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GOVERNOR CAMPBELL AND MORAL LEGISLATION.

When Governor Campbell went into office nearly four years ago, he set himself to the task of having the Legislature put into laws those measures adopted and advocated in the platform of his party. In a large measure he succeeded and the result is that he has been more severely criticised by certain classes of newspapers than any Governor within the past several years. At the close of his first two years' term, strenuous effort was made to defeat him and a hostile press fairly bristled with criticisms of his administration. But he was re-elected and during his second two years' term these papers and certain politicians have kept up their ungenerous and prejudiced criticism of him. With some of his legislation the Advocate has no special concern, except to express its astonishment at the course pursued toward him on account of his strenuous effort to carry out the pledges of his party in State Convention assembled, but with the moral legislation advocated and carried through by the Governor, we want to do him the justice to make proper mention of it.

He did his best to prevail upon the Legislature to carry out the expressed will of the people and the pledge of the party, and submit to the people a prohibition amendment for their rejection or adoption at the polls; but a treacherous minority blocked his effort. He succeeded in having a law passed driving the lobby from the chamber of both branches of the Legislature, while that body was transacting business for the people. Bucket-shop gambling has been wiped out, one of the worst evils of our day. Professional gambling has been put out of business and the offense made a felony. Also a law making it a penitentiary crime to run an illicit liquor business in local option territory. This has broken up the blind tiger and the boot-legger. Horse race gambling has been put out of business in Texas, and the evil known as pool selling is a thing of the past. All these acts are in the interest of good public morals, and law-abiding people are under obligation to the Governor for the part he has taken to make these laws real and effective. Of course these laws do not suit those papers and those politicians who believe in "liberal statutes" and a "wide open community." Hence all this hue and cry against the Governor from sources of this character.

And when the Governor called the recent session of the Legislature together he made special effort to have other needed restrictions thrown round the liquor business, but a narrow majority of one in the Senate defeated his purpose. Had the ten-mile law, the daylight law, and the law reducing the sale of liquors to quantities of not less than

one quart, not to be drunk on or near the premises, been passed as the Governor recommended, then we would have real restriction, but the whiskey politicians in the Senate prevented this, and nothing in that line need be expected in the immediate future.

The next administration is fore-pledged against any progress of this sort. But in all such legislation, Governor Campbell has done the State a great service, and had he been backed by a Legislature in sympathy with his recommendations, larger legislation covering these offenses against the public morals of the commonwealth would now be in force. So the Advocate does not hesitate to commend the Governor for his useful service in giving to Texas some of her most stringent laws against the liquor business and against all forms of public gambling. All good people will forever feel under obligation to him for his work, and his further intended work, along these lines. He has been true to the people.

FIGURING ON APPOINTMENTS.

That a preacher is not to be censured for wanting an appointment that will give him a good salary for his services, and that a congregation have the right to ask for and desire the best preacher in the conference, we do not question for a moment. But when the congregation upon the one hand and the preacher upon the other put the appointment on a cold basis of dollars and cents, they are both going beyond the genius and traditions of Methodism. And this sort of view of the situation is becoming altogether too common among some of our people and some of our preachers.

Simply because one congregation have ability to pay a larger salary than another is not always the best reason why they should have the pick of preachers in the connection. And because one preacher has the gift of eloquence and the ability to bring things to pass is not always a good reason why he should be sent to the charge that can pay him the most money. Our itinerant system was not originally projected upon a money basis. Its purpose used to be to send the specific man to the specific place because of his ability to do specific work. The money feature was not taken into consideration. It was ability and adaptation to meet an emergency. A certain field demanded a certain order of talent to develop it, and the conference was looked over for the man and he was sent accordingly.

But the order has changed, and now we often find some congregations offering the highest bid for certain preachers, and we find certain preachers encouraging this sort of rivalry. As a result, we now hear preachers spoken of as \$3000 men, \$2000 men and on down to \$500 men. And we hear certain charges spoken of as \$3000 charges, \$2000 charges, and on down to \$500 charges. This sort of estimate may be business-like, but it is secularizing the Church and the ministry. As a rule the only questions that ought to be considered in the appointment of preachers

are, what charge needs him most, and where can he save the largest number of men and women and develop them into righteousness of life and bigness of character? Were our preachers distributed upon this basis, the old time spiritual power would return to the Church. But we have about reached the period in which we place the stress upon the money side of the question and the man who can get his people to pay the largest contributions into the collections, is the man who stands out and reads his report with emphasis at conference and the congregation paying the largest salary has large consideration. The money part of the equation is all right, but the spiritual needs more emphasis.

GIVE YOUR PREACHER THE GLAD HAND.

When the conference is over and the new preacher comes to your charge, he may not be the particular man you wanted, and it is barely possible that you are not the special people he would have chosen to serve. But if you are good Methodists and if he is a true Methodist preacher, neither one of you had any voice in the assignment. He is your preacher because the conference sent him to you, and you are his people because the conference gave you to him. You want a man who can comfort you with the promises of God, who will devote himself to the salvation of your family and the families of your charge, and he wants a field where these conditions are to be met. And so he is your preacher.

It is, therefore, your duty to meet him at the parsonage, or at his first appointment, take him by the hand, look into his face and tell him that you are glad to welcome him, and that he can count on your prayers and hearty co-operation. And then do your part to provide for the reasonable comfort of his wife and children. Do not make them feel that they are objects of charity, but impress them with the thought that God has sent them to you, and that you are going to do your best for them, and that in doing it you find a great pleasure. That sort of treatment will help to make your pastor and his family a great blessing to you and to yours.

And when you drive by the parsonage, if you have the ability, leave some little token of your love and esteem not to be counted in as a part of the "quarterage." Show some magnanimity of soul. It will cost you but little, if anything at all, but the generous expression will carry an odor of confidence to your preacher and his family that will make them love you tenderly and affectionately. True, they can get along without such a token, but it will strengthen the ties that bind them to you, and the parsonage home will be glad and happy. There are many little remembrances that the people can observe in this way that always put them close to the heart of the humble parsonage home. Try it, brother, sister, and you will be surprised at the result.

NINETEEN THOUSAND MISSIONARY COMMITTEES.

C. F. Reid.

Few realize the far-reaching effect of the action taken by the General Conference at Asheville in regard to the Laymen's Missionary Movement. In point of authoritative recognition and provision for universal adoption of its methods, that action places the Methodist Episcopal Church, South, in the very van of the movement.

According to the legislation above indicated, Bishops holding the Annual Conferences will ask, "Who is elected conference leader?" Presiding elders holding the district conferences will ask, "Who is elected district leader," and holding his quarterly conferences he will ask, "Who is elected church leader?"

The preacher in charge in holding his church conferences will ask, "Who are the missionary committee?"

The Annual Conferences and most of the district conferences will probably also elect vice leaders.

In the M. E. Church, South, we have forty-nine Annual Conferences, three hundred and six districts, nineteen thousand one hundred and thirty-six Church organizations. The Church committees will usually be composed of from five to seven members, say an average of six. Therefore the immediate effect of carrying out the requirements of our Discipline will be the election of at least forty-nine general officers, 396 staff officers, 19,136 line officers and the mobilizing of a vast army of 115,000 laymen, pledged to the great cause for which the Laymen's Missionary Movement stands. Now what do you think of that? To this writer it appears that had the Laymen's Missionary Movement in our Church done no more than officially set to work so large a per cent of our membership with a purpose so Christ-like it would stand amply justified.

But many of our pastors will probably follow the wise example of Dr. A. N. Hughlett, of Parkersburg, W. Va., and enlist from twenty to fifty volunteers for the every member canvass, which will very largely increase our working force until we shall become a mighty, on-going, rejoicing and triumphant Church, making the waste places at home and abroad blossom as the rose.

The possibilities indicated above are inspiring, but, after all, we remember that we are laymen, thoroughly imbued with an intense loyalty to our Bishops, our presiding elders and pastors. It is to them we look for initiative and guidance; without them we would not move, we can not move effectively. We stand at "attention," and when from the command "Forward march" comes ringing down the line, the music of the life and drum will be heard throughout our borders.

THEN AND NOW—TO SHOW WHAT WE ARE DOING.

"He that tooteth not his own horn, the same shall not be tooted." The following will show what the San Augustine district was in 1902 and what it is in 1910. The matter is of interest to me, and it may be to others. The figures are only approximately correct.

Burke Circuit Then, 1902.

A very good parsonage, five appointments, two church houses; paid pastor and presiding elder \$410. Assessment paid, \$81.

Burke Circuit Now, 1910.

Same parsonage repaired and furnished at a cost of \$500. Three appointments; given off two appointments; built one church house worth \$2000; paid pastor and presiding elder \$680. Assessment, \$200.

Lufkin Station Then, 1902.

A very good but small parsonage, old and out of repair; an old dilapidated wooden church house 36x56; paid pastor and presiding elder \$1125. Assessment, \$190.

Lufkin Station Now, 1910.

A good up-to-date, nearly new parsonage, finished and furnished in a good location; a fine modern brick church house, cost \$17,000; paid pastor and presiding elder \$1660. Assessments, \$432.

Lufkin Mission Then, 1902.

An old parsonage at Wells; one church house at Wells, very much out of repair; five appointments; paid pastor and presiding elder \$275. Assessment \$75.

Lufkin Mission Now, 1910.

Name changed to Kelly's Circuit; a first class parsonage well furnished; five appointments, four church houses; built two church houses at a cost of \$2800; paid pastor and presiding elder

\$750. Assessments, \$185. Turned over to the Jacksonville District in 1908.

Nacogdoches Station Then, 1902.

A new, up-to-date parsonage with a \$500 debt on it; an old wooden church house somewhat out of repair, 40x60 feet; paid pastor and presiding elder \$1120. Assessment, \$234.

Nacogdoches Station Now, 1910.

The same parsonage, with the \$500 debt paid; a modern, up-to-date pressed brick church house worth \$20,000 and almost out of debt; paid pastor and presiding elder \$1660. Assessment, \$423.

Melrose Circuit Then, 1902.

A very good parsonage at Melrose; seven appointments, five church houses; paid pastor and presiding elder \$355. Assessments, \$110.

Melrose Circuit Now, 1910.

The same parsonage repaired and better furnished; seven appointments, seven church houses, built two church houses at a cost of \$2000; given off three appointments; paid pastor and presiding elder \$680. Assessment, \$225.

Appleby Mission Then, 1902.

No parsonage, five appointments, five church houses, all of them in bad repair; paid pastor and presiding elder \$165. Assessment, \$64.

Appleby Mission Now, 1910.

No parsonage, six appointments, four church houses; built one parsonage at a cost of \$800; built four church houses at a cost of \$1500, and has given off Caro Station and Cushing Circuit, so the "then" Appleby Mission is "now" Caro Station, Cushing Circuit and Appleby Circuit; the mother circuit Appleby is now; paid pastor and presiding elder \$675. Assessment, \$195. The whole original territory is now paying pastor and presiding elder \$2000. Assessments, \$500.

Garrison Circuit Then, 1902.

A very good parsonage, six appointments, three church houses; paid pastor and presiding elder \$160. Assessments, \$152.

Garrison Circuit Now, 1910.

Added to the parsonage \$400; built three church houses at a cost of \$3500; remodeled one church house and seated it, at a cost of \$1000; given off four appointments, has now three appointments; paid pastor and presiding elder \$700. Assessment, \$195.

Minden Circuit Then, 1902.

An old run down parsonage in the old village of Minden; seven appointments, three church houses and all of them out of repair; paid pastor and presiding elder \$115. Assessments, \$124.

Minden Circuit Now, 1910.

Changed name to Mount Enterprise, bought a good parsonage in this nice town at a cost of \$700; seven appointments, six church houses, built three church houses at a cost of \$3500; given off three appointments; at Pinehill built a good parsonage at a cost of \$800, and set up the Pinehill Mission in part; paid pastor and presiding elder \$1000. Assessments, \$310.

Clayton Circuit Then, 1902.

No parsonage, five appointments, three church houses; paid pastor and presiding elder \$300. Assessments, \$83.

Clayton Circuit Now, 1910.

Changed name to Gary Mission; built a good parsonage at a cost of \$1000 in the good little town of Gary; given off one appointment, has seven appointments; paid pastor and presiding elder \$550. Assessment, \$200. This includes the point given off, which is Clayton.

Carthage Station Then, 1902.

A very good parsonage, a new church in debt \$500; paid pastor and presiding elder \$496. Assessment, \$135.

Carthage Station Now, 1910.

Added to parsonage \$500; paid church debt of \$500; paid pastor and presiding elder \$1125. Assessment, \$340.

Timpson Station Then, 1902.

An old parsonage, a very good wooden church 40x60 feet, both out of debt; paid pastor and presiding elder \$920. Assessment, \$226.

Timpson Station Now, 1910.

Built two parsonages worth \$5500, the first one burned, the second is built of concrete; built a fine concrete church at a cost of \$15,000; paid pastor and presiding elder \$1360. Assessments, \$432.

Tenaha Circuit Then, 1902.

A good parsonage, four appointments, two church houses; paid pastor and presiding elder \$525. Assessments, \$142.

Tenaha Circuit Now, 1910.

The same parsonage repaired and furnished; six appointments, built two church houses at a cost of \$2200; overhauled one at a cost of \$500; paid pastor and presiding elder \$910. Assessments, \$300.

Center Circuit Then, 1902.

An old out-of-date parsonage very much out of repair; seven appointments; five church houses, all of them old and unfinished; paid pastor and presiding elder \$625. Assessments, \$153.

Center Circuit Now, 1910.

A good, modern, finished and well furnished parsonage, cost \$2000 and out of debt; seven appointments, seven church houses; built four church houses worth \$5000; paid pastor and presiding elder \$720. Assessments, \$245.

Center Station Then, 1902.

An old parsonage almost out of town and poorly furnished; a very good wooden church house; paid pastor and presiding elder \$870. Assessment, \$220.

Center Station Now, 1910.

A fine, new, modern parsonage well furnished, worth \$3000, in a good location near the church; the church repaired and modernized at a cost of \$1500; paid pastor and presiding elder \$1510. Assessment, \$432.

Shelbyville Circuit Then, 1902.

A shack for a parsonage, out of town; seven appointments; four church houses; paid pastor and presiding elder \$600. Assessments, \$195.

Shelbyville Circuit Now, 1910.

A good and well furnished parsonage in a good location near the church, worth \$1000; nine appointments, seven church houses; built three church houses at a cost of \$4000; paid pastor and presiding elder \$840. Assessment, \$280.

Geneva Circuit Then, 1902.

A parsonage at Geneva unfinished and unfurnished; seven appointments, five church houses; paid pastor and presiding elder \$410. Assessment, \$82.

Geneva Circuit Now, 1910.

The same parsonage finished in part and very well furnished; eight appointments, six church houses; built one church house worth \$800; paid pastor and presiding elder \$510. Assessment, \$185.

Hemphill Mission Then, 1902.

An old dilapidated, unfinished and unfurnished parsonage; six appointments, two church houses; paid pastor and presiding elder \$271. Assessment, \$68.

Hemphill Circuit Now, 1910.

A fine, finished and well furnished parsonage that cost \$1700; four appointments, three church houses, built two church houses worth \$3000; given off four appointments; raised to a circuit and paid pastor and presiding elder \$720. Assessment, \$205.

San Augustine Circuit Then, 1902.

A very good parsonage poorly furnished, four appointments, two church houses, both of them old and out of repair; paid pastor and presiding elder \$585. Assessment, \$148.

San Augustine Station Now, 1910.

The same parsonage repaired and furnished, raised to a station, built a beautiful concrete church at a cost of \$14,000, and nearly out of debt; paid pastor and presiding elder \$1010. Assessment, \$282.

To sum up, we find that in these eight years we have expended for debts on churches and parsonages, and for repairing and furnishing the same, the sum of \$6000. We have built twelve parsonages at a cost of \$21,500. We have built thirty-one churches at a cost of \$100,000. We find that in 1902 there was paid to pastors and presiding elders \$921, and in 1910 assessed and will be paid \$19,080, a gain of \$10,159. In 1902 the assessment paid was \$2492. This year we are assessed and believe we will pay \$5575, an increase of \$3083.

C. A. TOWER.

HISTORIC FACTS CONCERNING THE SABBATH.

Article Three.

There is conclusive evidence from the exhumed debris of the Oriental cities that the inhabitants of these cities of the past had knowledge of the Sabbath. The clay tablets found among the ruins of Babylon, the cuneiform inscriptions on the alabaster slabs of Nineveh, the deciphered records of the tombs of Egypt, as well as the Imperial Almanacs of China, to say nothing of the utterances in the poems of Hesiod and Homer, all bear testimony to the existence among the gentle nations of the past, that they

observed a day of sacred rest occurring hebdomadally. The various nations of the world from age to age, with but few exceptions, have had some kind of laws for the protection of the Sabbath.

It is not a question for discussion at this period of our civilization whether the State has the innate and constitutional right to conserve the moral interest of the Commonwealth. On the contrary, it is admitted to be the imperative duty of the government to protect society against certain forms of vice. Not the least of these stands Sabbath desecration. Legislation for the protection of the Sabbath is traceable through the various nations which composed the Roman Empire back to the edict of Constantine, issued A. D. 321, at which time he accepted Christianity for the empire. This appears to be the first law recognizing the first day of the week as the Christian Sabbath. The early settlers of our country observed for a time the English Sabbath law, which they considered as sufficient. At the beginning of the Revolutionary War the Sabbath law known as the 29th, Charles II, Chapter VII, enacted in 1676, was in force in all the American Colonies. However, the Assembly of Virginia passed a Sabbath law in 1619 in which they defined the proper observance of the Sabbath. The law of England referred to above began with the following language:

"I. (1) For the better observance of keeping holy the Lord's day, commonly called Sunday; (2) Be it enacted by the King's most excellent Majesty, by and with the consent of the Lords, spiritual and temporal, and of the Commons, in this present Parliament assembled, and by authority of the same, that all the laws enacted and in force concerning the observance of the Lord's day, and repairing to the church thereon, be carefully put in execution." This law prohibits ordinary work, excepting works of necessity and charity only. It prohibited drovers, house-couriers, wagoners, butchers, higlers or any of their servants from traveling on the Sabbath. I quote the following provision: "No person or persons shall use, employ, or travel upon the Lord's day with any boat, wherry, lighter or barge, except it be an extraordinary occasion, to be allowed by some justice of the peace of the country, or some head officer," etc. This law prohibited the serving and executing of any writ, process, warrant, order, judgment or decree." Some exceptions are made to cover cases of emergencies. This law is based upon the sanctity of the Sabbath as set out in the Bible. Each State in this Union has a Sabbath law, except California, Idaho and Arizona, Territories included. These laws differ in their scope and penalties imposed, but they all tend to conserve the sanctity of the Sabbath. With but few exceptions, among the many decisions of the various courts, the decisions are based upon the fact that Christianity forms a part of the common laws of the country. We find among the judicial decisions as strong language in advocating the sanctity of the Sabbath as can be found in the homilies of the pulpit. Twenty-one States in this Union have better laws than we have in Texas. This State ranks with twenty-two States and one Territory, with its law very much weakened by numerous exceptions, limited in scope and inadequate penalty. Among the things prohibited on Sundays, in the different States, are excursions, baseball, football, theatrical performances, hunting, fishing, all kinds of work except works of necessity and charity, and all kinds of plays and sports. In my next article I shall mention the dangers which threaten our Sabbath in Texas.

