aim of her life seemed to be to do good to her fellow men and to society, particularly her aged parents. As I was her pastor, she wrote me often, always asking God's blessings upon us and asking us to pray for her and hers. When she realized the end was near she was perfectly happy and reconciled and in the hope of the glory that awaited her at the right hand of the Father. Miss Dussie had been for some time a member of the M. E. Church, South, and was a true Christian. Her remains were shipped to Nacogdoches accompanied by Rev. W. W. Watts, and from there to the King Cemetery, where, with her father, mother, sister and many friends, we laid her to rest to await the resurrection. D. S. BURKE, P. C.

CAMERON.—Miss Flora Cameron, the daughter of Donald L. and Kate C. Cameron, was born in Hillsboro, Texas, Nov. 15, 1881, and died at the home of her sister, Mrs. J. R. Milam, in Glen Rose, Texas, Jan. 29, 1904. Her mother died when she was about two years of age and her father about three years later. Thus she was deprived of a mother's love and care, and of a father's tender sympathy. She has lived in Glen Rose ever since she was a babe and has held a very warm place in the hearts of all who knew her. She made a profession of religion when a child and united with the Presbyterian Church and later in life she joined the M. E. Church, South. All her life she was a regular attendant at Church and Sunday-school where she took an active part in the worship. She had been sick about two weeks with pneumonia, and while she was very sick from the beginning, we hoped that at her age and with her strength of constitution, she would overcome the disease. It was apparent, however, to those who watched by her side for several hours that the end was drawing very near. She was thoroughly conscious and aware that death was very near and stated to her sister that she would soon be with her mother in heaven. Calling her to her bedside, she talked with them one by one, bidding them good-bye and urging them to be more faithful in their Christian lives. Then she spoke of how much she had suffered during her illness; but quickly added that she felt that she could suffer anything for Jesus' sake. She said that she did not believe it was God's will that she should recover from her illness, and then with the statement, "Not my will, but thine, O Lord, be done," her eyes closed, her bosom ceased its restless heaving and her pure, sweet spirit took its flight to the God who gave it. Silently and tenderly amid a host of mourning friends, we laid her body away in the earth, confident in our hearts that she would have part in the first resurrection. Her pastor, A. W. HALL.

LENNEY.—Annie A. Lenney, whose maiden name was Henington, was born in Bell County, Texas, Jan. 25, 1872; married to Chas. J. Lenney Nov. 27, 1892, and died in Gatesville, Texas, Jan. 25, 1904. Shortly before her marriage she gave herself to the Savior and joined the M. E. Church, South, and from that period to the end she led a devout Christian life. The last year of her earthly life was one of constant illness, but she was patient and brave to the end. She died as she lived, with a steadfast trust in her Savior. She left a husband and five small children to mourn her departure, besides a large circle of other relatives and friends; but they all know where to find her. EMMETT HIGHTOWER.

PIERSON.—Mrs. Pinnie Pierson, wife of W. K. Pierson, and daughter of J. W. and S. A. Holcombe, was born Oct. 8, 1829, and died in Hunt County, Texas, Feb. 8, 1904. She was converted under the ministry of Rev. J. E. Sanders at Huff Springs, Howard County, Ark., when she was ten years old. She joined the M. E. Church, South, soon after her conversion, and has been a consistent, earnest, humble Christian ever since. She was respected and loved by all who knew her. She was confined to her bed about five months before she died. She bore her affliction with patience and Christian fortitude. She died in the faith and was gone to that beautiful home above to be with her husband, two little children and a host of friends, who will miss her here. May the God of all grace cheer and comfort the hearts of the bereaved ones. J. H. MORELAND.

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WEST TEXAS CONFERENCE.

Austin District—Second Round. West Point cir. at Winchester. Mch 12, 13. Smithville sta. Mch 12, 13. Eastrop sta. Mch 12, 13. Crow Creek cir. at H. Prairie. Mch 26, 27. Elgin sta. Mch 26, 27. McDade cir. at Beaulieu. Apr 9, 10. Manor sta. Apr 9, 10. Webbville cir. at Osborn. Apr 16, 17. Manchaca cir. at S. Chapel. Apr 23, 24. South Austin sta. Apr 23, 24. Walnut cir. at Morrilltown. Apr 30, May 1. H. Memorial sta. Austin. May 7, 8. Tenth St., Austin. May 7, 8. First St., Austin. May 7, 8. E. S. Smith, P. E.

Beeville District—Second Round. Goliad. Mch 12, 13. Beeville. Mch 12, 13. Oakville. Mch 12, 13. Rockport and Aransas Pass. Mch 26, 27. Kenney. Mch 26, 27. Pecos. Mch 26, 27. S. Springs. Apr 9, 10. Laverna. Apr 16, 17. Stockdale. Apr 23, 24. Joe F. Webb, P. E.

