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## MINISTERS FORSAKING THE PULPIT.

Recently the secular press throughout the country published a press dispatch from Des Moines, Iowa, to the effect that fifty-seven members of the Upper Iowa Conference had surrendered their credentials as members of that body and as ministers in the Methodist Episcopal Church and gone into secular pursuits because the salaries paid them were not sufficient to meet their family needs. The dispatch also stated that many of these ministers were young men and graduates of colleges and seminaries. Then a number of these papers proceeded to lecture the Church on the importance of a better support of the ministry, or the pulpits of the land would soon be filled with mediocre poorly prepared for such high work; that bright and well equipped men would turn away from all thought of the ministry for professions offering them larger salaries and better support.

The pious editorials of these papers are all right, for as a matter of fact the ministers, as a class, are not as well supported as their talents and services merit. In this day and at this time the membership of the various Churches are well to do and many of them are very wealthy; while at the same time the cost of living has greatly advanced over what it was some years ago. But for the most part a great many of the congregations are paying their ministers just about what they did under former circumstances. So that the ministry is under obligation to the secular press for these editorials in behalf of a better support.

However, the editorials were based on a false report from Iowa. At the time we read of this wholesale exodus of ministers from the Church we did not believe a word of it, but we did not have the facts before us with which to contradict it. But now the facts are before us. In a published letter from Bishop John W. Hamilton, the Bishop presiding over the conference where this widespread disaffection among the ministers is said to have taken place, and he tells us that there is not one word of truth in the report; that none of the members of that conference surrendered their credentials; neither did they retire from the conference. But that, on the contrary, the Upper Iowa Conference had more men than it had organized work for them and that he transferred several to other conferences in order to give them assignments to fields of labor.

Iowa is one of the most thickly populated Methodist sections in the whole connection of the Methodist Episcopal Church. It has four conferences and more than one thousand traveling ministers. Twenty per cent of the entire membership of that communion, 3,000,000 strong throughout the world, live in the State of Iowa, and it contains several colleges and universities with a Methodist patronage of more than 3000 young men and women. No field within the reach of that great Church offers better inducements

to young men to enter the ministry than Iowa Methodism.

It is with pleasure that we correct the false report, for it is a great injustice to the men who consecrate themselves to the ministry unselfishly to have it said of fifty-seven of them that they surrendered their call to this sacred vocation because of sordid considerations. And were there any truth in the report it would not speak well for a Church whose ministerial work has done so much to establish the gospel of Jesus Christ among men.

While ministers of the gospel are entitled to better support from every point of view, nevertheless their call to that sacred office is not based upon financial considerations. It grows out of faith in Christ and confidence in the promises of God. They enter the ministry, not for sordid gain, but because they feel with Paul: "Woe is unto me if I preach not the gospel." Occasionally one of them will find his family conditions such that he is forced to retire from the pastorate to the local ranks, but who ever heard of fifty-seven, or any other number of them, "surrendering their credentials and going out into secular fields to make more money?" It is preposterous. It will certainly be a sad day for the Church if the time ever comes when such a statement is even approximately true. Let the Church grow larger in its liberality and give to its ministers a reasonable compensation so that they can live as comfortably as most other people and be able to educate their children, and the possibility of the financial view of the matter ever being able to divert their attention will never be even a remote suggestion.

## MR. W. J. BRYAN AND THE LIQUOR QUESTION.

Mr. W. J. Bryan, the great Commoner, has defined his attitude on the liquor question as it presents itself in the present Nebraska campaign, and in doing so he makes the declaration that he will not support Mr. Dahlman, the Democratic nominee for Governor. In the recent Democratic primary in that State Mr. Dahlman made the race for the nomination and he stated in his campaign speeches that he would, if elected, veto any county option bill passed by the legislature and that he would also sign a bill repealing the eight-hour closing law. Mr. Bryan opposed his nomination, but he succeeded in getting it by a very small majority.

When the matter went to the State Convention there was a resolution introduced opposing the passage of a county option bill, but it was voted down 638 to 202. Then there was introduced a measure favoring the eight-hour closing law, and it was adopted by a vote of 710 to 163. Mr. Dahlman's nomination was affirmed. But notwithstanding the party put itself on record by an overwhelming majority in the convention against a movement to oppose county option and in favor of the eight-hour closing law, yet the nominee went forth on his campaign

for election declaring that he would veto local option and give his approval to a repeal of the eight-hour closing law. Then it was that Mr. Bryan came out declaring that since the nominee had repudiated the action of the convention and proposed to take a retrograde step on the liquor question he would not support Mr. Dahlman. He did not say that he would support any other candidate, neither did he say that he included the rest of the State ticket in his purpose not to vote for the nominee for Governor.

As a result all the Texas dailies favoring the saloon openly or tacitly came out the following morning in flaming headlines pronouncing Mr. Bryan a "bolter," and they proceeded, for the most part, to read him long homilies on the ethics of party loyalty. But as a matter of fact, when Mr. Dahlman bolted his convention instruction did he not forfeit the support of those who opposed him in the primary? We will not discuss that question, for the Advocate cares nothing about Mr. Bryan's politics or loyalty to his party; but there are two questions in connection with his action and his general attitude on the liquor question that are open to discussion in these columns.

1. All that Mr. Bryan contends for in Nebraska, in this instance, is county option, or "local self-government," the very solution of the liquor question which the antis of Texas are contending for so eloquently at the present time. Yet these very anti papers leave no effort untaxed to put Mr. Bryan in the worst possible light because in Nebraska he is standing exactly upon their Texas platform on that question. It shows beyond doubt that these Texas anti papers have not one element of sincerity in their purposes; that in Texas they are just as much opposed to all forms of local prohibition as the same crowd are in Nebraska. But rather than see Texas apply her local self-government to the entire State through the medium of an amendment they are pretending to favor local option as the "sanest solution" of the saloon problem. Such bald-faced hypocrisy is too transparent to deceive even a novice in prohibition work.

2. We have known all along that it was only a question of time when Mr. Bryan would begin to speak out on this liquor question, and that his great influence would be focalized against it. A man of his unvarnished moral and religious principles can not stand very long in a silent attitude toward the evils of such a corrupt and immoral institution as the licensed saloon. This late movement is his boldest expression on the question. It puts him in direct line for a complete war, sooner or later, upon this diabolical business. And with his announced opposition to a man for Governor, because of his affiliation with the saloon element and influence, it will greatly enhance him in the moral esteem of multiplied thousands of the best people in the United States. It speaks much for the cause of prohibition throughout the length and breadth of our land. On with the battle!

## AN OPEN LETTER

To the Pastors and Members of the  
Central Texas Conference, M.  
E. Church, South.

Please read Acts, 4:1-3. Here was a just complaint made. Whether the cause of the complaint was intentional or neglect, I do not know. The wrong was corrected, and there was no more complaint. The superannuated preachers and widows of deceased preachers who are dependent upon the Church mainly for support have just grounds for complaint at the way in which they are poorly cared for by you. When the conference superannuates a preacher, they say, by that act, because of some bodily or mental disability you are disqualified to do pastoral work. (Often the conference errs in its judgment.) If a preacher has some mental ailment he is in a poor condition to do manual labor. If it be a bodily disability, he is in an exceedingly poor condition for labor. Let it be as it may, I want to say just here that often preachers are superannuated because of the whim of some presiding elder. We have been faithful in discharge of duty, in building up the Church in general. You may retire from the active work; we will care for you.

Let us look at the manner of support of the various claimants of the Church by way of comparison. Those in the active work have their salary assessed. The pastors, presiding elders and Bishop know approximately what they will get in the way of support for their year's work. A retired Bishop is assessed \$2400 for support, regardless of the family he may have. If they have children, they can give them educational advantages of any kind. The missionary in foreign fields can send his children back home for educational advantages. Many of the superannuated preachers can not send their children to the public schools for the want of money to buy the necessities. There is no assessment made for their support. There is an estimate made on the conference, and at the meeting of the following Annual Conference what has been collected during the year is prorated among the claimants. How would you in the active work like this plan, if it deserves the name of a plan? Would not like it. Why do you treat us in such an unchristian way? It is entirely with you.

Another unjust practice without law is: A preacher is sent to his work; his support is assessed by his Board of Stewards. In three or four months he dies while in the discharge of duty as a pastor. His family become claimants at once upon the Joint Board, when that board has made no provision for their support. It must come out of the pensioners' provision made for the superannuated at the previous conference. There is only one provision made for him and his family's support. Why not take the unpaid assessment of deceased preachers out of the salary of pastors, presiding elders and Bishops? The deceased preachers were assessed in the active work. You say that would be unjust. The difference it makes is whose ox is gored? As long as it is the superannuate's and widow's ox, it is all right. Let them grunt and groan under the galling yoke. Who cares if the superannuated preachers' children do not go to school, or have any privileges whatever? What is the remedy in a case like the above? It is this: Let the Secretary of the Joint Board find out the condition of the family at once, make an additional estimate of their support and notify each pastor that the conference fund has been supplemented on his charge, with (blank) dollars on account of the death of (blank) preacher, deceased. Let us notice the financial condition of many of the preachers at superannuation. He had no warning of such an event. No arrangements have been made. They have no house, or money. The business world looks upon them as being disqualified for business. They can not rent a farm, for many reasons. Some don't know anything about it. Then, the idea is very prevalent among the people, "a preacher will not work." Then, he has not the equipment to run a farm. Nothing is left for him to do but go in debt. No money for house rent, clothing and books for children to go to school. In seeking employment they are met with the statement, "Why don't the Church support the superannuates?" This idea is in the minds of the people. (The way in which the general collections are taken, the superannuates pay more to these other causes than any member of the church.) We have given our lives to the Church, a cause in which we could not accumulate the goods of this world. Then when we

become disqualified for service the Church should provide a reasonable support. Why is it not done? Because no one has any interest in us. We have no Board of Stewards or anyone else to look to. The pastor is absorbed by the cares of other things. You never hear of a pastor or presiding elder preaching on the subject. The other great interests of the Church are kept prominently before the people. Support of the superannuate is as old as the Church. Look how it lags for the want of interest on the part of those who have it in charge. It is the most popular collection in the Church. No collection is so badly abused. It is used as a prize in collecting the other collections to the detriment of the conference claimant. At the conference held in Waco in 1908 there was estimated for conference claimants \$15,000. Sixty-eight received aid, fourteen did not. At Stamford in 1909, same estimation. Seventy received aid, eighteen did not. At both conferences the estimate fell short.

Why does not the Joint Board make a reasonable assessment for each claimant, as their several wants demand? The Joint Board will not do its duty for fear of burdening the Church. The pastors will not take this collection alone on its own merits for fear their other collections will not come up. It is a fact that most pastors have to take some of their collections so disguised that the people do not know what they are contributing to. Take the collection for negro education, for an illustration. The Church has more interest in the negro youth, who does not belong to our Church, than it has in the children of superannuated preachers who have given their lives to the Church. Did the last General Conference think it a burden when they assessed the Church \$20,000 additional for educational purposes to be used in a school we can not control? A good portion of the Children's Day funds go to the same school to make Sunday-school teachers that will be about as valuable as the preachers they make. We had a matured sample of the preaching at the conference at Hillsboro. I heard a presiding elder, a few years ago, make the remark, "The superannuates soon die out." That may be the plan the Church is going on, "if you won't die, we will starve you out." Praise the Lord, none has died this year. I trust all will live to see the organization of the Central Texas Conference at Waxahachie in November a new conference. I hope the board will devise a more liberal support for the claimants.

Please read Brother G. A. P. Parker's article in the Texas Christian Advocate of September 1 on the superannuated endowment fund. He shows we get less than four per cent from this endowment fund. The board, if it chooses, "can loan the money on a brewery, but not to Church property." That plan was gotten up to rob the superannuates of the present day—the men who have helped make the Church at the present what it is. A word to the laymen: We have served many of you as pastors. Your homes have been blessed in the conversion of your children, and many other ways. God has blessed you with the goods of this world. You have been able to give your children at least a practical education. Will you see to it that a better part is done on this annual collection for the conference claimants? Your pastors preach to you on the support of the ministry, so a superannuate appeals to you in behalf of the claimants. To the Joint Board: Will you devise a more liberal support than we have now? It can be done. The Church will respond. To the pastors: Will you give all the people a chance to contribute to this collection on its merits?

In conclusion: My brethren, have not the faith of our Lord, Jesus Christ, the Lord of glory, with respect of persons. For if there come unto your assembly a man with a gold ring, in goodly apparel, and there come in also a poor man in vile raiment; and ye have respect to him that weareth the gay clothing, and say unto him, Sit thou here in a good place; and say to the poor, Stand thou there, or sit here under my footstool. Are ye not then partial in yourselves, and are become judges of evil thoughts? Hearken, my beloved brethren, hath not God chosen the poor of this world rich in faith, and heirs of the kingdom which he hath promised to them that love him? If ye fulfill the royal law according to the scripture, Thou shalt love thy neighbor as thyself, ye do well. But if ye have respect to persons, ye commit sin, and are convinced of the law as transgressors. James, 2:1-9.

W. J. LEMONS.

## "THE BISHOPS' CABINET."

"Tis a Solomon av a rig'lation, is that. I wud like to be introduced to the man who secreted ut."—Private Mulvaney.

## I.

As the day drew nigh, the Trekers went up to the city of Gaza for the annual feast of the Teneha.

The streets of that city flow with Jersey cream and Java coffee, and the cock croweth therein with the rising of the sun.

The Bishops' Cabinet came up to the feast, arrayed in garments, the borders whereof were three cubits in length. And the people of Gaza brought beds, and basons, and earthen vessels, and wheat, and barley, and flour, and parched cora, and beans, and lintels, and parched pulse, and honey, and butter, and sheep, and cheese of kine, for they saw the Bishops' Cabinet was hungry, and weary, and thirsty, in the sand. And it came to pass that the Bishops' Cabinet rose up early and stood beside the way of the gate that leadeth to the feast; and it was so, that when any man that had a controversy came to the Governor for judgment, then the Bishops' Cabinet called unto him, and said, "Of what city art thou?" And he said, "Thy servant is one of the Trekers of the Teneha.

And the Bishops' Cabinet said unto him, "See, thy matters are good and right; but there is no man deputed of the Governor to hear thee."

The Bishops' Cabinet said moreover, "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 it was so that when any man came nigh to the Bishops' Cabinet to do him obsequance, he put forth his hand and took him and kissed him. And on this manner did the Bishops' Cabinet do all the Trekers that came to the Governor for judgment.

## II.

And it came to pass that when the feast was ready the Governor communed not with the Bishops' Cabinet. And the Governor said unto the Bishops' Cabinet, "When thou art bidden to a feast, do not take an upper seat lest a more worthy man be put in thy place and thou be sat upon."

And the Bishops' Cabinet was filled with wrath and said unto the Governor, "I will meet you at Asheville." But the Governor was left-handed, and the Bishops' Cabinet wot not that he was so. And the Governor put forth his left hand, and took an ox goad, one cubit in length from his right hip, and thrust it into the body of the Bishops' Cabinet, and the haft also went in after the spike; and the Bishops' Cabinet fell down upon the floor and the young men gathered him up and carried him out with much lamentation.

## III.

And Bildad the Shuhite, one of the Trekers of the Teneha, wrote a letter to such as might be chosen from all the southern provinces to go up to the four years feast to be holden at Asheville; and the reading of the letter was on this wise:

"Dear Fathers and Brethren—Peace and long life be unto you. I make it known that when the Trekers of the Teneha assembled for the annual feast holden in the city of Gaza, the Bishops' Cabinet came up to the feast a-hitherto. But the Governor did not allow him a seat at the table with the Governor, and ordered the chamberlain to find him a seat with the common Trekers. At this the Bishops' Cabinet was filled with righteous indignation. And the Governor took him unawares, and (being left-handed) drove an ox goad into the body of the Bishops' Cabinet, so that it could not be drawn out, and behold he is no more! And the Governor sent the Trekers hither and thither whether they would or no, and the places which knew some of them, knew them no more. And some of us had his raiment of camel's hair, and a leathern girdle about his loins; and his meat was wild haws and goober peas until we beheld the face of our Uncle Joseph. And it came to pass that we were distraught when we beheld what was done. The more so, seeing, that the Bishops' Cabinet had promised some of the places most to be desired throughout the districts. Then I bethought myself of your becoming together, so I write this letter with my own hands, to the end that ye take notice of what the Governor did unto the Bishops' Cabinet. I do this gladly and more especially because I know ye to be expert in all questions and customs among the Trekers. Wherefore I pray thee to hear the matter patiently. Yours in sorrow,

"BILDAD THE SHUHITE."

## IV.

When the General Conference assembled at Asheville the complaint sent up by Bildad the Shuhite was referred to the Committee on Episcopacy. In

due time the committee made its report in substance as follows:

"Your committee beg to report that after hearing all that was to be said for and against the complaint made against the Governor which came up from Bildad the Shuhite, we agreed on the following finds: (1) The Governor killed the Bishops' Cabinet as charged. (2) We find no law violated because there is no such man as the Bishops' Cabinet mentioned in the Book of Discipline. (3) We recommend that the Governor leave his ox goad at home in the future.

## "THE COMMITTEE ON EPISCOPACY."

I have read "African Game Trails," written by Colonel Roosevelt, the mighty lion hunter, with much interest and some degree of profit. Yet, I must confess that my knowledge of natural history is not over great. Owing to this defect in my education, I am not able to classify the Bishops' Cabinet with that degree of accuracy, which is characteristic of John Burrows and Edward Seton Thompson. I have been in doubt whether to class it as a parasite or an excrescence. My final conclusion is that Colonel Alergon Delacey Parasite married Miss Evanglina Leplage Excrescence, and that the Bishops' Cabinet is the first born and only child of this union. Be all this as it may, the fact remains that our beloved Church permits the presiding elders to assist the Bishops in making the appointments while the law of the Church does not confer any such authority on them. I cannot conceive of anything more dangerous either in State or Church than to allow a body of officials to exercise authority not authorized by law. Yet, the M. E. Church, South, permits the presiding elders to do this very thing.

This fact is the secret of the many complaints against the presiding elders.

Furthermore, this fact explains why it is that no one can tell just how the appointments are made.

## VI.

I hope and believe the time is not far distant when the General Conference will provide a simple and sane method for selecting a committee to aid the Bishops in making the appointments. Let this committee be composed of itinerant preachers and laymen selected by the District Conferences in an Annual Conference. Make the duties of this committee so plain and simple that a wayfaring man, though a fool, cannot ere therein. Then responsibility can be fixed, and the presiding elders be made to devote their time to the duties required of them by the law of the Church. I am a strong believer in the doctrine that the Church is greater than its servants. The sooner the laymen demand that we act on this principle the better for the Church.

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## THE PERPETUITY OF THE SABBATH.

## Article Two.

The trend of the Old Testament teaching bearing upon the Sabbath indicates its perpetuity. Coming down to the New Testament dispensation we find abundant evidence that the sanctity of the Sabbath is to be preserved to the end of time. If there existed any authority anywhere at any time competent to repeal the Sabbath law, that authority was invested in the Christ. I do not hesitate to say this he did not do; on the contrary he indorsed the Sabbath. He entered into the synagogues and taught on the Sabbath days. This was the custom of the Jews, and to that extent they carried out the design of the Sabbath. It was not necessary that the commandments should be repealed, as no one questioned their validity. The Jews, while remiss in other matters, were very strict in observing the Sabbath, therefore there was no need to call their attention to the fourth commandment. In fact they were governed by the tradition of the elders as well as the teaching of the Old Testament in observing the Sabbath. This led them on more than one occasion to accuse our Lord of not having a proper regard for the Sabbath. Two incidents in the life of Jesus will serve to indicate his attitude towards the Sabbath.

When Jesus passed through the corn fields on the Sabbath and his disciples plucked the ears of corn and ate to satisfy the demands of nature, the Pharisees accused his disciples of desecrating the Sabbath. Jesus answered them by calling their attention to the conduct of David when he went into the temple, received the shewbread and ate of it, which was not lawful for any but the priests to eat. Evidently Jesus assumed to vindicate David and those who were with him from an evil act in eating this bread

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because an emergency existed. They were obliged to eat and this was their only opportunity to procure bread. Under ordinary circumstances this would have been wrong. Thus He would exonerate his disciples from the charge of Sabbath desecration. Ordinarily it would be wrong to enter fields and pluck corn, but His disciples were driven by the demands of nature to do what they did. They were not seeking to promote secular ends, but to protect nature. They were in the company of their Lord, and had not an opportunity to procure bread. Did Jesus say the Sabbath law had been or would be repealed? He said nothing of the kind, but on the contrary: "He said unto them, the Sabbath was made for man and not man for the Sabbath." This settles the question. The Sabbath was made for man in all ages of the world. No exceptions are set out or limitations are expressed. These words are direct and unequivocal. One other incident will serve to confirm my contention. Immediately following the corn field episode, Jesus went into the synagogue. There He discovered a man with a withered hand. The Pharisees asked him if it was lawful to heal on the Sabbath. He replied by asking them if they should have a sheep to fall into a pit on the Sabbath if they would not take it out. Then he propounded the question, "How much, then, is a man better than a sheep?" In this transaction there is not a word to be found that even squints of the nullification of the Sabbath law. On the contrary Jesus lays down a general rule by which every question respecting the sanctity of the Sabbath may be tested. He said, "Wherefore it is lawful to do well on the Sabbath days." Evidently Jesus did not repeal the law guarding the sanctity of the Sabbath, but indorsed it and indicated its perpetuity. It appears to be a work of supererogation to argue the sanctity of the Sabbath, but what I have written upon this subject is prefatory to some facts which I wish to present.

The Sabbath is a divine inheritance, bequeathed to us by our heavenly Father and handed down from generation to generation throughout the history of the past. Our forefathers preserved its sanctity, and it has come down to us, and with it the responsibility to preserve its sanctity. The demand is imperative. We cannot shift the responsibility. This question is vital. None can be more important. It stands vitally connected with the foundation of our Christianity and of our civilization. So much so that to strike it down means the death knell of all that we fondly cherish and for which we pray, labor and hope. Who has the temerity to negate these declarations? If these things are true, then indeed it is worth while to give attention to this question. It appears to the writer that in our zeal to forward the interest of other lines of reform and Church work we have neglected to do what we should have done to protect the sanctity of our Sabbath from the invasions of the world. R. C. ARMSTRONG.