R. C. ARMSTRONG.

NEW BRAUNFELS.

Modern Thought, as the prince in the fairy tale, is at last forcing his way through the hedges of prejudice and tradition to awaken the sleeping beauty, New Braunfels. His faithful followers, progress and development, are putting exclusiveness to flight. Long and undisturbed has New Braunfels slept, but now, with wide-open eyes, she is bidding her royal visitor a hearty welcome. A new day is dawning; with the passing of the old times, old times are passing. Soon we will have a new town and a new people. Pretty as New Braunfels was, it is becoming prettier every day. Wherever you go, you can hear the sounds of the carpenter's and the mason's tools. The buildings now under construction are designed for the future. Our people recognize the value of good homes, pay upward to \$15,000 for them. I've been told that Eiband and Fisher's new building was erected at a cost of \$10,000. Everything here

has a wholesome and thrifty appearance.

A very healthy sentiment is noticeable everywhere. The people no longer speak of building breweries. But you can hear much talk of utilizing the waterpower of the Comal and the Guadalupe and of factory building.

There is an abundance of work for all that come, especially for carpenters, decorators, masons, etc. Some of these men would gladly make their home in our midst, but there are no places where they could keep their families. No houses for rent in New Braunfels, and last, not least, quite a number of these men are Methodists. They leave again because there is no Methodist Church in town for them to go to. If any place ever needed a church this one does.

This town has a great future. Our resources only lack development. The climate is ideal; the water is the best. We also have different kinds of mineral waters. This place could be made an ideal health resort. Then consider the waterpower; and the farming land south of town can not be beaten.

And just think! this place with its 4000 inhabitants, its possibilities, has no Methodist Church. (There is a small M. E. Church, South, in the suburbs, built fifty-five years ago. This same little church will be our coffin, unless we do something.) It almost breaks my hearts to overlook the situation. Great things could be done here for the Master, but, oh, we are so helpless!

Methodism is considered a dead issue here. Almost every pastor tried to locate a house of worship in town, but failed. This is one reason why people have no confidence in our present enterprise. Methodism does not look much like a power to them. I speak to the business men concerning help and this is the reply I receive: "Whenever you are ready to build, come again."

It seems as if the Baptists were ahead of us in some things. Their motto is, "All for one and one for all." This is how they managed to build a beautiful little church in our town. They had no members here. Couldn't we do likewise?

But we have not been idle. We bought a beautiful building site, 100x200 feet, fronting one of the main streets, almost in the center of town. It is to cost us \$2000. (This is a good investment. In a short time double that amount will not buy it.) \$500 dollars have been paid on it, \$400 are in the bank, \$1200 more have been subscribed of which about \$600 can't be collected on account of the bad crops. A note of \$2500 will be due on January 1, 1911. These are the figures of the enterprise.

Brethren, shall this be another failure? Another failure it will be unless you come to our rescue. We went into this by faith in God, by faith in you. My little congregation does what it can and we have also received some outside help, but as you notice these figures you'll see that it is insufficient. But, if you'll come to our aid, the time will not be distant in New Braunfels when the Christ shall be lifted up from the earth that he may draw all men unto him.

It hurts me to write these letters to ask for help. We always try to help ourselves, and we know that the crops are short and the collections almost without number. Let our needs be our excuse. And yet, it's the King's business I'm putting again before you. Since he has so wonderfully blessed you, could you not invest a small part of your income with us for the salvation of the souls at this place? The Lord loveth a cheerful giver. If 1000 men would only give \$5 each, our trouble would have an end and the work that should have been done 40 years ago would be—thanks to your assistance—completed. And before I close I would like to ask those brethren who have subscribed to kindly send in those small amounts. The time will soon be here when we shall need every cent. May God bless you all!

H. O. LAUNCH.
New Braunfels, Texas.

DREAMING TODAY.

As our Annual Conference draws near I am dreaming today. I saw all our educational interests referred to a Commission and the matter settled in peace and good will. While Drs. Boaz and Marcus were off in one corner giving each other the kiss of love, I saw the elders ask the Bishop to redistrict our conference with not more than fourteen charges in a district, and the matter greatly pleased the good man. I saw Brother Williams, a man full of the Holy Spirit and wisdom,

Lay Leader of our conference, arise and say, "Bishop and Brethren—It is not reason that God's ministers should learn the Word of God and serve tables of finance. We have sought out good men in each charge and ask you to appoint them over this business, so that the ministry can give themselves continually to prayer and to the ministry of the Word."

These words greatly pleased the conference. They brought the men before the conference and when the Bishop had prayed they went to the work of the Church finances grew. The Word of God increased and the number of disciples multiplied. The good Bishop then read me a letter signed by all elders, ex-elders and station preachers: "Let brotherly love continue," and that there be no well favored ministers and fat-fleshed feeding in the meadows and ill-favored ministers and lean-fleshed feeding upon the brink of the river, and as in "honor we prefer one another," we ask that you appoint us to missions and circuits. The Bishop smiled and said, "Bro. Sawyers, this beats the 'Arkansas plan.'" One of the elders asked the Bishop if the "General Conference did not say something about reading the appointments in open session." A smile played over his face as he answered: "Brethren, have you never read your Discipline? Study the Constitution of your Church." After the appointments were read I heard each one of God's ministers repeat, "Behold, how good and pleasant it is for brethren dwell together in unity!" I saw Drs. Hay and Knickerbocker going to their circuits, while M. L. Story and I. E. Hightower went to the District and First Church. Everyone was well-pleased. The Churches grew for they were "all workers together with the Lord." I awoke to find it was not all a dream.
S. B. SAWYERS.

LETTER FROM OKLAHOMA.

Dr. Lamar has placed me under everlasting obligations for complimenting me with a copy of the minutes of the Annual Conferences of the M. E. Church, South, for 1909. Up to the time I left Missouri I bought a copy of these minutes every year, but since coming to Oklahoma have not done so. It is strange to me that so few of our preachers procure these annuals. I herewith send you the result of a day's study of the copy just received.

Last year the M. E. Church, South, through her regular collections, paid 37.9 cents per member for the cause of missions. Twenty-five conferences paid above this amount, while twenty-one fell below it. The following is what was paid per capita by each conference:

Montana, 93.6; Los Angeles, 65.2; Virginia, 63.2; Northwest Mexican Mission, 60.8; Cuban Mission, 60.5; South Georgia, 60.2; German Mission, 59.6; West Texas, 52.3; Columbia, 52.2; Pacific, 48.6; Baltimore, 47.3; East Columbia, 44.5; South Carolina, 44.2; Southwest Missouri, 44.2; Brazil Mission, 43.6; Denver, 41.5; St. Louis, 41.5; Florida, 41.4; North Georgia, 40.8; Missouri, 40.5; Mexico Border Mission, 40.5; North Texas, 39.8; North Carolina, 39.6; Kentucky, 39.2; Memphis, 38.8.

Average, 37.9.

Alabama, 26.3; Western North Carolina, 35.7; North Mississippi, 34.5; Tennessee, 34; Texas, 32.8; Arkansas, 32.5; New Mexico, 30.8; Northwest Texas, 30.6; Louisiana, 30.5; Holston, 29.6; Little Rock, 28.6; Louisville, 27.4; Oklahoma, 27; Mississippi, 26.9; North Alabama, 24.2; Central Mexican Mission, 23; White River, 20.2; West Virginia, 13.7; China Mission, 13.2; Illinois, 08.5; Korea Mission, 02; South Brazil Mission, no report.

The above per capita contribution is more than doubled by adding the amounts given by the Woman's Missionary Societies, as their contributions amount to \$15,510.65 more than the regular collections. Including this we have over 76 cents per capita. They gave 38.5 per member of the entire Church. Their contributions during the past thirty years aggregate \$5,655,560.32.

We had a pleasant session of our conference (the Southwest Missouri) in Webb City, Mo. The weather was ideal, and the entertainment delightful. However, but few of the old preachers were present, and many younger ones did not answer at roll call. It was my sixtieth year in the ministry and I had never failed to answer when my name was called, save in 1861. Our Veteran Association held its tenth annual meeting. We had ten members present and two others by proxy. The question, "Shall we continue our organization?" was considered and unanimously answered, yes. Bishop Denny captured everybody, both preachers

and people. His talks to the conference each morning on the 103 Psalm were superb. His sermon on Sunday morning was original, unique, appropriate and helpful. It might be called dramatic. As a presiding officer he will have to have practice before he can secure a reputation for excelling in the chair.

Oklahoma Methodism is growing. Our preacher, E. A. Townsend, has held meetings at two schoolhouses nine miles from Snyder in opposite directions, which resulted in organizing classes at both places. He and the pastor of the M. E. Church are now holding a union meeting in town. He is also now building a church seven miles from Snyder which he hopes to complete before conference.

How long before the two great Methodist Churches will learn sense enough and get religion enough to quit building altar against altar in our towns? We have two Methodist Churches in Snyder starving two preachers, sinking hundreds of dollars of missionary money where one could be supported decently without help and do the work better than the two. The meeting of the commissioners of the three Methodist Churches in America, to be held in Baltimore, November 20, will be a most important meeting. Let all pray that the Holy Spirit may guide them.
W. S. WOODARD.
Snyder, Okla.

THE MAN WITH THE FIVE TALENTS AND HIS REWARD.

In the parable of the talents the kingdom of heaven is represented as a man traveling into a far country, who called his servants and delivered unto them his goods, to use and improve until he should come again.

Unto one of these servants he gave five talents, to another two, to another one. He gave to each according to his ability and then straightway took his journey.

Then he that received the five talents went and traded with his talents. His work was speedily begun. Not a moment of his time was lost. He worked and persevered. His work was crowned with success. He doubled his sum that he had received, and when his master came he was ready with a joyful account of his labors. He came without delay to his master, saying: "Lord, thou deliverest unto me five talents, behold I have gained besides them five other talents."

Then his lord said unto him, "Well done, thou good and faithful servant: thou hast been faithful over a few things, I will make thee ruler over many things; enter thou into the joys of thy Lord." Oh, with what joy and gratitude he must have received this great reward. What a glorious thing to have the approbation of God and the testimony of a good conscience; but greatest of all he had an eternal dwelling place in the kingdom of heaven.

This parable represents the departure of Jesus Christ from earth to heaven and the mission he left for each one of us to fulfill.

The Jewish nation had received many great talents. No other nation ever received so great a trust as they. But they refused to use the talents entrusted to their keeping.

Time after time they buried them instead of improving them and becoming a great nation.

The greatest and best of all talents ever entrusted to their keeping was the Messiah, the Son of God. But this talent, like all the rest, was buried.

Five of the greatest talents and one of the greatest tasks ever committed to any one in all history was entrusted to the disciples and to-day we see the fruits of their faithfulness to their trust. This talent was the spreading of the gospel of Jesus Christ and the salvation of the world.

To-day each of us have as great talents to improve as ever were given to any one. Though some of them are small and are not as great as others, yet if we improve the opportunities and grace given us, however small, we will receive the same reward given the man with the five talents.
(MISS) LOIS HENDERSON.

A MOST TIMELY BOOK.

We have before us a volume of one hundred and sixty pages, prepared and given to the public by Dr. Charles L. Gregory, Superintendent of the North Texas Hospital for the Insane, located at Terrell. Its title indicates its meaning and its value—"Alcoholism and Insanity." Dr. Gregory is a physician of large experience and success, and add to this the fact that for four years he has devoted himself exclusively to superintending an insane asylum, where his observation and experience have brought him face to face with all the varieties of brain and nervous

YOU CAN INTEREST HIM

Any Man Over Fifty.

You can interest any man over fifty years of age in anything that will make him feel better, because while he may not as yet have any positive organic disease he no longer feels the buoyancy and vigor of twenty-five nor the freedom from aches and pains he enjoyed in earlier years, and he very naturally examines with interest any proposition looking to the improvement and preservation of his health.

He will notice among other things that the stomach of fifty is a very different one from the stomach he possessed at twenty-five. That greatest care must be exercised as to what is eaten and how much of it, and even with the best of care, there will be increasing digestive weakness with advancing years.

A proposition to perfect or improve the digestion and assimilation of food is one which interests not only every man of fifty but every man, woman and child of any age, because the whole secret of good health, good blood, strong nerves, is to have a stomach which will promptly and thoroughly digest wholesome food because blood, nerves, brain tissue and every other constituent of the body is entirely the product of digestion, and no medicine or "health" food can possibly create pure blood or restore shaky nerves, when a weak stomach is replenishing the daily wear and tear of the body from a mass of fermenting half-digested food.

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disorders that afflict humanity, and you have a man eminently qualified to give us matured results as to the causes of these troubles. He tells us that according to his own experience and that of other experts in this and other countries alcohol is the direct cause of from 60 to 90 per cent of all the insane people found in our asylums and jails.

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Notes From the Field

District Evangelist's Report.

Last November at Stamford Bishop Key appointed me as District Missionary Evangelist for Georgetown, Waco and Corsicana Districts. I have held eighteen meetings during the year; have three more to hold. Visible results have been 557 conversions and 277 additions to the Methodist Church, and hundreds of folks made happy in the Lord. To God be all the glory.—J. S. Huckabee, Oct. 7.

Aransas Pass.

The recent meeting was a great success. There were forty-six who date the beginning of a new life from the time of the meeting, among them some of our leading citizens. And there are many more who have determined to be more fully the Lord's. Now for one of the best and cleanest towns in Texas! We feel very glad of the good fellowship which was manifested on the part of the different Churches of the town. Judge Thompson's preaching was of a high order, and he is a most untiring worker. Though a thorough Methodist, he won all hearts. We have heard nothing but kind words from all denominations. Many expressions have come from those who have not yet come to the Lord's side. May their hearts be won for the Lord. We crave them for him. Sunday was a high day with the Methodists. There were thirty-one received into membership, and a goodly number will be received next Sunday. We expect at least ten additions this year, and we are getting close to that mark. As a result of the meeting six were baptized into the Baptist Church last Sunday, and several others have given their names for other Churches. Let the good work go on, and now let us sing the doxology.—Dallas, A. Williams.

Granbury Station.

To live among a more appreciative people has never been my privilege. They can think of more nice things to do for a preacher's family than I shall enumerate. Poundings, suits of clothes, good things to eat of all descriptions, invitations to dine galore, always in all ways doing something new and unexpected. The four pastors of Churches are in splendid sympathy with and for each other. All departments of Church work have had a steady increase during the entire year, and are constantly growing in loyalty and organization. Lately Brother B. L. Nance, of DeLeon, a layman and an excellent Christian gentleman, put in ten days in a house-to-house visitation, holding prayer meetings, selling books, distributing tracts, talking all departments of Sunday-school work and accomplishing much good otherwise. Following immediately, Brother A. P. Lowrey and wife gave us two weeks of exceedingly valuable service, and we are now about ready for the Annual Conference, with a good report and everything in full. Bishop, strong men, women, young people and children, sixty-three joined the different Churches, making a total of ninety-two received into the Methodist Church this year.—E. V. Cox.

Harbin.

Our annual camp-meeting was held at Green's Creek camp-ground from July 19 to August 14. Three services were held daily. Brother E. M. Wisdom, of Dallas, was with us from start to finish, and did all the preaching except five sermons, to the delight and satisfaction of all the people. I have never had more satisfactory help than he was. The Church members worked well, were ready at all times to do what they could. Sixteen families were camped. The Lord was with us from the start to the close, and rewarded our labors with a great revival, both in and out of the Church. There were between twenty-five and thirty conversions and twenty-three accessions to the Church. Twelve children were dedicated to God in holy baptism. The work abides. We are having no trouble getting our conference collections from those who attended and took part in the meet. Conference will soon be here, and some preacher will be assigned to Harbin charge and will find some of as faithful men and women here as can be found anywhere. I hope to render a good account at conference on all lines, notwithstanding the short crops.—D. C. Ellis.

Bertram.

We are nearing the close of our second year. To the pastor and family the period has been pleasantly spent, for our people have been mighty good to us. Our round of revivals has resulted as follows: one hundred and fifteen conversions and reclamations, sixty-one joining the Methodist Church, twenty-one joining the Baptist Church, and some other Churches. We give God all the glory. Here is a brief description of the meetings: The one at Bertram was conducted by Rev. A. P. Lowrey, of Fort Worth, and his good wife, and both did magnificent service, resulting in about forty-five conversions and reclamations. In the other meetings the preaching was mixed, but some one

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man did the most of it. Rev. J. H. Stuckey was the principal preacher at Mount Horeb, Langford and the first week at Oakalla. About fifteen conversions during the period of his service. Rev. F. J. Perrin did some good service in the Mount Horeb meeting. Rev. John R. Robinson, Austin, was the leading preacher in the Briggs meeting and the second week of the Oakalla meeting. More than sixty conversions during his ministry. He does most excellent work, considering the short time he has been preaching. We gave him license last spring at the Austin District Conference, and it is evident we made no mistake. He is engaged in a meeting now at Oakalla and is having conversions daily. One secret of our success in these revivals is our faithful lay members work right along with us, doing what we ask them to do, and hold up our hands in much prayer. "Praise God, from whom all blessings flow."—A. S. J. Haygood, Oct. 5.

Paris.