Cuero District—Second Round. Shiner, at Moulton. 2d Sun Mch 12. El Campo, at Grand. 3d Sun Mch 13. Palacios, at Markham. 4th Sun Mch 14. Cuero. 1st Sun Apr 9. Clear Creek, at Cheapside. 2d Sun Apr 10. Leeville, at Hancock. 3d Sun Apr 11. Rancho, at Dewitt. 4th Sun Apr 12. J. C. Wilson, P. E.

Llano District—Second Round. San Saba mis, at Colony. 2 p. m. Mch 12. San Saba sta. 7 p. m. Mch 19. Cherokee, at Valley Springs. 2 p. m. Mch 26. Rock Springs. 3 p. m. Apr 9. Barksdale. 9 p. m. Apr 9. W. H. H. Biggs, P. E.

Llano District—Third Round. Llano sta. Apr 16, 17. Kerrville, at Logram. Apr 23, 24. Bandiera, at Medina. 3 p. m. Apr 30. Lounie, at Selma. May 7, 8. Center Point sta. 2 p. m. May 11. Willow City, at Oxford. May 21, 22. Blanco, at Live Oak. June 4, 5. Johnson City, at J. C. June 11, 12. Liberty Hill, at Marvin's Ch. June 18, 19. Burnet and Marble Falls, at S. July 2, 3. Kingsland. July 9, 10. San Saba sta. 8 p. m. July 23. San Saba mis. 9 a. m. July 25. Cherokee and Valley Springs. July 30, 31. W. H. H. Biggs, P. E.

San Marcos District—Second Round. San Marcos. 2d Sun Mch. Saling, at Luling. 3d Sun Mch. Euda, at Science Hall. 4th Sun Mch. Dripping Spgs, at Wimberly. 1st Sun Apr. Staples, at Long Branch. 2d Sun Apr. Pleasant Grove, at P. G. 3d Sun Apr. Kyle. 4th Sun Apr. Belmont, at Oak Forest. 1st Sun May. Gonzales. May 1. Tillman, at Harwood. 2d Sun May. Lockhart. May 9. Jno. W. Stovall, P. E.

San Antonio District—Second Round. Uvalde. 2d Sun Mch. Carrizo Springs cir. at C. S. 2d Sun Mch. Utopia cir. at Leaky. 4th Sun Mch. Eagle Pass. 1st Sun Apr. Del Rio. Apr 4. Hondo and Devine, at H. 2d Sun Apr. Bexar cir. at Benton. 3d Sun Apr. Moore cir. at Tehuacana. 4th Sun Apr. Peasall. Apr 25. Laredo. 1st Sun May. West End. 11 a. m. 2d Sun May. South Heights and South Flores St. 8 p. m. 2d Sun May. Travis Park. 11 a. m. 3d Sun May. Sherman Street. 8 p. m. 3d Sun May. Prospect Hill. May 18. W. J. Johnson, P. E.

Ablene District—Second Round. Haskell mis, at Wards. Mch 12. Stamford. Mch 12, 13. Anson, at Nevada. Mch 19, 20. Gall, at York. Mch 26, 27. Colorado mis, at R. Bar. Mch 26, 27. Big Springs. Mch 26, 27. Buffalo Gap, at Andra. Apr 2, 3. Putnam, at Cotton W. Apr 6. Merkel and Caps, at C. Apr 9, 10. Colorado sta. Apr 16, 17. Snyder, at Ennis. Apr 19. Clyde cir. Apr 23, 24. Sweetwater mis, at Claytonville. Apr 26. Roley, at Dowell. Apr 29. Merkel cir. at Tebo. Apr 30. Abilene. May 1. Baird. May 7, 8. Truby. May 9. Lynn and Terry. May 14, 15. Midland. May 21, 22. Sweetwater and Roseoe, at S. May 28, 29. E. A. Smith, P. E.

NORTHWEST TEX. CONFERENCE.

Vernon District—Second Round. Wellington mis. Mch 12, 13. Wellington sta. Mch 12, 13. Seymour cir. Men 20, 21. Munday cir. Mch 26, 27. Spring Creek mis. Mch 26, 27. Ladueh mis. Apr 2, 3. Matador cir. Apr 6. Crowell cir. Apr 9, 10. Vernon sta. Apr 16, 17. Seymour sta. Apr 23, 24. J. G. Miller, P. E.