GEORGIA LETTER.

Geo. G. Smith.

My good brother who writes me the open letter has far more skill in explaining obscure prophecies than I have, and can see things I can't see; but as one day with the Lord is as a thousand years only two days of this dispensation has yet passed, and in those two days very much has been done. The end is not near, if we are to judge the future by the past. The world is bad, there is no doubt of that, but it is better now than it has ever been since history began to tell her tale.

Two thousand years ago the grain of mustard was planted. What was the condition of things then? The Roman Empire swept from the Thames to the Nile and from the wild borders of Germany to the Great Sea, and in all this area, save a few in obscure Palestine, there was not a single worshiper of the true God.

Then centuries afterward when Constantine saw the cross and said, "By

A cheap organ?  
**Oh No, Don't**  
You'll be sorry when you have to get another so soon.  
If you have the money, if you're raising it, or only planning—write for helpful suggestions.

**ESTEY, Brattleboro, Vt.**

this sign we conquer," the greatest of Empires had become normally Christian. There had been growth, not apostasy. There were many defects, grave and serious ones, but there had been a great advance. When Luther rose 1200 years afterward there was much to be remedied, but who will say that Luther found things worse than Tertullian, or Augustine, or Irenaeus had left them. Men like Luther and Calvin was not bred in an apostate age, bad it was.

In this country many things are much worse than they once were, and many are infinitely better than they once were. When I began to study geography in 1844 there were 15,000,000 of people in the United States—now there are 100,000,000. Things are bad, very bad, but they are better than they were. One Senator in Texas defeated the will of a hundred Legislators who wished to protect Texas from its greatest foe, but 30 years ago the Senate would not have considered the question at all. The Church has many evils to combat and much to deplore, but it is an apostate Church by any means. I have raised the red flag of warning, but never the white flag of surrender. Jesus Christ has not been a failure and this world has not been given over by him to destruction, but there must needs be great readjustment, and a change not of doctrine, but method. The secular papers are gloating over the fact that the evangelist has passed. Well, the professional with his singer and his ten days cut and dried services, and especially his Committee on Finance, has about served his time, but the genuine Abe Mulkey evangelist will be here for a long time yet, but Cowboy Dick, "Drummer Jim," and "Wild Bill" and "Bud Sam" have had their day. The time has not come when the glorious gospel of Jesus Christ has lost its power, but evangelists who use their energy to save adults and not the people are needed. We need men who will preach the gospel to children and bring them up in the nurture of the Lord. We cannot do without conversion, but it ought to be the conversion of little children, and our pastoral work should largely be to train them religiously. It is the supremest folly to let children escape us as they do. They can be converted; they must be converted—genuinely so, consciously so. I have spoken so often through the Texas Advocate on this subject that only its vital importance leads me to speak of it again.

Our election or rather nomination for Governor is over. Ex-Governor Smith has been vindicated by a very decided vote of confidence. Gov. Brown was merely used by the whiskey party, not because he was in any way immoral, but because he was in opposition to the party of Hoke Smith, who had been indorsed by the anti-saloon party. Our victory is as complete as law can make it, but we can not force municipal officers to enforce law and the ale house has taken the place of the whiskey shop. It is a great improvement on what it was, but far from being what we want. With Florida under the rule of the whiskey ring and South Carolina with its cursed dispensaries and with the decisions of the court to retard us, it is a wonder we have done so well. The fact is we can never hope to do all that ought to be done, but every day brings the final victory nearer.

SERVICE.

Paul says the wages of sin is death; but gift of God is eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord.

This is Paul's wonderful exposition of the income of sinful labor.

When the act of reflection takes place in the mind, when we look at ourselves in the light of thought, we discover that every life might be much easier and simpler than we make it, that the world might be a happier place than it is, that there is no use of struggles, convulsions and despairs, of the wringing of hands and the gnashing of teeth; that we miscreate our own evils. We serve sin instead of righteousness.

There is a close relation between the world of nature and the world of spirit; for they bear the impress of the same hand. The principles of nature are the types and shadows of the Invisible Hand. It was on this principle that St. Paul taught in the above text and all through his teachings.

In the natural world we desire wages and gifts. For example, a man who has honestly labored for another expects to receive wages, either in dollars and cents or in remunerations otherwise. Everything in this world has its price, and the price buys that and not something else. Every occupation demands its own preparation and that preparation will not fit one

for another sort of occupation; for example, you can not have at once the President's renown and the quiet of a recluse's life. The President has paid dear for his White House. It has commonly cost him all his peace and the best of his manly attributes.

With every impulse of life comes new dangers. Has he light? He must bear witness to that light, and always outrun that sympathy which gives him such keen satisfaction by his fidelity to new relations of the incessant soul. He must hate father and mother, wife and child. Has he all that the world loves and admires and covets? He must cast behind him their admiration and afflict them by faithfulness to truth and become a byword and a hissing.

This law writes laws of cities and Nations. If the government is cruel, the governor's life is not safe. Nothing arbitrary and nothing artificial can endure. To expect that opposite thing, the President's renown and peace, would be to mock God, to get wages we had not earned.

Then the question comes, Is sin worth its price? The unreasonableness of this appears the moment we have understood the conditions contained in the principle: For the wages of sin is death; but the gift of God is eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord.

There are men of sagacity and judgment in the affairs of this life whose penetration is almost intuitive in all things where the step in question involves success or failure here; but these same men live a life of sin when they know that sin in life brings death.

But again, let us look at the price of sin. Death not only entered the world by sin, but has reigned from Adam to Moses and from Moses until now. Some are dying at this very moment. Sin has opened every grave, and requires Mother Earth to take her dead children to her cold bosom. It (sin) has brought disappointment—harvest of bitter, useless remorse—the crime of sin avenged by sin. It has brought the worm that gnaws and the fire that is not quenched, and the smoke that forever ascendeth up.

He who sins shall receive the fruit of his indulged desires which have become tyrannous at last and constitutes him his own tormentor. His wages is a soul in flames and the tongue that no drop can cool. Passions that burn and appetites that crave. In fact, all that the Bible means by the term hell is the wages of sin.

But we go now to the second branch of this text, and treat it briefly: The gift of God is eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord. How beautiful the thought that we receive gifts only from our own, and that through love. The only gift is a portion of thyself. Thou must bleed for me. Therefore the poet brings his poem; the shepherd his lamb; the farmer his corn; the painter his picture: our God eternal life.

LAVINIE JACKSON.  
Stanton, Texas.

MORE THAN A THOUSAND PER CENT INCREASE.

How it Was Done at Parkersburg, West Virginia.

C. F. Reid.

St. Paul's M. E. Church, South, at Parkersburg, has a membership of 521. Under the old regime, the congregation was giving about \$60 a year for foreign missions.

A few weeks ago Dr. A. M. Hughlett, the pastor, encouraged by a few earnest laymen, determined to put the methods of the Laymen's Missionary Movement into operation. A Church Leader and Missionary Committee had already been selected.

The ladies of the Church were requested to serve a supper to which all the men should be invited. After supper, a few earnest speeches were made, and it was decided that the congregation would undertake the support of a married missionary.

Volunteers for an every-member canvassing committee were called for. Quite a number volunteered, and the pastor selected others to make a committee of twenty-eight men. An early meeting of this committee was called and the members divided into teams of two. A roll of all the male members was then called and as each name was read out, it was assigned to one of the teams on the basis of proximity of residence, business relations or some other special reason for access or influence. Canvassing cards were prepared, reading as follows: "Whereas St. Paul's Church has decided to support a missionary on the foreign field, I hereby pledge to that end —

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cents per week, over and above my regular assessment for ordinary Church and conference claims." Dr. Hughlett then selected and paired a large committee of lady canvassers and in like manner as with the men, listed the women of the Church on the basis of easy access.

A meeting of all the canvassers was held once a week for the purpose of reporting progress and comparing experiences.

At the assembling of the Annual Conference, three meetings had been held. Eighty-one cards had been signed up for amounts aggregating \$403 per annum. Dr. Hughlett reported that there were more than two hundred and fifty yet to hear from, and expressed great confidence that when the canvass shall be completed, more than one thousand dollars per annum will have been subscribed.

Dr. Hughlett said that when the plan was first proposed there was much disapproval and some open opposition, but that this had entirely disappeared. He said there had come to the congregation a marked spiritual uplift that had been felt in the financial and all other departments of their Church life.

Parkersburg is not the only place in the West Virginia Conference that has felt the touch of the Laymen's Missionary Movement. We shall soon hear more of the splendid achievement of U. V. W. Darlington and the laymen of Huntington. This charge has already sent a check of \$1,000 to the board, and there is more to come. Under the efficient leadership of Levin Smith, the movement is well advanced. Though a busy business man, he still manages to keep a strong, steady hand on the work. Under pressure, he takes the conference leadership for another year and S. P. Bell was elected vice-leader.

What a noble lot of men these Western Virginia preachers and laymen are—big of body, big of brain and warm of heart. I wish the Church at large knew them better and was more alive to the grand opportunity West Virginia offers for an investment that would soon yield dividends of incalculable value.

Dodd-Sheats.—At the residence of the bride's father, September 18, 1910, Mr. B. H. Dodd and Miss Lauria Sheats, Rev. G. M. Massey officiating.

The righteous also shall hold on his way, and he that hath clean hands shall be stronger and stronger.—Job 17:9.

Seek ye the Lord while He may be found, call ye upon Him while He is near.—Isa. 55:6.

A FOOD DRINK

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"Then I tasted it critically, for I had tried many 'substitutes' for coffee. I was pleased, yes, satisfied, with my Postum in taste and effect, and am yet, being a constant user of it all these years."

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Notes From the Field

Bonita.

Having already given the results of the Bonita meeting, I now wish to mention four other meetings on this charge. The meeting at Prairie View was to all appearances a failure, so far as conversions were concerned, there being only one conversion. Our next meeting was at Liberty Chapel. There we had sixteen conversions and a great spiritual uplift to the Church. Our next meeting was at Sandy Mound. This meeting was a victory, resulting in five conversions; besides, the Church had a great spiritual uplift. The last meeting was at Duxbury. This meeting was the crowning victory of all our meetings yet held; twenty-two conversions, besides far-reaching good to the entire community. So far we have had some sixty-odd conversions this year, quite a number of reclamations; have baptized ten infants in all. I have worked hard this year, but will close out badly dissatisfied with my year's work. God have mercy on us preachers. What awful responsibilities are resting on us!—W. A. Johnson, Oct. 1.

Buffalo Gap.

I began my meeting at the above-named place Friday night before the fourth Sunday in September, running over the first Sunday. Rev. J. M. Bond, from Weatherford, Texas, did the preaching, and to say it was done well does not express it, for he held the congregation spell-bound with humor and his deep explanation of the Bible, denouncing sin in every phase, sometimes shouting and crying. Methodism will not suffer in his hands. We are 50 per cent better off by his coming. We believe he has erased some very erroneous doctrine from our midst. The result: Four conversions and nine additions and the Church wonderfully built up. We gave Bro. Bond thirty dollars as a free-will offering. Bro. Connor, from Abilene, did the singing and it was done well. We had Bro. Wood also on the last two days who helped in the singing, and gave the Sunday-school a fine lecture. All told we are on top, having held eight meetings this year, 35-odd conversions and 61 additions and more to follow. Several on profession of faith, we have not had the success for which we have prayed. We have tried to do our best. Will soon be ready to go to conference and make the report "a good year, Bishop."—C. M. Myers, Oct. 2.

Paris.

Well, the great meeting at Lamar Avenue Church has closed and it was without doubt the greatest in the history of the Church in the number of conversions and depth of work done. We had two evangelists, Bro. B. Andrews and Lovie P. Law, with their singer, Prof. Houston, and Mrs. Law, one of the finest soloists I ever heard. The big tent, 60x100, with a seating capacity of two thousand people was crowded to the limits, and in several services chairs were placed around it and the streets were filled with people. The choir had a large specially constructed platform, with raised tiers of seats with accommodations for a hundred people, and it was used every night except one or two and the singing was absolutely soul-stirring. It is useless to say how well Bro. Andrews can preach as almost every preacher in Texas has heard him and thousands of the latter. He handles sin without gloves and made the dancers, card players, boozers, cussers and "sawdust gang" see themselves somewhat as they will when they stand before the searching gaze of God in the judgment. Bro. Law is a man who hits sin straight from the shoulder and buds a fire under the old cold bench warmers that claim to be saved but are not anxious

for anyone else to be. If you have a cold, worldly Church I believe he is as good help as you can get anywhere. He held services either day or night at the tent by the side of Bro. Andrews, sometimes one would preach and sometimes the other and besides that Bro. Law held services in the factories, stores and other places where the employees could be gotten together for a short noon service and did great good. We had between 125 and 130 conversions, reclamations and nearly all of them joined some Church, most of them coming to Lamar Avenue or will join shortly. Some went to the other Methodist Churches and some to other denominations. I already have a fifty per cent increase in membership this year at Lamar Avenue Church and hope to be able to report seventy-five per cent this coming conference, with about \$5000 raised for all purposes. We give God the praise for it all.—J. H. Griffin.

Fulshear.

We are glad to report that everything is moving smoothly on the Fulshear and Brookside charges. All but every dollar of the conference collections is already in hand; some claims overpaid. Have sent about \$10 above our assessment to the Orphanage, several on profession of faith, preparing for rally day. The attendance during the summer months has been good. We are planning to build a new Church at Patterson, with several Sunday-school rooms, Sunday-school auditorium, a church that will accommodate our people for years to come. Hope to be in the new church early next year. People have been exceedingly kind to us, especially in looking after the needs of the children. May God bless and reward those who have ministered to our needs. Miss Cora Posey, of Indian Creek, was with us last week, looking after the Woman's Foreign Missionary Society. She organized two societies with a total membership of twenty-two; there are several more yet who will join. Miss Posey's visit will prove a benediction to any charge. We have had quite a number of accessions to the Church; several on profession of faith. Yet we have not had the success for which we have prayed. We have tried to do our best. Will soon be ready to go to conference and make the report "a good year, Bishop."—C. M. Myers, Oct. 2.

Stockdale Circuit.

I am closing my second year on this charge, and expect to close it with a good report. We began our summer revival meetings July 8 at Sunny Side and continued ten days. Almost from the beginning the convicting and converting power of the Lord came down, and the fourth night the altar was full of seekers, and many stayed until midnight, and near that hour several times praying, singing, shouting and being converted. The Church was greatly renewed in spiritual strength. It was truly a great meeting. Some said it was the greatest in the history of the community. Forty-one were converted, and twenty-two joined the Methodist Church. Brother F. B. Sumners, our pastor at Smithville, Texas, did the preaching, and it was done well. He is one of God's called, full of the Holy Ghost and power, kind, brotherly and considerate; was once a "beloved," and would not be out of his place there again. Our next meeting began at Caddo July 21. Brother R. S. Collier, of Stockdale, was with us and did the preaching, which took hold of both saint and sinner, and we had a splendid meeting in the name of the Lord. There were twenty-two conversions and twenty joined our Church. After this Collier and I conducted an eight-day meeting at Electo, another

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point on this charge, beginning August 7. While several things formed a tide against a great revival there in so short a time, the meeting was a blessing to the community. Some differences between brethren were adjusted, a goodly number renewed in religious experience and one joined the Church. As in other sections, there are many things in this country to militate against the progress of the true kingdom, but by the power of the King we have had a measure of success this year.—N. W. Carter.

Hising Star.

On July 17 we began one of the most successful meetings in this place that has ever been held. On Thursday Brother D. L. Coale came to us and preached for eleven days with great success. There were conversions at almost every service until there were about forty conversions and a large number of reclamations. We added as a result of the meeting about thirty members to the Church. After two months have passed we can say for Brother Coale's work that it still abides. Our Sunday-school is doing fine work, and we are making October a rally month, and expect to have a larger attendance this month than we have ever had. We are supporting our missionary in Mexico right along, and the school is well pleased with the idea, and we believe that they will accept the plan as a permanent one. Our school has made a good advance all along all lines this year. Our Home Mission Society is doing fine work, and are receiving new members at nearly every meeting. They will observe the Week of prayer with proper programs next week, and, of course, will have large results from their meetings. Our Epworth League are doing good work. Our Seniors had a severe drain when fifteen of our Leaguers left to attend school, and to teach, but are moving right along and will soon regain others to take their places. We look forward to the time when these shall return with renewed life and energy to make our League a larger success. Our prayer meetings are well attended, and we believe that we have as large a number of testimonies as any Church. All in all, we are moving along nicely, and expect to make a good report at conference.—R. W. Nation, Oct. 1.

Weatherford.

We are having great meeting. More than one thousand present on yesterday. Many are turning unto God. Success to the brethren.—Ernest E. Robinson, Oct. 2.

Bryson.

We are still over on the Bryson work, with all of our meetings over, our meeting at Bryson was in every way first class. The Lord was with us and gave us nineteen conversions and twenty-two additions to the Church. The Church was spiritually uplifted. The faithful services of Revs. McCloud, Lipscomb, Sampley, Caldwell and Clayton are to be commended. The pastor did all of the preaching, and the singing and prayer service work, under the direction of Rev. William Oliver, made the meeting a benedict to the town of Bryson. We are, indeed, glad that the parents of our work are having their children baptized already we have consecrated seventeen. The other meetings, at Jennette and Jernyn, were very good under the circumstances. At Jernyn a movement is looking toward the building of a Church. Our people are, indeed, anxious to be the first on the ground to build. We have all of our conference claims; salary not all up yet, but hope by the fourth round that this will be in hand. Our membership has made a net increase of twenty-five members. The Woman's Home Mission Society has made it possible for the pastor and Sunday-school superintendent and two other brethren to paint the parsonage, which adds much to its appearance. We serve a loyal people. We hope to have a new parsonage, also new churches at Jernyn and Jennette before the Bishop desires us to pack our goods to another place. We hope another year

that the outlying territory near our point will be reclaimed and two new charges be the result. I must not forget to state that our wide-awake Sunday-school superintendent, Brother W. L. Criswell, has put enthusiasm and interest in the Sunday-school, and it is a go. Average attendance for the first part of this year was 100, out of an enrollment of 145. The teachers' meeting is something worthy of attendance. Our people are catching the idea that reading makes a ready man. May God's blessings be with our work.—L. D. Shawver, Sept. 30.

Graham.

Bro. D. L. Coale has just closed a most successful meeting, said to be the best revival Graham has ever had. Immense crowds attended both services, the morning congregations taxing the capacity of our church. The evening services were held under a large tent. The meeting was just taking hold of the town when for the future. The W. H. M. Society has more than doubled its membership; almost every woman in the Church is a member. Our Sunday-school had 362 present last Sunday. Brother Coale's work is of the very highest type, and is going to abide. He helps a pastor. The preacher had the very best sounding in all his life a few nights ago. Our people know how to do the thing well when they do pound their preacher.—F. E. Singleton, Sept. 28.

Paducah.

We are winding out our third year at Paducah. While there are some things that we would have had different if we had had our way, yet the entire three years have been pleasant and profitable ones. Our town having grown so fast for the last eighteen months, it has been impossible to keep the spiritual tide to where we would have liked it. Our meeting this year was conducted by Rev. C. M. Shuller, of Olney. And let us say just here: He did some of the strongest preaching we have ever heard. Brother Shuller is truly a consecrated man, an able preacher and his messages have not lost the power of the old-time religion. We have received more than one hundred this year, and all the claims of the Church will be met in full. We thank God for the success of the year, take courage and press forward.—J. B. McCarley, Sept. 27.

Hamlin.

Have spent a little more than ten months in this new and growing town. So far we have had a most delightful year. These good people have endured the preacher and his performances with patience and good humor. They are a splendid lot, both in municipal and ecclesiastical matters, and would make a normal man love them even if he did not want to. The rainfall has been very scant in this section during the past two years, but still we are hopeful and happy. Some progress has been made this year in Church matters. New furniture has been placed in our church and many other things done. Peace and harmony have prevailed all the year, and new members have been coming in all along. But the greatest event of the Church year in Hamlin was a great revival which closed four weeks ago last Sunday. Rev. J. M. Bass and Prof. G. W. Stapleton, of Macon, Ga., came to us and spent two and a half weeks preaching and singing and leading in such a revival as had never been seen here before. Hundreds of people were converted or reclaimed, and 135 names were given for membership in the Churches of the town, our own Church receiving seventy-eight members. In all I have received 145 members into our congregation since I came here last November. I think Brothers Bass and Stapleton by far the best all-round evangelistic team it has been my

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privilege to labor with. They do not hold the meeting; they help the pastor to do so. Their coming to us has proven an unspeakable blessing to me and to our Church in this section. I did not write this immediately on the close of the meeting, but waited a month to allow my enthusiasm to cool, and I can say that it was one of the most remarkable meetings I have ever seen in a ministry of twenty years. We are expecting a great Annual Conference to be developed out in this Western country. Come and see us.—W. H. Terry, Sept. 27.

Cross Plains.

I have done a very hard year's work. I have had some of the most difficult things to contend with that I ever had in my life, but by the assistance of divine grace, we have gained the victory over sin. We have had up to date forty-five conversions, fully that many reclamations, forty-two accessions to the Church and more to follow. One more meeting to hold yet. We have had some very hard battles to fight, but God has given us strength and victory. Rev. R. D. Steward, of Clyde, assisted me at Cross Plains (my first meeting). He did some very fine preaching. Brother W. J. Lee, of Baird, assisted me at Burnt Branch. His preaching was certainly fine. He preached one of the best sermons on "Christian Perfection" that I ever heard or read. It ought to be printed in pamphlet form and read by every one. Rev. T. C. Willet, of Post City, assisted at Dressy. Willet will measure four square every way. He is one of my preacher boys. I preached to him ten years before his conversion; took him into the Church. We had a great revival; twenty-five or thirty conversions; twenty joined the Church with more to follow. Brother Hollers, one of my strong laymen from Cross Plains, assisted me at Gilliland. Brother Odum stood close by me at Cottonwood. There we had the assistance of a very fine singer from Clyde, Brother W. S. Jones. A good meeting; eight accessions to the Church, eleven or twelve conversions and many reclamations. Cottonwood has some of the best women I ever saw; a good man occasionally. The good ladies made this scribe feel little and feel big by fixing him up for conference with a nice suit of clothes, for which we are still saying: "Many thanks." Our conference collections will all be rounded out in full. Preacher's salary will be paid in full. We give God all the glory.—T. H. Davis.