We have had revivals all over the charge—a revival in each congregation—in which something like 200 were either converted or reclaimed, and something like 100 joined the several Churches in the charge. The revival is always the case, joined other Churches. The people have been blessed abundantly materially through this section of the State, and it is up to us now as to whether we make an acceptable offering to God in return for what he has done for us, both spiritually and temporally. I think this charge has the "pay-out-in-full" spirit. Where we have made an effort to raise the conference collections the people have paid and subscribed more than was assessed against them. Last Monday, October 2, work began on the building of a new church at an afternoon appointment. Given. This is a newly-organized Church. Our Church years ago at that point was dissolved, but was reorganized by Brother Hicks, of Lamar Avenue, last year with a membership of forty-seven. We now have something near seventy-five, and others will join before conference. We hope to bring up a good report at Wichita Falls in November. God be thanked for his abundant blessings. We have not neglected the Advocate this year, having secured eight new subscriptions, and hope to be able to afford more before conference.—A. C. Sterling, Oct. 6.

Nash Circuit.

We have just closed our last preaching meeting for this year. Our first revival was four miles northeast of Nash, under an old-fashioned brush arbor. It was, indeed, an old-fashioned Methodist revival. We organized a Church at this place with a membership of twenty-eight. The profession of faith, Rev. J. E. Morgan, of Texarkana, did most of the preaching, and did it well. He made many friends in this community. Rev. J. E. Furrentine came to us near the closing of the meeting and preached several fine sermons. Our next revival was at Buchanan. Rev. S. N. Allen, of Pittsburg, was with us the first week, preaching in his convincing and soul-stirring way. Under his preaching the Church was greatly revived, and ten were added to the membership. We were all sorry Brother Allen could not stay longer with us, but we rejoiced when Rev. J. B. Woods came to our aid and took up the work where Brother Allen left it. Brother Woods was for many years an evangelist in the Missionary Baptist Church, but has lately united with the Methodist Church. He is full of revival fire, and soon had things going in the way of Church got on still higher ground, and many more were added to the Church. Our last revival was at Nash. Brother Morgan was with us again, and brought with him his singer, Brother Lucius Anderson. They have labored together all this summer, and have won many precious souls to Christ. Brother Anderson has a fine voice, and his sweet solos were a great inspiration to all of us. Brother Morgan is a truly a revival preacher of the old type. He knows how to wake up a dead Church and put it to work. This meeting was a great success. The Church was very much revived; many convictions, several conversions and six added to the Church. The above named men are all good preachers, full of the Holy Ghost and power. They carry a blessing wherever they are called to labor. We rejoice with our people in the success of these meetings, and they, through their prayers and co-operation, helped to make them a success. They received us kindly, pounded us nicely and are standing by us truly. May the good Lord continue to bless them. To him be all the praise and glory.—L. E. Green.

Lovelace.

We are now drawing near the close of our second year at Lovelace. On our return to this people we were received with outstretched arms. In a short time these noble-hearted people gave us a full-grown poundage of everlasting tables. Our first work was to build a church at Pleasant Hill, which has been completed. It is a nice, neat little church. Our work has been a very pleasant one with this people. We do not expect to be thrown with this class of people always. They are loyal to the Church and full of the Holy Ghost religion. We have just closed our campaign of summer revival work. Have had a great year. We began at Mount View with good results; several conversions and accessions to the Church by profession of faith and baptism. We went from Mount View to Pleasant Hill. Rev. B. R. Wagner was with us there, and did all of the preaching. Brother Wagner is a sound gospel preacher. Under his preaching sinners were convicted of sin and came to the altar and made the surrender to God. In nearly every service some one was converted. Ben is the man to build up a Church and preach our doctrine, pure and simple. We went from Pleasant Hill to Berry's Chapel. The writer did all the preaching. Had a very fine

meeting. The Church was revived and took a new start. Sinners were converted and joined the Church. From here we came to Lovelace, where Rev. J. E. Crawford did all the preaching after the first few days. We had a great meeting. Earl is a preacher who will some day be well known. He knows what it takes to be a soul-winner for Christ, and he presents the truth so forcefully that none can fail to see the way. At the close we counted forty-nine conversions, twenty-eight additions to the Church by faith in Christ and baptism. Prof. W. F. Landon had charge of the choir. Landon knows just what to do with a choir in a revival meeting. Our conference claims are all up in cash and subscription. We are very sure we will have a full report this year at conference.—W. T. Singley, Oct. 5.

San Benito Circuit.

The fourth Quarterly Conference for this charge was held September 30. Finances are in fairly good shape, and a chance for everything to be paid in full. This is a new charge, and at the beginning of the year there was no property in the charge belonging to the Church. Through the untiring energy of the presiding elder, A. L. Scarborough, this charge will report two churches worth more than \$10,000. This property will not be free from debt, but it is in a shape so it can be held for the Church with a little outside help. This is a great country. People will make fortunes in the near future. Some are already beginning to realize from their investments. In the different localities will give the Rio Grande Valley country the needed assistance two more years we will not only have self-supporting Churches in the valley, but these Churches will be ready to take their places along with others in doing congregational work. There is room for many more Methodist families in this great and growing country, and I would be glad to give any information regarding the country to any one desiring to locate here. Any such information will have such information as I shall be able to give. I am no agent.—R. L. Pyle.

Dalby Springs.

We began our revival campaign the first Sunday in July at Spring Hill. We preached Sunday at 11 o'clock and at night. Monday at 11 Brother J. M. Smith, of Douglasville, came to us and preached Monday night, and in fact, the balance of the meeting until Friday. The meeting lasted five days, resulting in eleven conversions; eight joined our Church, and the whole Church was greatly revived. Our next meeting was at Oak Grove, beginning the fourth Sunday in July. Here we were assisted by James McLaughlin, of New Boston, a supernumerary of the North Texas Conference. Here we had a great meeting; eight conversions and the Church greatly built up spiritually. Our next meeting began the fifth Sunday in July at Dalby Springs. We were assisted by Brother J. B. Woods, of Texarkana, and also by our presiding elder, Rev. Joseph B. Sears. We had some most excellent preaching, and we hope much good was done. Our next meeting was begun the second Sunday in August at Austin's Chapel. We had a great meeting, resulting in the organization of a Church of seventeen members. We only ran four days. At our next meeting at Godley's Prairie, beginning the third Sunday in August, we were assisted by Brother J. B. Woods, of Texarkana. We had a fine meeting; eleven conversions, eight accessions to the Church, and the Church greatly revived. Our next meeting was at Daniel's Chapel. We were assisted by Rev. J. T. Tisdal, a local preacher living in the bounds of the North Texas Conference. We had a great revival in the Church, and we feel that much and lasting good was accomplished. Our next was our camp-meeting at Dalby Springs. We were assisted by Brother J. B. Woods, Brother S. N. Allen, of Pittsburg, and our presiding elder, Rev. J. B. Sears. This was, indeed, a wonderful meeting—a meeting like we used to have in old times. We had 107 conversions and reclamations, and the whole Church was reclaimed and converted; fifty-nine joined the Methodist Church. Several gave their names as candidates for membership in the Baptist Church. All in all, we have had a good year. As to finances, we expect to report everything in full.—J. H. Westmoreland.

Silsbee.

Silsbee is a unique town. Not that it surpasses other towns in good things, but that it is unlike any other town in many things. There are here three towns. Surrounding the depot and the railroad shops is what is known as Junction town. Then on the north of this town, and within one mile of the depot, is a large lumber mill, surrounded by the mill people. Then to the south of the railroad is what is known as Townsite, within less than a mile. The central, or Junction town, is filled up with railroad people, but the town belongs to a company known as the Townsite Company. No one in this town owns his home, and consequently no one feels very closely identified with the town. And the rents which these railroad people pay for the residences they occupy, it is said, are as high as rents in the cities. The company has some business houses which they use for their own business or rent under contract, to keep other business out. It is this fact which keeps business people away from the town. And the railroad people would own property, to be where they could rent every month, be paying installments on their own property. So as these railroad men rise in seniority in the railroad service they find places of rotation in the service here. The mill people also are a migratory people, so that while the railroad town has some permanency the population has not. And lumber mills are short-lived institutions, so that there is nothing permanent about the town. And yet it is an important place to the Church. During this year I have given twenty Church certificates and received as many. And we have received nine in profession of faith. So that this is both a lookout and a supply station.

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to catch those who drop in here for a time, hold them for the Church when they go elsewhere, and save some of the many who come here unsaved. And there are many unsaved people among the two thousand people who live here. We have here a good frame church and a splendid parsonage. Indeed, this is one of the most pleasant preacher homes I know of. I have never served a better and a more appreciative people than many of the people here; but while this is true, it is true at the same time that it is hard, very hard, to interest people in the local work of the Church where they have no local interest, as is the case here. The townsite company has been quite clever in donating lots for Church, lodge and school purposes, with a clause in the deed which turns such lot back to the company if it is used for commercial purposes. This they can verify well if you do. We have every public building adds to the value of their own property. Indeed, they could very well afford to do a good deal more to give the lots and yet be doing a paying business. Our Church is the leading Church here, and we must hold this field, even if it does require help from the Mission Board. This town will not always belong to a corporation. There will be an upheaval sooner or later, which will change things here. And when this property is put on the market, so that people can own their own homes and business places, this will be a splendid town in a very short time. In spite of all the drawbacks our membership has increased and our Sunday-school has trebled during this year. Our Sunday-school now numbers 127; a little over 100 present last Sunday. In payment of a debt on the parsonage and in improvements we have raised something over \$200.—A. C. Biggs, Oct. 5.

Boulevard Church, Fort Worth.

We have gone through a good meeting in the Boulevard Church, with the Rev. Sam R. Hay doing the preaching. His preaching is unexcelled, and only few men are his equal as a pulpit orator. But no need for me to mention this. We are stirring things now for conference. Our plan is to clear the old debt on the church about the first of the year. We have paid out about \$1500 on old debts this year and it will take \$6000 more, but we think we can clear this with the help of our friends. This is a great field. There is so much to do. I have never been so busy in my ministry. We are hopeful for the future. Knowing God's plan is to develop the Church that faithfully bears many burdens.—Ed. R. Wallace, Oct. 4.

Bethel Circuit.

This appointment is a country station about eight miles southwest of Waxsahatchie. It is a very remarkable appointment; nothing like it, we say, in the connection. We have a membership of about 275 or 280, and if we had room would have the last detail of the machinery of the Church running beautifully. We have most of it, despite the difficulties. We have a Sunday-school, including all departments, of considerably over 200. There are seventy-three on the cradle roll alone. We have Baracas and Philatheas well organized, intelligent and having banquets, just like they do in town. We have in this school a live, energetic superintendent who has been faithful for thirty-seven years. Our Senior League is said to be the best one this side of Centenary League, St. Louis. For several years this League of more than 100 has held the Sunday evening service in lieu of preaching, not even allowing the presiding elder to preach at that hour. The President is a Civil War veteran, but he is young in spirit. We have forty-one bright Junior Leaguers, of whom I have not space to tell. An intelligent preacher who had traveled from Nashville to Corpus Christi was present in one of the meetings of the Woman's Foreign Missionary Society and pronounced it as good as the best, and the Woman's Home Mission Society has just put beautiful furniture in the parsonage. Two men have promised \$1000

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His life was one of sunshine,
His race was nobly run.
"He spent his life for others,"
How truly that was said!
The stars due him in heaven
Form a halo round his head.

A life of self-denial
And love to others given
Will open up with honor
A home for him in heaven.
He gave his health for these:
Yet none to his skill were foreign:
All pain he strove to ease.

His mission was God-given,
His charge in Monterey;
His days were spent in labor;
No time for rest or play.
He fought the fifth and ignorance
Of a superstitious race,
And proved to them that science
With them should have a place.

When the patient Dr. Nixon
Laid down his life for them,
The call reached Dr. Hanson,
A man of iron frame,
With tall and noble bearing,
A clear and fearless mind,
A Christian of God's choosing,
Who did on Jesus lean.

His mind was pure and noble,
His heart was brave and good;
He gave to the sick and needy
Both raiment, cheer and food.
He felt the call of duty,
He followed duty's call;
He trod in Jesus' footsteps
And gladly gave to all.

His wife who stood beside him,
And children, too, will say
There was no better Christian,
For he lived it every day.
He gave to the poor and lowly,
He ministered to their needs;
He built the Road of the Loving Heart,
He planted loving seeds.

All those who knew him loved him,
As few are loved below.
For he gave of all his talents
And all else he could bestow.
For years he faced the problem
And fought with might and main,
Forgetting self in every case,
Facing wind, heat and rain.

Till his health failed in the effort
To reach the rich and poor,
Who came to him for comfort
And found it at his door,
So he came to San Antonio,
His health here to regain,
But another call had reached him,
So none could ease his pain.

For God said: "Come up higher,
And with me take your place;
Let others bear the burdens,
Let others join the race."
So we laid him in the church-yard,
And bowed the humbled head,
And prayed God's approbation
On all we did and said.

Ah, yes, he's gone and left us,
And peaceful be his rest;
His home is now in glory,
His head on Jesus' breast.
May God send home and courage
To his loved ones with us here,
With tender, loving kindness
Their lonely way to cheer.

Ah, you have shown, my brother,
The path of duty clear;
God bless such missionaries,
And all that they hold dear.
And teach us how to reverence
All those who've called to go
To far-off Australasia
Or nearer Mexico.

MARY E. SANTEE HARRIS

THE RELIABLE PEOPLE.

There is doubtless a great deal of worldly success won by men who are not reliable as far as righteousness goes. But such success has its drawbacks. It works for a while, but it is apt to break down like an unreliable engine. The unscrupulous man gains power or position, but not the respect of the better elements of the community; and in the long run, his life breaks down. Every town, every city, every nation rests on the shoulders of the reliable people in its borders. They may not be its most prominent or most wealthy citizens, but they are its absolutely necessary ones. The individual who determines to be reliable, determines thereby to be valuable to all around him.

"How did he come to be head of the concern?" was asked about a peculiarly quiet man who forged to the front in a growing business. "Why, it was

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this way," was the reply. "All anybody had to do, in case of things going wrong, was to refer matters to him. He was always attentive, always cleared up the tangles, always could answer questions, always was ready to do more than he was expected to do. He was not ambitious; he did not want the head places especially; but what was the use of making anybody else the head when we had him?" His reliability made everyone depend upon him, and he became head in title because he was first the head in fact.

As one follows up reliability one finds how it includes and accompanies other fine traits of character. In its best form it is always unselfish, usually humble, and allied with a true sense of honor. Reliable people are apt to be harder on themselves than on others, and given to bearing other folks' burdens for them. Patience becomes second nature to the reliable soul, and so do sincerity and neighborly kindness. On the other hand, to be unreliable is never a fault of character that exists alone. It means self-indulgence or disloyalty or shirking or insincerity. The unreliable fall to the rear of life, and deserve it. The "blessed company of faithful people" are the ranks of the advance, and to march among them is to find life worth living.

WHAT WE GET OUT OF LIFE.

"Human kindness and sympathy are more common virtues than many of us seem to suspect, but we come into touch with them only when we have made our lives open to them, when we are looking for them. The matter does not stop here, however, for one of the most effective ways of cultivating these desirable traits in others, especially the young, is to act as if we expected to find them there," writes one who is studying humanity in a scientific search for facts. He has found the new, old truth that is repeated again and again in Scripture, history and experience, and yet which each one of us must learn for himself or never know it at all. The world is a land of echoes, and the message we call to it comes back to us from every side. In very truth we get out of life what we put into it.—Selected.

THE ONE WHO FOLLOWS.

One day an old umbrella mender brought his skeleton frames and tinkering tools into the alley at the back of my office. As he sat on a box in the sun mending the broken and torn umbrellas, I noticed that he seemed to take unusual pains, testing the cloth, carefully measuring and strongly sewing the covers. Being always interested in anyone who does a piece of work well, I went out to talk with him a few minutes.

"You seem extra careful," I remarked. "Yes," he said, working without looking up; "I try to do good work." "Your customers would not know the differences until you were gone," I suggested.

"No; I suppose not."
"Do you ever expect to come back?"

"No."
"Then why are you so particular?"
"So that it will be easier for the next fellow who comes along," he answered simply. "If I put on shoddy cloth or do bad work, they will find it out in a few weeks, and the next mender that comes along will get the cold shoulder or the bulldog—see?"

Yes, I saw; and I wished that every worker in every trade and profession had as generous a conception of his duty to his calling as this itinerant umbrella mender.—Golden Rule.

THE WORRYING HABIT.

One of the worst habits that one can indulge in is that of perpetually worrying. A chronic worrier is a constant sufferer. Incessant worry is productive of ill-health. Many a sickly person, if entirely free from worry, would soon regain a good degree of sound health. The vitality of a worrying person is usually lower than that of one who will not allow himself or herself to worry about anything. Moreover, the person who is habitually and loudly worrying, is a very unpleasant companion. People do not want to remain long in the company of such a miserable person. They dislike being near one who is always fearful that some bad luck will soon come to him. It is bad enough for them to be compelled to worry about some of their own affairs, but they do not want to be compelled to hear a

tale of worry from one who imagines that he will sustain some loss, or be taken ill, or will meet with an accident of some kind.

How very fertile is the imagination of an inveterate worrier! And how little sympathy such a one receives from others! But why should a Christian cultivate the misery-breeding habit? Of all people in the world the Christian should be the freest from the habit.

The Bible is the greatest encourager in the world. It abounds in promises to the poor and needy, the weak and the weary, the afflicted and the sorrowful, the despised and the down-trodden, the destitute and the deserted. The "fear nots" in the Bible are many. It says, "Be of good cheer," to everyone who is tempted to indulge in worry or in despair. It holds out bright hope to the fainting and the fearful ones. It sings out, "Hope thou in the Lord!" It says, "Cast thy burden on the Lord, and he will sustain thee."

Why, then, should you weary yourself with worrying? Arise and shine! —C. H. Wetherbe, in the Living Church.

WHEN CONFIDENCE IS WITHDRAWN.

Every true mother of boys — the "comrade" mother who has been her boys' most sympathizing friend and closest chum—experiences a season of heartache and distress when the time comes, as it inevitably does in boy development, that confidence seems to be withdrawn and the young sons turn elsewhere for the comfort and understanding hitherto found alone in the mother comrade. To such mothers the mother of Phillips Brooks writes out of her own deep experience:

"There is an age when it is not well to follow or question your boy too closely. Up to that time you may carefully instruct and direct him, you are his best friend; he is never happy unless the story of the day has been told; you must hear about his friends, his school, all that interests him must be your interest. Suddenly these confidences cease; the affectionate son becomes reserved and silent, he seeks the intimate friendship of other lads, he goes out, he is averse to telling where he is going or how long he will be gone. He comes in and goes silently to his room.