Weatherford District—Second Round. Aledo, at Benbrook. Mch 12, 13. Santo, at Santo. Mch 19, 20. Millsap, at Mt. Vernon. Mch 26, 27. Palo Pinto, at Vaughan. Apr 2, 3. Weatherford mis, at Bethel. Apr 6. Ranger, at Gunsight. Apr 9, 10. Gordon, etc. at Gordon. Apr 16, 17. Crystal Falls, at Yellow Fork. Apr 21. Rock-ridge, at Eolian. Apr 23, 24. Peaster, at Agnes. Apr 27. Whitt, etc. at Salesville. Apr 30, May 1. Springtown, at Knob. May 7, 8. Farmer, at True. May 14, 15. Graham mis, at C. Ridge. May 20. Graham sta. May 22, 23. Ellinsville, at Fish Creek. May 25. Throckmorton, at R. Point. May 28, 29. E. F. Boone, P. E.

Waco District—Second Round. Lorena, at Bruceville. Mch 12, 13. Hubbard City. Mch 12, 13. Penelope, at Penelope. Mch 26, 27. Mount Calm. Mch 27, 28. Morgan, at Walnut Springs. Apr 2, 3. Axtell, at Kirk. Apr 9, 10. Peoria, at Peoria. Apr 16, 17. Whitney. Apr 17, 18. West, at Willow. Apr 23, 24. Abbott, at Willow. Apr 30, May 1. Elm Street. May 7, 8. Bosqueville. May 14, 15. Mart, at Riesel. May 21, 22. Aquila, at Wesley. May 28, 29. E. B. Bolton, P. E.

Georgetown District—Second Round.

Salado cir. at Prairie Dell. Mch 12, 13. Taylor sta. Mch 19, 20. Georgetown sta. Mch 26, 27. Holland cir. at Mills Chapel. Apr 2, 3. Bartlett sta. Apr 9, 10. Beiton sta. Apr 9, 10. Rogers cir. at Heidenheimer. Apr 16, 17. Temple sta. First Church. Apr 23, 24. North Georgetown cir. at G. Apr 30, May 1. Troy cir. at Oenaville. May 7, 8. Temple sta. Seventh Street. May 6, 8. Granger cir. at Jonah. May 14, 15. Hutto cir. at Round Rock. May 21, 22. Taylor Bohemian mis. May 25. Pendletonville cir. at New Hope. May 28, 29. Moody sta. May 27, 28. J. S. Chapman, P. E.

Dublin District—Second Round. Duffau, at Britton's Chapel. Mch 12, 13. Eastland at Pleasant Grove. Mch 19, 20. Cisco cir. at Delmar. Mch 26, 27. Cisco sta. at Cisco. p. m. Mch 27, 28. Carbon mis, at Kokomo. Apr 2, 3. Carbon and Gorman, at Carbon. Apr 9, 10. Stephenville, at Stephenville. p. m. Apr 15. Morgan Mill, at Wesley Chapel. Apr 16, 17. Green's Creek, at Bunyan. Apr 23, 24. Desdemona, at New Hope. Apr 30, May 1. Ireddell, at Ireddell. May 7, 8. Carlton. May 14, 15. Fairy and Lanham, at Fairy. May 21, 22. Huckabay, at Corinth. May 28, 29. Granbury, at Granbury. p. m. May 30. Glen Rose. June 1. Bluffdale. June 4, 5. E. A. Bailey, P. E.

Clarendon District—Second Round. Floydada, at Estacado. Mch 9, 10. Dickens Cir. at Spur. Mch 12, 13. Lubbock. Mch 16, 17. Hale Center, at Center Plains. Mch 19, 20. Dalhart. Mch 26, 27. Dumas. Mch 26, 27. Channing. Mch 26, 27. Stratford. Mch 26, 27. Alamo. Mch 26, 27. Higgins. Mch 26, 27. Canadian, at Miami. Apr 16, 17. Cataline. Apr 23, 24. Silverton. Apr 23, 24. Howe. May 7, 8. Hereford mis, at Summerfield. May 14, 15. Hereford sta. May 15, 16. J. M. Sherman, P. E.

Corseana District—Second Round. Brandon, at Rienzl. Mch 13, 14. Blooming Grove. Mch 15. Thornton, at Steel's Cr. Mch 19, 20. Dawson, at Mt. Zion. Mch 21. Pleasant Grove, at Eureka. Mch 21. Kerens, at Bagette. Mch 27, 28. South Corseana. Mch 27, 28. Cotton Gin, at Forest G. Apr 2, 3. Armour, at Prairie Hill. Apr 9, 10. Richland, at Birdston. Apr 16, 17. Wortham, at Woodland. Apr 17. Groesbeck. Apr 17, 18. Horn Hill, at Ben Hur. Apr 23, 24. Mexia. Apr 25. Corseana First Ch. May 1, 2. Jno. M. Barcus, P. E.