Memphis.

Everything rounding out nicely for conference. Have had a splendid year. Have been in our new church since the last of April. Our work has gone forward rapidly since we moved into it. Have best Sunday-school (organized on modern plans) and Epworth Leagues we have ever had. All other branches of Church work have taken on new life since we got into new quarters.—R. B. Bonner, Sept. 28.

Dexter, N. M.

We have just had a week of good revival services, conducted by Brother George R. Ray, of Artesia, assisted by Brother John Russell, who looked after the musical and singing part of the services. Brother Ray's preaching is characterized by its vigorous earnestness, with a zealous passion for souls. His practical addresses in the afternoons of each day to Christian workers were stimulative to their faith, his sermons at the night services aroused the interest of all by the grand old Gospel of repentance toward God and faith in the Lord Jesus Christ, was urged as the only means of salvation. On Saturday afternoon a children's meeting was held, during which about thirty evidenced their desire to become Christians and to join some Church as members. On Sunday there were three meetings held, all well attended. One member was received by letter and one by baptism. The success of the week's meetings was largely due to the able work and delight-ful singing of Brother Russell, who displayed great genius in the way he managed the part of the services committed to him. Dexter Methodists have never had a young man who so completely captured the congregation as Brother Russell has done. Our great

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regret is that we could not continue the meetings for a longer period, but we hope to renew the services at some not distant future.—W. S. Huggett.

A GREAT DAY AT VERNON.

Never in the history of this Church or town has expectancy and joy run higher than on September 25, 1910. Our new thirty-thousand-dollar church was to be opened for service by Bishop James Atkins. Before 9 o'clock many people could be seen going to the church for Sunday-school which is presided over by Bro. L. G. Hawkins, one of the best superintendents in Texas. Before 11 o'clock a great audience had assembled, but they continued to come until chairs had to be put in all available space yet the spacious auditorium accommodated all that came. There must have been 1250 people present.

After the introductory song of praise the Bishop announced the hymn, "Some Thou Almighty King," which was sung with great joy. The text of the Bishop was significant and from the very first his utterances were strong and forceful. But as he proceeded, we more and more realized that in a masterful way he was dealing out the great things of God to us. The spirit of the Lord was upon the people and it was good to be present.

At 4 p. m. Mrs. Johnson, of our Mission Home and Training School of Dallas, spoke to the women and it was a profitable occasion.

At the evening hour Rev. J. G. Miller, presiding elder of the Clarendon District, preached to a large audience on the subject of fruit-bearing, which was instructive and enjoyed by the people. This closed a great day with Vernon Methodism.

On Friday evening before this the Home Mission Society gave a banquet to the men of the Church in honor of the Bishop and presiding elders. Bishop Atkins failed to arrive because of missing connections. We were all sorry, but we had a great time. All the elders of our new conference were present with about 80 of our own men. After partaking of many good things then came the toasts. Rev. J. H. Stewart, presiding elder of the Vernon District, acted as toastmaster and it was well done.

After more than one hour's entertainment, we were forced to close because of the lateness of the hour. The good women came in for their share of praise and thanks for the sumptuous spread and for the delightful manner in which it was executed.

Let me say that this whole affair starts a new era in Methodism at Vernon.

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Our people are loyal and aggressive and we are happy together. We are now looking toward the closing out of a great year; more than 80 additions to date. We thank God and press forward to greater things.

A. L. MOORE.

BREEZES FROM CLARENDON.

Everything in our progressive and wide-awake little "Belle of the Panhandle," as Clarendon has been called, is just lovely and full of inspiration.

President Slover, his excellent faculty and all Clarendon have been bubbling over with joy and much enthusiasm on account of the presence of one of the finest classes of young men and young women ever entering the halls of Clarendon College.

The young men and young ladies have come from all parts of the country to this literary Mecca of the Panhandle, and we can truthfully say that we have never had a better, more teachable and a more receptive set of boys and girls than those who are now on College Hill.

This large and attractive presence of young manhood and womanhood coming to Clarendon College for education has infused such life, sap and vitality into the President and the members of the faculty that, as Milton would put it, they have been full of linked music long drawn out, ever since the college opened in September.

Our information is that Clarendon college has opened with a hundred pupils more than any other school of like character in the Panhandle, and still the boys and girls keep coming nearly every day from all sections of the country.

The basement of the college has been fitted up in splendid style for the chemical and physical laboratories, and these departments are now well equipped for doing good, first-class college work.

Every member of the old faculty, with the exception of one, is back and at his post, ready to do the best year's work of his life; and this speaks well for the stability and the permanence of things connected with the teaching force of Clarendon College.

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CORRECTING A CORRECTION AND ELSE.

Recently a note appeared in the Advocate over my cognomen giving a brief outline of my year's work. By some mischance a punctuation mark was lost in the printshop, which omission made me to say my presiding elder did some of the best singing in my meetings that I ever heard. Such an impression ought to be throttled in its incipency. So in justice both to some of the best singers who ever hymned an old-time melody and to my beloved also it becomes my duty to appear again. My elder feels worried over the situation, knowing that he will be deluged with letters asking his services as leader of gospel songs. While all the well informed know that from this time to the close of the year no presiding elder has either time or inclination for singing. Most of them have even doubtless forgotten the music to that old hymn, "What Peaceful Hours I Once Enjoyed."

And now, while I have the floor: The dry weather and political and other agitations have not entirely sapped the spiritual life of the old Bonham District. We are generally coming up with everything in full and a good revival to report. Many have been the additions of membership and the good people in our part of the vineyard have not entirely forgotten how to shout.

Methodism is well in the lead in Fannin County, and her claims are listened to by as intelligent a people as is known to our commonwealth. Some of our neighbors still believe that the "baptizo" is a diphthong, and one good brother said he believed in the doctrine of the "baptizo de duck-um." But notwithstanding these great arguments Methodism is steadily growing.

And, again, our Church is in the hands of a loyal priesthood up here. Present company excepted, our ministry in these parts is well able to cope with sin in all its phases and disputings in all its meanderings. So the good work goes on.

From the time of first ripe fruit until the harvest there is an indescribable feeling which sometimes touches the heart of the itinerant which none but he can feel. It is not anxiety, nor ambition, nor fear, nor sentiment. No band of men with raps or grips or memory of words not to be spoken "in any other manner" ever loved one another like the faithful itinerant loves his fellow. And then there are his faithful people and his own family and his work. So when all this is on his heart in the fall of the year, "he sees visions and dreams dreams no mortal ever dared to dream before."

The preacher's multitude of duties calls to mind an impression this preacher's sermon once had on a good old sister who said the foundation of the thing was lost in the trimmings. She called it homiletic hash. When I asked if it was good, she remarked that she had been taught to eat, asking no questions for conscience' sake. She said, however, that an analysis would doubtless reveal a narcotic of the somnific variety.

An immersion pastor was once preaching on the subject of baptism when a gentleman touched his neighbor and said, "That sermon wouldn't live fifteen minutes out of water." So if any of the brethren have sermons, new or old, that they can guarantee to live in or out of water, and will produce immediate results, write me, giving terms.

WALTER DOUGLASS.

REV. C. J. OXLEY SICK.

Many of the members of the Texas Conference know that Brother Oxley has been in failing health much of this year, so much so that he has frequently gone and done his work, when others of less energy and courage would have been in bed. He is now in bed in the hospital in Houston, and will be under the care of a physician for sometime, and it looks like he will have to cancel all his engagements till the Annual Conference.

But he has gone as long as he can and has done faithful and efficient work, but the assessment made for his support has not yet been paid. To date five or six hundred dollars of his salary is unpaid. He has had to borrow money at the bank to keep going, and a note falls due in a very few days. This note must be met, and I urge every pastor who has not done so to send the Sunday-school assessment against his charge to Dr. T. F. Cox, at Prehnam, Treasurer of the Sunday-school Board. "Do it now! A brother is sick and in need.

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### THE LIBERIAN REPUBLIC A FAILURE.

Liberia is a country of which little is known generally. It is in the west of Africa, has about 400 miles sea coast, and is about 6 degrees west longitude, and near the equator. Monrovia is the capital, with about 6000. The country was made a possible free government by the American Colonization Society in 1822. It was organized by and for free negroes sent over for that purpose. It became independent in 1847. It has about 15,000 square miles of territory. The coast is very low and flat, but there is much rich soil and native resources. Tropical products abound. There is a President and Congress much like our own. The government is in great distress, its discipline practically a failure, its finances are in a hopeless tangle, and the whole experiment seems to have proven itself incapable of successful autonomy. The United States has shown itself willing to assist the country founded by a society of our people, and the result will probably be the taking over of complete control of the country by our Government.

### THE COLDEST PLACE ON EARTH.

Many persons naturally associate with the north pole the coldest place on earth. This is a great mistake. Instead, it is right near the equator. By experiment with a balloon near the equator in Africa a register of 119 below zero Fahrenheit scale was obtained at an elevation of twelve miles. This is not touching the earth. It was in the vicinity of Victoria Nyanza, in Africa.

### THE STRATOSPHERE.

This is the name given to the region of atmosphere overlying the coldest height in our atmosphere. About ten years ago a Frenchman, Reissere de Bort, discovered that supposed upon our atmosphere or in our atmosphere at a certain temperature which is the maximum coldness for this earth was and is an isothermal layer of atmosphere or ether, and that therefore the old theory is exploded that the higher we ascend the colder we find the region. Beyond this variable elevation there is an isothermal surface just as there are isothermal lines at varying degrees of latitude above the equator north or south. This altitude is rather less at the poles than elsewhere.

### THE KING'S OATH.

Recently the King's oath in England has been so remodeled and expurgated that it now resembles not even remotely the old oath taken by all former Kings. The old oath require the King to swear, among other things, that he believed the bread in the sacrament became part of the body of the persons taking the sacrament, and the wine became part of his blood, all through what is known as transubstantiation. All this and much else has been omitted, and the King now has only to swear that he is a faithful member of the Protestant Church as established in England and that he

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### THE OLDEST MUMMY.

An Egyptian mummy has recently been placed in the Royal College of Surgeons, in London, that is the remains of an individual living in the 28th century before Christ. This is the oldest known mummy. The art of embalming had its origin in a queer way. When people were buried their tombs were often desecrated and robbed. But these burials were in shallow graves in the ground. The placing of dead bodies in the dry sand thus near the surface often resulted in the preservation of the body. From these conditions the practice came into vogue of burying in tombs in solid rock. But the bodies here again decayed. The attempt to prevent robbing of graves was thus unsuccessful. From these ideas began the art of preserving bodies by embalming.

### THE WHOLE CHEESE.

By many times the largest cheese ever made in this world was that made at Appleton, Wis., in 1910. It was made for the National Dairy Show in Chicago. It was fifteen feet in diameter, or about fifty feet in circumference, and as tall as the average woman. It weighed four thousand pounds.

### FIRST ARTIFICIAL ICE.

Five hundred years ago in Italy many experiments were made to manufacture ice by artificial means. None of these experiments was successful. In England about two hundred years ago efforts were made to produce ice by the use of the air pump. Whatever success may have attended any of these and prior efforts, there was no commercial value to them. Just a little over a hundred years ago a man invented a freezing mixture that was somewhat successful, but it was expensive. In 1824 an American got a patent on a freezing mixture, using ether and brine, and this was an advance over all previous methods. The present methods have made ice-making comparatively easy, and the product a great commercial value.

### BUSY MEN WHO WORK IN THE SUNDAY SCHOOL.

International Sunday School Workers delight in naming a long list of great men, most of whom are loaded with a multitude of cares, but who make Sunday-school work a matter of first importance. Dr. G. W. Bailey recently gave out the following, which is worth preserving to quote to the man who thinks he has no time for the Sunday School.

Six of these men are W. N. Hartshorn, publisher of the "Modern Priscilla," Boston; E. K. Warren, of the Warren Featherbone Co., Three Oaks, Michigan; F. A. Wells, of the Wells Brothers Construction Company, Chicago; Dr. George W. Bailey, capitalist, of Philadelphia; H. J. Heinz, the Pittsburg manufacturer, and Frank L. Brown, of Brooklyn.

Every one of these men served his apprenticeship for doing effective Sunday-school work by triumphing over obstacles before which many men would have fallen never to be heard from again.

Mr. Hartshorn, for instance, who is a member of the executive committee of the World's Association, was a difficult youth, troubled with an impediment in speech. When he began to make his own way in the world he took the agency for an engraving to be sold from door to door. Friends laughed at him. How could he succeed as an agent when he could not even talk fluently? He solved the difficulty by preparing a card on which he wrote out clearly and briefly the story he wanted to tell. By means of that card, backed by indomitable will, he made a success of this early effort. To-day he treasures the card that took the place of a voice.

The same determination led him to conquer his hesitancy in speech. So when he was clerk in a store in a little town in the West, he began to practice self-taught exercises. At his boardinghouse he met the pastor of one of the local churches who owned that he was troubled exactly as was young Hartshorn. The two stammers became partners in the struggle to overcome. Night after night they

met in the little church and practiced so faithfully that they soon had their desire—they could speak without embarrassment. Those who heard Mr. Hartshorn at the great Washington convention, will find it difficult to believe this story of his struggles.

Fred A. Wells, the treasurer of the World's Sunday School Association, began life thirty years ago as timekeeper in a Chicago packing house. His employer was at first suspicious that the timekeeper was too young for the responsible place, so, for a time, the business man stood at the bars as the men passed out, asking them, one by one, how much time they had made that week; but when he found that the answer in every instance tallied with the records kept by his eighteen-year-old employe, he had nothing more to say. And when, a few years later, that timekeeper, who planned to marry on \$75 a month, asked him for a loan of \$2,400 with which to buy a home, the request was unhesitatingly granted. In time the loan was paid off, and Mr. Wells owned his own house and lot—the very lot in Englewood, Chicago, on which his much more commodious home now stands.

In 1885 he went into the building business in a very small way, beginning as a bricklayer. To-day he is partner in a company which has, in the last fifteen years, constructed buildings at a total cost of \$10,000,000. His company was the pioneer in the use of concrete foundations for steel office buildings.

Dr. George W. Bailey, the chairman of the executive committee of the World's Sunday School Association, is a farmer's son who earned money for his medical course by teaching school at the magnificent salary of three cents per day per pupil, and—in vacation—by working as a day laborer, digging ditches, mending meadow banks and cutting wood.

H. J. Heinz, member of the executive committee of the World's Sunday School Association, when eighteen years old, began the growing of horse radish, which he grated and marketed. Little by little his business and his fortune grew, and always he has been eager to give his time to Sunday School work. Not merely hours, but sometimes days and even weeks, are devoted to the interests of the Association. Early in March, 1908, the central committee of the World's Convention, American section, met in Pittsburg. All the members were guests of Mr. Heinz in his home, where the meetings were held. For days the manufacturer paid no attention to his vast business interests. He might have been in China, for all his associates saw of him. "We are unable to say when Mr. Heinz will be in," the answer was given to more than one inquirer. "He is busy at his home."

Frank L. Brown was long a successful business man who built up the Bushwick Avenue Sunday School until it is the largest in America. Freely he gave days of his time to the Sunday School work. At last, several years ago, he closed up his business and began to give his entire time to Sunday School work. The profits from the business the year following his retirement were, it is said, \$50,000. In 1907 he visited Japan, China, and Korea for the World's Association, preparing the ground for Sunday schools in those countries. It is just because these men and their associates are determined that no effort shall be spared to make the world-wide Sunday School work a growing, developing, accelerating work, and because they are able to inspire millions of others to work with them, that the sixth World's Sunday School convention will be an epoch-making gathering. The year 1910 will see great political and social gatherings, but it will not see another convention of import as deep or possibilities as immense.

### THE CHILD.

Let us labor for our children. "Oh such is the Kingdom of Heaven." They themselves and adults who are like them—receptive, teachable, not resisting the inward motions, willing to be led, in sympathy with the ways and spirit of Christ—all belong to the kingdom of heaven. They are not fully matured saints. They have not "resisted unto death striving strong against sin." But they are in the arms of Christ or getting as close as possible to Christ. They choose and love and take pleasure in him. That is "child religion." The Spirit

of God is in and at the root of it. It is not "nature" according to the tough old theory. It is "grace." Every child has it.

You tell a certain type of itinerant evangelists to "let that child alone." Keep the hands of undiscriminating, sentimental, sensational "evangelism" from fingering, fussing with, labelling and counting these tender plants in the garden of our God. No, don't "have patience" with such rude intermeddlers. Rebuke them in the name of the Master. Let parents and pastors and Sunday-school teachers and the wisest women of the Church take these children in hand and learn the exquisite art of letting them alone a great deal. A child's fears may be easily excited, its sympathies awakened, and almost any sort of response secured. And scores of children can be led "to the altar" or persuaded to "rise for prayers," or to "meet our dear brother the evangelist in the inquiry-room." And the counting, when it can include children, will make splendid numerical gains to be announced as results of the "remarkable work of grace just closing on Numberville circuit."

Put a stop to all this. And do it in such prompt and emphatic fashion that our superficial and emotional invader will think that he has himself come to the halter. Of course, I discriminate between evangelists and evangelists!

And while you prevent the abuse of sensitive childhood by both honest and dishonest exploiters of religious awakenings, see to it that with all wisdom, diligence and fidelity this same young life is sought, studied, instructed and safe-guarded in the interest of a real, rational and radical religious life.

1. As a pastor, know every child in your Church. Have its name in the little vest-pocket-book that you carry over your heart. Have the little ones of your fold in your heart. Think about them. Visit them. Talk in wise and winsome fashion to them. Assume that they are lambs of Christ's fold. So record them. So train them. Develop conscience in them, a sense of responsibility and a perfect faith in the love of God for them. And do it 365 days every year. So do it that you need not speak often about it to them, but let the very sight of you suggest it.

2. As a pastor work with their parents in the same interest. Put on parents a sense of responsibility for home religion, family prayer, Christian example and the compulsory attendance of children at the Church service.

3. As a pastor, prevent the false theory that "the Sunday-school is the children's Church." If youngsters can go to but one place on Sunday—public service or Sunday-school—let it be to the public service.

4. As a pastor, make the public service short and attractive. One hour is usually long enough for a public service. There are exceptions. Make them rare. Better have shorter services—less cho'r display, fewer "artistic anthems, shorter public prayers and short sermons, packing an hour's thought into thirty minutes. Of course, you may make exceptions.

5. As a pastor, hold special services for children. Teach them everyday ethics. Teach to children the sublime doctrines of the gospel—all of them that you think of spiritual value to an average adult. Do all this teaching in a natural tone, avoiding pathos and the "tremulous" voice. Be sane and simple and sincere, and don't let a child fancy that you are more interested in his real welfare for one month, one week or one day of the year than you are for the whole of the year. Periodical piety is a poor thing to exploit.—Bishop Vincent, in Central Christian Advocate.

If any of you lack wisdom, let him ask of God, that giveth to all men liberally, and upbraideth not; and it shall be given him.—James 1:5

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# SUNDAY SCHOOL ITEMS

REV. V. A. GODBEY, Editor, Austin, Texas.

All communications intended for this department should be sent to the above address.

## AN APPRECIATED COMPLIMENT.

Dr. E. B. Chappell, Sunday-school Editor, evidently reads the Church papers and keeps his eye on the work done in behalf of the Sunday-schools. In the October Magazine he pays the papers mentioned the following much appreciated compliment:

A number of our conference organs have introduced a regular Sunday-school department—a department not for the treatment of the Sunday-school lessons, but for the discussion of Sunday-school problems and the giving of Sunday-school news. In some instances a trained Sunday-school worker has been put in charge of the Sunday-school page. Rev. V. A. Godbey, in the Texas Christian Advocate; Rev. G. S. Roberts, in the Florida Christian Advocate, and Rev. W. J. Moore, in the Western Methodist, are furnishing items that fairly sparkle.

The editor of the Nashville Christian Advocate is authority for the statement that the Western Virginia Conference has a larger number of Sunday-school scholars than of church members.

Do not fail to read the articles in the Sunday-school Magazine for October. Sunday-school teachers in the Intermediate Department and all superintendents especially are requested to read the article by Milton S. Littlefield on the Intermediate Graded Lessons. The writer has carefully examined this literature, and is using it in the Sunday-school in his church, and to say he is pleased with the graded lessons is to put it mildly.

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## AN INTERESTING INVESTIGATION.

The interest in methods of teaching in the Sunday-school by college men during recent years is a source of cheer and inspiration to those who are keeping up with the movement. The New York Christian Advocate recently published the following interesting item of news concerning Dr. Meyer, a widely known and trustworthy writer on Sunday-school topics:

"During the months of June, July and August of this year Dr. Henry H. Meyer, assistant editor of Sunday-school publications, has been engaged in a first-hand study of religious education in the public schools of Germany. Though the courtesy of the departments of education, at Washington and Berlin, Dr. Meyer obtained the necessary credentials, giving him free access to the different types of schools he desired to visit in various parts of the empire. His actual tour

of investigation covered the States of Prussia, Bremen, Saxony, Baden, Württemberg and Bavaria, including both the principal cities and typical smaller towns and villages. Personal conferences with clergymen, teachers, educational authorities and university professors, together with a careful examination of courses and text-books in religious education, supplemented the observation of class-room recitations. Dr. Meyer has returned full of enthusiasm for thoroughgoing, systematic religious instruction. He believes that in the matter of courses, text-books and methods, as well as in definiteness of aim and actual results achieved in religious education, America has much to learn from the fatherland of Luther. He is an enthusiastic advocate of the new Graded Lesson Courses for the Sunday-school, in the interests of which his summer tour of investigation was undertaken. In his work of visitation he was assisted by Mrs. Meyer, who undertook the visitation of the higher schools for girls, which in Germany are separate from those for boys."