"All this is a startling change to the mother, but it is also her opportunity to practice wisdom by loving and praying for and absolutely trusting her son. The faithful instruction and careful training during his early years the son can never forget; that is impossible. Therefore trust not only your Heavenly Father, but your son. The period of which I speak appears to me to be one in which the boys dies and the man is born; his individuality rises up before him, and he is dazed and almost overwhelmed by his first consciousness of himself. I have always believed that it was then the Creator was speaking with my sons, and that it was good for my souls to be left alone with him, while I, their mother, stood trembling, praying and waiting, knowing that when the man was developed from the boy I should have my sons again, and there would be a deeper sympathy than ever between us."—Interior.

ISABELLA.

This name so grand and stately you may connect with a pure and beautiful maiden, or with a fair and lovely child; but the Isabella who lies upon my desk waiting to have her picture taken is neither. She is about nine inches long, and has a resigned, patient look upon her face, as if she would say: "I bear much, but bear it uncomplainingly."

Her hair is yellow, and it is tied up with a soiled red ribbon. Her skull has a bad fracture in it, right on top of the head, and the brain rather gently peeks out as if to get air or information, we cannot tell which.

Isabella's neck has lost all degree of firmness, so that now her head wobbles back and forth, reminding one of the motions of a bell-clapper.

The poor child right now in the heat of summer is dressed in a winter dress. A pretty little dress originally, but Isabella's mother has taken such very scanty care of her child and the dress that it is sadly soiled and somewhat ripped and torn. Moreover, it is her only garment.

Poor Isabella has suffered much; she has been left out upon the ground over night, has lain upon the floor for hours on a stretch, has been carried by the head, feet, or by a clutch upon her dress; has been flung down sometimes pretty hard, when her mother grew tired of her. Then, regardless of her feelings, at one time her mother gave her to another little

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woman, and Isabella's new mother was greatly pleased with her, but was just as cruel as the first mother, and in some way Isabella found her way home again. She had often been lost, but there had always been the cry of, "Where is Isabella?" until she was found, hugged, kissed and caressed, and thrown down once more to the mercies of wind, weather or house-keeper.

Just now I have peaceable possession of her, for her young, lively and thoughtless mother has gone away on a visit, and forgotten to take Isabella, so the poor thing was picked up either from the porch or lawn, and given into my hands.

How the poor little four-year-old mother will subsist for two weeks without her child, we know not; but we can confidently say that Isabella will have fourteen whole days of rest. Need we tell you that Isabella is a little rag doll?—Christian Intelligencer.

OUR RIGHTS.

Most people fail to get from others all the consideration they might have. They do not realize that they would have it if only they would stop demanding it. The man who gets least consideration from everyone around him is the man who demands most. And the man for whom everyone loves to show regard is he who never asks it or even seems to expect it. If we find ourselves jealously noticing that a certain person among our acquaintances always seems to be made more of, and deferred to more readily, and welcomed more eagerly, than we are, let us ask ourselves honestly if the reason is not just this: that he does more for others, and asks less for himself, than we. Rights-getting is a sure result of rights-giving. If we really want our rights, let us banish all hint of this from our lives and our actions.—Sunday School Times.

THE HOUR OF REST.

There is an hour, just after sunset, when all nature seems to be preparing for rest, when the heavens are telling, in the rich coloring of the dying day, the story of the great Light which never wanes! We watch the majesty of all this, and realize the swiftness with which our lives are ending. Then, O, then, the loved ones, absent from us, come into affectionate remembrance; and those, too, whom we have loved and lost awhile, who rest in the peace of God, invoke our loving hopes and earnest prayers.—W. T. Parker, M.D.

Out of suffering have emerged the strongest souls; the most massive characters are seamed with scars; martyrs have put on their coronation robes glittering with fire, and through their tears have first seen the gate of heaven.—E. H. Chapin.

DAME NATURE HINTS

When Nature gives her signal that something is wrong it is generally with the food. The old Dame is always faithful and one should act at once.

To put off the change is to risk that which may be irreparable. An Arizona man says:

"For years I could not safely eat any breakfast. I tried various kinds of breakfast food, but they were all soft, starchy messes which gave me distressing headaches. I drank strong coffee, too, which appeared to benefit me at the time, but added to the headaches afterwards. Toast and coffee were no better, for I found the toast very constipating.

"A friend persuaded me to quit the old coffee and the starchy breakfast foods, and use Postum and Grape-Nuts instead. I shall never regret taking his advice. I began using them three months ago.

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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.

EDITORIAL NOTES.

The Sunday-school Institute, which is to be held in the rooms of the Publishing House in Dallas during the Fair will prove helpful to all who can attend. Any Sunday-school worker will be profited by a careful examination of the various help for Sunday-schools which will be on exhibition there, even if no program has been prepared. The program which was published in the Advocate last week contains enough additional evidence that information will abound to induce any earnest inquirer who attends the Fair to give some time to the Institute. We hope that hundreds will avail themselves of this opportunity.

There is a growing conviction in the State that our colleges and preparatory schools should make provision to give first-class training in Sunday-school work. Many of the towns in which our schools are located have made no progress in methods, and the quality of work done is inferior. Teachers are in charge who make little preparation, and the pupils receive little profit, so they come to regard the school as of little worth to thoughtful people. When students come from such school towns they do not leave with an increased interest in the Sunday-school, and soon they are lost to this department of Church work. In the State University influences are now at work to do just the reverse for the Christians who avail themselves of the advantages offered. And the day is not far distant when unfavorable comparisons will be drawn if some of our educators in Church schools do not wake up. We ought to have a chair at Southwestern University which would train for Sunday-school leadership and teaching, and our Sunday-school there should be made as efficient as possible and do its work according to the plans now outlined by the Church. Every training school in the denomination should at least see to it that the Sunday-school is conducted in an up-to-date way, and provisions should be made to hold at least one Sunday-school Institute every year in every town where such schools are located.

An inquiry has recently been made concerning the Teacher Training Course by a rural reader of the Advocate. The inquirer desired to know the names of the books in the course, the manner of conducting same, and whom to address. We are glad to have such questions asked and reply through the Advocate. Dr. H. M. Hamill, Nashville, Tenn., has charge of this department, and he will be glad to answer any question concerning the course of study. There ought to be many new recruits taking the course of study every year. When classes can not be formed, individual students can take the course, and Dr. Hamill will tell you how to proceed. Write to him at once and begin to take the course now.

We are pleased with the call for a presiding elders' conference on Sunday-school work during the Dallas Fair. The presiding elders in Texas can revolutionize the schools in this State if they will seriously undertake it. But unintelligent talk in a quarterly meeting about the schools will hinder. There is much speechmaking about Sunday-school work by preachers who never read a book of any importance on the subject. Let us have information, and then we shall easily secure inspiration.

The nation is astray with organizations that are at work for the welfare of the child. Mothers' clubs, labor unions, church societies, educators and religious leaders are giving much time to this subject. Dr. Buckley recently wrote an article in the New York Christian Advocate, from which we take the following:

"When a community really takes the little child and sets him in the midst of its thought, it can no longer

feel that its obligation is wholly discharged by the maintenance of public schools. Read Miss Addams' 'Spirit of Youth and the City Streets' and realize—if it has not already dawned upon you—what temptations the child has flung in its way. The billboards entice to immoral and debasing exhibitions; salacious postcards and vulgar pictures are displayed in shop windows and in the hawkers' tray; the theater (cheap or otherwise) and uncensored moving-picture shows invite to enter, and the music and lights from the dance halls are hardly to be denied, when pleasures are few and the blood leaps in the veins. The unprincipled money-maker has certainly 'set the child in the midst' of his thought in baiting these snares. Shall he be allowed to have his way with the child to the ruin of the rising generation?"

"It is significant of the new and enlarged view of the responsibility of the community for its future members that plans have been laid for a child welfare exhibit to be held in this city in the early fall, when it is expected to gather under one roof a vast amount of classified material relating to the physical, moral and spiritual well-being of the young. Religious and philanthropic bodies are co-operating in this effort to impress the thinking public with the importance of the child, the increased perils which modern conditions have sown about his pathway, and the efforts which are being put forth to save him to himself, to society and to God."

The Methodist churches in America are said to be in the lead in the adoption of the graded Sunday-school lessons. While we are not making the progress we should make, it is gratifying to know that we are not behind any other Church. Let us set the other Churches a good example.

In his annual report to the Executive Committee of the International Sunday-school Association at Winona Lake recently Marion Lawrence said that the "Sunday-school hosts of the world are now growing at the rate of two hundred schools, with twenty thousand new members, every Sunday." It is safe to say that no other movement is making such progress.

We regret that Rev. C. J. Oxley, the faithful and efficient Field Secretary of Sunday-schools in the Texas Annual Conference, is not able to continue his work on account of sickness. We hope that all the schools in that part of the State that have not paid what is due for his support will promptly do so, as he will need his salary more than ever while he is sick. Immediate action will cheer this faithful servant of the Church.

A UNIQUE RALLY DAY PROGRAM.

Mr. L. M. Vance, the enterprising Superintendent of the Central M. E. Church, South, in Fort Worth, recently had a Rally Day service which is said to have been one of the most successful that has ever been held there, and a local paper wrote it up as follows:

"Nearly five hundred Sunday-school pupils took an excursion Sunday to Central Good Cheer as the guests of the Sunday-school of Central Methodist Church. It was Rally Day at the school, and the program took the form of an excursion train, with all the school aboard.

"To make the thing realistic a landscape scene with a train in the background was suspended across the front of the Church, and behind the scene the fireman and engineer operated the whistle and bell. In front of the church door was the ticket agent, who issued a ticket for the excursion to every pupil, and just inside the door was the conductor, who did the punching act. Both were dressed in regulation uniforms.

"And the ticket represented the program for the day. Its form was R—D (Rally Day), it was non-transferable, and called for one passage to Central Good Cheer. According to the instructions to the passengers printed on the ticket, the train started at Cradle Curve, having on board the infantry, the pink-toe brigade, each warranted to sing a song without words.

"The first stop was made at Totville and the second at Primary Hill, where a song by the boys and girls of that station entertained the excursionists. From the hill the train descended upon Junior Junction, where a lay-over was taken and a side trip

into the Land of Moses was made. Thence, down the valley, the train went to Intermediate Town, where the girls treated the crowd to songs. Thence it proceeded to Bragville, where there was a five-minute live talk on the Sunday-school. The last station was Spielfest, where an address was delivered by Mr. Spieler, an officer of the school, and then the train rounded into Central Good Cheer, Lipscomb and Bellevue streets, exactly on time."

WESLEY ADULT BIBLE CLASS DEPARTMENT.

The organized Adult Bible Class is no longer an experiment. There are more than fifteen thousand organized classes in the United States and Canada. Careful statisticians estimate that there are to-day five hundred thousand men in America studying the Bible, who were not in Sunday-school five years ago.

Looking to the federation of all classes in the M. E. Church, South, the General Conference at Asheville, in May, provided for the Wesley Adult Bible Class Department:

"Let Wesley Adult Bible Classes be organized in our Sunday-schools, wherever practicable, for the development of Christian character by means of systematic religious instruction, Christian fellowship, and mutual helpfulness and training in Christian service."

The Sunday School Board has formulated the following constitution for the Wesley Adult Bible Classes.

CONSTITUTION OF WESLEY ADULT BIBLE CLASSES.

Article I. Name.

This class shall be called of the Sunday-school of

Article II. Object.

The object of this class shall be the training of Christian character for Christian service in the extension of Christ's kingdom, by means of Bible study, mutual helpfulness and social fellowship.

Article III. Membership.

Any person twenty years of age or over, may become a member by attending the class and signifying a desire to join. (When special conditions make it necessary persons under twenty may be included.)

Article IV. Officers.

The officers of an organized Wesley Adult Bible Class shall consist of a Teacher, Assistant Teacher, President, Vice-President, Secretary and Treasurer, who shall be elected annually in September and their names and addresses reported to the Central Office at Nashville, Tenn., care of the superintendent of the Wesley Adult Bible Class Department. The class officers shall severally perform such duties as usually pertain to their respective offices.

The teacher and assistant teacher in accordance with the law and usage of the Church shall be nominated by the superintendent of the Sunday-school to which the class belongs, and shall be confirmed by vote of the class. Vacancies ad interim shall be similiarly nominated and confirmed.

Article V. Committees.

There shall be at least four standing committees, namely: Executive, Membership, Social and Devotional. The Executive Committee shall be composed of the class officers, the Chairman of all standing committees, the pastor and superintendent of the Sunday-school.

Article VI. Meetings.

The class shall meet every Sunday in connection with the Sunday-school for Bible study. Business meetings shall be held at least monthly. One-fourth of the membership shall constitute a quorum. The officers and committees shall meet quarterly in class council to consider the welfare of the class.

Article VII. Duties of Committees.

The Executive Committee shall have general supervision of all the class work.

The Membership Committee shall be responsible for securing new members, looking up absentees, and the visitation of the sick.

The Social Committee shall provide for the social and literary needs of the class.

The Devotional Committee shall be charged with all matters pertaining to the moral and spiritual welfare of the members.

Article VIII. By-laws.

As the work of the class progresses, such additional officers and committees as are deemed necessary may be provided, and any rules concerning

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class management and methods of work not out of harmony with the general plan of the department, may be adopted.

Certificate of Registration.

A Certificate of Registration will be furnished all classes adopting the constitution, upon receipt of application, accompanied by twenty-five cents. The certificate is artistically lithographed, with a picture of the Holy Club at Oxford; it will bear the seals of both the Wesley Adult Bible Class Department and the International Sunday School Association, and is suitable for framing for the class room.

Emblem.

The red and white pin of the International Association with the letter "W" in the center, has been adopted as the emblem of Wesley classes.

Motto.

The words, "My Brother and I," spoken by John Wesley, referring to the joint work of the members of the Holy Club at Oxford, are recommended as the motto common to all Wesley classes.

The Adult Student.

The Adult Student will be the medium of communication between the Central Office and the classes. In addition to excellent lesson helps and articles on class work, a new department will be added, in which class problems will be discussed.

Advantages of Class Organization.

There are many advantages in class organization.

The working force of the class is multiplied; each member is given a part in class activities. Responsibility is distributed; instead of leaving the teacher to bear the burden of responsibility, the members share it with him. Workers are discovered and developed. A social spirit is promoted. It furnishes the school and Church an agency for service.

Status Not Disturbed.

After classes organize they are earnestly requested to report to the Central Office and co-operate with the Wesley Adult Bible Class Department. The status of classes in relation to other unions will not be disturbed, neither will it be necessary to make any change in class names, in thus affiliating with their own denomination. What is earnestly desired is the closest fellowship and co-operation of every adult Bible class in Southern Methodism, in order that there may be unity of policy and action in the endeavor to realize the object for which the classes are formed.

For information concerning the department and the work of organized classes, address Rev. Charles D. Bulla, superintendent, Wesley Adult Bible Class Department, 816 Broadway, Nashville, Tenn.

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OUR CONFERENCES.

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THE JOINT BOARD OF PUBLICATION.

The Joint Board of Publication of the Texas Christian Advocate held their annual session at the parlors of the Publishing House in this city last Tuesday. The board consists of thirteen members, as follows: Revs. J. T. Smith, W. W. Watts and J. E. Armstrong, of the Texas Conference; Revs. James Campbell, W. L. Nelms and O. F. Sensabaugh, of the old Northwest Texas Conference; Revs. J. M. Alexander, J. T. H. Miller and B. F. Buchanan, of the West Texas Conference; Rev. J. W. Hill, O. S. Thomas and J. M. Peterson, of the North Texas Conference, and Rev. J. B. Cochran, of the New Mexico Conference. They were all here except Rev. J. E. Cochran, whose conference session detained him. The Editor and the Publisher made their reports and the welfare of the Advocate was shown to be in good condition. Both the editorial policy and the business management of the paper met with hearty approval. The Editor was unanimously re-elected for another year. We wish to extend our thanks to the board and through them to the Church for this mark of confidence and indorsement. For twelve years we have given our best talent and energy to the paper, and we enter upon the thirteenth year with a renewed purpose to continue to do our utmost to give to the Methodism of Texas one of the liveliest and most aggressive Church organs in the connection. With the sympathy and co-operation of the ministry and laity, the Texas Christian Advocate can be made even a greater power in the development of our great Church in this empire of the Southwest.

Rev. James W. Lee, D. D., late of one of our leading Atlanta Churches, has been transferred to St. Louis and stationed at St. John's Church. Dr. Lee built this church a few years ago and served it through its first quadrennium, and now he goes back to his first love.

A SUNDAY IN CORSICANA.

Last Sunday I spent with our pastors and their people in the city of Corsicana. The town is one of the largest in population and in size of any of our North Texas towns outside of the cities. It is located in the oil region; in fact, it was the first community to discover this now prolific commodity in Texas. For years the wells have been in operation, and they have a great deal of costly machinery for refining the product. Thousands of dollars' worth of it are disposed of annually. Along with it is an abundant flow of natural gas, and this is used for all sorts of domestic purposes. It makes an inexpensive and convenient fuel.

We have two congregations, with good church property. At the morning hour I was with Rev. J. P. Patterson and his people at Eleventh Street. They have a comparatively new church building, constructed of wood and brick veneer. It is modern, handsome, convenient and commodious. It is well furnished. There is one of the best cottage parsonages in the district on a good lot near by. This is largely due to the liberality of Rev. Abe Mulkey. He holds his membership in this congregation, and he is a great help to those people. They have a membership of more than two hundred, and they are an active, devoted people. Everything about their church indicates energy, thrift, good taste and devoted interest. The pastor and his good wife are deservedly popular, and they are doing a fine work. Of course, their people want them back next year. Brother Patterson is a well equipped preacher and a faithful pastor. He not only preaches every Sunday twice to this congregation, but two or three times in the month he preaches also at the State and Odd Fellows' Orphanages. He is a very efficient and busy man. I enjoyed a most delightful night in their elegant and cozy parsonage home. Had a good congregation in the morning, and the people were attentive to the word. The service was good to the use of edifying.

In the afternoon I visited Rev. E. L. Armstrong, the veteran minister of the Northwest (now Central) Texas Conference. For fourteen years he has been flat of his back, a patient though painful sufferer. Few men have suffered a more protracted affliction than he, but he has borne it like a Christian hero throughout all these long years. He gradually grows weaker. He looks more infirm than I have ever seen him. But he reads all the Church papers, and he is the best informed man in Texas as to the movements of the Church in this State and throughout the connection. Nothing escapes his eye in the columns of the Church papers. He is as familiar with the younger men in the Church as any active man in the work. He knows them by name, and the character of work they are doing, though he has seen and met but very few, if any, of them. He is also a student of the Bible, and he has a sweet, submissive spirit, and yearns for his long-sought home. It was a benediction to sit for a couple of hours by his bedside and commune with his mellow and matured spirit.