Waxahachie District—Second Round. Venus, at Cahil. Mch 12, 13. Ferris. Mch 15, 16. Bristol. Mch 20, 21. Maypearl, at Maypearl. Mch 26, 27. Hillsboro. Apr 4, 5. Italy. Apr 5. Lovelace, at Lovelace. Apr 9, 10. Hasca. Apr 16, 17. Bardwell, at Byrd. Apr 17, 18. Palmer, at Palmer. Apr 23, 24. Ovilla, at Sardis. Apr 30, May 1. Midlothian. May 7, 8. Ennis. May 11. Alvarado. May 14, 15. Grandview. May 21, 22. Waxahachie. May 25. O. F. Sensabaugh, P. E.

Brownwood District—Second Round. Bangs, at Cleveland. Mch 12, 13. Indian Creek, at Winchel. Mch 19, 20. Robert Lee, at Sanco. Mch 26, 27. Wingate, at Decker. Mch 26, 27. Winters, at Bowman. Apr 2, 3. Ballinger. Apr 9, 10. Cross Plains, at Dressy. Apr 9, 10. Rising Star, at Rising Star. Apr 16, 17. May, at Byrd's Store. Apr 23, 24. Sipe Springs, at Sand Hill. Apr 23, 24. Gustine, at Energy. Apr 23, 24. Comanche cir. at Mesquite. May 7, 8. Proctor, at Downing. May 14, 15. Coleman mis, at Indian Creek. May 21, 22. Coleman sta. May 22, 23. Blanket, at. May 28, 29. Brownwood. June 4, 5. W. H. Matthews, P. E.

Ablene District—Second Round. Albany and Moran, at A. Mch 19. Haskell mis, at Ward's. Mch 12, 13. Stamford. Mch 12, 13. Anson, at Nienda. Mch 19, 20. Big Springs. Mch 26, 27. Buffalo Gap, at Andra. Apr 2, 3. E. A. Smith, P. E.

Gatesville District—Second Round. Crawford, at Coryell City. Mch 12, 13. Valley Mills, at Clifton. Mch 19, 20. Copperas Cove, at C. C. Mch 26, 27. Gatesville mis, at Hummelin. Apr 2, 3. Gatesville sta. Apr 3, 4. McGregor, at M. Apr 9, 10. Evans mis, at L. C. House. Apr 16, 17. Hamilton, at Prairie View. Apr 17, 18. Turnersville, at C. Gap. Apr 23, 24. Pearl, at Pearl. Apr 30, May 1. Jonesboro, at Union. May 7, 8. Killeen, at Nolanville. May 14, 15. Brookhaven, at B. May 21, 22. S. W. Turner, P. E.

Fort Worth District—Second Round. Missouri Avenue. Mch 13, 14. Trinity. Mch 13. Arlington. Mch 19, 20. North Fort Worth. Mch 20, 21. First Church. Mch 27, 28. Riverside. Mch 27. Mansfield, at St. Paul. Mch 30. Kennedale, at Forest Hill. Apr 1. Arice, at Harvard Chapel. Apr 2, 3. Smithfield, at Oak Grove. Apr 5. Grapevine, at Euless. Apr 7. Creason, at Bruce. Apr 9, 10. Sono, at Godley. Apr 12. Joshua, at Burleson. Apr 13. Grandview, at Watt's Chapel. Apr 16, 17. Covington, at Covington. Apr 23, 24. Bum. Apr 30, May 1. Cleburne and Mission Chapel. May 8, 9. Jas. Campbell, P. E.

NORTH TEXAS CONFERENCE.

Greenville District—First Round. Wolfe City. 2d Sun Mch. Quinlan, at Quinlan. 2d Sun Mch. Lone Oak, at Lone Oak. 4th Sun Mch. O. S. Thomas, P. E. Sulphur Springs District—First Round. Bonanza mis. 2d Sun Mch. Klondike mis. 3d Sun Mch. Lake Creek cir. 4th Sun Mch. C. B. Fladger, P. E.

Dallas District—First Round.

Denton. Mch 12, 13. Cochran and Caruth, at Caruth. Mch 19, 20. Oak Cliff. 7 p. m. Mch 26, 27. I. W. Clark, P. E. McKinney District—Second Round. Wylie cir. at Pleasant Valley. Mch 12, 13. Aven cir. at Fannie Harrington Chapel. Mch 19, 20. Renner cir. at Alpha. Mch 26, 27. Prosper cir. at Zion. Apr 2, 3. Frisco cir. at Frisco. Apr 9, 10. Plano sta. Apr 16, 17. Coppell mis, at Adam Chapel. Apr 23, 24. China and Rosedale, at R. Apr 23, 24. Lone Ridge and mis, at Victoria. May 7, 8. Farmersville sta. May 14, 15. Nevada cir. at Josephine. May 21, 22. F. A. Rosser, P. E.