## PASTOR'S DAY, OCTOBER 18.

The Methodist Pastors' Association of Dallas extends an invitation to the pastors of the State of Texas who expect to attend the Fair to select Oct. 18, and meet with us at the chapel of the Publishing House from nine-thirty to eleven a. m. to discuss matters of moment to the advancement of our Sunday-school interests.

J. M. PETERSON, President.  
D. K. Porter, Secretary.

To the Presiding Elders of the State of Texas:

You are cordially invited to visit the Dallas Fair and to come on Wednesday, Oct. 19, and meet with us from nine-thirty to eleven-thirty a. m. in the chapel of the Methodist Publishing House, where we will discuss important matters to Methodism, and the great movements now coming to us in the interest of our Sunday-school cause.

J. M. PETERSON,  
Presiding Elder, Dallas District.

## A SUNDAY-SCHOOL RALLY DAY.

On the fourth Sunday in August, we had a Sunday-school rally on the Fate Circuit. Bro. W. E. Hawkins was with us and gave us two excellent addresses. All who have heard him know that he is a most interesting speaker. He not only instructed and entertained us, but he also inspired us with a greater enthusiasm and zeal for doing Sunday-school work. We met with the Mount Zion Sunday-school. It sent out invitations to the other schools on the charge and promised to furnish dinner for the crowd, which promise it most faithfully kept and performed. The other schools were fairly well represented. We also had several visitors from Rockwall and Royse. There were a great many more present than could get into the house during the services. I must mention the music; it was par excellence. It was furnished by the Mt. Zion choir and orchestra, assisted by members of the Rockwall orchestra. The day was pleasantly and profitably spent and I believe the Sunday-school cause greatly helped in the parts.

J. H. SCRIMSHIRE.

## PROGRAM SUNDAY-SCHOOL INSTITUTE DURING DALLAS FAIR.

9:30 to 11:30 a. m. Chapel Methodist Publishing House, Monday, October 17, shake hands, get acquainted, ask questions.

### Tuesday, October 18.

Pastor.—9:30 a. m. Welcome, Rev. A. L. Andrews; response, Rev. E. Hightower, Waco; ask your question; have it answered.

### Wednesday, October 19.

Presiding Elders.

### Thursday, October 20.

Wesley Adult Bible Class. Teacher Training Classes. Every teacher or president of these two classes are cordially invited to meet with us at this time, and have an open discussion of our problems. We now have the new Wesley button and want you to get one for each member of your class.

### Friday, October 21.

Home Department.—We wish to

meet every home department superintendent in the State at this time and hear the good things you have to say, and to tell us how you succeeded.

### Saturday, October 22.

Every Department Day.—Will take up any question and give demonstration on any department. Will show you how to use blackboard, make out reports, open or close Sunday-school, etc.

### Monday, October 24.

Juniors.—We are arranging to have some of the superintendents of Juniors in our largest schools to lead us on this day, giving us their experience, and telling us how to organize this department.

We are also endeavoring to get a fine lecture of thirty minutes on the child life at this period. Elementary Council, Mrs. W. F. Barnum, Fort Worth; Elementary Child Life, Miss Moore, Denton, have been invited to attend and handle these subjects.

### Tuesday, October 25.

Primary and Beginners. (Two days.) Mrs. G. E. Cameron, Paris; Mrs. Walter Crow, Waxahachie; Mrs. C. A. Boaz, Fort Worth; Mrs. C. S. Field, Polytechnic, and many more have been invited to attend and participate. Exchange views—round table methods prevail.

### Wednesday, October 26.

Primary and Beginners. Mrs. Alex Woldert, Tyler; Mrs. W. A. Strain, Lancaster; Mrs. W. N. Wiggins, Dallas; Mrs. Jurani Shepherd, Ft. Worth, have been invited to be present on this date.

### Friday, October 28.

Superintendents.—Every superintendent in the state expected to come, and every one expected to say something. Our problems will be taken up, quick action taken, no long speeches, but will keep things moving. A big crowd coming. You cannot miss it. Please note changes in some dates from circular letter mailed out.

## HANDWORK IN THE SUNDAY-SCHOOL AND THE NEW GRADED LESSONS.

By Mrs. V. A. Godbey.

The new graded lessons are being used to a gratifying extent throughout Texas, and our Sunday-school people are recognizing the fact that "not what the child takes in, but what he gives out, determines character." Handwork is being used successfully as a means of enlisting the activities of the child, and the teacher's text books for each grade make the method of using handwork so plain that a little careful study will make it possible for any earnest teacher to do the work. The complaint is common among teachers of small children that they "have no tables, and no room to put them in if they had them, and therefore they can not do the work." I always answer, if you have a place for the child to sit, you can use the handwork. Simply distribute the paper and pencils, colored crayons or pictures to be pasted, and let the children turn around, and either standing or kneeling, use the bench or chairs for a table. Tube paste can be bought for 5 cents a tube and will last for months, and is neat and easily used. As to the expense of material that is used, paper for drawing, or pasting pictures, covers for books of handwork, etc., these may be made to cost almost nothing. Wrapping paper may be cut into sheets in a neat way and be used to good effect for covers. Wall paper of the solid tints makes beautiful effects. This may be purchased from odds and ends, left-over patterns and the like, at 10 cents a roll. One roll will make book covers for a whole school for a month or more, according to the size of the school and the amount of work done, but the expense is insignificant. The regular drawing paper, such as is used in day schools, is very cheap, and the art paper for covers may be bought for about 25 cents per pound from almost any printing company. If the supplies mentioned to be used as a cover for the books can not be obtained, the heavier wrapping paper will make a nice contrast, and with the addition of a pretty picture pasted on, and a colored border and title of the book, the effect will be quite pleasing. The book may be tied together with baby ribbon or embroidery silk or a bright color, which will help to make it artistic. The handwork for the older grades, the junior and intermediate departments, is to be done at home and examined at school. An occasional week-day meeting for the class with the teacher, to do extra map work, or to make a book, as the result of some extra memory work, has proven to be one of the best ways to encourage the pupil to become well

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acquainted and to provide social opportunities. These meetings may be held anywhere the teacher may deem it best. A complaint is made in some homes that there are no magazines or papers which can be given to the children to be cut to pieces, and so the children have no pictures to illustrate the thoughts in the book. This difficulty can be lessened if members of the congregation can be induced to bring their old magazines to Church with them and leave them for the use of the school. The advertisements furnish beautiful pictures and large letters, such as the pupils use in their illustrative handwork. I saw recently the advertisement of a piano company used to represent the first Christmas song, "Glory to God in the Highest." The pupil had cut away all letters and used water colors to intensify the beauty of the picture and better adapt it for the purpose.

The book on "Handwork in the Sunday-School," by Milton S. Littlefield, will solve any problem found in introducing manual methods, for he worked it out in an old-fashioned church, where they had no modern equipment. I am constrained to employ the missionary slogan, "We can do it if we will," and the later one, "We can do it, and we will."

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**JOINT BOARD OF PUBLICATION.**

The Joint Board of Publication of Texas Christian Advocate will meet at the Methodist Publishing House, 294 Commerce, Dallas, 10 a. m., October 11, 1910.  
J. W. HILL,  
President of Board.

**OFFICIAL NOTICE.**

The Board of Directors of the Methodist Orphanage will meet in annual session at the Orphanage in Waco, Wednesday, October 12, 2 p. m., 1910.  
B. R. BOLTON, President.

Rev. Jackson B. Cox, missionary in Mexico, is a very busy man. He is editor of the Mexican Evangelista, is presiding elder of a very large district and is in charge of all our property in that vast Republic. The Publisher and his companions while in the City of Mexico were shown many courtesies by Bro. Cox. He has been in that territory now for fifteen years, and is "native to the manor born." The Publisher knew him when he was a boy member of the West Texas Conference, some twenty-five years ago. At that time, without education, he was one of the most effective members of that conference. He was one of the charter members of the New Mexico Conference by virtue of being cut off in that territory when that conference was organized. After living on mesquite beans and prickly pear apples in that region for a few years he determined to enter Southwestern University, and from that institution he graduated in a few years with honors, and he did it on his own resources. He has won his spurs and is wearing them. He is well equipped, full of energy, with unblemished integrity and good, old-fashioned religion, and the Publisher rejoices, with his thousands of friends in Texas, in his success.

Let your speech be always with grace, seasoned with salt, that ye may know how ye ought to answer every man.—Col. 4:6.

**NOTES AND COMMENTS**

Rev. and Mrs. J. L. Pierce, of Commerce, Texas, have issued invitations to the marriage of their daughter, Miss Annie Eliza, to Mr. Willis D. Blaylock, the event to transpire October 10, 1910, and the First Methodist Church at Commerce will be the scene of the happy event. Mr. Blaylock is the second son of Mr. and Mrs. Louis Blaylock and is Vice-President of the Blaylock Publishing Co., and has been connected with the Advocate from boyhood; while Miss Pierce, the bride-elect, is the daughter of Rev. and Mrs. J. L. Pierce. Dr. Pierce is a member of the North Texas Conference and now in charge of the First Methodist Church in Commerce. Both families are conspicuous in Methodist circles and a large number of relatives and friends will join the young couple in hearty congratulations.

We occasionally receive letters from correspondents saying that they understand we are paying good prices for original poems and following up the statement with an offer to dispose of this character of literature at their market value. For quite a number of years we have had Dr. H. M. DuBose, late of the Epworth Era, as a committee of one to whom we have referred most of the original poems sent this office, since he is a poet by birth and training. But now that he has gone out of newspaper work, matter of this sort is accumulating upon us, and as a result, instead of being on the market in search of literary bargains of this kind, we have a sparkling stock from which we are willing to part at low rates. There is but little demand for original poetry at this season of the year. Maybe when the balmy springs again comes round, it will fetch better prices!

The American Bible Society has just added to its interesting list of version of the Scriptures in the languages of the North American Indians, a translation of the Book of Genesis and the Gospels of Mark into the languages of the Navajoes. This is the first translation of any part of the Bible into the language of these people, and it is quite a work of art. The version was prepared by the Rev. Leonard P. Brink, of Tohatchi, New Mexico.

Bishop Collins Denny is making full proof of his ministry as well as of his office as a Bishop. He has held the Missouri Conferences and given great satisfaction, according to reports; and now he is moving down on Oklahoma. We notice in the Western Methodist of last week that he has appointments scattered round over that State, one after another throughout many week days and nights. By the time he comes to the conference he will have a good idea of the work and of the men because of actual contact with both. Bishop Denny is more than fulfilling the expectations of the large majority of the members of the General Conference that voted for his elevation to that high office.

The pastor, Rev. A. E. Carraway, and his enterprising people at Hubbard City, are about to realize a dream of some years in the erection of a new and elegant house of worship. They have sold the old building, have adopted brand-new plans for the one to take its place, and they have in cash and good subscriptions an amount of \$16,500. The building when completed will cost not less than \$29,000. This is a commendable stroke of enterprise and it speaks well for the liberality and progressiveness of those people and their pastor. Work will soon begin and it will be pushed to completion. During the year there have been about seventy conversions and ninety additions to the Church.

So it will be seen that looking after the material side does not necessarily interfere with the spiritual work of a Church.

Rev. Jno. R. Nelson, D. D., after four strenuous years in the service of the Home Department of our General Board at Nashville, is now back in Texas and will take work this fall in the Central Texas Conference. He was placed in con- nectonal work by the Board because of his prodigious energy and enterprise and no man ever put forth larger effort in his appointed field of labor than did he during the time he was engaged. It was thought by a host of his friends at Asheville, N. C., that he was the man to succeed himself in that department and they were prepared to give him their undivided support for the position, but he concluded not to stand for re-election, and thus severed his connection with the Board. His old conference will welcome him back in its service, and the rest of his days will be spent in the fields he has known and served so well.

The death at ninety-eight is announced of Rev. Dr. Frew of St. Nialan's United Free Church, Stirling, Scotland. Dr. Frew began his life-work in 1835, eight years before the Disruption and twelve years before the union of the Secession and Relief Churches, which constituted the United Presbyterian Church. Although pastor of the same flock for over seventy-five years, he had yet served in three distinct denominations, the Relief, the United Presbyterian, and the United Free—a record without parallel north of the Tweed.

Rev. Jno. Anderson, of San Marcos, writes us that the first week of the opening for Coronal Institute is very gratifying indeed. The student body is of the best type and the faculty are all in place. The boarding department is full and Rev. Sterling Fisher, the efficient principal and his teaching force, are greatly encouraged. We have no better school than Coronal Institute, and for many years it has occupied a place of prominence and importance in our educational work.

We are sorry to hear of the death of the good wife of Rev. J. Wesley Smith, of Jefferson City, Mo. Dr. Smith was a member of the North Texas Conference for two or three years sometime back and he is well remembered by the brethren. He was pastor of the Church at Wichita Falls and also at South Ervay, this city. Mrs. Smith had a long and tedious illness, but died triumphantly. Her friends throughout this section will feel a sense of deep sorrow when they read these lines.

Rev. H. D. Knickerbocker and his people at First Church, Fort Worth, are in a happy mood. Last Sunday the enterprising pastor announced that the last dollar of the debt on the splendid Church had been canceled, and that Bishop E. D. Mouzon would dedicate the building, Sunday, October 9. No man in Southern Methodism has done a more magnificent work the past quadrennium than Rev. H. D. Knickerbocker. Such a man is a valuable asset in Methodism and now that this is the second expensive Church that he has brought to a successful close, he certainly deserves well at the hands of his brethren. It was hardly thought possible that such a result as we now have in Fort Worth would materialize during the progress of the quadrennium. But there it is and it speaks gloriously for itself and for the man back of it.

The blowing up of the Times Publishing plant at Los Angeles last Saturday morning resulting in the death

of a number of people and the total destruction of the entire property and of much that was contiguous to it, has startled the whole country. For years the Daily Times has been in a warm fight with the labor unions of that section, and much friction has been developed, and whether this condition of things is responsible or not for the deplorable disaster awaits to be seen. The authorities are making a most rigid investigation of the affair and the result will be watched with interest.

The Northern Presbyterians believe in consolidating their papers; and we notice that all their plans are matured for uniting their two great papers, The Interior, of Chicago, and The Westminster, of New York. They will also take on a new name for the united papers—The Continent. The business offices will be maintained in Chicago and New York, and an editorial office in Philadelphia. The new enterprise will have ample funds to make a great Presbyterian paper for all sections and for all people of that faith.

We are led to wonder if the Wesleyan Christian Advocate is having any reference to "allusions" when it penned and published the following paragraph:

When a Methodist preacher nearing the end of his four years in a charge asks that he be transferred to another conference because there is in the conference in which his term is nearing its end no other charge of equal grade, with the one he is now serving (the size of the salary paid being the terms of the gradation), he can hardly be said to have flung away ambition or to be beyond the touch of avarice. That such a man is in the priest's office for a piece of bread is not an unjust criticism.

The United States Census reports show a wonderful increase in the population of our leading Texas cities. San Antonio leads off with 96,614, as against 53,321 in 1900; Dallas follows with 92,104, as against 42,628 in 1900; then comes Houston with 78,800, as against 44,633 in 1900; and finally Fort Worth forges forward with 73,312, as against 26,658 in 1900. Fort Worth's increase is 174 per cent in ten years, and Dallas' 116, making the largest progress in the ten years of all other towns and cities in the State. But it must be remembered that San Antonio has twice as much territory as any other city in Texas, and this accounts for its largest aggregate population. However, we congratulate all these cities on their growth, and may the next ten years find them even larger in their population than their fondest dreams.

The whiskey papers of Texas have been making much out of the fact that, according to their reports, Miller County, Ark., went wet in the recent election in that State, and that this fact will give to Texarkana all the saloons just across the line that they will need. Now according to the Western Methodist and the Baptist Advance, both published in Little Rock, Miller County, went dry. And we believe this to be true, but of course its suits the whiskey press of Texas to leave the error made by them uncorrected. Texarkana people, on both sides of the State line, will continue to be free of saloons, if our religious exchanges published in the State are correct.

**THE CRIMINALITY OF LIQUOR.**

Last week a man from Grayson County, who was recently nominated for the highest peace office in the county, visited this city. Also a physician from Collin County. They spent some time in the city and happened to meet at the Interurban depot to return to their respective homes. They had never seen each other be-

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fore, never having met until the chance to be seated by each other's side in the station. They were both somewhat under the influence of liquor. Evidently they had visited the Dallas saloons, these splendid institutions so essential to the prosperity and growth of a community! They had not been seated together long until the physician began a conversation which was displeasing to the peace officer. A few foolish words followed. The former rose and began to splutter round and the latter also rose, jerked out a handy revolver and popped away at the physician. He fell badly wounded. The shooter sat down near him and watched him writhe and welter in his blood as though he had been an animal wounded.

By and by the ambulance came and carried the physician out to the hospital, where it was discovered that he was badly wounded and if he recovers he will be a cripple for life. An officer carried the shooter across the street to the police office where he sat and talked with friends and joked until he went down before the Justice of the Peace and had a hearing. He was given bail at \$500, two friends went on his bond and he returned to his home. Now these are the simple facts as we gathered them from the evidence and from the police department.

Both these men stand well in their respective communities. They are said to be popular and good citizens at home. But they came to Dallas and visited the saloons and when they had tanked up on liquor, they were prepared for trouble on the slightest imagined provocation, and the shooting followed. Well, men can shoot each other in Dallas with impunity. They rarely ever get punished for it, and most any little Justice of the Peace will turn them loose on small bond. Maybe their cases will be tried in the courts, but if so it will be so long off that conviction will be impossible. Besides this, our criminal docket is so glutted with cases that many of them are worn out and are never heard. But the criminality of liquor is becoming more and more reddened with blood and blackened with unmitigated crime!

## THE MEDICAL COLLEGE OPENING.

Last Monday the Southwestern University Medical College had the finest opening in the history of the institution. The chapel was crowded with young men and they are still coming in. Many of the old students were present and a large number of new ones. The personnel of the student body is of high order. The standard of their grade entrance is quite advanced and it is necessary for them to be well advanced in training in order to be eligible; and they all had the appearance of young men of matured purpose and good equipment. The Medical College is affiliated with the leading school of medicine in the South and in the East and its requirements are exacting. The course of study is severe and the man who takes it has accomplished no easy task.

Dr. McReynolds presided at the opening and made a most interesting address. Since the inauguration of the school he has been its efficient

Dean and right well has he presided over its weal. He has associated with him a faculty that would do credit to any medical college. Practically all the pastors of our city Churches were present and spoke words of welcome to the young men. The writer also offered a word of greeting. The students were made to feel that the Church in the city is greatly interested in their social, moral and religious welfare, and nothing will be left undone to make their stay pleasant and profitable. The prospect of the college was never so bright and everybody connected with it is greatly encouraged.



REV. L. S. BARTON,

Presiding Elder of Decatur District.

The Advocate takes pleasure in presenting the picture of one of the most active and zealous Advocate men we have in Texas. Though a presiding elder and therefore out of the pastoral work, he has not lost the interest he evinced while in the pastorate in behalf of his Church organ. He has personally this year sent over one hundred new subscribers to the Advocate. He has not only done this, but in addition thereto he has enthused his preachers with the importance of spreading good literature in their charges. The Advocate is not selfish enough to believe that the excellent work Brother Barton has done for it was with an eye single to its welfare. But he believes—and he is correct in the belief—that the circulation of his Church paper will redound materially to the upbuilding of every department of Methodism. He has tried it, and it is not an experiment with him. He works for the glory of our Zion wherever he is placed, and never without telling effects. He has a magnificent physique, is energetic, prepossessing in manners, and an eminent success.

## PERSONALS

We had a pleasant visit from Rev. R. H. Moreland, of Celeste, the other day. He reports a good year, and is almost ready for conference. This is his third year with that charge.

We had a pleasant visit last week from Rev. F. E. Singleton, who serves Graham Station. He is much encouraged with the prospect of a successful round-up for conference.

Mrs. Rowena Shaeffer, of San Antonio, has issued invitations to the marriage of her daughter, Mary Alice, to Edward McKenzie, the event to take place September 29, 1910. After November 1 the happy couple will reside in West End, San Antonio.

Rev. S. E. Wasson, of the North Alabama Conference, has been transferred to the West Texas Conference. He has just closed a most successful term at Huntsville, where he had great success. He is said to be an excellent preacher and a delightfully brotherly man.

We notice from the local papers that Dr. R. S. Hyer spent a day or two recently in the city, and to these papers he gave a glowing account of the recent opening at Southwestern University. We rejoice to learn of the success of our great school, and to make record of its sturdy growth and progress.

Rev. O. S. Thomas, of Honey Grove, was to see us this week. He is just about completing one of the handsomest brick and stone church buildings in the conference. It will represent an investment of at least \$25,000, and no town of that size in North

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Rev. F. O. Fayre has just closed a fine revival service at Laws Chapel, on the Atlanta Circuit. There were several conversions and accessions. The Citizens' Journal of that town speaks in high and deserved terms of Brother Fayre's ability and popularity as a preacher. He puts thought into his sermons, and he is apt with an appropriate illustration.

Rev. Tom C. Ragsdale, of Murfreesboro, Tenn., though having spent twenty years out of Texas, has not forgotten his old field of labor, the Northwest Texas Conference, and his old-time friends therein. He has kept in touch with them, however, all these years through the columns of the Texas Christian Advocate. Renewing his subscription, he says: "The Advocate continues to bring its good tidings from the Empire State, and it is a great paper."