He is growing more feeble, and a few more months, perhaps, will give him his final release. In the meantime let every Methodist preacher and layman who happens to spend a few hours in Corsicana make it a point to call upon the old saint and comfort him. It will do you good and be a blessing to him.

At the night service I was with Dr. W. E. Boggs and his people at First Church. This is his first year, but he has thoroughly ingratiated himself into the good graces of his people. He is a scholarly, thoughtful, pains-taking and conscientious preacher, and

one of the most accomplished Christian gentlemen in Texas. He is a man of deep and lofty thinking. He communes with great subjects, and is a student of rich inquiry and investigation. His sermons are of a high order, and they contain well-seasoned matter. He is now in the midst of repairing his church building. It has turned out that the plaster and the mortar used originally in the construction of the edifice were of very inferior quality, so that they have crumbled and endangered the walls. So all the plaster has been removed and a new coat of heavily-cemented plaster is taking its place, and this will make it as good as new. Also, the interior is being renovated, the whole work to cost from \$6000 to \$7000. It will soon be completed and then it will be an up-to-date and finished structure. In the meantime the evening services are being conducted on the spacious lawn.

Sunday night a large congregation gathered, and I spoke to them on the question of temperance, particularly in behalf of the work of the Anti-Saloon League. I had a patient and a large hearing. I trust good was done. I met many of our people. They are among the finest in the State. They read the Advocate, and always greet the editor with a hearty welcome. They have a membership of something over 600 and a fine Sunday-school. The parsonage has also been repaired and renovated, and it is now a very comfortable home. I enjoyed its hospitality for a delightful season. Mrs. Boggs is a most cultured and charming keeper of the manse. She is gifted in music, and is a great help to that part of the worship. The children of Dr. and Mrs. Boggs, whom I knew so well when they lived in this city, have grown up and scattered. How the years go by, and how the young people pass into manhood and womanhood!

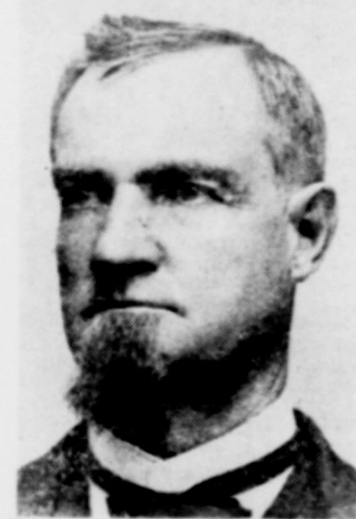
Rev. Horace Bishop, the presiding elder, is closing out a most successful and laborious quadrennium. He is advancing in years, but he does not show it in his appearance and energy. He is one of the most active men in the conference, and evidently has several years more of good service in him. He is one of the most devoted men in Texas Methodism. In fact, when the history of the Church in Texas has been written he will fill a good large place in its chapters. Horace Bishop is a sincere, manly man. He has a social and lovable disposition, and is one of the most cheerful and sunny spirits we have ever known. May the years and the authorities of the Church deal generously and kindly with Horace Bishop. G. C. R.

THE DEATH OF D. H. ABERNATHY.

What a shock to us to have to announce the death of Brother D. H. Abernathy, of Pittsburg! It occurred last Sunday after four months of serious illness. We do no violence to the truth when we say that Texas Methodism does not contain the name of a layman worthier and more consecrated than this good man. For years he has put his hand to every good work and invested his money liberally in every good cause. He was one of the best Sunday-school superintendents in the connection. Possessed of the finest business habits, he applied these to his Sunday-school work, and it moved with system and order. It was a model organization. He was a devoted steward, and looked well after the finances of his Church. He was the leading layman in the State in his relation to the Laymen's Movement. He spared neither time nor money nor talent in promoting this great cause.

Brother Abernathy was in the prime of life, possessed of a vigorous body, a noble spirit, a generous disposition

and extraordinary business acumen. To know him was to love him and repose confidence in him. He stood four-square upon the right side of every moral question, and was never known to shirk a responsibility. He was always present at the Annual Conference, though a man of large and varied business interests. The Church was first with him, and he was always ready to aid it with his prayers, his work, his talent and his means. Such a man will be greatly missed. His departure will create a wide gap in our ranks and work. But God knows what is best, and we bow to his will. We have not seen him since the session of the General Conference, where he was one of its best members, but he was looking robust and well at that time. We cannot realize that he has thrown off the burden and taken on the crown, but it is sadly true for us. To this writer he was a brother greatly beloved. We feel a sense of bereavement that articulate speech cannot express. Good-bye, princely layman, till we meet some sweet day beyond the river.



JUDGE J. D. THOMAS DEAD.

It is with a keen sense of pain that we announce the death of this veteran layman. It occurred at his home in Oak Cliff last Sunday, and it came to him suddenly. He was far advanced in age, having passed his four-score years, but he was active and alert to the end.

Judge Thomas was not so well known to the younger generation as the one just passed. Long years ago he lived at Bryan, and he was a pillar in the Church in those days. He took a prominent part in its work, and was liberal in its support. He lived in a stately mansion outside of the town, and its doors stood open to the preacher and the visitor. He dispensed a princely hospitality. Several years ago he moved to this city, and as the years had come to him he was more retired than formerly. But he was the same good and true man, and his interest in and his love for the Church never faltered. Business misfortunes came to him in his later life, but they never soured his spirit or diminished his faith in God.

Judge Thomas was born in East Tennessee back in 1828, graduated at the head of his class at Emory and Henry College, taught in the institution for a season, served valiantly in the Confederate Army till the close of the war, and then came to Texas. Here he spent the rest of his days. The older people and preachers will read these lines with sadness, and into the hearts and minds many hallowed memories will come trooping up. But the old veteran is gone. He heard the call and answered, and today he is tenting on the new campground beyond the sky. Thus it is that, one by one, our friends, young and old, are passing on. But they are only preceding us a few years at most. We will miss them for the time being, but they are safe in our Father's house above.

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NOTES AND COMMENTS

Rev. J. J. Morgan, of Terrell, the President of Wesley College, has been chosen by the Official Board of the American Bible Society in New York to succeed Rev. Glenn Flinn as the Superintendent of this district. Brother Flinn will return to the pastorate at the approaching conference session. He has been an extraordinary success in the work of the Bible Society, and it is with regret that he has determined to sever his relation with it. Brother Morgan no doubt will be an efficient successor. He is one of the best-equipped men, having graduated at Southwestern University and at Vanderbilt. He was a popular pastor and a successful President in school work. He stands high in the esteem of Texas Methodism, and a cleaner and a better man does not live among us.

Bishop Mouzon dedicated the First Methodist Church in Fort Worth last Sunday, and there was present a large congregation. It was meet and proper that he should render such a service, for two reasons: First, he was pastor for a quadrennium of the old First Church in that city, and won friends by the hundreds; and, second, he is our Bishop in Texas by residence and long service. The daily papers of the city spoke in high terms of his sermon, and of the whole occasion. On Monday the Bishop spent several hours in Dallas meeting friends and renewing acquaintance.

The Board of Missions will meet next Tuesday in Nashville at the call of Bishop Wilson, Chairman of the board. The editor of this paper is a member of that body, and will in all probability attend the meeting. Much important work will come before the board, and plans for the year will be formed and new enterprises projected. This board has the entire charge of our mission work in the interim of the General Conference.

Rev. and Mrs. William H. Howard, of Ennis, have issued cards announcing the approaching marriage of their daughter, Miss Cathryn Delany, to Mr. Felix Butler Webster, the happy event to take place Tuesday, October 18, at the Methodist Church in Ennis. Rev. W. H. Howard is the popular pastor of our Church in Ennis, and his daughter is a most estimable young lady. We congratulate the young couple, and wish for them the realization of all their dreams and anticipations.

Rev. George Sexton, D. D., Secretary of the Washington Monumental Church Commission, with headquarters in Dallas, spent last Sunday with Rev. Thos. Morehead and his good people at Wharton. It was the occasion of opening their new church. For years Wharton Methodists have been worshipping in an inferior wooden structure, but when Brother Morehead went there he determined to lead an improved condition of things. Now there stands a beautiful \$16,000 cement block church complete in every particular. After the sermon last Sunday morning it was stated that there remained \$6000 of debt on the buildings. A collection was taken

and all but \$800 of the amount was raised. This is something marvelous, and it speaks well for the enterprising pastor and his people.

The Sheriff of Throckmorton County, J. G. Spurlock, in an attempt to serve a warrant on two men who were under the influence of liquor, was recently shot and mortally wounded. He was one of the best men in that county, a devout Christian and a member of the Official Board of the Methodist Church in the town. He died two days after he was wounded, and his death cast a pall of gloom over the whole county. But this is only another evidence of the fact that red liquor is prepared for any deed of diabolism. It has no respect for law or the officers of the law. On account of its criminal nature one of the best men, and the leading peace officer, in Throckmorton County is dead, his young wife a widow and his little babe is fatherless.

Rev. J. R. Atehley and his people at Key Memorial, Sherman, have removed their old church structure and upon the site they are beginning to erect a \$10,000 building. This is a most encouraging movement, and speaks well for the energy and enterprise of the pastor and the people. That congregation has a most delightful location and a growing section, and the new church will meet a long-felt want. It will put Methodism in that part of Sherman on a good footing. The pastor is also in the midst of a good protracted meeting, from which good results are expected.

Rev. Dennis Macune, one of our Texas boys, is stationed at Torreón, Mexico. The Publisher and friends spent a half day with Bro. Macune in that goodly city and are indebted to him for many thoughtful courtesies. He has a splendid church building, well furnished and it is equal in equipment to many of our best churches in Texas. In connection with his work there is being conducted under his supervision a school which is self-sustaining. They are doing excellent work which will tell materially on the progress of Methodism in that section. Bro. Macune and his wife are delighted with their charge and good reports may be expected from their work. Bro. Macune preaches to an English-speaking congregation, though he is qualified to preach in Spanish. His many friends will be glad to learn that he is doing so well.

Rev. T. A. White, of Mobile, Ala., formerly of Navasota and Lampasas, Texas, and brother-in-law of Rev. J. R. Morris, of Cleburne, received word recently of the death of his mother, Mrs. Amelia White, relict of the late Thomas White, at her home in Leytonstone, London, England. Mrs. White had been a sufferer from heart disease for many years, and on August 6 was attacked with heart failure. From this seizure she never rallied, dying peacefully on August 15. She was a consistent Christian, rearing her children, by whom she was greatly beloved, to follow in her footsteps. She was born September 12, 1816, so was nearly at the end of her ninety-fourth year. She is survived by four daughters, two sons, fourteen grandchildren and five great-grandchildren.

SILVER ANNIVERSARY OF THE DALLAS NEWS.

The Dallas Morning News recently issued its twenty-fifth anniversary edition and it was one of the most creditable publications ever issued from the press of Texas. It was a veritable newspaper cyclopedia in the wide range of its information concerning all departments of industry in the State. We congratulate the News upon its twenty-five years of useful

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PERSONALS

Rev. J. H. Overstreet, of Arlington, was in to see us recently. We have no more active and useful local preacher than Brother Overstreet.

Dr. J. E. Godbey, of the Little Rock Conference, who has been connected with the teaching force of Hendrix College for some time, has tendered his resignation and is now in charge of the Hunter Memorial Church, Little Rock.

Rev. Edgar McVoy, who will be remembered by our North Texas Conference brethren especially, has been transferred from the St. Louis Conference to the Oklahoma Conference, and the St. Louis Advocate says there is a leading charge waiting for him.

Rev. G. B. Overton, a superannuate member of the Louisville Conference, now a resident of Lubbock, Texas, was to see us the other day. He is now supplying the Tulia charge. We found him to be a most brotherly man, and his visit was a pleasure. He has a son living in this city.

Dr. and Mrs. R. S. Hyer have issued invitations to the marriage of their daughter, Miss Victoria Ray, to Mr. Robert H. Brown, and the happy event will take place October 26, in the Methodist Church at Georgetown. The happy young couple will reside in McKinney, Texas.

Rev. James A. Morris, D. D., former Assistant Church Extension Secretary under Dr. Morton, but late pastor of Melrose Church, Kansas City, Mo., has taken a supernumerary relation and is now living in Texarkana. He is one of our ablest ministers and has wrought well in the ministry, but now retires to the shade for a rest spell.

Rev. A. A. Kidd and his people at Richmond have purchased a new and better located site for a new church and they are making all their arrangements for a house of worship in keep-

ing with the character of Methodism in that old community. Dr. Sexton was down there recently and gave them material assistance in their enterprise.

We regret to learn of the illness of Rev. H. H. Vaughan, of Lancaster charge. For some weeks he has been in feeble health, scarcely able to attend to his work, and forced to take a rest for a season. We are sure that the brethren will remember Brother Vaughan at a throne of grace. He is one of our most faithful and useful men, and we hope for his early recovery.

We regret to learn of the continued illness of Rev. C. J. Oxley, of the Texas Conference, and for some time in charge of the Sunday-school work of the conference. He is now in a hospital in Houston, but hopes to be out before a great while and at work. He is suffering from gastric trouble. The brethren will remember Brother Oxley in their prayers. He is one of our most efficient workers, and we hope for his speedy recovery.

We note with pleasure that our old friend and brother, Judge M. J. Thompson, of Stephenville, has given up a good law practice and entered the ministry. For years he has been one of the leading members of the bar in his section, and at one time was County Judge, but he has yielded to the call of the still small voice and gone to preaching. He has recently held a number of fine revivals, followed by good results. Judge Thompson has also co-operated successfully with Rev. Lockett Adair in a number of revival services.

Rev. George M. Boyd, who, on account of the illness of his family, has recently returned from his field of labor in Brazil, has been sojourning in Nashville for a few days, and the friends at his old Church, Monroe Street, were rejoiced to have him occupy the pulpit once more. We regret to lose Brother Boyd from the Brazil Mission, where he has labored earnestly for more than two years. Brother Boyd has been transferred to the West Texas Conference, where we are sure he will do good work. The Churches which make large returns for missions and are full of missionary spirit are those which are served by missionary pastors.—The October Go Forward.

"Oh, that men would praise the Lord for his goodness, and for his wonderful works to the children of men."—Psalm 97:8.

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NORTH TEXAS RUBY KENDRICK FUND.

Financial report of the Ruby Kendrick Memorial for the first quarter, beginning June 20, 1910, and ending September 20, 1910:

RECEIPTS.
Cash on hand at beginning of quarter \$345.00
Cash received during quarter... 26.50
Total \$371.50

DISBURSEMENTS.
To J. O. Hamilton, toward the support of Rev. C. T. Collyer of Songdo 100.00
To J. D. Hamilton, treasurer, toward the support of Rev. C. T. Collyer of Songdo..... 50.00
Total \$150.00

Receipts, less disbursements, leaves a cash balance of \$221.50, which is on deposit at the Continental State Bank of McKinney, Texas.

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NOTICE.

All remittances on pledges made for current expenses for 1910-1911 at Epworth during the Sixth Annual Encampment, and payable in thirty, sixty and ninety days, should be sent to A. B. Hardin, State Treasurer, Denison, Texas. All remittances on old pledges made for the same purposes at former Encampments will also be sent to the State Treasurer.

Pledges made for paying off the Encampment indebtedness should be sent to Rev. S. C. Riddle, Treasurer of the Board of Trustees, Whitewright, Texas.

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LETTER FROM MISS TEJEDA.

Dear Texas Leaguers:

Not long ago Mr. Thomasson published in the Advocate a letter I had written to him, telling him that Miss Wynn did not have the money to have a schoolroom fixed, in which I could teach.

The schoolroom is fixed now, but we had no desks to go in it. We did not worry over it, for we knew God would provide. Yesterday I had a letter from Miss Laura Proctor, from DeKalb, Texas, who attended Scarritt last year. We were roommates there part of the time. She read my letter in the Advocate and her Sunday-school class has sent me \$10 gold for my schoolroom. She says: "May the little amount we are able to send you be a blessing to you and to us also, is my greatest wish."

I want to thank Miss Proctor and her Sunday-school class for the interest they have taken. I know the "little amount" will be a blessing to us and to them also; for it will help the children of "Instituto Colon" to study the Word of God.

I have given the money to Miss Varner, business manager of "Instituto Colon;" she is going to see about having the desks made. Many of you, I know, met her at Epworth this year.

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I thank God for the Texas Leaguers and for what they have sent to me. Their hearts are always opened to the cause of missions.

May God's richest blessings be upon you, is my prayer. Lovingly,

REBECA TEJEDA,
Guadalajara, Jal., Mex., Aranzazle, No. 608.

TO SECOND VICE PRESIDENTS.

I am unable to secure a list of the Second Vice Presidents, so take this method of placing my services at your command. I want every League in Texas to have a model second department, and already some time has passed, so we must begin our work at once if we accomplish much before the close of the year. If each conference or district Second Vice President will send me a list of your local Second Vice Presidents, I shall appreciate it. We must get in touch with each other if we get our work started. If your conference or district is not organized, I shall be glad to plan your work with you and assist you in any way I can.

(MISS) MAY RICHARDSON,
State Second Vice President,
Hamlin, Texas.

"HOW CAN THE EPWORTH LEAGUERS HELP THEIR PASTORS?"

The following excellent paper was read by Miss Lora Long, of Whitesboro, at the recent session of the North Texas Conference Epworth League, held at Bonham:

That the young people of the Church have been acknowledged as helpful in bringing the world to Christ, both the Old and New Testaments furnish many lessons to this effect; as does also Church history through the ages of the Christian era.

Our Savior adopted many plans for reaching the multitudes. He went into the social circles, as on the occasion of the wedding feast in Cana of Galilee, where he wrought his first recorded miracle.

He went to the sick and distressed; to the home of the bereaved and the heart broken, to the destitute, the afflicted and to the sorrowing, and administered to their several wants with that tenderness and love that drew the multitudes to Him.

The Savior said: "If any man will come after me, let him deny himself, and take up his cross and follow me." Then, self-denying, cross-bearing, and following our Lord is the way to be useful in His service, and in all of this we can be most useful in helping our pastors in their Church work.

To our edifying may we not recall some of the instances of the instrumentality of the young people in the interest of the Church in both Old and New Testament times?