Bonham District—Second Round. Bonham, at Edrube. Mch 12, 13. S. Bonham, at Savoy. Mch 19, 20. Brookston, at Brookston. Mch 26, 27. Ector, at Ravenna. Apr 2, 3. Guber, at Hall. Apr 9, 10. Lumbus, at Allen's Chapel. Apr 16, 17. Doid, at Doid. Apr 23, 24. Bonham, at Bonham. Apr 30, May 1. Bonham, at Bonham. May 7, 8. Lamasco, at Telephone. May 14, 15. Laney, at Hickory Creek. May 21, 22. Ladonia, at Ladonia. May 28, 29. Jno. H. McLean, P. E.

Gainesville District—Second Round. Era and B, at Spring Creek. Mch 12, 13. Denton Street. Mch 19, 20. St. Jo, at Van Slack. Mch 19, 20. Broadway. Mch 26, 27. Sanger, at Sanger. Mch 26, 27. Pomer, at Pomer. Mch 26, 27. Aubrey, at Friendship. Apr 2, 3. Fair. Apr 9, 10. Bonita, at H. Bend. Apr 9, 10. Belcher, at Ringgold. Apr 16, 17. Neoma. Apr 16, 18. Dexter, at Mt. Gilead. Apr 23, 24. Marysville, 1st Sun May. Greenwood, at Shidell. May 7, 8. Mansfield, at Aubrey. May 14, 15. Kosston. May 21, 22. Woodbine. May 28, 29. Montague, 1st Sun June. J. A. Stafford, P. E.

Paris District—Second Round. Bonham sta. Thurs. Mch 19. Woodland, at Woodland. at K. Mch 12, 13. Detroit sta. Mch 19, 20. Deaton cir. at Howard. Mch 19, 20. Blossom and Sylvan. Mch 26, 27. Rosale cir. at Ackinse. Apr 2, 3. Export cir. at Hainesboro. Apr 9, 10. Gainesville cir. at Dimple. Apr 16, 17. Gansboro cir. at Gansboro. Apr 23, 24. Maryville cir. at Keno. Wed. Apr 23. Marksville sta. Apr 30, May 1. Winters sta. May 1. Douglass mis, at Avery. May 7, 8. Bagwell mis, at Lone Star. May 14, 15. Emerson cir. at Mt. Lebanon. May 21, 22. Chisota cir. at Round Prairie. May 28, 29. Alton mis. May 28, 29. E. R. Casey, P. E.

Bowie District—Second Round. Fruitland. Mch 12, 13. Bowie. Mch 12, 13. Boyd. Mch 19, 20. Rhone. Mch 26, 27. Paradise. Mch 26, 27. Bridgeport. Mch 26, 27. Bryson. Apr 2, 3. Jacksboro. Apr 9, 10. Benaville. Apr 9, 10. Henrietta. Apr 16, 17. Blue Grove. Apr 16, 17. Bellevue. Apr 17, 18. Iowa Park. Apr 23, 24. Wichita Falls. Apr 23, 25. Archer City. Apr 30, May 1. Holiday. May 7, 8. Crafton. May 7, 8. Giltown. May 14, 15. Decatur cir. May 21, 22. Decatur sta. May 22, 23. T. R. Pierce, P. E.

Terrell District—Second Round. Ferney. Mch 12, 13. Rockwall, at Rowlett. Mch 19, 20. Garland. Mch 26, 27. Mesquite, at Long Creek. Mch 26, 27. Fate, at St. John. Apr 2, 3. Terrell mis, at Lone Star. Apr 9, 10. Kaufman. Apr 9, 11. Reinhardt, at Logo. Apr 16, 17. Dist. Conf. at Garland. Apr 21-24. Mabank, at Bethel. Apr 29, May 1. Kemp, at Becker. May 7, 8. Terrell sta. May 15, 16. Chisholm, at Lawrence. May 21, 22. College Mount and Edmo. at E. May 28, 29. Cranall, at Cranall. June 4, 5. J. M. Peterson, P. E.

TEXAS CONFERENCE.

Calvert District—Second Round. Leon mis, at Nineveh. Mch 12, 13. Jewett, at Buffalo. Mch 13, 14. Hearne and Wheelock, at W. Mch 19, 20. Franklin cir. at Harris Chapel. Mch 26, 27. Franklin sta. Mch 27, 28. Fairfield and Dew, at Dew. Apr 2, 3. Pyrois, at Lantry. Apr 9, 10. Bremond and Reagan, at B. Apr 16, 17. Kesse, at Stranger. Apr 23, 24. Calvert sta. May 1, 2. Travis. May 7, 8. Rosebud sta. May 8, 9. Durango. May 15. Lott and Chilton, at C. May 14, 15. Marlin sta. May 21, 22. Petteway. May 28, 29. K. A. Burroughs, P. E.