### AN OLD READER.

I see so many good things in the Advocate. It has been a great pleasure to me for years. I first began reading it when a little girl, in Falls County, and have been a subscriber myself for quite a number of years, and don't think I can hardly get along without it. I always read all about the prohibition question, and Bro. Rankin's "On with the battle" sounds good to me. I say on with the battle to the bitter end. I just read today Bro. Rankin's day in Waco. That used to be my

home town, and I enjoyed the write-up so much I went with him through the Orphanage in my mind's eye. I could see those orphan children as he described them, and it did my heart good to realize what a great and noble work was being done in my old home. My heart goes out in sympathy to the orphan child for I am one myself and no one knows or can realize what it is to be an orphan but those who have the sad trial. When I read in the Advocate of so many of the little ones being down with typhoid fever I felt a strong desire to help. If I had been situated so I could I would have offered my services to go and nurse some poor little motherless one back to health, as I have had several cases of the same kind in my own family. I feel like I know what a trying time those who had to care for all those sick children had. Our little band of Home Mission workers and the Church did what we could. We made up and sent a nice, big box of ready-made articles of different kinds which could be used to advantage in any home with some money, and it was all done in the right spirit. I can not say or do enough for the noble management of such a home. Our pastor here is fully alive to his duty and has wrought well among his people. He is doing a good work. He and his good wife stand high with the people here. MRS. A. E. POWEL, Grayford, Texas.

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### DR. PARKER'S REPORT.

In this issue we are presenting the first annual report of Dr. Parker, our General Epworth League Secretary. We trust that our Leaguers will give this report a full and careful reading. The Bishop's report to the General Conference, to which reference is made by Dr. Parker, has already been published in these columns, and is not again reproduced, except in one significant paragraph, the report as a whole being a strong endorsement of the Epworth League movement after twenty years' operation and a plea in no uncertain terms for the loyal support of our people, pastors and laymen, and its further advancement and fullest development. The paragraph is as follows:

"For the means and labor expended upon its inauguration and maintenance no organization in our Church has returned such large results. Beyond any doubt there is before this young people's work in the Church an era of large and ever-expanding success. The past is the pledge of a future to be filled with the testimony and service of reduplicating multitudes of young men and young women."

### TRINITY LEAGUE, DALLAS.

Trinity League, Dallas, the editor's home Chapter, is just now in the midst of a very unique attendance contest. The membership is divided into two general divisions, with a "General" in charge of each. The divisions, in turn, are subdivided into companies of ten with a "Captain" over each. The League colors are used to designate the respective divisions, No. 1 being known as the "Whites" and No. 2 as the "Greys." The number present at the weekly devotional meeting, members and invited visitors, constituting the scoring points. The attendance has perceptibly increased, and with the use of "pickets" (Leaguers stationed on the streets near the church, to invite visitors in), as was begun last Sunday, it is expected to become greater all the while.

A Good Cheer Committee to welcome the visitors and a Live Membership Committee to solicit them as members add to the interest and development of the work. The new cabinet, recently installed, has made exhaustive plans for the winter, a mission study outline a series of lectures by public men of Dallas and a good fellowship for the early part of December being special features.

### "EPWORTH-BY-THE-SEA, CALIFORNIA.

This is the goal toward which the Leaguers of California are moving, according to the report of the State President, Mr. W. B. Hermes, in a recent issue of the Pacific Methodist Advocate, and we quote herewith in full his comment touching the enterprise. We Texans extend hearty good wishes to our California co-laborers, and will rejoice if a namesake of our Encampment site is established there. The President's article follows:

"How many of our Epworth Leaguers have seen the heading to our new letter-heads? At the top of the page are these words: 'Epworth-by-the-Sea' and just below are these three significant words: 'Boost—Boost—Boost!' The first line ends with a question mark; in other words, it signifies, shall we have it? The second row of words is well enough understood by all good Californians.

"Since the close of our conference in July our 'scouts' have been looking up suitable places to be secured. Our plans will soon be completed, and then we will be ready to put them into action. If our Leaguers all say so, we can have an Epworth-by-the-Sea for California, and that in time for our next conference. We can do it!"

In another issue of the same paper appears this item from the news column:

"In a letter from Chas. Martin, President of Los Angeles District, he says: 'We are in sympathy with the plan of an 'Epworth-by-the-Sea,' and will cooperate to carry out the State plans.'"

### SOUTH CAROLINA COMMENT.

Recently there has come to the League editor an attractively gotten up copy of the year book of the Texas State Epworth League's sixth annual Encampment, held at Corpus Christi August 3-14. On its pages appear the faces of many Texas League celebrities, among them that of Mr. J. L. Goggans, First Vice-President. Like many good things, Mr. Goggans hails from South Carolina, and was introduced to our State League Conference

during its session last June at Newberry, Mr. Goggans' home town, where he happened to be visiting at that time. Space does not permit giving details of the Encampment program. Suffice it to say that in real excellence it surpasses all hitherto good ones. Miss Mabel Montgomery, League Editor, in Southern Christian Advocate.

The Secretary, L. E. Appleby, has returned from a month's tour of Old Mexico, and is ready to get down to work for the fall and winter conferences. The cabinet at its meeting in August voted to combine the offices of Field Secretary and State Secretary. This does not mean that all field work will be abandoned; on the contrary, Brother Appleby expects to give a portion of his time in the field during the coming year, and it is especially desired that he visit all District and Conference League meetings. He will also have charge of the office work of the organization, which is getting to be quite an item. For the present headquarters will be maintained in San Antonio, and all communications should be addressed to the Texas State Epworth League, San Antonio, Texas.

### FROM THE PRESIDENT'S OFFICE.

The new League year is full upon us. We have all had our vacations and have settled down for another year's work. Thousands of Leaguers spent a very enjoyable ten days at Epworth. Many others were fortunate as to have this rare treat of mingling with their fellow Leaguers. The wise ones are beginning now to plan for next August. Word comes from different sections that large delegations will be worked up for the seventh Encampment.

There are many important plans we must carry out during the year in order to make the next Encampment greater than all former ones, if that be possible. It has been suggested that a year book be gotten out on the first of January, not only covering the past achievements of the State organization and its history, but also to contain a prospectus of the program of the next Encampment. This is a fine suggestion, and the Secretary is now at work figuring the probable cost of such a year book, and what it will require to bring it out. This is only one of the many plans that will be placed before the cabinet at its meeting in November. The cabinet will welcome any suggestions from Leaguers looking to the furtherance of the work. Co-operation is what we need; without it we cannot hope to accomplish much.

Now a word about the pledges. You all know that it takes money to carry on an organization, and we have developed by Texas Leaguers a deficiency of something over \$500 handed us in the face at Epworth in August, and this deficiency has not dwindled any since that time. Some new pledges were made for the new year's work, and the Secretary is now at work by the old pledges, there being something like a thousand dollars' worth of them remaining unpaid. Those Leaguers who made these pledges in 1909 are urged to at least send in a part of them so that we can clear off this indebtedness and keep our credit good.

The pledges made at the 1910 Encampment are payable in thirty, sixty and ninety days from the time they were made, and the first payment is past due, and those who have not already remitted to the Treasurer their first installment will greatly help the work by doing so just as soon as possible. Let us all put our shoulders to the wheel this year and have even a greater Epworth than ever before!

A. K. RAGSDALE,  
State President,  
San Antonio, Texas.

### STATE NOTES.

More than a month has passed since our great Encampment at Epworth-by-the-Sea—the greatest in many respects that we have ever held. More young people were present and took an active interest in the spiritual and educational part of it. Our Church schools were on hand with large delegations, magnifying the work of Christian education and interesting our people in it. Our faculty for instruction was zealous and capable, and entered into our work with heart and soul. Brother Culbert, our new Assistant Secretary, and Dr. Rawlins, our new Educational Secretary, measured up to our usual Methodist standard. Somehow we seem to get the right man for the work in nearly every instance. We have been especially fortunate in our new Texas Bishop, who was with us and who preached on Sunday one of the biggest and best sermons we have ever had at Epworth.

One group of returned missionaries was an inspiration. The Inn, under the capable management of Mr. Parrell, a "Waldorf-Astoria" man, gave satisfaction to all, and the restaurant and store supplied every camper with the needs of the bodily man. The breeze, the bathing, the very best, shining all that could be desired. No mosquitoes and the best crowd of people ever assembled together made the outing one long to be remembered.

We feel under lasting obligations to all who helped to make things go, and they were many. Our people are coming to realize more and more each year that this is a Church enterprise operated on the best business basis possible to make it pay its way, and gladly help to operate it, knowing that every dollar saved in the way of expense is a dollar made for the cause. Our new Board of Trustees has met and taken hold with a determination to make things move as they should. They have arranged to borrow sufficient funds to pay up all our debts, make our credit gilt-edged and to gradually, with the aid of our friends, make it the greatest place on the coast. We especially need at this time the amounts

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that were pledged at Epworth to pay our obligations and start improvements. Please remit as early as possible; if not all your pledge, then some of it.

State Secretary Appleby has returned from Mexico, and we are already lining up the program for next year, making plans for some active work during the winter, and we want all Leaguers to help. Send him at once (L. E. Appleby, San Antonio) a list of your officers and let's get busy. The Nashville office is planning some big things, and we in Texas want to stay on the front seat. Next week we will publish a full financial statement of the Encampment, so that all may know just how we stand. The board will also at an early date make known our plans for a greater Epworth.

A. K. R.

### NOTES.

The Y. W. C. A. held their first Southwestern conference at Epworth August 25 to September 5. Nearly 100 delegates were present from Texas, Arkansas and Louisiana, with some of their New York officers. Then enjoyed everything but the heat. The postulence of Egypt was not to compare with it. This is a direct result of not keeping things clean when our big crowd is there. Next time we will do better.

We have a pair of gold spectacles some person lost at Epworth, in an old-fashioned tin case. Evidently some good soul needs them, and we feel sure all our friends read the Advocate, hence call attention to it here.

A number of Leaguers are already planning for big delegations next summer. A number have written for information, and say they are organizing, and will save up all year in order to take the trip.

We want to build by next summer 200 splendid thatched camp houses. We need them, and if all will help we can have them. Forty dollars will build and furnish one. Can't you give us a start?

In the development of Epworth we will depend on our friends. We have proved that the plan is feasible, that the Encampment is an inspiration to our people and that it can be made and kept religious. If you have ever been there you know that we need to improve. We can do with what we have, but so much better by spending a little money on accommodations.

Keep your eyes on Epworth and plan to enjoy it with us next August.

A. K. R.

### URGENT REQUEST FROM THE SECRETARY-TREASURER OF THE NORTH TEXAS CONFERENCE EPWORTH LEAGUE.

It is absolutely necessary for me to have an up-to-date register of local Chapter officers if we are to maintain an efficient standard in the work of the Epworth League. I sincerely trust that every Leaguer who reads this notice will see to it at once that I am furnished a list of the new officers.

We expect to have a cabinet meeting in Dallas about October 15, and from that date we hope to keep in close touch with every League in the conference. Will you not co-operate with us and send me names of local officers?

L. L. NELMS,  
Secretary-Treasurer,  
Sherman, Texas.

### BROTHER APPLEBY AND WIFE RETURN.

We have just returned from Mexico, and we had a delightful trip, indeed. We visited nearly all of the mission stations maintained by our Church and saw their work at first hand.

L. E. APPLEBY,  
San Antonio, Texas.

### NEW LEAGUE AT LITTLE ELM.

Dear Brother—Following a mighty revival in our community, we are sending to you for literature, information, etc., to assist us in organizing an Epworth League. We are all comparative strangers to the work, but eager to take it up.

Thanking you in advance, I am yours for the cause  
CLARA COLLIER,  
R. F. D. No. 1, Little Elm, Tex.

### IN ALABAMA.

On Friday, September 2, at ten o'clock the following members of the cabinet of the Alabama Conference Epworth League met at the Court Street Church in Montgomery: Mr. G. A. Grant, President, Montgomery; Mr. O. M. Rabb, First Vice-President, Pineapple; Miss Virginia Pittman, Second Vice-President, Union Springs; Miss Mary Waggener, Third Vice-President, Greenville; Rev. Henry M. Andrews, Fourth Vice-President, Lowndesboro; Mr. U. W. Black, Treasurer, Georgiana; and Miss Ethel Bean, Montgomery; Dr. E. W. Patton, Selma; Miss Daisy Higgett, Union Springs, and W. A. McKay, Prattville, District Secretaries.

The cabinet, under the leadership of President Grant, gave earnest and careful consideration to all the interests of the League, and laid plans for next year's conference at Ozark. At the conclusion of the three hours' session the members of the cabinet were Mr. Grant's guests at an excel-

lent dinner at the Exchange Hotel. The President expressed himself as highly pleased with the meeting, and surely the visitors were highly delighted with their gracious host of the day.

Such quiet, prayerful, businesslike meetings as these insure the success of our league work.—Henry M. Andrews, Secretary, in Alabama Christian Advocate.

### TRAVIS PARK LEAGUE, SAN ANTONIO.

The Travis Park Leaguers, San Antonio, are planning aggressive work, as the following schedule of meetings will indicate. The list comes to us from the Executive Committee, and we are publishing same as a suggestion to other chapters.

The schedule:  
September 25.—City League Union met at Trinity Methodist Church, 223 Ave. C, at 4 o'clock p. m.

October 2.—Meet at Travis Park at 3:30 sharp; get transfers to Tobin Hill car line to go to county poor house. Committee: Ben P. Lane, Miss May Coltrane, Miss Ruby Little, Miss Marion Levy, Miss Rachel Levy, Miss Beattie Stanfield, Miss N. R. X. Ferril, Miss Palmer Jennings, Joe Hill.

7 o'clock p. m.—South Flores Street Mission League. The Chairman of the committee will confer with Mr. Tompkins, pastor of this mission, at the Household Furniture Store. Committee: R. C. Dunlap, chairman; Miss Grayson (solo), Miss Mamie Russey, R. C. Cauley.

October 9.—Meet at Travis Park Barbers room at 9:30 a. m. to be at the Omas Sunday-school at 10:30 a. m., six miles out on the Blanco Road. Committee: R. P. Lane, Chairman; Miss Vinnie Grayson, Roland Gohmert.

October 9, 3:30 p. m.—City Hospital; take flowers and literature Sunday afternoon. Committee: Miss Jennings, Chairman; Miss Miller, Ralph Cameron.

Further schedules to be arranged by Executive Committee. The Chairman of each of the various committees shall confer with the head of the institution to be visited at least ten days before the visit, and shall notify each member of the committee of the time of the meeting and all other details concerning arrangements as may be necessary.

For further information as regards schedules or suggestions thereto, confer with the undersigned.

MISS WELLS, Chairman,  
R. P. LANE,  
R. C. DUNLAP,  
Executive Committee.

### WHERE TO FIND

The Lord's Prayer, Matthew vi.

The Commandments, Exodus xx.

The Beatitudes, Matthew v.

Paul's conversion, Acts ix.

The power of prayer, II Kings xxvi.

Four verses alike, Psalm cvii: 8, 15, 21, 31.

Two chapters alike, II Kings x and Isaiah xxxvii.

The longest verse, Esther viii: 9.

The shortest verse, John xi: 25.

The prodigal son, Luke xv.

The parable of ten virgins, Matthew xxv.

The abiding chapter, John xv.

The resurrection chapter, I Corinthians xv.

The rest verse, Matthew xi: 28.

The consolation verse, Romans xii: 1.

The greatest verse, John iii: 16.

The last command, Acts i: 8.

The best chapter, John xiv.

—Exchange.

### GENERAL SECRETARY'S ANNUAL REPORT.

The great and unique service of our young people's organization to the Church has been so well expressed in the report of the Epworth League Board to the Sixteenth General Conference that I beg leave to make that document a part of this report, and attach copy for your information. In it you will read of the large contributions in money and workers to our home and foreign missions, the large recruiting of the trained forces within the congregations throughout the Church, the important service in preparing the way for the Laymen's Missionary Movement, and of the place of the League in both developing our ministry and keeping it true to the Wesleyan type. I believe that no organization within the Church has made larger contributions to its growth and efficiency than the Epworth League, unless it be the Sunday-school, and the teaching function of the Sunday-school itself needs to be supplemented by the training work of the League.

### Growth.

The minutes of the Annual Conference give the total number of Leaguers as 467 with a membership of 145,991. This shows that 1854 of our 5212 pastoral charges, or 31 per cent of the whole, have no Epworth Leagues. But as these pastoral charges include 19,176 societies it is evident that 14,969 congregations are without Leaguers; that is, three and seven-tenths as many as have them. This showing would not be so bad if these fifteen thousand Leagueless Churches had any other organized means of training their young people; but the figures mean that they have neither the League nor a substitute therefor. Twenty years ago this Church in her wisdom saw fit to embody in the Book of Discipline a provision that "Epworth Leagues be organized in all our congregations for the promotion of piety and loyalty to the Church among our young people; their education in the Bible, Christian literature, and in the missionary work of the Church, and their encouragement in works of grace and charity. It is

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still sadly true that no such organization as this paragraph contemplates exists in 31 per cent of the pastoral charges and 70 per cent of the congregations of our Church. But the growth of the Epworth League has been healthy, showing during the past quadrennium a net increase of 525 Chapters and 24,604 members.

The League Organ.

The Epworth Era was able last year to pay all expenses, including the salary of the editor. Its present weekly issue is 16,600, but with the fall and winter business this figure will doubtless increase. The present policy of the paper is more intensive than that of former years, the plan being to give the largest possible amount of practical help in League work and of news. In addition to the technical matter designed for the League and general religious work among young people, the editorial policy is to make the Era a means of inspiration to the spiritual life and an interpretation of that life in accord with the tenets and history of Methodism.

I regret that the principal contributors cannot now be announced. Arrangements have been all but completed with several writers of acknowledged ability in their several lines, and the columns of the Era will be enriched by their writings.

Other Literature.

The League Secretaries have published or selected a number of volumes and pamphlets bearing upon the Chapter work and the educative part of the League plan. These are catalogues for ready reference in ordering supplies. Most admirable Bible studies in well-prepared, scholarly volumes are available for those who wish to do Bible work of a more systematic kind than the present Sunday-school publications provide for. The excellent courses and reference libraries of the Young People's Missionary Movement are available for the Department of Missionary Work, and are in extensive use in the League, which afforded the first and still offers the most fruitful field for mission study. Of the superb reading courses that we have published and circulated to the extent of between sixty and seventy thousand volumes, four courses are still offered at from 10 to 50 cents a volume.

We are now prepared to announce the most important publication that the League has ever undertaken; a permanent Bible and Church Study Course, to consist of sixteen volumes, which we hope to be able to sell at the low price of 25 cents each. Bishop Candler, Dr. DuBose, Dr. Franklin N. Parker, Principal J. E. McCulloch, Dr. H. Walter Featherston, Prof. Frank S. Ray, Prof. Henry Beach Carré, Prof. Thomas Carter, Prof. J. L. Cunningham, Dr. S. M. Godbey and Dr. W. W. Pinson have undertaken the preparation of volumes of the series, and a sufficient number of manuscripts are in hand to justify the hope that we shall soon be able to announce a date for the appearance of the earlier volumes of the course.

The Junior League.

In organization and equipment the Junior League has been especially advanced. A well-tried course of study in the Bible, Church doctrine and benevolences has been adopted and is rapidly growing in popularity. The age limit of the Junior League has been extended to include adolescents of sixteen years.

The Summer Conferences and Assemblies.

Nearly fifty larger League organizations have held annual meetings during the summer of from two to ten days' duration. Some of these represented districts, some State or Annual Conference divisions. Five were formally organized assemblies, giving courses in the Bible, missions, methods of Christian work, and emphasizing with great success the evangelistic part of the League's life. The pastors and presiding elders are often present, giving aid in counsel, platform and pulpit utterance and helpful social intercourse; but these great gatherings, aggregating in attendance many thousands of young men and women of our Church, are organized, conducted and for the most part their programs carried out by the young people themselves. This is an exhibition of lay ability that is a source of gratification and encouragement and a signal proof that the League is fulfilling the reasonable expectations of the Church.

The Central Office.

By means of ten-cent assessment the central office has almost achieved self-support, and if the profits on Epworth League literature sold by the House were credited to it I suspect that it would be found that the department is more than self-sustaining.

The election of Rev. J. M. Culbreth, of the North Carolina Conference, Assistant Secretary and assistant editor promises great advantage to our young people's work. He is the son of a Methodist preacher, himself an able preacher and excellent writer, and an expert in the work that falls to him in the Epworth League Department. Mr. Culbreth and I count on your prayers and co-operation in advancing the work of the Epworth League.

Very truly yours in Christ, FITZGERALD S. PARKER. Nashville, Tenn., Aug. 25, 1910.

And I will strengthen them in the Lord; and they shall walk up and down in His name, saith the Lord.—Zech. 10:12.

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APPRECIATIVE RESOLUTIONS.

The following resolutions, expressing appreciation for faithful services rendered by their presiding elder, Rev. J. G. Miller, were unanimously adopted by the Official Board of our Church at Memphis, Texas, at the fourth Quarterly Conference recently held:

Whereas, Our beloved presiding elder, Rev. J. G. Miller, has faithfully served us for four years, and under the law of the Church must be sent to other fields of labor; and

Whereas, As he has at all times and under all circumstances set us the example of a true and devoted Christian and has always shown himself a kind and faithful friend; therefore be it

Resolved, By this board: 1. That we do hereby express our appreciation of his kind and brotherly manner, of his constant and untiring interest and his careful and faithful service rendered to us and the Church.

2. That we assure him that we part with him with regret and that our prayers and best wishes go with him wherever he may be appointed to labor.

(Signed)

- J. J. MICKLE. J. C. MONTGOMERY. R. L. MADDEN. R. B. BONNER.

RESOLUTIONS OF RESPECT.

To the Board of Stewards of the University Methodist Episcopal Church, South, Austin, Texas:

Brethren—We, your committee appointed to draft resolutions upon the death of Dr. George P. Garrison, beg to submit the following as our expressions:

In behalf of the officers and members of the University Methodist Church of Austin we wish to express our high appreciation of the services of the late Dr. George P. Garrison as President of the Board of Trustees, President of the Board of Directors of the corporation known as the "University Methodist Church, South, Austin, Texas;" Chairman of the Building Committee and a faithful member of the University Methodist Church, and to give expression to our deep sorrow in his death, and to convey to his bereaved family our sincere and heartfelt sympathy in the loss of husband and father.

For twenty-two years an active member of this Church, Dr. Garrison gave to it his service, efficient and intelligent as it was unselfish and devoted.