Ruth, Esther, a nameless captive Jewish maid, Samuel, Eli-ha, the young prophets and David, all of Old Testament history. Paul, Timothy, Rhoda and the little lad with the five barley loaves and the two small fishes.

David was but a ruddy youth when the prophetic oil was poured upon his head, as he came fresh from the shepherd hills of Judea. And still while in his youthful vigor he slew the champion of the Philistine army, who had made all of King Saul's army tremble. Goliath swore by his gods that he would take the life of this brave shepherd boy, while David, in proclaiming his trust in the God of Israel, slew the boasting, uncircumcised giant, and swept the field with victory for the army of Israel.

We call attention to Ruth, the Moabitish young widow, who turned away from her country, her people and her heathen god, to go with Naomi into Judea to espouse the Jehovah God as her God. And, rising like a brilliant star from the firmament of night, she takes her place in the ancestral line of David, and on the King of all Kingdoms, thus bringing the whole Gentile world into relation with the world's Redeemer. Origin compares Ruth to the Gentile Church, the engrafted Olive Tree. How appropriate to the honor of this lonely, brave and true, devout and homeless little woman are words of Wordsworth, which we quote with but slight variations:

"She was a phantom of delight
When first she gleamed upon my sight,
A lovely apparition, sent
To be a moment's ornament,
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A spirit, yet a woman too;
Her graceful motions light and free,
And steps of Virgin purity;

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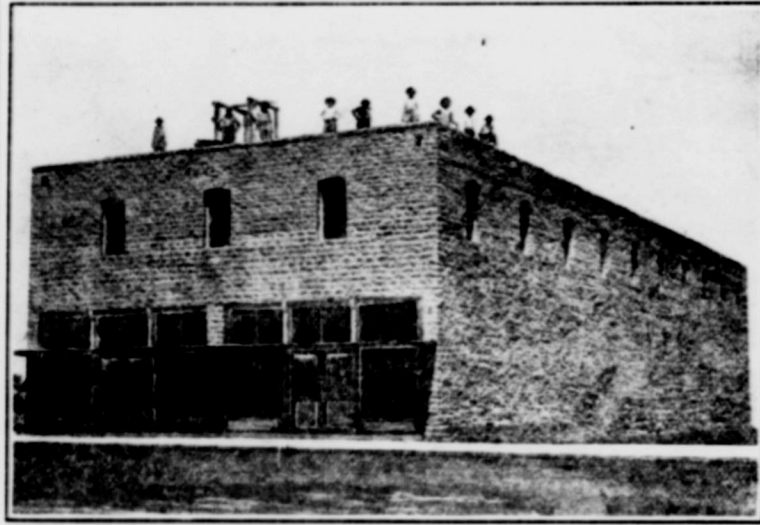
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To bring to Christ our Gentle blood."

In the separation of Orpah and Ruth may we not see the type of the separation of the true devout Christian young Leaguers and the gay classes of the irreligious, as the former turns to the church, and the latter to the delusive world? And may its expression not be found in the anonymous poem which stands out like a beacon light from the friendly light house over perilous shoals of a treacherous sea, thus to guide us? Hear the voice of the poet as it speaks thus:

"So from the heights of will
Life's departing stream descends
And, as a moment turns its slender rill,
Each widening torrent bends.
From the same cradle side,
From the same mother's knee,
One to long darkness and the frozen tide,
One to the peaceful sea."

"Thy God shall be my God," is the pivot of heart and soul upon which turns the happy destiny of all faithful Epworth Leaguers.

From the Sunday-school, the Epworth League, the mid-week prayer meeting and the Sanctuary, where, on the Holy Sabbath we hear the Gospel earnestly preached, with our hearts filled with the sacred influence of the Holy Spirit, we can go out into the social circles and tell others of the blessedness of the services in the Holy Sanctuary, and like the glad-hearted Samaritan woman, bring many away from the slumbers of sin to be placed in touch with these services that cultivate the souls of men for the eternal life in heaven.

Christ says: "I am the good Shepherd, and know my sheep, and am known of them, and they follow me." Our pastors are the undershepherds, commissioned and sent forth by the Holy Spirit.

In being in touch with our pastors and with all the services, we can understand his wishes, and co-operate with him in supplying the needs of the people, and in this way we can go intelligently into our work for the Master.

We can visit the sick and the low-spirited, the needy and the stranger who come into our midst; and can know who of the membership is seemingly growing indifferent, and can admonish them to be true to the Church.

And acquainting ourselves with the field, we can report to our pastor where his presence might do the most good. It is the sword that is in constant use that is kept the brightest. There is much for us to do to help our pastors to lead our Church to greater works for the King. Our work is not gratuitous, we are not our own. The command is, "Go!"

With our thus informing ourselves we can go forth commissioned of the great Head of the Church, and with the seal of the Holy Spirit on our hearts, to be unquestionable witnesses for our Lord, and efficient helpers of our pastors in leading many to the better life, and finally the blood-washed hosts right up to the open gate of the eternal morning, where we shall catch up the strain, and join in the grand coronation of Heaven's King.

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Zama.

At the town of Zama in Northern Africa, in the year 202 B. C., Scipio Africanus at the head of the Roman army defeated Hannibal, the Carthaginian general. This battle closed the second Punic War. There were three wars known under this name. But the defeat of Hannibal determined practically the fate of the third. These wars were in many respects the most gigantic in the history of the world, for actively or sympathetically all known nations were engaged in them. It was a war of the Indo-Germanic peoples on the one hand against the Semitic peoples on the other. Among the first, either directly or remotely connected, were the Indian races, the Persians, Greeks, Romans and Germans. Among the other were Phoenicians, Jews, Arabs and Carthaginians. Rome was the center of action for the first group; Carthage for the second. Carthage lost in all three of the wars. In the first she lost Sicily and Sardinia. In the second she lost Spain. In the third she lost herself. It is the only instance in history where a complete civilization absolutely perished in war. These wars were fought to determine whether Rome or Carthage should thereafter dominate the world. For this reason Zama is one of the decisive battles of the world.

WHO WERE THE SIBYLS?

The Sibyls were certain female characters in ancient mythology who were able to prophesy and to have access to the gods for purposes of interceding for those who engaged their services. There are usually reckoned ten, apportioned to different sections or countries, as the Persian, the Phrygian, etc. The most celebrated is the Cumaean of Cumae, Italy. She was the original prophetess of the famous Sibylline books that became important documents in the history of Rome. As the story goes, she went to Tarquin the Proud, the last King of Rome, and offered him nine books for sale. Like many a modern person he turned the book agent away. But that book agent, like many another one, had brought something good. She insisted, he persisted. She burned three of the books in his presence, and then offered the remaining six at the original price of the nine. But still he would not buy. She turned to the fire again and cremated three more of the books. Tarquin was deeply impressed when, after this second burning, she urged him to buy the last three at the original price of the nine, and he bought them. To his overwhelming surprise he found the three books to contain rituals for the worship of the gods, and also an outline for the national policy of the Romans. These books were written in hexameter measure, and were sacredly preserved, and often consulted by the nation's leaders, the Senate and philosophers. They were destroyed in the burning of the Temple of Jupiter, 83 B. C. These books were opened, however, only in times of great distress or on the eve of some impending disaster, but they played an important part in the life of Rome, and were considered as the sacred books. The authorship, if we may call it authorship, is unknown, but probably may be assigned to the learned ascetics who modeled their dreams after the real prophecies of old.

ORDEAL.

This word has a queer history. It is an old Anglo-Saxon formation. "Or," being a kind of adverbial prefix, meaning "out," and "deal" meaning to deal, hence to deal out. But it did not mean to deal out a pack of cards or rations or coal or anything like these. It was created for specific use. It meant to deal out judgment. The custom was strange. A person of high rank accused of crime was required to walk barefoot and blindfold along a certain path over which lay red-hot irons or red-hot ploughshares. These hot irons were placed at unequal intervals so as to give the culprit no chance of estimating how he should step. If he should tread upon any hot iron he was guilty. If he made the distance without treading on any hot iron he was innocent. If the accused was of common birth, he was to thrust his bare arm into boiling water. If it injured him he was guilty; if not he was innocent. Or he was bound hand

and foot and tossed into a river. If he sank he was guilty, and if he floated he was innocent. These tests bore the name of ordeals. "To pass through fire and water" is an expression growing out of this practice. It is a horrible superstition, but was the custom.

BEEHIVEN'S FAITH.

When at the age of thirty-five Beethoven was working on his opera, Fidelio, as it is called in English, he became deaf, he did not lose faith that he would hear some day. This idea seemed to haunt him and to cling to him with something more than life-like and life-long tenacity, for it was with him in the hour and article of death. He constantly persisted in his statements that he would hear. But the years passed and the day and the hour came when he must go hence. In that hour a great storm arose. It beat upon the house terrifically. The grand old spirit took up an idea that the storm was a demon come to defeat him in his faith that he would hear. He listened closely to the torrents as they poured down and were driven against the building, and to the thunders as they boomed over the vicinity, and then he arose in bed and clenching his fist he shook it at the storm-fiend, saying: "I shall hear—in heaven!" There is scarcely a sublimer scene in the life of any man in history. Notwithstanding death was there, and he realized his presence, he did not yield to him that old-time faith that he would hear, and in that moment he grasped the climactic idea that though he had lost here he would take up the old faith as soon as he passed over, and there he should have the long-closed portals of hearing opened to better things even this his own music. Such a faith will "make a man" of any boy, a woman of any girl.

THE COSTLIEST MADONNA.

At Blenheim (Blen-im 1), in Bavaria, in 1704, the Duke of Marlborough with 50,000 men (English, Danes, Dutch and Germans), defeated the French and Bavarians, 60,000, under Tallard. The former lost fully 12,000; the latter, it is claimed, 40,000. The Prince Eugene was also in command of the English forces, but John Churchill, the first Duke of Marlborough, was the chief hero in the eyes of England. This was during the reign of good Queen Anne, and she honored John Churchill, the conquering Duke of Marlborough, by giving him a large tract of land, called Woodstock, about ten miles northwest of Oxford, England. Here the Duke built a palace, and named it Blenheim in memory of the battle. It is 190 feet north-and-south by 320 feet east-and-west. To this palace was brought the finest Madonna ever painted—the work of Raphael in 1507. The picture is valued at \$350,000. It is eight feet high, the Madonna and child are sitting on a throne. John the Baptist is on the left and St. Nicolas of Bari on the right. There are many other costly paintings in the palace which has descended to the children and the children's children.

NOTHING NEW UNDER THE SUN.

When King Alfred the Great was reigning over England a thousand years ago, school children pondered over problems in arithmetic much as our boys and girls do now.

Here are two taken word for word from the lessons book of that day: "The swallow once invited the snail to dinner. He lived just one league from the spot, and the snail traveled at the rate of only one inch a day. How long would it be before he dined?"

"An old man met a child. 'Good-day, my son,' said he. 'May you live as long as you have lived, and as much more, and thrice as much as all this; and if God give you one year in addition to the others, you will be a century old.' What was the boy's age?"

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"Little Bob's father was fond of telling bear stories to his little boys. One evening he was telling a thrilling one about a bear chasing a little girl, and 'how he crept nearer, and nearer, and nearer.' At this point Bob caught his father's arm, and with the big tears falling down his cheeks, he cried: 'O, father, don't tell any more. He might catch her!'"

Make the best of everything; think the best of everybody; hope the best for yourself. By so doing you will be lifting yourself and those about you to a higher plane of living. — Great Thoughts.

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The racing will be fast and exciting, and the great steel Grand Stand will be filled daily by thousands who like these attractions. The amusement department will be crowded with many different features. There is lots of fun here. Don't deprive yourself of the pleasure and profit from visiting the Fair. Come, by all means, and bring the children. There will be cheap rates on all railroads and interurbans.

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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 W. F. M. S. OF THE CENTRAL TEXAS CONFERENCE.

I have been requested by Mrs. Laura Cornish, second vice president of the Central Texas Conference, to inform all auxiliaries in that conference that the year book, only four cents, for the new study, Western Women in Eastern Lands, can be had by writing to her address, 2101 Washington Street, Waco, Texas.

These books will add greatly to the interest in our meetings, and she thinks it highly important that all auxiliaries have them.

MRS. FRANK N. ALLEN.
Waco, Texas.

TO TEXAS CONFERENCE PASTORS.

Miss Cora Posey is the authorized organizer of the Texas Conference Woman's Foreign Missionary Society, and I ask of you, please co-operate with her in organizing or presenting this work in your charge, should she come to it. She is a consecrated, cultured and capable woman, and a visit from her is always helpful. For two weeks she has been at work in Brenham District, and has organized six adult auxiliaries. Should you desire her services, address her at Indian Creek, Texas.

MRS. C. A. HOOPER.
Conf. Cor. Sec. W. H. M. S.

FROM LEXINGTON, TEXAS.

The Woman's Home Mission Society of this place has just closed its "week of prayer" service. We published our program in our town paper and our editor gave it a conspicuous place in large type. Then we requested the pastor to preach on the work of the Woman's Home Mission Society on Sunday night preceding the first service. We invite every Christian lady in the town to attend our meetings. From the very first service on Monday afternoon a spirit of interest, enthusiasm and devotion was manifested on the part of almost every member of the society. I think I never witnessed a more beautiful spirit of harmony and willingness "to do everything to make it a success." Each leader prepared her program carefully, and was responsible for the success of the services on her day to lead.

The topics were illustrated with blackboard charts, and short, pointed talks by the leaders. Also well selected readings and songs. We had a good attendance at every service. On Saturday afternoon we closed a very enthusiastic service with testimony, a meeting in which every woman present took part. They spoke of the great pleasure and profit the "week of prayer" had been to them personally, and how much they had learned about home mission work. Each one determined to become a better home mission worker in the future.

Our offering for the Ruth Hargrove Institute, at Key West, Fla., was \$5.25.

This is the first time our auxiliary has observed the week of prayer, but all unanimously agreed that we must have it every year in future. It was a great spiritual benefit to the entire society, for every member took some part in the exercises.

MRS. W. W. HORNER.

CHEERING NEWS FROM TEXAS CONFERENCE.

Six new adult Woman's Foreign Missionary Auxiliaries and one Juvenile were organized during September in Texas Conference.

Miss Cora Posey, our Conference organizer, within less than two weeks' work, organized at Brookshire, Patterson, Richmond, Bay City, Wharton and Rosenberg, Adult Auxiliaries with 62 members and seven honorary members, and the Conference Corresponding Secretary organized a Juvenile at Woodville.

Any Texas Conference woman reading this and desiring a Foreign Missionary Society should write to Miss Posey and she will arrange to visit your town and do all she can to assist you. Whether you organize or not, write to Miss Posey; a visit from her will help the cause of missions in your home Church.

Nor is seven new organizations all Texas Conference can report, for seven of the ten districts have held, or will hold, District Foreign Missionary meetings, and Tyler Auxiliary has assumed the support of Miss Jarrett, a candidate for the Foreign Mission work, who is now at Scarritt Bible and Training School; and Marlin District will support Miss Maggie Rogers, of

Marlin, who returns to China soon, and will be accompanied to Soochow by her mother. Another Texas Conference daughter, Miss Mattie Ivey, of Calvert, is now at home on furlough from her labors of five years in Seoul, Korea, and another candidate expects to enter Scarritt next session for training for foreign work, from Texas Conference. Rejoice with them who do rejoice.

MRS. C. A. HOOPER.
Texas Conf. Cor. Sec. W. F. M. S.

The annual joint meeting of the Woman's Home and Foreign Mission Societies for the Cleburne District, Central Texas Conference, met at Grandview, Texas, September 27 to 29, 1910. Tuesday evening, beginning at 8:15, was devoted to a kind of meet-and-be-met occasion. Addresses of welcome were delivered by Mrs. C. C. Haden and Mrs. J. E. Walker, representing the local auxiliaries, to which Mrs. G. J. Bryan, of Alvarado, very graciously responded. A social half hour was then indulged, during which time the delegates were assigned to their temporary homes, which proved in each case to be the best home in Grandview.

The work of the conference proper began Wednesday morning at 9 o'clock. The first day was devoted to foreign missions. A suitable program had been prepared by the District Secretary, Mrs. Jim Langston, of Cleburne, covering the different phases of the work. The carrying out of this program in the discussion of the various topics assigned, including such as "The Spiritual Stimulus of Missions," "Echoes from Edinburgh, and Glimpses from Our Mission Fields" and "The Lost Continent Opened," together with the reports of the delegates, made a most helpful and inspiring day's work.

Thursday, the 29th, was Home Mission Day. The meeting was presided over by Mrs. W. E. Nowlin, District Secretary, also of Cleburne. She, too, had a carefully prepared program covering the work of the Home Mission Society, including such topics as "Our Work at Galveston," "A View of Our Schools and the Work Done by Them" and short talks on "The Duties and Responsibilities of Officers." The event of the day was the annual missionary sermon by Rev. E. A. Smith, presiding elder of the Cleburne District. It was full of the meat of the gospel, and gave such an interpretation of our obligation to the heathen as is calculated to arouse the missionary conscience of the most indifferent. The work of the conference was greatly enhanced by the presence of Mrs. J. T. Bloodworth, of Ft. Worth, Corresponding Secretary, for the W. H. M. Society; Mrs. C. H. Buchanan, of Waco, Conference Third Vice-President of W. F. M. Society, and Miss Eugenia Smith, Deaconess, of Thurber. We were glad to have with us also a number of the pastors.

The good people of Grandview did themselves proud in caring for the delegates and the time for good-bys came all too soon. The next meeting goes to Walnut Springs.

MRS. C. N. MORTON.

DUBLIN DISTRICT MEETING.

A joint meeting of the Woman's Home and Foreign Missionary Societies was held at Hico, September 14 to 16. The district was well represented by delegates and visitors. Rev. Jerome Duncan, our presiding elder, preached for us at our opening service.

The reports from the societies of the district were very encouraging; an increase in missionary zeal and a deeper consecration to the Master's work was manifest.

Mrs. E. W. Kimble read a fine paper on "How to Arouse Missionary Interest Among Our Women." We were especially favored in having three of our conference officers with us: Mrs. E. H. Wynne, of Temple, President of the Home Mission Conference; Mrs. C. H. Buchanan, of Waco, superintendent of Young People's F. M. work, and Mrs. C. L. Cartwright, of Stephenville, Third Vice-President of Home Mission Conference. Each of these came expecting immediate results. Mrs. Buchanan said that the Young People's Society which had disbanded must be reorganized. God heard her prayer, and the society was reorganized with twenty members and Mrs. F. B. Lane, a consecrated woman, offered herself as Lady Manager. She felt that God was calling her to this work.