Tyler District—Second Round. Wills Point cir. at Clifton. Mch 12, 13. Wills Point sta. Mch 13, 14. Edom, at Holly Springs. Mch 19, 20. Canon, at Morris Chapel. Mch 26, 27. Emory, at Ford's Chapel. Mch 26, 27. Golden, at Alba. Mch 27, 28. Minola, at Minola. Apr 2, 3. Leland, at Leland. Apr 9, 10. Cedar Street, at C. S. Apr 6. Tyler, at Winona. Apr 9, 10. Big Sandy. Apr 11, 12. Mt. Sylvia, at Union Chapel. Apr 16, 17. Grand Saline, at G. S. Apr 17, 18. St. Paul's Chapel. Apr 23, 24. Malakoff, at Malakoff. Apr 24, May 1. Athens, at Athens. May 1, 2. White House, at Omen. May 7, 8. Troup. May 8, 9. New York, at Murchison. May 14, 15. Meredith, at Elm Grove. May 21, 22. Marvin, at Marvin. May 28, 29. E. W. Solomon, P. E.

Brenham District—Second Round. Caldwell mis, at Deanyville. Mch 12, 13. Lyons, at Somerville. Mch 19, 20. Fulshear and Brookshire. Mch 26, 27. Sealy, at San Felipe. Apr 2, 3. Chas. F. Smith, P. E. San Augustine District—First Round. Appleby, at Appleby. Friday. Mch 11. Cushing, at Lynn Flat. Mch 12, 13. San Augustine sta. Wed. Mch 16. Clayton cir. at Bethlehem. Mch 19, 20. Garthage sta. Mch 26, 27. Minden, at Bethel. Mch 26, 27. C. A. Tower, P. E.

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Some one has said with a considerable degree of accuracy that "we are once a man and twice a child." For several years our Sunday-schools have seen the wisdom of and reaped the benefits from the "Children's Day" exercises. These special services have been very helpful and inspiring to the children, and now are indispensable in the Church. But what of those "aged children"? Many of them have been shut in all winter, with very rare opportunity of attending divine service. Many perhaps who attend with some degree of regularity are not as zealous about many interests of the Church as "in days of yore." Since the organized and trained choir came, there is no longer music in the old man's voice

(so many of them vainly imagine) and he no longer sings. But have you heard them, under the inspiration of the Spirit and the holy enthusiasm of an "Old Folks Day," blend those "feeble, trembling voices"? Oh, what a "melodious choir"! Yes, they will sing and shout and pray as in their "youthful days," and such an occasion would prove an oasis to many wayworn travelers. Brother Pastor, try one in your Church this spring and you will be happy at the result.

Forreston, Texas.

Seven Methodist parsonages have been built in Pekin, China, at a total cost of \$31,650. That is better than some cities in this country do.

AN APPEAL.

To the Pastors of the M. E. Church, South:

We lost our Church at Missouri City, Fort Bend County, by the storm of 1899, and are not able to rebuild without help. Please cut this out, place it in your hymn-book and read it to each of your congregations. Ask them to give us at least \$1. Remember, Christ says it is more blessed to give than to receive. Please do this and help a Church in great need. Send money to C. R. Lamar, P. O. Houston; R. O. Brazelton, P. O. Alvin, or Building Committee.

All donations will be acknowledged weekly through the Advocate.
R. O. BRAZELTON,
S. A. MANTONYA, Sec'y.
T. T. DEW, Ch'rm. and Treas.,
Building Committee.

ADVOCATE AGENT ABROAD.

I took in Kellyville recently with Bro. J. W. Cullen. He is doing a fine work and is certainly in favor with his people. Several neighborhoods offered to buy and pay for a good farm and deed it to him if he would settle on it. "It was seldom so in Israel before." We put the Advocate into every home we visited, which places more Advocates on that charge than ever before in its history. Bro. Cullen had prepared the way for me and the oldest and best religious and family paper in Texas. What memories cluster around Kellyville where the Locketts planted Methodism in 1851 and Sister Lockett is still there, with other members of the family at various points on the work. Dr. Jno. H. McLean began as pastor there, as did Bro. J. W. Hill and many others now eminent. The old pulpit is still in use that Dr. McLean had put in and from which Bishop Marvin preached while pastor at Marshall; also after he became Bishop. Bro. G. A. Kelly came there in 1861 and started his iron furnace and plow factory. This family have also been a power for good ever since. Over at Shiloh Church Bro. Cullen has a noble Board of Stewards and a Sunday-school superintendent who has solved the problem of raising funds to equip a country Sunday-school with our literature. It is Bro. J. H. Burns, and he built a hen's nest beneath the pulpit, and every attendant is to bring one or more fresh eggs every Sunday and place in the nest. A fat rate per dozen has been agreed on with a dealer the year round and the school pays for literature. Bro. Sharp has put a new stove in the church and is growing every way. Bro. Cullen is a wheelhorse. At Liberty Church below Jefferson he has strong men and loyal and active, such as Jas. A. Sharp, G. W. Liverman, J. F. Kindred, McId. Heiler, W. D. Robinson, the Brooks, the Taylors. Bro. Sharp has an old hand-made horse gin and wooden cotton press that has been in use over fifty years. Despite the sleet, mud and cold, Bro. Ross Williams met me in Henderson to take me to his charge, Minden Circuit. This is representative of the energy and determination of Bro. Williams. He is of Welsh descent, hence is going to let nothing deter him from pushing things. Minden, Mt. Enterprise, Finchill and Laneville are old settlements. Our church at Minden and Finchill need brightening up, and there has never been a church at Mt. Enterprise and we have none at Laneville. But Bro. Williams will, I