As Chairman of the Building Committee his large vision and wise counsel did much to bring to successful completion the beautiful new edifice now occupied by this Church. In a very real sense this building will stand a lasting monument to his unwavering faith in a great undertaking; to his wisdom in foreseeing the needs of adequate equipment for the great work of this Church and his generous gift of time, money and personal services in bringing the plans to a successful termination.

On motion it was ordered by the Board of Stewards that a copy of these resolutions be furnished the members of the deceased's family and one to the Texas Christian Advocate.

(Signed)

- JOS. D. SAYERS. A. S. THWEATT. N. STEEDMAN. C. O. WELLER. E. E. RALL.

Committee of the Board of Stewards of the University Methodist Church of Austin, Texas. Austin, Texas, Sept. 19, 1910.

THIS AND THAT.

This, relates to the opening of the fall term of the Alexander Collegiate Institute at Jacksonville on September 1. It was the beginning of the thirty-ninth session, and was up to the expectations of its best friends. I have been associated with the school one way and another for more than twenty-five years, and taken all in all, I think this is the best opening in our history. If Jacksonville and the Texas Conference stands by Prof. Butler, as his ability as a school man deserves, this school will be the biggest thing of the sort in Texas, and will be the pride of Jacksonville and the pet of the conference. It has now beside President Butler fourteen teachers, and has enrolled in all departments 220 pupils, 70 of them boarders. Smith Hall built last year (and because of my good looks), named after me, is now as full of boys as it will hold; while the girls' home, including the President's family and the lady teachers, is also full. The contract for a fine heating outfit has been let and we will be prepared to keep warm when it gets cold this winter. So much for "This."

Arrangements are about complete to have Rev. B. R. Bolton take the field as Financial Agent of the school.

That, relates to the visit of Bishop Murrah to Jacksonville. He came to us on Saturday, September 17, and stayed till Tuesday morning, the 20th. He preached Sunday morning and evening for Brother Burroughs, and on Monday all day was in consultation with preachers, laymen and all who wanted to consult with him. Six of the ten presiding elders of the conference were here, with many of the preachers from various parts of the conference. On Monday evening we had a great educational rally, the main feature of which was an address from Bishop Murrah on Christian Education.

Referring to the A. C. I. he said: "I

am surprised beyond measure, and delighted to find such an educational plant and such a school as you have here. Your splendid buildings, your ideal location and large constituency are far beyond anything I had expected, and I shall miss no opportunity to lay the importance of this work on the heart of this conference."

The Bishop's preaching and address were of a very high order, and gave his hearers great pleasure. He is refined and dignified, and yet in the parlor, on the streets, on the train, everywhere, makes the humblest feel at perfect ease. We were delighted with his visit, and believe the conference will be delighted with his presidency and work. That is all we have to say of "That." J. T. SMITH. Jacksonville, Texas.

CLASS FEDERATION.

The Sunday School Board has for some time had in contemplation a plan for the federation of our organized adult Bible classes. The matter was presented to our General Conference at its recent session, and a paragraph was inserted in the Discipline authorizing such federation under the general supervision of the Board. The classes are to be known collectively as "Wesley Adult Bible Classes," and the federation as a whole is to be called the "Wesley Adult Bible Class Department of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South." A plan of organization has been adopted by the Board. This plan conforms in a general way to the Adult Class Department of the International Sunday School Association. It is expected that our charters will have the international seal, and that the classes will adopt the international button with a "W" in the center. Classes are to be registered in the office of the Sunday School Department, but there are to be no fees of any kind whatsoever. The entire department is to be under the direction of a superintendent to be elected quadrennially by the Sunday School Board. Provision is to be made for conference and general rallies and for summer meetings for the training of leaders.

We regard this as a most important step in the development of our organized adult class work. The movement is rapidly spreading throughout the Church. New classes are being organized, and old ones are increasing in numbers and influence. Hitherto, however, these classes have been entirely isolated from one another. They have had no unity of purpose, no general and uniform plan of operation, no means of intercommunication and co-operation. All these are to be supplied through the proposed federation. This will mean an immense strengthening of the entire movement and a rapid increase in its efficiency. We hope to be able within a very short while to begin the process of enrollment.—Dr. E. B. Chappell, in "The Adult Student."

BENEFITS OF BUSINESS LIFE.

In the activities of business we find another fruitful source of mental culture. It is a low and unworthy view of business which regards it as only a means for getting a living. It is also a school for mind and character. A man's business represents his share in the world's work, his contribution to the activities which make society possible. It is not difficult to see how human energy, human forbearance, human equity, human justice, and the jewel of human honesty, finds a daily discipline in business life. It is not an extravagance to affirm that business both touches and teaches philosophy, science and morals. To a farmer who went to market extremely anxious not to be cheated, a philosopher said, that when he became just as anxious not to cheat another, his market wagon would be as splendid as the chariot of the sun. Since business occupies three-fourths of a man's active life and brings him into daily collision and competition with his fellows it would be strange indeed if it had no educative power. It constitutes, however, a daily school for vigilance, promptitude, perseverance, and tact, such as is hardly found in any other sphere.—Gold Dust.

HIS MOTHER'S VERSION.

A Bible-class teacher was telling of the various translations of the Bible and their different excellencies. The class was much interested, and one of the young men that evening was talking to a friend about it. "I think I prefer the King James Version for my part," he said, "though of course, the Revised is more scholarly." His friend smiled. "I prefer my

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mother's translation of the Bible myself to any other version," he said.

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POLITENESS UNDER DIFFICULTIES.

When nine-year-old Teddy displayed the shining new quarter which Mr. Ringloss had given him down at the corner store, mother very naturally asked if her little boy had said, "Thank you," to father's friend.

No answer.

"Surely you thanked Mr. Ringloss," she persisted.

Still no answer. Trouble showed on the little face.

"Teddy, listen. You ought to have said, 'Thank you, sir.' Did you?"

No answer yet, and trouble threatened to produce showers.

"Come here, dear little son. Tell mamma now. Did you thank Mr. Ringloss for the quarter?"

Then the storm broke, but between the sobs and tears came the required information: "I told him, 'Thank you,' an' he said not to mention it; an' I tried not to." — Christian Endeavor World.

- Jacksonville District—Fourth Round. Malakoff, at Malakoff, Oct. 8. Athens, Oct. 9, 19. La Rue, at Frankston, Oct. 15, 16. Jacksonville Cir., at Providence, Oct. 19. Mt. Selman, at Earls Chapel, Oct. 22, 23. Eustace, at Mallard Prairie, Oct. 29, 30. Neches, at Neches, Nov. 5, 6. Jacksonville Sta., Nov. 7. Keltys, Nov. 9. Alto Sta., at Alto, Nov. 10. Centenary, Nov. 13, 14. Bullard, Nov. 16. Brushy Creek, at Mt. Vernon, Nov. 19, 20. Rusk, Nov. 26, 27. J. T. SMITH, P. E.

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# THE WOMAN'S DEPARTMENT

All communications in the interest of the Woman's Foreign Missionary Society and the Woman's Home Mission Society should be sent to the address of Texas Christian Advocate, Dallas, Texas.

## TO THE WOMAN'S FOREIGN MISSIONARY SOCIETY, NORTH TEXAS CONFERENCE:

You will find in the October number of the Woman's Missionary Advocate a call for the organization of prayer circles during the months of October, November and December, prayer for a revival in the Southern Methodist Church. As a preface to this number of the Advocate, you will find a prayer that is intended to be a guide during this time. In the midst of this season of prayer let us observe November 17 as "Missionary Afternoon," as outlined in the little leaflet, "A Missionary Afternoon." Great responsibilities are upon us, and must be met, and it will take much waiting before God if we are prepared to meet them.

Let every auxiliary in the North Texas Conference have a prayer circle. Your Corresponding Secretary will receive literature that will give you details of the plan, and we urge that every President of every auxiliary bestir herself and see that the plan is carried out. It will mean a great blessing and a great revival in missionary effort.

Remember that October is the month for the organization of Mission Study Classes. For the adult societies "Western Women in Eastern Lands," for the young people "Korea in Transition" are interesting books, and will bring you in closer touch with our work.

Let me again call your attention to the Year Books, which may be had of Mrs. C. B. Bryant, Whitewright, Texas, for the small sum of 4 cents each. The work is outlined for you, is easy to follow, and the use of these books will add greatly to the interest of your meetings.

Let us pray, let us study, let us work for a great missionary awakening in the North Texas Conference.

MRS. W. D. BUTLER,  
Third Vice-President, North Texas Conference.

### NOTICE.

Since the last annual meeting of the W. H. M. Society of the Northwest Texas Conference the following appointments have been made: Mrs. R. E. Goodrich, Stamford, Texas, manager of campaign for new members; Mrs. J. B. Smith, Stamford, Texas, Secretary of Stamford District; Mrs. Walter Scott, Haskell, Texas, Superintendent of Young People's Work.

MRS. J. T. GRISWOLD,  
Stamford, Texas.

### A CORRECTION.

In the report from the Carlton Home Mission Auxiliary, which was published in the issue of September 15, a mistake was made in regard to the sending of the box of fruit.

We having no Rescue Home in Fort Worth, caused the item to be quite noticeable, this being due to an error made by the reporter. The fruit was sent to the Rebecca Sparks Home, Waco, Texas.

One item of work done by our society last quarter that was not reported was the sending of one dollar to Eola, Texas, for the purpose of helping to erect a new church building at that place.

MISS ONA HILL,  
Press Reporter.

### WORDS OF APPRECIATION.

We feel we want to express, through the columns of our Advocate, deep appreciation to Miss Cora Posey for the wonderful work she has been doing for us in the Brenham District for the Woman's Foreign Missionary Society as organizer. In the short time of one week she organized six new auxiliaries with sixty-two members and six honorary members. She did not visit a place without leaving as a memento of her consecration to her work a band of women organized, with their hearts awakened, inspired and tendered, with the purpose of their lives reaching out for their heathen Christless sisters.

Miss Posey comes to our Texas Conference as its organizer, complete in preparation and experience, an honor to the conference. Hers is a work of love. Words could not express how high a valuation we place on her ability, her consecration, her success. She has accomplished a wonderful work on a large scale. We hope to keep Miss Posey in the Texas Conference until

our conference is not behind any conference in this great work.

Brenham District is looking now to her own missionary by next Annual Conference. Why not? We number as members of our auxiliaries women able to fulfill any desire they might have in this great work. May God fill the hearts of our women with the vastness of this work, with the sweetness of it, with the joy of it.

We also want to thank the pastors of the Brenham District for their kind receptions of Miss Posey and their loyal help. She could not ask for greater kindness than these pastors have given her.

MRS. SALLIE B. HARRIS,  
District Secretary.

## W. H. M. SOCIETY, POST CITY, TEXAS.

The W. H. M. Society of Post City charge was organized August 10, 1909, which now makes it a year and one month old. We thing this society has done fine. It began with sixteen charter members; now has thirty-three. Has a good set of officers, and all are very much interested in this work moving onward and upward. Our President, Mrs. W. O. Stevens, is well equipped for her work as leader, and best of all, is consecrated. Since we organized we have built a new parsonage and furnished it. The building and lots cost us \$2100. We are paying for it on the installment plan, and now have six months paid up in advance, which will give us ample time to raise another six months' payment. Our furniture cost us \$150, which is all paid. We sent a box valued at \$25 to the little sick children at the Orphanage at Waco. We had our pastor to preach on tithing. As a result we have a few who are tithing, and he has all his assessments and over. Just as soon as our Second Vice-President's health improves enough for her to take up her duties again she will induce others to sign the pledge. All our members are supplied with mite boxes, which will be opened soon. We are expecting a great time at our Week of Prayer. We have already laid our plans for our fall work, and are looking forward for some successful work for the Master.

MRS. T. C. WILLETT,  
Post City, Texas.

## WOMAN'S HOME MISSION SOCIETY.

The campaign is on, October, November and December are the months set apart as the time for extra effort in securing new members. In these months the Texas Conference expects to double its membership. We want to enlist every woman in the Methodist Church. Surely every member can win one.

This is work for the Master. Every woman added to the Home Mission Society is one more worker for the Lord. The work is strengthened and the woman is strengthened.

Let each District Secretary make an extra effort to organize new auxiliaries in every charge, so that no Church in her district will be without opportunity to join in this work.

I herewith give a challenge to all the other Texas conferences. You will have to rise early and work late if you keep up with the Greater Texas Conference.

Texas Conference, forward, march!  
MRS. H. T. CUNNINGHAM,  
Campaign Leader, Texas Conference,  
Marshall, Texas.

### FROM ZEPHYR.

The W. H. M. Society was organized here one year ago last January with thirteen members. We now have thirty-six members, some of whom are the most enthusiastic workers to be found. Our President, Mrs. M. L. Clark, and Vice-President, Mrs. Quiri, cannot be excelled for their Christian examples and true devotion to the work of the Home Mission Society. We hold two meetings a month—one devotional, at which time the lessons in Our Homes are taken up. All enjoy them so much. Then we have our business meeting, which is also a delightful meeting, especially when the collection of dues takes place, when we are made to feel what a blessed opportunity it is to be able to help with our small assessment each month. We have sent to the Conference Treasurer \$24.10 for dues; total for local work, \$128.35, of which the most went to furnish the parsonage for our beloved pastor, Brother Lee, and family. We have twenty-one honorary members, ten members for

the brigade, twelve subscribers to Our Homes and nineteen pledged to tithing. We have made 140 visits to the sick and strangers. While the majority of us are new in this work, let us remember to work while it is yet day, "for the night cometh when no man can work." Let us, each one, do our duty and pray that we may do a more noble work in the future than in the past, also that our Church may do a better work all over this grand and beautiful America of ours. Let us realize there is something to do in our home mission work.

MRS. HETTIE SCOTT,  
Press Reporter.

### TREASURER'S REPORT.

Report of the Treasurer of the Woman's Home Mission Society, Texas Conference, for the second quarter, ending September 15, 1910:

Receipts.	
Dues, adult members	\$ 792.95
Dues, Young People's Auxiliaries	13.20
Life membership dues, Mrs. A. Y. Roberts, Rosenberg	25.00
Baby Roll dues	6.95
Florine McEachern Brigade dues	2.40
Deaconess scholarship	12.50
Adult mite boxes	1.63
Baby mite boxes	32.97
Brigade mite boxes	37.42
Conference pledge	217.45
Relief fund	8.85
Special for Cuban work, Wolff Mission School	106.30
Educational Endowment Fund	2.90
Preachers' Wives' Loan Fund	43.40
Immigrant Home, Galveston	3.50
Conference Expense Fund	69.36
Balance brought forward from last quarter	327.53
<b>Total receipts</b>	<b>\$1,704.41</b>

Disbursements.	
By check to General Treasurer	\$1,507.52
Conference expenses	356.10
<b>Total expenditures</b>	<b>\$1,863.62</b>

Balance in bank September 29, 1910 \$ 49.79

Receipts by Districts.	
Sar. Augustine	\$ 181.53
Beaumont	169.35
Houston	164.13
Brenham	141.98
Huntsville	124.21
Marlin	121.23
Jacksonville	129.71
Marshall	112.94
Tyler	84.25
Pittsburg	56.95
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$1,274.48</b>

Local Work.	
Value of supplies reported to Supply Department	488.70
Value of supplies given locally	894.95
Amount expended for the needy	381.45
Cash expended on parsonages	1,609.61
Cash expended on churches	1,653.55
Amount expended by auxiliaries for expenses	11.92
Specials	179.75
Amount expended for City Mission work	412.75
<b>Total for local work</b>	<b>\$5,623.71</b>
<b>Grand total for quarter</b>	<b>\$7,998.59</b>

As our report for this quarter shows many faithful workers in the Home Mission Society of the Texas Conference, we feel that our auxiliaries are better organized than ever before. While First Church, Beaumont, Center and Marlin have the honor of sending in the largest cash receipts for our connectional work, there are many of the auxiliaries in the smaller places that have most excellent reports. The women of the Woman's Home Mission Society of Texas Conference have been faithful to their Lord's work during these hot summer months. No conference can boast of more faithful workers. Especially would we commend the 124 Treasurers reporting promptly. There are 165 auxiliaries on the roll.

We have an increase on cash receipts over the corresponding quarter last year of \$166.04. Increase of local work, \$696.34. Total increase for all purposes, \$866.13.

MISS ELIZABETH L. HILL,  
Conference Treasurer,  
Livingston, Texas.

Resist the devil and he will flee from you.—James 6:7.

## MY DOCTOR MIGHTY FINE

Mrs. Hattie Cain of Carrsville Thinks all the More of Her Doctor Since He Advised Her to Take Cardui.

Carrsville, Ky.—"My doctor," writes Mrs. Hattie Cain, "who advised me to take Cardui, for my troubles, is a mighty fine doctor, and I say God bless Cardui and the people who make it.

"Before I took Cardui, I suffered with female troubles for sixteen years. I would have to send for a doctor every three months, and oh! how dreadfully I suffered!

"I would cramp and have convulsions and it looked like I would die. At last I took Cardui and oh! what a surprise! I found it was the medicine for me!

"From the first bottle, I began to mend and now I am well, can do more work, can walk and go where I please and it don't hurt me, and I owe it all to Cardui."

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To the Members of the Foreign Department of the Woman's Missionary Society of the Texas Conferences:

For the past eighteen months the Executive Committee of this department of the Woman's Missionary Society has been trying to secure a competent and consecrated woman to work as organizer in our conference.

In answer to our prayers and call Miss Cora Posey is now at work for us. A recent letter from Mrs. Sallie Harris, Secretary of Brenham District, brings news of the splendid work Miss Posey has done in that district. Six new auxiliaries have been organized, with sixty-two members, and more to follow.

This is only the beginning of what can be done if we will give Miss Posey our help and prayers. Miss Posey expects to visit every district in our conference. We are expecting great results.

Let every woman who loves God pray for this good woman as she works in our conference.

Be sure to observe the fall campaign for new members in every auxiliary.

There are numbers of women in our conference who have means, leisure and gifts who are not members of our society. Let us pray that all classes may be reached and brought into active work.

"Prayer is the one victorious force in the great campaign."

MRS. J. E. GREEN, Pres.

Let all bitterness, and wrath and anger, and clamor, and evil speaking, be put away from you, with all malice.—Eph. 4:31.

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## North Texas Female College and Kidd-Key Conservatory

SHERMAN, TEXAS.

### MRS. LUCY KEY'S INVITATION TO HER OLD PUPILS.

My Dear Pupils: On the 21st of this month in the Assembly Hall in Dallas and on the Fair Grounds we are going to have a "Kidd-Key" day. We will have a fine program, and it will be a great occasion. Fine speeches and a good social time. I want all my old pupils to meet me on that occasion, and I take this method of sending a special invitation to all of them. We had a fine time last year, but we want this day to surpass all previous records. We will have better accommodations and larger facilities, and let my former pupils be present in force. The present student body will be on hand, and the Dallas Kidd-Key Club will have things well in hand to make your welcome complete. With best wishes I am your affectionate teacher,

MRS. L. A. KIDD-KEY.

#### MEXICO LETTER.

How time does fly! The vacation (for the pupils) has past and on the 21st of September Colegio Wesleyano opened up for a new year's work. We have a full house and as fine a set of young men as one would care to see. We have two from Texas. This is encouraging for the Mexican work in those parts. It is best that these young men should be educated in Mexico where they get their language in its purity as well as the ideals that are always held out in a purely Christian college.

One of our teachers failed us at the last moment. This has thrown heavier work on some of us. I find that Kitten is equal to the task and is as much at home in the class room as she was "on the hurricane deck of a Spanish galleon" on the big Guadalajara District. She has four classes in Mathematics and English. We are fortunate in having in our faculty another converted priest who has given two years of faithful evidence of a genuine conversion to the Lord Jesus.

Our Texas friends are helping us nobly in giving scholarships to some of our young men. Were it not for this we could not educate many fine young men for the ministry in Mexico. They have been equally kind in assisting us in buying type and machinery for our printing office. The industrial features help the boys to work their way through school. The interest of our friends make the hardest tasks easy. We certainly crave an interest in the prayers of God's people everywhere.

For three years we have been publishing a little paper called "La Ofrenda Escolar" in both English and Spanish. We find that we are sending a great deal of reading matter to people in the States who are unable to read it, so we have struck upon a new plan and beginning with November we will publish a separate paper in English which will probably be called "The Mexico Methodist." It will be a monthly and every issue will be full of news regarding the work in Mexico as well as the interests of Colegio Wesleyano. We would be glad indeed if those who read this and desire this paper, would send us fifty cents, American money, and thus help us and keep in touch with the work in Mexico.

We have just enjoyed a visit of incalculable benefit from our beloved Bishop E. D. Mouzon and wife, accompanied by Brother and Sister Appleby and Bro. Cooper, of Jacksboro. The General Conference certainly made no mistake when it elected to

the high office of a Bishop this capable servant of God. To say that he captured both missionaries and Mexican preachers would be putting it mildly. From the very first we saw that he had made our work his own and was spending an entire month among us for the purpose of studying our problems that he might assist us in their solution. He called as many of the workers together as could come. We were surprised and delighted at the number (over sixty), and we all agreed that it was probably the most important meeting held in the history of our mission. Many problems were freely discussed and some sane resolutions were sent to the Board of Missions for their approval. Among these was a proposition to add to Colegio Wesleyano a normal department, and as soon as possible to erect ample buildings for this leading school in Mexico. It was proposed, too, that Mary Keener Institute in Mexico City and our Saltillo school be provided with buildings adequate for the work they are trying to do. One of the most important recommendations made was that a committee be appointed to confer with a like committee of the Northern Methodist Church of Mexico for a union of our respective Church papers into one strong general organ representing both Churches and that our Sunday-school literature interests be united. We sincerely hope that this will carry through, as it will mean a great advance for the work down here.

The National Convention of Sunday-schools and Young People's Societies met in the City of Mexico from the 9th to the 14th, and was a great gathering. We were honored and benefited beyond measure by the presence of Mr. Marion Lawrence, General Secretary of the International Sunday-school Association. He is an inspiration to any audience.