Mrs. Cartwright said she had come to stay until some one would volunteer to organize a Brigade. A special prayer to that end was made, and after the close of the service a consecrated woman came up and offered herself for that work. Mrs. Wynne wanted every woman to pledge to try to get ten new members for the societies between this and our next meeting. Many pledges were given.

Mrs. Cartwright gave a beautiful and practical talk on "The Mission Study Class; Its Importance and How to Conduct It."

Mrs. Wynne and Mrs. Buchanan spoke enthusiastically of the work which is being done and the great need of consecrated workers. They gave us much information concerning "The Rebekah Sparks' Home" in Waco and also concerning the unification of the Home and Foreign Missionary Societies.

Throughout the entire meeting the spirit of unity and sympathy was manifested between the two societies.

Mrs. W. F. Lloyd gave an interesting talk on "Financial Success in the Master's Work," and exhibited a ribbon chart, showing how Americans spend their money, which was very impressive.

The last thing on the program was a consecration service, led by Mrs. W. W. Moore. This was a sweet service and each of us truly felt that we wanted to consecrate our all to our Master.

Our next meeting is to be held at Cisco, the last week in September, 1910.

The kindness and hospitality of the good people of Hico, together with their beloved pastor, will ever be held a gracious and pleasant memory. May God abundantly bless this people and our whole district.

MRS. W. J. CLAY.

UNION SERVICES.

The first union services of the Home and Foreign Missionary Societies convened at Woodville, Texas, Tuesday, September 27, at 3 p. m., in the Southern Methodist Church, with the following delegates and visitors present:

Mrs. Hugh McFarlane, Mrs. Walter Martin, Mrs. W. H. Fowler, Mrs. W. O. Pipkin, Mrs. R. C. McFarlane, Miss Bessie Willhoit, Beaumont, Texas; Mrs. C. E. Slade, Mrs. J. T. Adams, Mrs. J. M. McCorquodale, Mrs. E. H. Gold, Mrs. Alice Martin, Orange, Tex.; Mrs. C. A. Hooper, Galveston, Tex.; Mrs. M. M. Brown, Mrs. W. H. Summy, Mrs. Elsie Morgan, Call, Texas; Mrs. Clara Ferguson, Dayton, Texas.

The meeting opened with Miss Bessie Willhoit, Deaconess from Beaumont, presiding.

"Christ for the World We Sing" was the opening hymn, followed by prayer from Bro. J. F. Henderson, of Woodville, and hymn, "My Faith Looks Up to Thee." Mrs. C. A. Hooper, of Galveston, Conference Corresponding Secretary, made an explanatory talk on the maps, charts and posters to be used during the conference. The next number was a solo by Mrs. J. T. Adams, of Orange, "Does Jesus Care?"

Miss Willhoit read a telegram received from Mrs. Geo. Call, at Mineral Wells, "Greeting to all this beautiful morning, 2nd Cor., 1st chapter, 2nd verse." This read, "Grace to you and peace from God our Father and Lord Jesus Christ."

After singing, "Trust and Obey," and a prayer Rev. J. W. Moore took charge of the services and delivered a very forceful sermon on "Why I Am a Missionary."

The second session of the conference was opened at 7:45 p. m., Tuesday evening, by Miss Bessie Willhoit. Blessed Be the Name, was the opening hymn, followed by prayer and praise service led by Rev. P. I. Milton, who read from the 4th chapter of Philippians 1:11, and made a fine missionary talk on the work of the women of the Church. Hymn, Revive Us Again, and Mrs. Hugh McFarlane, of Beaumont, District Corresponding Secretary, talked on the subject, "What Are We Here For?" Miss Willhoit spoke of the meeting as a "gathering of the clans," or a family reunion.

Mrs. McCorquodale, of Orange, read an excellent paper on "The Duties of the Home Mission Worker." Mrs. W. H. Summy, of Call, spoke on "The Benefits of the Society to the Church." There were talks on "The Privileges and Pleasures of a Member," by Mrs. McFarlane, Mrs. Fowler, Mrs. Slade and Miss Willhoit, Mr. J. M. McCorquodale was appointed agent for the Foreign Missionary Advocate, and Mrs. R. C. McFarlane agent for Our Homes. Committee on Resolutions was appointed as follows: Mrs. Walter Martin, Mrs. C. E. Slade and Mrs. Elsie Morgan.

Wednesday morning the session be-

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gan with the singing of "Scatter Sunshine," and prayer by J. F. Henderson. Mrs. R. C. McFarlane led the devotional service and talked on the best method of studying God's word. A prayer was offered and "Stand Up for Jesus," sung. Mrs. Hugh McFarlane then took the chair and continued the session by calling on the delegates for talks concerning the work of their auxiliary. Mrs. McCorquodale, of Orange, explained the posters she, with others, had prepared for the Week of Prayer to be held in November. It was moved and seconded that the Beaumont District Conference present a petition to their Representative, pledging their support and promising all the assistance in their power to suppress the white slave traffic. Motion carried. Reports were heard from all the auxiliaries, both Home and Foreign. "Home Mission Work of the State," was given by Mrs. Walter Martin. This included the Ann Browder Home in Dallas, the Orphanage at Waco, the Wesley Houses and the Immigrant Home in Galveston. A hymn was sung next, "Any where with Jesus," and Mrs. C. E. Slade read a paper, "The Obligations of the Members to their Workers in the Field." Mrs. J. B. Cruise spoke of "Personal Work as it Benefits the Community." Mrs. S. H. Reid "As it Benefits the Individual." Meeting adjourned with the singing of "Praise God From Whom All Blessings Flow."

The last session of the conference convened Wednesday at 4 p. m. "He is so Precious to Me" was the hymn selected and Mrs. W. D. Pipkin led the devotional exercises, reading from the 6th chapter of Galatians, 9th verse: "Let us not be weary in well-doing, for in due season we shall reap if we faint not." Mrs. J. T. Adams favored the members with a solo, "I Am in My Father's Keeping." Mrs. E. H. Golden explained the need of education in the mountains and told about the mountain schools of our Church, already doing so much good. Mrs. C. A. Hooper read a paper on "The Executive Powers of a Woman's Foreign Missionary Society." "Our Foreign Fields" was the subject of Mrs. J. T. Adams' paper, "Means of Support" was discussed in a paper by Mrs. E. S. Farwell, "Do Foreign Missions Pay?" was the subject of Mrs. W. A. Langham's talk after which was selected and sung, "The Morning Light is Breaking." There were testimonials from all the members on, "What the Work Has Done for Me, and What I Have Done for the Work." Resolutions were read and approved. A collection was taken for incidental expenses and the sum of six dollars was contributed, which was quite sufficient. Place of next meeting discussed and decision left open, later resulting in Dayton being selected, a very cordial invitation having been received from the auxiliaries and the pastor.

Rev. P. I. Milton in a few words expressed pleasure in having the conference meet in Woodville, and of his appreciation of the work of that body.

ALICE MARTIN, Sec.

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DEPARTMENT OF EXPRESSION.

Miss Arabella Owens, Editress.

The class in expression is unusually large for the beginning of school. The girls have begun their work with a great deal of enthusiasm and interest. They realize the vast importance of laying a good foundation, abandoning the old idea of merely being coached on "pieces." Selections from the best authors are to be taken up later, with the view of developing the student's love and appreciation of good literature and stimulating the taste for further reading. We are gratified to note the interest taken in plain, impersonative reading, which is, of course, the foundation of all good work in expression.

Miss Williams, of Chicago, gave an evening's program in the chapel on last Friday. Some members of the class in expression are preparing to give an entertainment soon for the benefit of the Young Women's Christian Association of the college.

Mrs. Bertha Kunz Baker, of New York, who reads for us every year, will be with us again this winter.

FROM OUR FIELD EDITOR.

Two more good meetings have been happily held since my last letter. On September 11 we closed at Stockdale with fine interest. There were twelve accessions to our Church and a considerable uplift of the Christian people. Just about a year ago I conducted my first meeting in that town, at which time we had a great gathering. The place has been thoroughly worked by the several Churches, and most of the outside material has been used.

Good Brother Carter is closing his second year in that pastoral charge. He has made great improvement in conditions, spiritually, materially and Methodistically. Our immersionist brethren have met their match in N. W. Carter, who has sown the town with our literature and has, in a fair and yet uncompromising manner, preached Methodist doctrine. His work will abide.

Since my first visit the church has been remodeled and greatly enlarged. Methodism has been put to the front, and it is in a fair way to hold the field. Our doctrines are vital and our methods are wise, and when properly applied they always win out.

Brother and Sister Carter have an orderly household. Their children are good. The baby, "Rankin," is a fine little fellow. Our editor may well be proud of his namesake.

On September 18 we began at Brownwood with Brother C. R. Wright, one of the best all-round men in Texas. We of the Texas Conference learned to love Brother Wright twenty-five years ago, when he came to Texas as a boy preacher. His successful career is no more than we expected. Fellowship with such a man is pleasant and profitable. I grew in grace in Brownwood.

Our meeting resulted in thirty accessions to our Church. Many said great good was done for the membership. Nine new subscriptions to the Advocate were secured, and, of course, this means much good for the future. Brownwood is a prosperous little city, which is in a healthful state of growth, despite the recent long drouth. Substantial business houses and handsome residences are being built. Brother Wright and his people are completing an elegant parsonage at a cost of \$9000 for the house and lot. Now they are talking up a new \$50,000 church building, and it is believed they will have it before long. Broth-

er and Sister Wright are popular in the Church and the city. Wilbur, their bright son, who left for Georgetown while I was with them, impressed me favorably. Miss Pauline, their charming daughter, is a general favorite. Many good things could be truly said of the good people of Brownwood. I must speak of the first-class choir, under the leadership of Sister Blair. Rarely have I heard better music in a meeting. That efficient pastor and his faithful people will make a great Church in Brownwood.

We have just started off in Columbus. From here I go to Onalaska. JOHN E. GREEN.

THE RESULT.

By B. W. Dodson.

Good Doctor Jarrell Pulled out of his barrel Many lexicons, with verse, To prove "baptizo" meant "immerse." Oh, how he did thunder! But Hastings' dictionary To the Dr. was contrary. And said "That the jailer Was such a good sailor he couldn't go under."

Chorus:

Jarrell comes from Learning's Hall, All Baptists do the same; Dodson is no scholar at all, But he GOT THERE just the same.

The Dr. said, "Dodson can holler, But he's such a poor scholar; He says that the word 'baptizo,' Has changed its meaning, you know." Such 'Rot' is Methodist light, But Hastings' Dictionary, To the Dr. still contrary. Said, "Dodson has you on his hip, For the world's scholarship Declares that Dodson is right."

(Chorus.)

The Dr. asked Liddell & Scott, "Baptizo meaneth what?" They said, "immerse" in classic Greek. In New Testament, 'Baptizo' you must speak.

"Have Baptists no help?" the Dr. cries. "Well," say Scott & Liddell, The "TRUTH WE MUST TELL, Though Methodists be elated, It must be translated, In New Testament, 'Baptizo.'"

(Chorus)

So men and "donkeys" may rehearse, And say it only means "immerse," May quote from fifty "Pedo-Baps." And from other learned chaps, But the great Liddell & Scott—"Used in Athens"—mark the spot, Still say, "In New Testament, 'Baptizo.'"

Webster gives us added light, "Pour and Sprinkle" are all right; And "immerse," too, if you please, For the word includes all these. Thus the meaning is unfurled By the scholars of the world, Of New Testament "Baptizo."

(Chorus)

(Four hundred copies were given away.)

On September 29th, at DeLeon Rev. Dr. Jarrell, of the Baptist Church of Dallas, and myself closed a debate. The subjects discussed were, "The Mode of Baptism," "Infant Baptism," "Close Communion" and "Apostasy."

The verse (or doggerel) above show the line of argument presented by me. I claimed that "baptizo," which generally refers to mode in the Classic Greek, had lost its modal meaning before the New Testament was written, and had come to have a ritual signification entirely. I claimed that it meant in the New Testament something like this, "Symbolic or ceremonial cleansing and consecration to God by water."

The Methodist people here claim to be perfectly delighted with the outcome of this debate.

B. W. DODSON.

DODSON AND JARRELL DEBATE.

Because of repeated attacks on and frequent misrepresentations of, as well as groundless assertions concerning the doctrines and usages of Methodism made by the pastor of the Baptist Church here this year, we felt like it would be well to have a series of sermons preached on the doctrines and polity of our Church, and we asked Rev. B. W. Dodson, of Cisco, to come and do it. He accepted our invitation and came and in a brotherly spirit and masterly way in a few sermons set forth these great truths very satisfactorily to our people. So splendidly did he do his work that our Baptist folk became so alarmed over the situation that their deacons sent a challenge to our Board of Stewards, asking them to endorse Dodson and myself and enter into a debate with some one whom they might select. Our board accepted the challenge and asked Brother Dodson to represent us, and the Baptists secured the services of Dr. Jarrell.

Dr. Jarrell is an old debater, and understands and practices the tricks of debate, having had much experience, while it was all new to Brother Dodson; but the very first discussion showed he was an artist, in that he completely trapped the old gentleman,

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In this department may be advertised anything you want to buy, sell or exchange. The rate is TWO CENTS A WORD. No advertisement taken for less than 50 cents. Cash must accompany all orders. In figuring cost of advertisement each initial, sign or number is counted as one word. We cannot have answers addressed to us, so your address must appear with the advertisement. All advertisements in this department will be set uniformly. No display or black-faced type will be used. Copy for advertisements must reach this office by Saturday to insure their insertion. We have not investigated the merits of any proposition offered in these columns, but it is intended that nothing of a questionable nature shall appear. You must make your own trades.

CHURCH PEWS.

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showing the fallacy of his labored effort to prove his position by so-called Pedobaptists.

The subjects discussed were: 1. Immersion the only scriptural baptism, Jarrell affirmed, Dodson denied.

2. The teaching of the Bible and the practice of the apostles authorize the baptism of unconscious infants, Dodson affirms, Jarrell denies.

3. Restricted communion as practiced by the Baptists is scriptural, Jarrell affirms, Dodson denies.

4. Every regenerated person may fall from grace and finally be lost, Dodson affirms, Jarrell denies.

Dr. Jarrell made a labored effort to prove by the Pedobaptist scholarship of the world that the only meaning of baptizo was to immerse; but Dodson came back at him like a cyclone, not only with scholarship and lexicons, but with sweeping statements from the Bible proving clearly that the New Testament meaning of the word was to sprinkle and pour, as well as immerse, and that all these authorized the practice of Methodists.

In fact, in every subject discussed Brother Dodson produced overwhelming proof in a scholarly and scriptural way, not only satisfactory to our people, but to their joy, showing that we had the Bible and the very best scholarship for the claims we make in doctrine and polity.

Dr. Jarrell dealt much in sarcasm, indirectly calling Methodists donkeys, accusing them of holding on to heathen practices and Roman Catholic usages, trying by silly anecdotes and one stage performance to carry his points, while Dodson steered clear of everything little, and, with the sword of truth gleaming with irrefutable scriptural arguments, showed the fallacy of the Baptists' claims to the only mode of baptism, and to refuse infants baptism, and the impossibility of falling from grace.

At the close of the debate our ladies and girls came forward with a large envelope containing a check for \$44, streaming with blue ribbons, and pinned it on him, with a beautiful presentation speech, expressing their appreciation of his defense of our Church in this debate.

After the speech was made the people almost covered his coat by pinning blue ribbons on it. It is due Brother Dodson to say my people are absolutely delighted with his defense as presented through the entire discussion. His generous Christian spirit, his logical and eloquent presentation, his unanswerable arguments, humor, wit and poetry were all we could ask for. Please let me say heartily B. W. Dodson is one of our best-informed men. He has few equals in eloquence, by which he often sweeps his congregation like a storm. I do not know of any man better equipped for the discussion of the doctrines of our Church than he, and, since there never was a time when such preaching was needed more, I commend him to any in need of such work.

Instead of the debate being harmful, I believe it has proven one of the greatest blessings my people have had.

The stewards' meeting the night after the debate closed was the happiest stewards' meeting I ever saw. The collection was running over, notwithstanding a free-will offering of \$100 for Brother Dodson.

The preacher's salary will come up in full, possibly more; conference collections brimful, with perhaps fifty accessions during the year, when I report at conference.

Our people are Methodists and glad of it; in fact, Methodism means some-

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thing here and I really believe the Baptists will "be good" now.

C. A. EVANS.

DeLeon, Texas.

NORTH TEXAS CONFERENCE.

To the Subscribers to the Superannuate Home Fund:

Dear Brethren—We have very urgent demands for all the money that has been subscribed during my campaign in the conference. By the prompt remittance of these subscriptions I can secure by conference two other good homes and put two of our worthiest brethren in comfortable homes. There is still a balance unpaid on the Pierce home at Bowie, which I very much desire to settle up at conference. It is impossible for me to revisit all the places where I have been, and I am taking this opportunity of urging pastors and laymen to give attention to this matter, which has had my careful attention during the year. Send all remittances to me at Commerce, Texas.

E. B. THOMPSON.

Agent Superannuate Homes, North Texas Conference.

THE ROYAL MONTH AND THE ROYAL DISEASE.

Sudden changes of weather are especially trying, and probably to none more so than to the scrofulous and consumptive. The progress of scrofula during a normal October is commonly great. We never think of scrofula—its blotches, eruptions, eruptions, and wasting of the bodily substance—without thinking of the great good many sufferers from it have derived from Hood's Sarsaparilla, whose radical and permanent cures of this one disease are enough to make it the most famous medicine in the world. There is probably not a city or town where Hood's Sarsaparilla has not proved its merit in more figures than one, in arresting and completely eradicating scrofula, which is almost as serious and as much to be feared as its near relative—consumption.

INTERNATIONAL FAIR.

Many of the attractions scheduled for the San Antonio International Fair, beginning November 5 and ending November 20, will be of a highly educational value.

Enthusiasm is being manifested everywhere over the coming International Fair. The grounds have been improved and the buildings in many instances completely remodeled. Ample amusements will be provided, and sixteen days of enjoyment and recreation, as well as educational profit, will be afforded all who visit the San Antonio Fair this year.

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OBITUARIES

The space allowed obituaries is twenty lines... Extra copies of paper containing obituaries can be procured if ordered when manuscript is sent.