very believe, report one at both places this year. It is as a green spot in a desert to meet an old "soldier" like Bro. Henderson Hillin at Finchill. He came there in 1847. He has been and is a prop and a stay to that section. And "Uncle" Billy King at Locklin, below Mt. Enterprise, who for nearly fifty years has attended the Annual Conferences, is in bed waiting his final summons. He is eighty-five years old and has made the world better by his life. He is at his daughter's, Mrs. E. L. Kuark, well and lovingly cared for. What a benediction he will leave in the very memory of his faith and love. WM. A. BOWEN.

A FINE KIDNEY REMEDY.

Mr. A. S. Hitchcock, East Hampton, Conn. (The Clothier), says if any sufferer from Kidney and Bladder Disease will write him he will direct them to the perfect home cure he used. He makes no charge whatever for the favor.

MARRIAGES.

Henslee-Heard-At the residence of Judge Clarence Crow, in Groveton, Texas, Feb. 2, 1904, Mr. L. E. Henslee and Miss Pearl Heard, Rev. Jesse Lee officiating.

Hodges-Davenport-At the residence of the bride's father, Mr. John Davenport, Ranger, Texas, Feb. 25, 1904, Mr. R. A. Hodges and Miss Kate Davenport, Rev. R. K. Wagner officiating.

Patterson-Ratliff-At the parsonage in Sanger, Texas, Mr. Crockett C. Patterson, of Sanger, and Miss Jennie Ratliff, of Bolivar, Texas, Rev. G. F. Boyd officiating.

Hayes-Horton-At the residence of Mr. J. R. Stoney, Blanket Creek, Texas, Feb. 25, 1904, Mr. S. A. Hayes and Miss Belle Horton, both of Zephyr, Texas, Rev. R. N. Shelton officiating.

Weeks-Ryan-At the parsonage, Burke, Texas, Feb. 25, 1904, Mr. Charlie E. Weeks and Miss Geneva Ryan, Rev. W. W. Graham officiating.

Burke-Knight-At the residence of the bride's father, J. F. Knight, in Milam County, Texas, Rev. S. L. Burke and Miss Zara Knight, Rev. Chas. F. Smith officiating.

Elkin-Mock-At the residence of the bride's father, M. L. Mock, Troup, Texas, Dec. 24, 1903, Mr. A. W. Elkin, of Palestine, Texas, and Miss Clara Mock, Rev. Chas. Mock and L. H. McGee officiating.

Melton-Johnson-At the residence of Walter Melton, Dec. 24, 1903, Mr. Edgar Melton and Miss Jennie Lee Johnson, Rev. L. H. McGee officiating.

Smith-Spruce-At the home of the bride's father, G. M. Spruce, Troup, Texas, Dec. 30, 1903, Mr. T. B. Smith and Miss Eufala Spruce, Rev. L. H. McGee officiating.

I have officiated at the following marriages since the beginning of my pastorate here:

Mr. A. L. Marrero and Miss Theresa H. Donegan, Dec. 18, 1903.

Mr. M. A. Burke and Mrs. Charlotte Hamburg, Dec. 23, 1903.

Mr. J. C. Carlisle and Miss Tressie C. Johnson, Jan. 5, 1904.

Mr. Joseph C. Hornsby and Miss Lillie E. Bradley, Feb. 18, 1904.

All of West End, Galveston.

Galveston, Texas. C. N. MORTON.

R. S. HYER CHAIR OF PHYSICS.

Before the Advocate containing my proposition for endowing the R. S. Hyer Chair of Physics in the Southwestern University has reached me I have a good report to make. The first intimation I had that my proposition was in print came in the form of a strong, hearty letter from Dr. John M. Moore, of First Church, Dallas, in which he thoroughly approves the movement and joins me with a subscription of \$200, \$50 to be paid as each \$10,000 is secured and paid. To-night, over the telephone, Rev. W. J. Johnson, presiding elder of San Antonio District, approves and joins us with another \$200. There is \$600 for a start. J. E. HARRISON. San Antonio, Texas.

POSTOFFICE ADDRESSES.

Rev. W. A. Edwards, 5th St., Station A, Dallas, Texas.