The new Young Men's Christian Association building was inaugurated during our visit. This was done by President Porfirio Diaz, accompanied by some of his cabinet. He was delighted with the magnificent five-story structure with all of its up-to-date appliances. When he left he said, "Que vivan los jovenes Cristianos." (Hurray for the Christian young men.)

Mexico City was a blaze of glory. The electrical displays were equal, if not superior, to those of the World's Fair in St. Louis. Bunting in the National colors were everywhere. President Diaz inaugurated some new building, laid some cornerstone or unveiled some monument every day. The entertainment for the invited foreign guests was lavish. The specially arranged ball-room for the great social event of the celebrations was lighted with thirty thousand electric lights and surpassed in splendor anything ever known in this city of wealth. Still amid all this blaze of light and unparalleled splendor the thought was always with me, how the gospel of Christ is needed! May his kingdom soon come.

Well, we must close. Subscribe for our new paper and keep up with things in Mexico. She is moving.  
F. S. ONDERDONK.

#### BELMONT COLLEGE.

Belmont College for Young Women, Nashville, Tennessee, opened September 22 with three hundred and seventy-five boarding students. In attendance from more than thirty States, and with the largest waiting list in its twenty-one years. A little over twenty-two per cent came from north of the Ohio River, thirty of the number from Illinois. The local patronage limit of one hundred was also reached. Some interesting Church facts of this year's enrollment are that of the new students 65 are Presbyterians, 63 Methodists, 24 Baptists, 20 Episcopalians, 14 Christian Church, 7 Catholics, 6 Jews, 2 Lutherans, while thirty or more express no Church preferences.

#### WANDERINGS.

We closed our meeting here last night. I have been in "labors abundant" since our great meeting at Holy Springs in August, which lasted twelve days and nights and was one of the greatest meetings I ever saw. From Holly Springs I went to Carthage, Dallas County, where I visited my dear sister and her family and preached there for a week at night; good meetings, fine crowds, with no great visible results. All hard railroad towns are very much alike touching spiritual matters. So glad to find my sister and her nice family of children all traveling home to God in the way our fathers trod. In fact her children are pillars and leaders in the Methodist Church. From Carthage I went and spent a few days at Fordyce with

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#### GOSPEL SINGER.

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Bearden, Ark.

#### A TRIBUTE TO REV. JOHN S. DAVIS.

My heart was made sad when I noticed in a recent issue of the Advocate an account of the departure of my friend and brother, John S. Davis. Truly a great and good man is gone from among us.

As a soul winner he was a great success. In his own unique way of stating it, "I can show as many scalps as any of them." He was one of the easiest men to preach to that I ever saw. As a "Scotcher" he was simply splendid. When I was a young preacher I never dreaded to stand before an audience and make an effort to preach if I had John S. Davis in the pulpit to "Scotch" for me. He could make a preacher think, and make the congregation think the preacher was preaching anyhow, even if he was floundering and failing. Those great, full-fledged "Amens" in his own peculiar way were an inspiration to any preacher. Then he would look straight up at the preacher with those great, piercing and sympathetic eyes and say softly, but loud enough for the preacher to hear, and to be heard in heaven: "God help him." The fact is, but few preachers ever made a failure when John S. Davis was present. What a contrast between such a man and the cold, sarcastic critic who looks at you with an indifference or criticism, which makes one feel like he had a hundred icicles chasing each other up and down his back! John S. Davis was a man who had power with God and man. When others would get religion under his preaching and personal work he generally got a double portion himself, demonstrating the proverb, "There is that scattereth and yet increaseth." I have frequently

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seen him linger in the altar after the penitents had been converted, with a heavenly glow upon his face and a heart too full of joy for utterance, save at intervals breaking forth with a kind of laughing praise which would send a thrill of spontaneous joy through all who stood around.

John S. Davis was one who wore a crown of glory before he passed over to the elysian fields. "He is gone, but we know where to find him."

C. G. SHUTT.

Georgetown, Texas.

#### NOTICE TO STUDENTS.

To the Students of the University of Texas, the State University Organization at Epworth-by-the-Sea Sends Greetings:

We believe that the power of a Christian civilization springs from both the Church and the school. We have the deepest sympathy with the great work of Christian education which is now being done by the various denominational schools of our State. Moreover, while recognizing that State education is justly forbidden to become doctrinal, we sincerely believe that our State educational institutions may and will become powerful dynamos, not only for the spread of religious influence, but also for the deepening and strengthening of this influence, and for the unification of all the Christian endeavor of the State.

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And now our sympathy and prayers are with you, the present student body of the University of Texas. We work, like you, for a university which will make men and women strong in body, broad-minded and magnanimous, and so courageous of heart that they will have no fear of standing upon the Master's principles in all private affairs and in every event of State.

MARGARET BEADLE,

President.

L. W. NEWTON,

Secretary.

Epworth-by-the-Sea, Aug. 14.

#### MARRIED.

Anderson-Boteler.—In the parsonage of the First Methodist Church of Kirbyville, Texas, July 27, 1910, at 1 p. m., Rev. A. J. Anderson, of the Texas Conference, and Miss Henrietta Boteler, of Memphis, Tenn., Rev. C. M. Thompson officiating. The happy couple left immediately for their home in Beaumont, Texas.

Cullender-Riddle.—At the parsonage in Chico, Texas, August 7, 1910, Mr. Lamar Cullender and Miss Eula Riddle were united in marriage, Rev. C. C. Young officiating.

Manning-Burd.—At the Methodist Church, Chico, Texas, Sunday, October 2, 1910, 8:30 p. m., Mr. James D. Manning, Jr., and Miss Selma Byrd, daughter of Rev. and Mrs. P. W. Byrd, Rev. C. C. Young officiating.

Nicholson-Rosser.—At the residence of J. A. McKee, in Austin, Texas, October 2, 1910, at 6:15 p. m., Mr. W. W. Nicholson and Miss Mary Rosser, Rev. V. A. Golbey officiating.

Berry-Duncan.—At the home of the officiating minister, Goldthwaite, Miles County, Texas, September 30, 1910, Mr. Avless Berry and Miss Grace Duncan, Rev. G. W. Templin officiating.

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**BURROWS.**—Dr. Hiram A. Burrows was born at Round Rock, Williamson County, Texas, December 25, 1864; joined the Methodist Church in June, 1896, and died February 1, 1910, at his home in New Boston, Texas. Having chosen the practice of medicine as a life profession, he turned his energies all in that direction early in life, and attained to a foremost place among the men of that noble profession, having at the time of his death a very large and lucrative practice. He was also President of the Bowie County Medical Association. For years he served as one of the stewards of the New Boston Church, and was deeply concerned in all the work of the Church. Being both liberal and progressive, we miss his counsel and aid very much since his death, which came quite unexpectedly and rather suddenly as a sequel to a gripe. Dr. Burrows was twice married; first to Miss Alice Moore, of Bowie County, Texas, and later to Miss Sallie Weaver, of New Boston, Texas, his first wife having lived but about one year after her marriage. His last wife, together with three children, survives him, as do also his aged mother, a brother and several sisters, together with an unnumbered host of friends. His funeral was preached in the Methodist Church by the writer, and such a concourse of people has seldom if ever been drawn into a funeral service in New Boston. The remark upon every lip was: "Our chief citizen is gone, and what will the town, the Church and the country do without Dr. Burrows?" He was one of the most considerate and kind husbands and fathers I ever knew. His home life was most beautiful. He was a real help to his preacher, one of the kind who go forward at the close of a service and give a hearty handshake and a word of approval. Thus might I go on indefinitely to enumerate the good traits of this noble, useful man. Suffice it to say he was a good man, loved and respected by all who knew him, and is missed more than any other man in our town could have been. His grief-stricken loved ones know where to find him. May God's grace sustain and finally bring them to a happy reunion, where the sweet joys of the home circle will never again be disturbed, and where parting will be no more.

R. C. HICKS, Pastor, New Boston, Texas.

**MOONTZ.**—Mrs. Mary Ann Moontz was born in Estill County, Ky., September 19, 1862. She was converted and joined the M. E. Church, South, November 25, 1889, and was happily married to Mr. Frank Moontz October 28, 1881. Of this union there were four children—two sons and two daughters. The oldest son died in childhood, and the next to follow was the oldest daughter, both of whom were the better world awaiting mother's coming. The father and two children remaining are devoted Christians, and will do all in their power to carry out mother's instructions and meet their dear mother, brother and sister in heaven. Sister Moontz was, indeed, a true Christian and a great Church worker, taking great interest in Sunday-school work. As a teacher her equal was hard to find. That she was a child of God no one who knew her would ever dare to doubt, and to know her and look upon her modest, refined ways was to win one's love and highest esteem. May God's grace be sufficient for the grief-stricken husband and dear children in their sad affliction, and when life shall have ended and sorrows are no more may they meet her where sad good-byes are never spoken. Their pastor, J. J. RAPE.

**JAMES.**—Mrs. Ellen Elizabeth James was born in Jefferson County, Tenn., December 25, 1855; died September 15, 1910. She was converted at New Hope and joined the M. E. Church, South, at the age of thirteen. She was married to P. M. James May 13, 1877. They came to Texas in 1880. To this union were born six children. One of these children preceded her to the glory world. She was taken with fever and suffered intensely until God said: "It is enough; come up higher." Relatives, friends and physicians did all that loving hands could do. We low in humble submission to God's will, and not ours. Mother is not dead, but only transferred to the far-away home of the soul. A more saintly spirit never entered heaven's portals. Tender, gentle, self-sacrificing, noble mother! Her memory only left us. Her consecrated life and labors of love will never be forgotten. These are the saddest hours of our lives. Pray for us. Her son, W. T. JAMES.

**HOUSTON.**—Lodeska Laverne Houston died July 29, 1910. She would have been four years of age September 21. It was sad to give her up, but we know where to find her. She suffered only a few hours, but constantly called for her papa, who was far away from home. Everybody loved little Lodeska. May God comfort the hearts that are sad and help us along the way to the home where she has gone, where she will be waiting for loved ones; for God has said: "Suffer little children to come unto me, and forbid them not, for of such is the kingdom of heaven." They laid her to rest in the Salado Cemetery. Sleep on, sweet babe, and take thy rest; God called thee home and thought it best. Here papa, FRANCIS HOUSTON.

**IN MEMORIAM.**  
Rev. William Hay, son of Rev. Thomas Hay, who was a local preacher in the Methodist Church from his youth to his old age, who came from Ireland and settled in Decatur County, Tenn., where his son, William, was born July 5, 1855, was married to Miss Martha England in the same county in 1856; died at his home in Stamford, Texas, 6 a. m., July 23, 1910. They had born unto them three daughters and one son—Rev. Sam R. Hay, who is now presiding elder of the Fort Worth District, Central Texas Conference. His daughters all died when quite young. He was not converted until his thirty-third year, although living in the atmosphere of pure and unadulterated religion from his birth up to that hour, but living a strictly moral life, he felt the necessity of being born again, and sought and obtained a new life. In the same year he was called and licensed to preach, and also, at the fourth Quarterly Conference of that year, was recommended and admitted on trial into the Memphis Conference at Trenton, Tenn., in 1871, and was appointed to the same circuit which recommended him.

I can remember the custom that prevailed then with the presiding elders. When a man made application for admittance into the conference the presiding elder asked the Quarterly Conference: "Will you treat this man as your pastor?" The question was not asked officially, nor did it mean positively that he would be sent to that work if their answer was in the affirmative, but it was so in Brother Hay's case. His first appointment was to the people who had known him since his youth, and known him as a sinner, had received him into his Church but had not seen him baptized. I presume, for the custom then was to follow strictly the doctrine of infant baptism, and that is to have their infants baptized when they were eight days old, and, although he had lived what you might call a sinful life among them, yet he was sent into that same work as their pastor. I judge there were no wild oats to be sowed by this young man. His appointment to that work was a higher compliment than if the State University had conferred upon him the honorary degree of L. L. D. There are a few men now living who know the exact state of the country in Tennessee at that time. It had been run over by two armies—the Confederate and the Federal. Many of the husbands and many of the sons' bones were bleaching upon the battlefields; their stock and farming implements were all gone, and farming was the only business in that county. There were very few people in the homes in that country except widows and children, and it took the courage of a brave soldier to enter the ranks, take his equipment and go in the spirit of the Master as a minister, singing: "Jesus, my cross have taken, all to leave and follow thee," but this man of God did it, and the result of his first year was a net gain of 197 members.

Bishop Marvin said once: "I consider the highest compliment that can be paid any Methodist preacher was that he was an efficient circuit preacher." It meant something then to be a circuit preacher. I heard one of the leading presiding elders of Texas say that "Brother Hay was one of the best circuit preachers in the Methodist Church." That meant this: That he was willing to leave his home—often his wife went with him—about Friday, and sometimes Thursday morning before each appointment, go into the neighborhood of where he was going to preach Sunday, visit, and farm, and where there was a member of his Church, and where some of them were members of no Church, pray with them, talk to the children, urge them to attend to their religious duties, invite them to the services on Sunday, and remain in the community until about Wednesday morning, and then go home to rest and study preparatory to the next appointment.

Did the people come? Yes, sir; on horseback, in wagons and on foot, many of them for miles, for they had not have a church on every hill then; and they will do it with any preacher who will go in the spirit that this man went. It is interesting to follow him all through his ministry. Thirteen minutes will show that he had a net increase every year from 1879 to the very end of his ministry, and at the conference, two or three circuits made of his work. His mission was to save souls. What a host awaited him on the other shore!

He was ordained deacon at Jackson, Tenn., by Bishop McTyeire in November, 1872, ordained elder at Paducah, Ky., by Bishop Doegert in 1875, transferred to the North Texas Conference in 1881. He remained on the effective list until 1895, at which time he took a supernumerary relation and continued in that relation until his death. No man appreciated his call to the ministry more than Brother Hay. Starting at the time of life which he did, he had no time to stop and make preparation that our young men of today have, but he had had the training from his infancy that was worth untold value to any man. And he took his native ability and the means the Church had at the time, viz: the course of study, the experience he got as a circuit preacher, and made of himself one of the best expository and instructive preachers a faithful pastor and a great revivalist. When he commenced his protracted or camp-meetings, they never asked the question, "Who are you going to get to help you, or who is going to lead the singing?" They knew he could do all that and take care of an altar full of mourners also. That meant work for him was equal to all. He was a workman that need not be ashamed.

That father had in his library the standards of his Church, such as Clark's Commentaries, Wesley's Notes, Clark's Commentaries, Wesley's Notes, and then in the course of study he had such books as were helpful to make him a strong preacher. Then the circuit had to depend upon the preaching of the pastor. Preachers were not as plentiful then as they are now. All over the Church the confer-

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ences were passing resolutions setting apart some day in the year as a day of fasting and prayer, that the Lord would call men into the ministry. Therefore this inexperienced man had to hold his protracted meetings, his camp-meetings and all other meetings at every church in his charge, and it took, in fact, as it does today, an extraordinary man to do the work. What an asset the lives and characters of such men are to the Church today! We challenge the world to produce a better biographical history than the Church has in the ministry. Take such men as Andrew, Astory, McKendree, Pierce, Mary, Hay, Chalk, McKenzie, Alexander, Fowler, Mood and a host of others, and know what they have done for the world, and you will see their greatness. The message of death came suddenly. He arose from his bed, started upon his daily duties around his home, returned to the family room, sat down on the floor, and before his grandchildren, who were the only members of the family who were at home that morning, could get to him he had gone sweeping through the gates into the New Jerusalem, where no doubt thousands stood ready to welcome him to his reward and place upon his head a crown full of stars.

What a meeting that must have been July 23, 1910! Father and mother, children and converts by the thousands under his ministry from Tennessee and Texas, were there. His faithful wife and mother of his children still awaits on this side of the river to hear the call, "Well done, thou good and faithful servant." She, too, will receive her reward, for in all his work and ministry he had her prayers, full sympathy and counsel, and this was no trivial help.

When such men as he, after years of hard labor, retire, many imagine they are soon forgotten and unknown. No, neither does their work stop, yet unborn yet unborn will cross their path and stop to give thanks that they are the beneficiaries of their labors. I. Z. T. MORRIS.

**GRIFFITH.**—Mary Olivia, infant daughter of Mr. John H. and Mrs. Margaret McLean Griffith, was born in Taylor, Texas, June 1, 1910, and died August 8, 1910. This brief period marks the beginning and end of a young life. Sunshine and shadow followed in quick succession. The little advent gave promise of many days and much joy to the parental hearts and home, but the flower, "even in the blooming, died." Then came a time of testing, of submission and resignation to the will of God, who gave and took, and of saying in sadness, "Thy will be done," an opportunity for spiritual enlargement. As the Psalmist said of himself: "Thou hast enlarged me when I was in distress." As the night calls out the stars and the song of the nightingale, so God has promises and blessings for the night time of the soul—"at midnight Paul and Silas sang praises unto God." Sorrow is part of our earthly heritage. We must through tribulation enter the kingdom. The soul must tread the via dolorosa to reach its greatest perfection. Christ was made perfect through suffering and hallowed by it. As the shaded background brings out the picture, so the shadow of sanctified sorrow brings out the beauty of the soul. The summons was rather sudden. The beautiful face and form had not been wasted by slow disease, but lay in sweet repose in the little white casket as though asleep. "Asleep in Jesus! Oh, how sweet to be, for such a slumber meet." The Master, when of earth pressed the little children to his bosom and blessed them, saying: "Of such is the kingdom of heaven," and except adults be converted and become as little children they shall not enter the kingdom. David set us a good example in the death of his child. While it was sick he ministered to it and fasted and prayed that it might be healed, but when it died he composed himself, saying: "I shall go to him, but he shall not return to me." He had a new attraction in the glory world, and so of these dotting parents; heaven is nearer and dearer for little Mary Olivia who went before her. These are safe. Let us meet them there and dwell with Christ forever. The kindest consideration was shown the parents in their sorrow by their neighbors and the citizens of the town in the beautiful floral offerings and the large attendance upon the funeral services, conducted by the grandfather in the absence of the pastor. May God sanctify this sad visitation to the sorrowing hearts. JNO. H. McLEAN.

**WISDOM.**—Henry Grady Wisdom was born April 21, 1838, in Jackson Parish, La., and died August 21, 1910, near Roddy, Van Zandt County, Texas. In many respects the subject of this sketch was a model young man. Endowed with more than ordinary talent, tall and symmetrical in physical form, a born gentleman, but somewhat diffident, with a sort of retiring modesty, yet with a courage that bore him in the front when moral duty directed that way. He naturally took a leading part in Church work and service, even before he was converted. With a playful pleasantry, he always had some helpful words to the aged and infirm. He was therefore a favorite with the silver-headed saints in Israel, especially the saintly old mothers. He had gone to school for some time and was attending the normal at Athens when he was seized with that dreadful disease, typhoid fever, with which he wrestled for eight weeks, but at last succumbed to its ravages. All that a faithful physician, fond parents, loving brothers, sisters and friends could do was done for Grady. Some time since his death he said to the writer: "Grady is a model student; has high and noble aspirations, and will surely succeed in the battle of life." The aged minister who held the funeral services said he had noticed that Grady constantly attended the different Church services and took a leading part in such as the Endeavor, the League, the choir, Sunday-school, etc. We will miss Grady, but our temporal loss is his eternal gain. He has gained in heaven a home to draw his loved ones there. He was a dutiful son, a worthy brother and a faithful friend. We might here appropriate the words of Dr. Knott in his tribute to the character of that great statesman, Alexander Hamilton: "He is lost; lost to his family, lost to his country, lost to us." For a while, farewell, Grady; but ere long as we, one by one, cross the mystic river he will meet and greet us on that beautiful shore, amid the golden streets and pearly gates, where we can walk and talk together without let or hindrance. Who would live without the sweet and joyous anticipation of the heavenly home, where we shall meet and greet the great throng of friends and loved ones gone on before? Home with mother in heaven! C. C. GIBBS.

**PERRY.**—Miss Emma Beaufort Perry, daughter of William Fiske Perry and Sarah Jane Perry, was born in Titula County, Miss., June 11, 1861. She spent most of her girlhood in Alabama, and was educated at the Alabama Conference Female College. In 1877 she came with her parents to Texas, and in 1882 to the town of Dublin. Here she made her home for the greater part of the time until she was called to her heavenly home on September 6, 1910. Miss Perry was a teacher by profession, and was well known as being very efficient in her work. For quite a number of years she was connected with the public school of her home town, and for the past four years was Superintendent of Public Instruction for Erath County. When but a mere girl Miss Perry was converted and joined the Methodist Church, of which she remained to the day of her death a very faithful and useful member. She was quite active in the Sunday-school and other departments of the Church, and her life always gave out a strong, sweet, Christian influence. Her religious experience was rich and clear during her last illness. She expected death, and faced it trusting confidently in her Savior. She was a strong character, an unusual woman and for many years the memory of her life will be cherished by the people of her town and a host of friends in other places. A FRIEND.

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**BARNETT.** — Sister Nannie Louise Barnett passed from earth June 8, 1910, in her nineteenth year. She was married by this writer to J. L. Barnett October 27, 1908, and one dear little girl, one sister, Hallie, and the husband are left, together with devoted grand- ma and grandpa, uncles and aunts, to mourn their loss. At the age of nine, father and mother having died, Louise went to make her home with her grandparents, Brother and Sister J. D. Johnson, of Atlanta, Texas, and here she dwelt, a quiet, affectionate, obedi- ent child until the day she gave her young life in marriage, and she made her home a model of neatness and won the general verdict of thoughtful wife and devoted mother. Louise gave her heart to God in tender years and lived to the end in this beautiful relation. Her body was tenderly laid away, and by her devoted pastor, Brother C. P. Smith, in conducting the funeral ser- vice. As I write this line of tribute to the memory of this pure, noble girl I feel we have lost in her a personal friend as well as the Church has lost a noble supporter, and all the family has been made lonely by her going. Her only sister, Hallie, has in her memory of her a priceless treasure, and the young husband is able to call her blessed, and the stricken grand- ma and grandpa will think of her as a departed surer. We esteemed her, and hers as near paragon neighbors, and we expect to see her again. Fare- well until then.  
J. C. JONES.