Rear-Admiral Sotokichi Uriu, commander of the Japanese naval vessels at Chemulpo which captured a Russian cruiser and gunboat, is a Christian believer and showed faith and zeal while a student at the Naval Academy at Annapolis. He served as President of the academy Y. M. C. A., and was much respected for his character as well as attainments.

If there is nothing of mystery in your religion it is not for mankind.

The Home and State Magazine

THE HOME AND STATE MAGAZINE is published in Dallas by Dr. G. C. Rankin and Mr. Walter A. Stevens. Its first number was issued last November and it began with three thousand copies. It is now in its fifth month and the March edition required ten thousand copies to meet the demand. This is a phenomenal growth, and it demonstrates the fact that there is a necessity for just such a publication. It is well illustrated, printed on good paper, type large and clear, making it easy to read.

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The Home and State will not be devoted to the interest of any particular Church or Political Party. It will give the facts about all denominations and will reserve the right to criticize whatever is base and ignoble in all political parties and to commend whatever is worthy in them. It will wear nobody's collar, but it will hew to the line and let the chips take care of themselves. But under all circumstances it will stand opposed to the evils of the licensed liquor traffic as the worst enemy of the home and the State. Every field that stands related to the weal of the home and the State will be our special parish. The Home and State, you will find, is not an insipid, namby-pamby periodical, but a publication pulsating with robust life from the opening to the closing pages. When you get a copy of it, it is not likely that you will lay it down until you have finished it. Its editor is not of the sleepy sort.

THE NAME SIGNIFIES SOMETHING.

The Home and State means what its name signifies, and its selection seems to have been an especially happy one. The outside front page of each number is adorned with a splendid likeness of some one of our representative men and the inside editorial page has the picture of one of our leading women. Editorially, the magazine treats of Men, Measures and Events; of the different aspects of Home Life, and of the Progress of Civic Reform. Each of these departments is under the special direction of Dr. Rankin, who has made matters of this character a lifetime study.

Napoleon Bonaparte, The Man of Destiny.

This is the year of the great Exposition at St. Louis. It commemorates the Louisiana Purchase which was negotiated between this government and Napoleon Bonaparte, the Ruler of France. Everyone will want to know something about the man who ceded to this country the vast territory now included in what is known as the Louisiana Purchase. Hence, Dr. G. C. Rankin will begin in the May number of The Home and State a series of pen sketches of this truly wonderful man, from the time he was born on the Island of Corsica until his sorrowful death on the Island of St. Helena. Dr. Rankin has visited many of the places in Europe made historic by Napoleon, and some of his famous battle fields, among them the immortal Waterloo, and these sketches will be vivid and true to life. They will run serially through several months in The Home and State and will be exceedingly interesting reading. Introductory to this series on Napoleon there will be printed in the April number of The Home and State an estimate of Napoleon, as he is judged by great thinkers, such as Charles Phillips, Victor Hugo, Herbert Spencer, Ralph Waldo Emerson, Heinrich Heine and Alphonse De Lamartine. The career of Napoleon has a peculiar charm and fascination about it and no pains will be spared to make these pen sketches an inspiration to the readers of The Home and State. No one should miss this study of Napoleon.

THE LIFE OF JOSEPHINE.

The life of Josephine, the beautiful but ill-fated wife of Napoleon, is interspersed with Romance and Tragedy from the time she was born in Martinique until she died of a broken heart in the Palace of Malmaison. No pen sketch of Napoleon would be complete without some brief sketches of Josephine drawn by one competent to portray them, and they will run through several numbers of the magazine.

A FINAL WORD.

There may be some who read this, who will want the magazine very much, but haven't the ready money to forward for their subscription. To such friends we will say, write us and we will forward you a copy of the magazine, and on its receipt you may go out among your friends and secure two subscribers, at 50 cents each, then send us the names and the \$1.00, and we will send the magazine to you for one year free. In many towns and neighborhoods we will have large clubs of subscribers made up and sent us. Those getting up these clubs, if they can secure as many as ten (10) subscriptions, we will allow you to take them at 25 cents each. All single subscriptions, however, are 50 cents each for one year. Should any prefer a trial of Home and State before deciding finally about subscribing, we will agree to send the magazine to you for three months trial for 10 cents (silver).

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SOME OF THE DEPARTMENTS.

On other pages will be found the choicest fiction that the masters are capable of writing, such as short stories and continued stories adapted to the young and old. These will all be on a high moral plain. Attention is given to studies in American Literature by Professor S. E. Burkhead, who is an accomplished scholar in this field. Mrs. Kate A. Kidd, an experienced teacher, has charge of a page for our Girls. Then, too, there are departments on Flowers, Poultry, Fashions, Curious Facts, Miscellaneous Articles, and a whole page devoted to cartoons of the great political events of each month.

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