**PATILLO.** — Edna Lillian Pattillo, second daughter of J. C. and Isabella Pattillo, was born March 22, 1889, in Arkansas, and died September 5, 1910, at St. Mary's Hospital in Roswell, N. M. Edna was converted in 1909 at Boaz, N. M., and lived a beautiful Christian life till God took her pure spirit to heaven, to live with the saints and angels forever. Brother J. N. S. Webb preached her funeral at the home of her parents in Boaz, N. M., and kind friends laid her beautiful body away to await the resurrection morn. Help her parents and brother- and sisters and her many friends and loved ones, dear Heavenly Father, to say, "Thy will be done." What a consolation it is to know Edna is with Jesus, awaiting our coming. We shall never see her smile again. The tired hands are folded, yes, folded forever; the warm, tender heart shall never throb in sympathy for us again; the voice has uttered its last cheering words; those eyes will never more beam encouragement to us upon earth, but the witness of such a pure, sweet life is as enduring as heaven. May God help us all to be faithful to the end and at last meet dear Edna with all our loved ones in heaven, to- with Jesus and the angels forever. One who loved her.  
BELLE DEES.

**HARDMAN.** — Albert Hardman was born in Hill County, Texas, March 15, 1887; came with his parents to Anderson County, Texas, in 1889, where he grew to manhood, known and loved by all. He was a blessing to the home, always obedient and kind, never giving his father and mother any trouble or anxiety as to his whereabouts at night, for they were sure that Albert would do right and shun evil compan- ions. He professed religion and joined the M. E. Church South, at fourteen years of age, and remained faithful unto death, which sad event occurred at his home near Brushy Creek, Texas, September 10, 1910. Attended by a large congregation of weeping friends on Sunday morning, the writer, assist- ed by Brother Lunsford, a Baptist min- ister, performed the burial service. Then the Woodmen, of which he was an honored member, took charge and deposited the body in the grave to await the resurrection morn. Albert was patient during his long sickness. Said he was ready to go if the Lord should call him. Before dying he called them together and prayed that God would comfort and bless them all. Good-bye, dear boy. We know where to find you.  
J. M. MILLS.

**MILAM.** — Mrs. Clara W. Milam was born November 19, 1842; married Mr. Gardner H. Brown December 27, 1857. Two children were born unto them—a son and daughter—who live to mourn her departure. Brother Brown having died, she was left alone, and for several years remained a widow. She was united in marriage the second time to Mr. Milam, who also died and left her alone. She lived with her brother, Jesse Brooks, until death claimed her. After ninety long days of suffering she closed her eyes on earth to open them in the city of God. She possessed all the virtues of a noble Christian woman. Despite the tender nursing of daughter, relatives and friends, also the good care of physicians, she left us on Monday at high twelve, Septem- ber 26, 1910. She lived well, therefore she died well. "Blessed are the dead which die in the Lord." Faithful to her vows, true to her God, loyal to her church and last, but not least, thought- ful of her pastor. We shall miss her. Dear ones, look up and follow in her footsteps and all will be well. May the rich consolations of God's grace sustain you in this sore affliction. We laid her away in the A. F. & A. M. Cemetery to await the resurrection morn. Our loss is heaven's gain.  
J. W. CULLEN.

**YOUNG.** — On the evening of Septem- ber 27, 1910, the death angel hovered over the home of Mr. Ben Young and carried from earth to heaven the soul of his mother, Mrs. Martha P. Young. She was born December 17, 1846; joined the Church in 1863 and was married to Mr. J. G. Young March 20, 1873. Sister Young was ready for the summons to come home. By request we sang at the grave "Meet Me There." The writ- er extends sympathy to the bereaved family.  
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**PATILLO.** — Edna Lillian, second daughter of J. C. and M. I. Pattillo, was born in Miller County, Ark., March 22, 1889. The family moved to Texas when she was only a year old, and from there she was only a year old, and from there she was only a year old. For seven months she was confined to her room. She had to be taken the second time to St. Mary's Hospital, Roswell, N. M., and died September 5, 1910, from the shock of the surgical operation, as she was very weak. Her body was brought to Boaz the same day for in- terment. Funeral services were con- ducted by the writer and the body laid to rest in Boaz Cemetery September 7. She leaves father and mother, sisters Stella and Bessie, Brothers Leroy and Handley in Texas, and Mrs. Fred and Gene here), also her aunt, Mrs. Panks, of this place, and many friends to mourn their loss. She professed faith in Christ in our meeting here a year ago. Before leaving this world she said she was not afraid to die. She calmly passed from earth to heav- en. Hers was a noble, loving, con- dition nature, sparkling with all the elements of womanly character, and her un- faltering faith and inspiring hope helped her to bear her sufferings cheer- fully. Her life was smooth and beau- tiful, and the many sweet mem- ories were borne without murmur. To the sorrowing ones we will say: Your loved one is not dead; she has only crossed the river into the land of rest, and when God sends you a sum- mons she will be standing on the shin- ing shore to welcome you over to God's riches. The hardships and trials of this mortal life will dwindle into insignificance when the day of victory comes. How her heart must have been filled with joy as she saw the gates of heaven open to her! The angels that came to welcome her sang their sweet- est celestial melodies. When we heard Sister Edna was dead our heart was made sorrowful, then a feeling of joy at her words, "I am not afraid to die." Knowing, too, we would greet her again in the house not made with hands, eter- nal in the heavens. All that medical skill could do had been done, and friends and loved ones could do no more. Slowly her sun of life was set- ting, and as the midnight hours were passing there entered an angel and tenderly bore her sweet spirit away. God in his mercy saw it to take the frail-pain-racked body to make it whole again, but the sweet spirit of the dear one lingers still, and through- out the years to come the abiding in- fluence of her sweet, cheerful life, her sufferings so nobly borne, will best like a benediction on those who loved her. May our dear Father give com- fort and peace to the sorrowing ones.  
J. W. S. WEBB.

Boaz, N. M.

**KONE.** — Mrs. Silvia Rebecca Kone, the daughter of General and Mrs. John D. Pitts, was born in Macon, Ga., May 21, 1828, and died in San Marcos, Texas, at the home of her daughter, Mrs. E. W. Smith, May 19, 1910, lacking but eleven days of being eighty-two years of age. She came with her parents to Texas at the age of fourteen years, and was married to S. R. Kone in Grimes County March 18, 1847. In December, 1851, she removed with her husband to San Marcos, where she resided until her death, making nearly fifty years of continuous residence here. To her and her husband twelve children were born, ten of whom lived to man- hood and seven of whom survive. They are: Hon. Ed R. Kone, State Commissioner of Agriculture; J. P. Kone and S. R. Kone, Mrs. L. J. Gar- rett and Mrs. Carrie Smith, of San Marcos; H. D. Kone, of Rockdale, and Mrs. Sidney Lawton, of Austin. One sister, Mrs. J. L. Malone, of San Marcos, twenty-nine grandchildren and seventeen great-grandchildren sur- vive. She also reared four orphan chil- dren—Mrs. P. C. Woods, Mrs. J. S. Davis and Mrs. B. F. Donaldson, of San Marcos, and Mr. Ogeltree, of Staples, to all of whom she did a mother's part, and all of whom mourn her as their mother. She assisted about a dozen of four other orphans. At the tender age of eight years she united with the Methodist Church, and continued to the day of her departure, not only faith- ful and consistent, but filled with ar- dent enthusiasm for the Church that she loved and for the cause of the Master whom she served. The first church in San Marcos was organized in her father's house in 1847, the only member now living being her sister, Mrs. Malone. Upon her arrival in San Marcos in 1851 she became a member of that church, and through all these years she and the members of her fam- ily contributed a large part of the spiritual and material forces by means of which, under the blessing of God, the church has grown and prospered. During her long and eventful life Mrs. Kone experienced in full measure the trials and sufferings that are in- evitable in greater or less degree the lot of humanity living in a world of sor- row and sin. Yea, more than her share seemed to fall to her lot. Many times did the sword pierce her heart. I know of no more pathetic and at the same time beautiful and triumphant exam- ple of the power of the Christian faith to sustain and comfort. She never ques- tioned the wisdom or love of her Heav- enly Father nor complained at his prov- idences. She was conscious of her ap- proaching end, and met death with ex- clamations of joy. She has left be- hind her a good name and a record of faithful service to which few attain.  
STERLING FISHER.

**SETLOW.** — Mrs. M. C. Setlow was born March 11, 1842, in Georgia, and moved to Arkansas with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Dorsey, in 1852. On November 15, 1869, she married Reuben Gill. To this union one child was born—Nancy Gill. Mr. Gill died July 11, 1862. She was married the second time to G. C. Setlow January 28, 1865, and to them were born eight children, four of whom are left, with four grand- children and seven great-grandchildren and a host of friends, to mourn her de- parture. She, like Barnabas, "was full of the Holy Ghost and of faith." In simplicity and godly sincerity she had her conversation in the world. No one doubted her loyalty to Christ or her devotion to the highest interest of her community. She professed faith in Christ and joined the M. E. Church,

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J. A. ELLIS, P. C.

**JONES.** — Brother J. A. Jones was born in Kentucky November 24, 1832; grew to manhood in Drew County, Ark., and came to Texas many years ago, being one of the old settlers of East- land County. He was married twice first to Miss Mary Holcomb and the second time to Arena West. He was the father of eleven children, seven of whom survive him. One brother and a half-sister also survive him. This briefly tells his earthly life, but does not portray the inner life. He was early in life converted, but fell away until several years ago, when he was reclaimed and united with the M. E. Church, South, of which he died a con- sistent member. He was sick for some time, and the end of this life came quietly. It was hard to say good-bye, but he leads on to a better land, and may it prove that all his children will follow. Brother C. C. Chaney, assist- ed by the writer, performed the burial service at the Jewel Cemetery Septem- ber 22, where we laid his body away to await the resurrection of the just.  
J. N. VINCENT, P. C.

South, when she was eleven years of age, and lived a faithful member of the same to the day of her death. She died September 14, 1910, at Redfield, Ark. Her children, the Church and so- ciety at large lose much when such a woman passes to the skies. She was buried at Redfield, Ark. She is missed, but we shall meet her over in the shade of the evergreen trees, where the sea of life is calm, where sorrow and death are no more, and where the valley in the shadow of death never comes.  
M. L. STORY, Pastor, Hawley, Texas.

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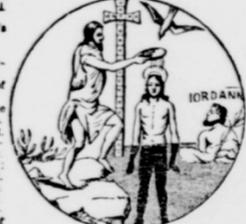
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### MY IMPRESSION OF MEXICO.

Rev. W. H. Hughes.

On September 12 I, in company with L. Blaylock, Epps G. Knight, W. M. Freeman and Col. S. E. Moss and wife, started by way of M. K. & T. Railway through Eagle Pass, to visit the City of Mexico, and see the great centennial of their National independence.

We arrived in the city the night of the 15th, and on the 16th—the centennial day—we witnessed the greatest military display any of us ever saw—more than 40,000 soldiers of all arms and of many nations passed in review. They were clad in full military costume. Infantry, cavalry, artillery and marines were in line. The streets were literally jammed with multiplied thousands of thousands of humanity, so that the cavalry had to push back the mass of people to open a space for the moving column of soldiers who were hours and hours in passing. And yet while the soldiers forced the people back with their horses, I heard of no casualty or accident. It was the quietest, best behaved great crowd I ever saw. I did not see a drunk man in the city.

President Diaz with the diplomats of the various Nations, in full costume and riding in magnificent coaches, most gorgeously decorated, passed in review. Diaz is rather a good looking old gentleman, 80 years of age, and is certainly one of earth's greatest rulers. He took up the reins of government amid the confusion and revolutions growing out of the misrule of Santa Anna and Maximilian, and with the skill of one born to govern he brought order out of confusion and a solid, permanent form of government to the most fickle and revolutionary people on earth, and now, after forty years, he has the whole situation in his own hands, and he seems, at least on the surface, to have one of the most loyal people to be found anywhere.

In Mexico disloyalty and death are synonymous terms. The government controls the telegraphs, telephones, railroads and mails, so that there can be no concert of action upon the part of revolutionists. He has reigned long enough to train up in his military

schools officers of his own liking who are true to him and his rule and none dare to question his right.

Strange to say, he is not a Roman Catholic. His religion is Masonry, and his motto: "Liberty of conscience to all." His rule may be called despotic, and so it is, but no other government could stand with that ignorant, revolutionary people.

After all, Mexico has made greater strides toward civilization under Diaz than it had under all other administrations. So I came to the conclusion that Diaz is one of earth's greatest rulers and that he is the right man in the right place. What will become of Mexico when he passes away is an unsolved problem.

### Mexico and Her People.

Mexico is a land of extremes—both as to the land itself and the people. There is great wealth and most abject poverty. Refinement and decency with the most shameless indecency. The valleys are the levellest, and the mountains the ruggedest. They have more irrigating ditches and less water. The finest and most palacious residences, and the least little, filthy huts, not more than 6x8 feet, built of any refuse material. Some of the land is as rich as the valleys of the Nile, while other sections are as poor as the Desert of Sahara.

There was more corn planted and less grain. It was planted in rows about one foot apart and the corn was in tassels, and was from twelve inches to waist high, and as best as I could judge, in many places, would not make a bushel to a thousand acres. The whole country for a hundred miles was planted in corn and little else.

At one station some distance this side the city strawberries of the finest flavor were in evidence, and I was told they were abundant every month in the year.

The Mexicans are a quiet people. Caste is marked everywhere. The rich and the poor are as far apart socially as the negroes and whites are in the Southern States. They all live in the towns except now and then a small hut dugout for the working man. You may travel a thousand miles perhaps without seeing a respectable dwelling house in the country. The rich all live in town, and have spacious mansions. I was surprised to find all these fine dwellings in towns and cities built right up to the street just as we do our business houses. These

houses are all built of stone or brick, and the windows are as heavily grated with iron bars as our jails. Joining the house and around the whole lot they have a solid rock or brick wall from six to ten feet high, with no place to enter except the front door of the mansion, through which everything must enter—whether wagons, man or beast. This strange custom I could not understand until I fell in company with a United States officer who gave me this solution: The Mexicans from time immemorial have been a restless, revolutionary people. The only safety for the wealthy was to make his home a military castle in which he could defend himself from the attacks of great odds. Since the government has become permanent this custom is an absolute protection from sneak thieves.

The streets are filled with the poor who seemed to be without home or shelter, with scanty clothing and less to eat. These poor people are thinly clothed and without shoes. But the men all wear a blanket and the women all have shawls, and most of them have babies wrapped up in the shawls. Strange to say these poor mothers seemed most loving to their children, and often caress them and tenderly kiss them, and out of the hundreds of these little urchins I rarely heard a cry. I was deeply impressed that these poor creatures were by nature a quiet, gentle people. To say the least of it, they are about as good and clever as we could expect from their antecedents and environments. The whole nation has been from time immemorial under the dominancy of the Catholics, whose supremacy and success depend on keeping the masses in profound ignorance. This policy of Catholicism has had its perfect work in Mexico. Hence the darkest ignorance and heavy chains of stolid poverty have driven the common people to the bedrock of destitution and want. Up to the time Protestant missions were begun the priests rarely pretended to preach, and no effort was made to educate the masses. And yet strange to say many of our American people send their children to Catholic schools to be educated by an ecclesiasticism whose success depends upon the ignorance of the masses. Shame upon such inconsistency!

Oh how these poor people do need the light of a pure, clean gospel which teaches them to trust God, and not in a treacherous, debauched priesthood. If cathedrals or church houses could save the people it would be all right with Mexico, for they have more churches, but less gospel and religion, than any people on earth. Since Protestant missionaries have entered Mexico and Church and State have been divorced there seems to be a promise of better things. The Protestants are establishing mission schools which has forced the Catholics in self-defense to look more to education than formerly. The few missionaries and mission schools are doing what they can, but they need to be multiplied by the thousands.

We were brought under many obligations to Brother Cox, of Mexico, and Brother Macene, of Torreon, for their kindness.

### TREASURER'S REPORT.

Report of funds received during the month of September by L. L. Jester, Treasurer Texas Conference:

**Beaumont District.**  
S. T. Brogdon, Port Bolivar and Amelia, F. M., \$125; D. M., \$20.50; Orph., \$1.20. J. W. Bridges, Sour Lake, F. M., \$8; Am. Bible Socy., \$1. L. P. Davis, Wallisville and Anahuac, F. M., \$6; Ch. Ex., \$20; Edu., \$12; Am. Bible Socy., \$2; S. S. Secy., \$2.

**Brenham District.**  
I. W. Campbell, Bellville, Bishops, \$4; Ch. Ex., \$10; Edu., \$8; Am. Bible Socy., \$2; Orph., \$5; S. S. Secy., \$2; Sup. End. Fund, \$2. W. C. Morris, Caldwell Station, special to missions, \$25. S. P. Simpson, Gilden Cir., Edu., \$18.45. W. Wootton, Hempstead and Millican, Conf. Cl., \$8; D. M., \$17. W. W. Horner, Lexington, Edu., \$6. G. Z. Sadler and T. S. Orle, Waller Cir., Bish., \$2; Conf. Cl., \$2; D. M., \$10.45; Ch. Ex., \$5; Edu., \$2; Am. Bible Socy., \$1.25; Orph., \$7; Ward Memorial, \$5.

**Houston District.**  
W. J. Johnson, Galveston, Bish., \$29; D. M., \$80; Ch. Ex., \$21; Orph., \$20. J. L. Williams, Houston, Washington St., Conf. Cl., \$10; Orph., \$10. C. S. Harkey, Houston, McAshan, Ch. Ex., \$20. F. E. Luker, League City, Ch. Ex., \$8; Orph., \$11.

**Huntsville District.**  
B. C. Ansley, Anderson, Conf. Cl., \$21.50; Ch. Ex., \$29; Edu., \$28.50; Am. Bible Socy., \$4.50; Orph., \$11; S. S. Secy., \$8; Sup. End. Fund, \$7. S. W. Stokely, Augusta, Conf. Cl., \$1; Ch. Ex., \$23.50. C. W. Weatherby, Dodge, F. M., \$7. A. L. Carnes, Grapeland and Lovelady, D. M., \$20; Orph., \$14; Children's Day \$5. J. E. Carter, Trinity, Ch. Ex., \$14.

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### Marlin District.

T. S. Willford, Centerville, F. M., \$5; D. M., \$55. W. A. Bercher, Davilla, Ch. Ex., \$17; Edu., \$23. J. S. Orle, Petteway, F. M., \$5; D. M., \$19; Orph., \$1. S. D. Horger, Travis, Del. Gen. Conf., \$1; F. M., \$16; D. M., \$27. D. W. Gerner, Wheelock, Bish., \$12; F. M., \$10; Orph., \$12. S. H. Morgan, Durango, Conf. Cl., \$2.

### Marshall District.

L. B. Saxon, Beckville, F. M., \$18; D. M., \$10; H. G. Williams, Church Hill, Bish., \$10; F. M., \$10; D. M., \$17.50; Am. Bible Socy., \$5; S. S. Secy., \$10. Jno. R. Bell, Hallville, Bish., \$5.25. I. B. Manly, North Marshall, F. M., \$5; D. M., \$5. H. H. Taylor, Rosewood Cir., Conf. Cl., \$5; F. M., \$10; Orph., \$2. M. F. Wells, Elysian Fields, Conf. Cl., \$10; F. M., \$5; D. M., \$5; Ch. Ex., \$10.

### Pittsburg District.

F. O. Favre, Queen City, Bish., \$10; Am. Bible Socy., \$5. J. B. Turrentine, Texarkana, Bish., \$27; Conf. Cl., \$100; F. M., \$22.50; D. M., \$40; Ch. Ex., \$15.45.

### San Augustine District.

W. A. Manley, Garrison, F. M., \$12.75; D. M., \$12. W. A. Pounds, Melrose, D. M., \$25. W. S. Easterling, Tenaha, F. M., \$24.

### Tyler District.

D. S. Burke, Canton, Conf. Cl., \$9; F. M., \$13; D. M., \$18. J. C. Stuart, Colfax, Bish., \$14; Am. Bible Socy., \$2; Orph., \$12; Sup. End. Fund, \$6. P. R. White, Edgewood, F. M., \$19; D. M., \$11; Dist. Parsonage, \$10. J. K. Luker, Edson, Bish., \$2; Conf. Cl., \$10; Ch. Ex., \$5; Edu., \$5. Thos. E. Hledsoe, Mount Sylvan, Orph., \$7. H. A. Matney, Tyler, Cedar Street, D. M., \$10.50. J. L. Ross, Whitehouse, F. M., \$12; D. M., \$22.

GRAND TOTALS—Delegates to General Conference, \$1; Bishops' Fund, \$141.40; Conference Claimants, \$269.45; Foreign Missions, \$292.15; Domestic Missions, \$461.30; Church Extension, \$221.95; Education, \$129.45; American Bible Society, \$32.75; Orphanage, \$126.50; Children's Day, \$5; Sunday-school Secretary, \$21; Ward Memorial, \$5; Special to Missions, \$25; Superannuate Endowment Fund, \$10; District Parsonage, \$10. Total of all funds, \$1762.25.  
L. L. JESTER,  
Treasurer Texas Conference,  
Tyler, Texas.

### Houston District—Fourth Round.

Katy, Oct. 9.  
Harrisburg, Oct. 9.  
Cedar Bayou, Oct. 16.  
Columbia & B., Oct. 22.  
Angleton, Oct. 22.  
Alvin, Nov. 6.  
League City, Nov. 12.  
Velasco, Nov. 16.  
Other appointments will be announced by pastors and through local press. Let everybody "get busy." Annual Conference convenes Nov. 20. "Nuff sed."  
ELLIS SMITH, P. C.

### IMPORTANT NOTICE.

Brethren are writing to me about application blanks for help from the Church Extension Board. They should address Rev. W. T. Morrow, 508 S. Harwood St., Dallas, Texas.

J. W. HILL,

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### CHURCH DEDICATION.

The Methodist Church of Mertens will be dedicated Sunday, October 9. Former pastors are invited to attend.  
Z. L. HOWELL, P. C.

And as many as walk according to this rule, peace be on them, and mercy and upon the Israel of God.—Gal. 6:16.