Poetry Can in No Case be Inserted. GERMANY.—H. W. Germany was born in Mississippi July 7, 1847.

WITHERSPOON.—Bessie Pauline Witherspoon was born April 7, 1869, in the Coats Memorial parsonage, Weatherford, Texas.

BEATY.—Mrs. Cynthia M. Beaty (nee Gilmore) was born November 23, 1827, and died September 19, 1910.

REBERG.—Miss Amanda Reberg was twenty-six years old. She was a noble girl, and loved by all who knew her.

COALSON.—Holly Glenn Coalson, youngest child of Mr. J. B. and Mrs. Maggie Coalson, was born September 4, 1907; died May 26, 1910.

MITCHELL.—Emily Jane Mitchell (nee Plaxco) has finished her course and fallen on sleep. But hers is certainly the sleep of the just.

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COBB.—"Honor is the recompense of those who do right, without seeking honor." With sorrowful hearts we, members of the Home Mission Society of Mexia Auxiliary, record this tribute to the memory of Mrs. L. B. Cobb.

MILLER.—One week ago today a happy home on earth was hushed and stilled. Loving hearts were broken with grief because their darling, Mary Alice Miller, was no more.

BLAIR.—Mrs. Vera Blair (nee Coalson) was born September 16, 1885; was dedicated to God by baptism in infancy, professed religion and joined the Church while young.

Bilious? How are your bowels? The doctor always asks. He knows how important is the question of constipation. He knows that inactivity of the liver will often produce most disastrous results.

SARTAIN.—Mrs. Josie Sartain, daughter of W. S. and Nannie A. Shaw, was born March 23, 1873, in Lincoln County, Tenn.

STOUT.—On August 22, 1910, just as the sun sank in the west, the death angel came and took from us one of earth's brightest jewels, Roma Lawrence Stout.

WOOSLEY.—Mrs. M. W. Woosley died September 11, 1910, at the home of her niece, Mrs. Ben Butler.

SANDERS.—Harold Sanders, the only child of Brother and Sister M. E. Sanders, was born October 8, 1908, and departed this life September 12, 1910.

THW.—Mrs. Fannie Thwatt, wife of Mr. J. Thwatt, departed this life September 29, 1910. She had been a sufferer for four years with the dreaded disease, consumption.

ASH.—On September 28, 1910, the death angel visited the home of Brother and Sister J. R. Ash and claimed for its victim their baby, aged three months and seven days.

CRUSE.—Mary Ellen Cruse was born in Rossbud, Texas, October 1, 1894, and died in the town of her birth October 2, 1910.

ELLIOTT.—Mrs. Sarah Elliott (nee Underwood) was born May 23, 1829; was married to Dr. J. N. Elliott near Guntown, Miss., April 24, 1875.

BREWER.—Little Richard Mordecai Brewer, of whom this is a sketch, was born October 5, 1909, and died August 25, 1910.

WATT.—Mrs. Julia Watt was born July 21, 1856, in Leicester, England, and died June 29, 1910.

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NORTH TEXAS CONFERENCE

Decatur District—Fourth Round. Bryson, Oct. 15, 16. Jacksboro, Oct. 16, 17. Decatur Cir., Oct. 22, 23. Decatur Sta., Oct. 23, 24. Chico Cir., Oct. 29, 30. Chico Sta., Oct. 30, 31. Oak Dale Cir., Nov. 5, 6. Bridgeport, Nov. 6, 7. Mexican Mission, Nov. 8. L. S. BARTON, P. E.

TEXAS CONFERENCE

Brenham District—Fourth Round. Lexington, Sept. 4, Q. C. Nov. 7. Giddings, Q. C. Nov. 8. Chappell Hill, Sept. 11; Q. C. Oct. 27. Bellville, Sept. 18; Q. C. Nov. 22. Sealy, Sept. 25; Q. C. Nov. 22. Rosenberg, Oct. 1, 2. Richmond, Oct. 2. Lane City, Oct. 8, 9. Fulshear, Oct. 15, 16. Caldwell Mis., Oct. 22, 23. Caldwell Sta., Oct. 23, 24. Waller, Oct. 29, 30. Hempstead, Oct. 31. Thorndale, Nov. 5, 6. Rockdale, Nov. 6, 7. Bay City, Nov. 12, 13. Wharton, Nov. 13, 14. Somerville, Nov. 19, 20. Brenham, Nov. 26, 27. A. A. WAGNON, P. E.

Henderson Sta., conference (Wed.) p. m., Nov. 16. Preaching, a. m., Nov. 20. Church Hill, at Bethel (Thurs.), Nov. 17. Henderson Cir., at Pleasant Grove (Sat.), Nov. 19. Hallville, at Winterfield (Sun. and Mon.), Nov. 20, 21. Longview conference (Mon.) p. m., Nov. 21. North Marshall (Wed.), p. m., Nov. 23. Harleton, at Smyrna (Thanksgiving Day), Nov. 29. Harrison Cir., at Union Chapel, Nov. 26, 27. H. T. CUNNINGHAM, P. E.

Indian Creek Cir., at Elkin, Nov. 4. Coleman Sta., Nov. 5, 6. Santa Anna Sta., Nov. 6, 7. Brownwood Sta., Nov. 9. Bangs Cir., at R., Nov. 12, 13. J. A. WHITEHURST, P. E.

WEST TEXAS CONFERENCE

Jacksonville District—Fourth Round. Malakoff, at Malakoff, Oct. 8. Athens, Oct. 9, 10. 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. 22, 23. 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.

CENTRAL TEXAS CONFERENCE

Waco District—Fourth Round. Mount Calm, Oct. 15, 16. Hubbard City, Oct. 16, 17. Bosqueville Cir., Oct. 18. West, Oct. 22, 23. Abbott Cir., Oct. 23, 24. Lorena Cir., Oct. 26. Reisel Cir., Oct. 29, 30. Mart, Oct. 30, 31. Penelope Cir., Nov. 2. Peoria Cir., Nov. 5, 6. Aquilla Cir., Nov. 6, 7. W. L. NELMS, P. E.

San Marcos District—Fourth Round. Harwood Cir., at H., Oct. 15, 16. Belmont, at R., Oct. 17, 18. San Marcos, Oct. 22, 23. W. H. H. BIGGS, P. E.

Fort Worth District—Fourth Round.

Azle, Oct. 15, 16. Grapevine, Oct. 22, 23. Boulevard, 8 p. m., Oct. 26. McKinley Ave., 8 p. m., Oct. 27. Mansfield, Oct. 29, 30. Mulkey Memorial, 8 p. m., Nov. 2. Weatherford St., 8 p. m., Nov. 3. Missouri Ave., 8 p. m., Nov. 4. Arlington, Nov. 5, 6. Handley, 8 p. m., Nov. 6. Polytechnic, 8 p. m., Nov. 7. First Church, 8 p. m., Nov. 8. Riverside, 8 p. m., Nov. 9. Glenwood, 8 p. m., Nov. 10. Central, 8 p. m., Nov. 11. Kennedale, Nov. 12, 13. S. R. HAY, P. E.

Beeville District—Fourth Round. Oct. 13—Robstown, 8 p. m. Oct. 14—Corpus Christi, 8 p. m. Oct. 15—Rockport, 3 p. m. Oct. 15—Aransas Pass, 8 p. m. Oct. 17—Sinton, 2:30 p. m. Oct. 19—Runge, 8 p. m. Oct. 20—Kenedy, 8 p. m. Oct. 21—Floresville, 8 p. m. A. L. SCARBOROUGH, P. E.

San Angelo District—Fourth Round. Garden City, Oct. 15, 16. Midland, Oct. 17. San Angelo, 1st Church, Oct. 20. Miles, Oct. 21. WILL T. RENFRO, P. E.

Cuero District—Fourth Round. Hope, Oct. 15, 16. Yoakum, Oct. 17. Stockdale, Oct. 22, 23. R. A. ROWLAND, P. E.

San Antonio District—Fourth Round. Government Hill, 11 a. m., Oct. 16. McKinley Ave., 8 p. m., Oct. 16. Travis Park, Oct. 18. South Heights, Oct. 19. Laurel Heights, Oct. 23. A. J. WEEKS, P. E.

Austin District—Fourth Round. Cedar Park, Cedar Park, Oct. 15, 16. South Austin, Austin, Oct. 17. Ward Memorial, Austin, Oct. 18. NAT R. READ, P. E.

NORTHWEST TEX. CONFERENCE

Stamford District—Fourth Round. Pinkerton Cir., Oct. 15, 16. Rule, Oct. 16, 17. Welbert Cir., Oct. 22, 23. Haskell Mis., Oct. 24, at 11 a. m. Haskell Sta., Oct. 24, at 8:30 p. m. Bomarton Mis., Oct. 25, at 11 a. m. Goree Cir., Oct. 26, at 11 a. m. Sagerton Mis., Oct. 28, at 11 a. m. Thorp Cir., Oct. 29, 30. Munday Sta., Oct. 30, 31. Rotan Sta., Nov. 2, at 2:30 p. m. Stamford Mis., Nov. 3, at 11 a. m. Stamford-St. John, Nov. 3, at 8:30 p. m. Avoca and Leuders, Nov. 5, 6. J. G. PUTMAN, P. E.

Plainview District—Fourth Round. Jayton, Oct. 15, 16. Gomez, Oct. 22, 23. Brownfield, Oct. 24. Dimmitt, Oct. 26. Silverton, Oct. 28. Turkey, Oct. 29, 30. Wildorado, 10 a. m., Nov. 3. Rovina, 1 p. m., Nov. 3. Hereford Mis., Nov. 5, 6. G. S. HARDY, P. E.

Colorado District—Fourth Round. Oct. 15, 16, Dunn, at Dunn. Oct. 20, Big Springs Mis. Oct. 22, 23, Pride, Soash and La Mesa, at La Mesa. Oct. 25, Gall at Gall. Oct. 27, Fluvanna. Oct. 29, 30, Snyder Mis., at Crowder. Oct. 29, 31, Synder Sta. Nov. 2, meeting of Licensing Committee at Colorado. Nov. 5, 6, Westbrook, at Union. Nov. 6, 7, Iatan, at Red Bluff. SIMEON SHAW, P. E.

Vernon District—Fourth Round. Vera Cir., at V., Oct. 15, 16. Vernon Cir., at Wesley, Oct. 19. Estelline, at E., Oct. 21. Margaret, at M., Oct. 22, 23. Crowell Sta., Oct. 22. Seymour Mis., at Level View, Oct. 28. Seymour Sta., Oct. 28, 30. Spring Creek, at Rendham, Oct. 29, 30. Olney Sta., Oct. 31. Vernon Sta., Nov. 5, 6. J. H. STEWART, P. E.

Clarendon District—Fourth Round. Textline Mis., Oct. 15, 16. Hansford Mis., Oct. 18. Ochiltree Mis., Oct. 19, 20. Dumas Cir., Oct. 22, 23. Channing Cir., Oct. 24. Canyon City Sta., Oct. 29, 30. Amarillo Mis., Oct. 30. Amarillo Sta., Oct. 31. Clarendon Mis., Nov. 1. Hedley Mis., Nov. 2. Newlin Mis., Nov. 3. Lakeview Cir., Nov. 4. Clarendon Sta., Nov. 5, 6. J. G. MILLER, P. E.

Abilene District—Fourth Round. Ovalla, at B., Oct. 15, 16. Buffalo Gap, Oct. 16, 17. Tye, at R. C., Oct. 22, 23. Caps, Oct. 25, 24. Albany, Oct. 28. Denton, at B. P., Oct. 29, 30. Cross Plains, at D., Oct. 30, 31. First Church, Nov. 1. Merkel, Nov. 2. St. Paul, Nov. 5, 6. GUS BARNES, P. E.

Bowie District—Fourth Round. Bonita, at Liberty Ch., Oct. 15, 16. Montague Mis., at Mt. Tabor, Oct. 21, 22. Montague and Dye, at M., Oct. 23, 24. Sunset Cir., at Salona, Oct. 29, 30. Bowie Mis., at Rock Hill, Nov. 1, 2. Iowa Park, at Park, Nov. 5, 6. Electra Mis., at Electra, Nov. 6, 7. Wichita Falls, Nov. 8. Henrietta Mis., at Ikard, Nov. 12, 13. Henrietta Sta., Nov. 13, 14. Holiday Mis., at H., Nov. 19, 20. JNO. E. ROACH, P. E.

Marshall District—Fourth Round. Kilgore, at Bellview, Oct. 15, 16. Longview, preaching p. m., Oct. 16. Bettie Cir., at Glenwood, Oct. 22, 23. Elysian Fields Cir., at Bethel, Oct. 29, 30. Kellyville, at K., Nov. 6, 7. Jefferson, Nov. 7, 8. Marshall, First Church, (Wed.) p. m., Nov. 9. Beckville, at B., Nov. 13, 14.

Georgetown District—Fourth Round.

Corn Hill and Weir, at Corn Hill, Oct. 15, 16. Georgetown Sta., Oct. 18. Salado, at Salado, Oct. 22, 23. Belton Station, Oct. 24. Temple, 7th Street, Oct. 29, 30. Belton Cir., at Cedar Creek, Nov. 5, 6. Temple Sta., Nov. 7. W. H. VAUGHAN, P. E.

Waxahachie District—Fourth Round.

Lillian, at Cahill, Oct. 15, 16. Bardwell, at Rankin, Oct. 22, 23. Forrester, at Forrester, Oct. 23, 24. Red Oak, at Red Oak, Oct. 29, 30. Waxahachie, Oct. 30, 31. Ovilla, at Sardis, Nov. 5, 6. Britton, at Britton, Nov. 6, 7. Midlothian, Nov. 8. Bethel, Nov. 9. Maypearl, at Maypearl, Nov. 12, 13. T. S. ARMSTRONG, P. E.

Cleburne District—Fourth Round.

Glenrose Sta., Oct. 15, 16. Glenrose Mis., at Eulogy, Oct. 17. Joshua, at J., Oct. 19. Cresson, at Acton, Oct. 22, 23. Godley, 8 p. m., Oct. 23. Burleson, Oct. 26. Brazos Ave., 7:30 p. m., Oct. 27. Walnut Springs, Oct. 29, 30. Morgan, Oct. 30, 31. Anglin Street, 7:30 p. m., Nov. 2. Itasca, Nov. 5, 6. Grandview, Nov. 6, 7. Main Street, 7:30 p. m., Nov. 8. Alvarado, Nov. 12, 13. E. A. SMITH, P. E.

Dublin District—Fourth Round.

Bunyan Cir., at Bunyan, Oct. 15, 16. Harbin Cir., at Harbin, Oct. 22, 23. Stephenville Sta., Oct. 25, 8 p. m. Carbon Cir., Oct. 27. Cisco Mis., at Romney, Oct. 28, 11 a. m. Cisco Sta., Oct. 30. Desdemona Cir., at Chaney, Nov. 5, 6. Eastland Sta., Nov. 5, 7. JEROME DUNCAN, P. E.

Gatesville District—Fourth Round.

Copperas Cove Mis., at Copperas Cove, 3 p. m. Oct. 15. Copperas Cove Cir., at Copperas Cove, Oct. 15, 16. Nolanville, at Nolanville, 11 a. m. Oct. 22. Killeen Sta. (Quarterly Conference Oct. 22, 8 p. m.), Oct. 22, 23. Crawford, at Crawford, Oct. 29, 30. Fairy and Lanham, at Lanham, 11 a. m. Nov. 5. Hamilton Sta., Nov. 5, 6. S. J. VAUGHAN, P. E.

Weatherford District—Fourth Round.

Wayland, at Gunsight, Oct. 15, 16. Breckenridge, Oct. 16, 17. Crystal Falls, Oct. 18. Davis Mis., Oct. 20. Throckmorton, Oct. 22, 23. Newcasttle, Oct. 23, 24. Loving, at Loving, Oct. 25. Graham Mis., at Salem, Oct. 26. Eliasville, at E., Oct. 28. Graham Sta., Oct. 29, 30. M. K. LITTLE, P. E.

Corsicana District—Fourth Round.

Munger Cir., at Callina, Oct. 15, 16. Coolidge Sta., Oct. 15, 16, evening. Dawson and Harmony, at Dawson, Oct. 19. Mount Zion Cir., at Mount Zion, Oct. 20. Wortham Sta., Oct. 23, 24. Irene Cir., at Irene, Oct. 30, 31. Chatfield and Alma, at Chatfield, Nov. 5, 6. Kerens Cir., at Dowell, Nov. 6, 7. HORACE BISHOP, P. E.

Brownwood District—Fourth Round.

Coleman Cir., at Bethel, Oct. 15, 16. Gustine Cir., at Fleming, Oct. 18. Winters Sta., Oct. 23, 24. Norton Cir., at N., Oct. 24, 25. Bronck Cir., at B., Oct. 25, 26. Robert Lee, at R. L., Oct. 26, 27. Pumphrey and Wingate, at P., Oct. 29, 30. Ballinger Sta., 2 p. m., Oct. 31. Talpa Cir., at Norwood, Nov. 1.

Greenville District—Fourth Round. Campbell Cir., at Caney, Oct. 15, 16. Fairlie and Wesley Chapel, at Olive Branch, Oct. 22, 23. Wolfe City Sta., Oct. 29, 30. Commerce Sta., Oct. 30, 31. Commerce Mis., Nov. 5, 6. Kavanaugh Sta., Nov. 6, 7. Loneoak Mis., at —, Nov. 12, 13. Greenville Mis., at Salem, Nov. 19, 20. R. G. MOOD, P. E.

Paris District—Fourth Round.

Deport Cir., at D., Oct. 15, 16. Shady Grove and M., at S. G., Oct. 16, 17. Emerson Cir., at Mt. Tabor, Oct. 22, 23. Bagwell Mis., at B., Oct. 26. Annona Cir., at A., Oct. 29, 30. White Rock Williams' Chapel, at W. C., Oct. 30, 31. Rosalie Cir., at R., Nov. 5, 6. Woodland and Kanawha, at W., Nov. 9. Paris Cir., at Palestine, Nov. 12, 13. Bonham Street, at B. S., Nov. 13, 14. Avery Mis., at Lydia, Nov. 15. Centenary, Nov. 19, 20. Lamar Ave., Nov. 20, 21. Boards of Trustees will please have written reports according to the Discipline, page 45, question 29. J. M. SWEETON, P. E.

McKinney District—Fourth Round.

Farmers Branch and Carrollton, Oct. 15, 16. Weston Cir., at Liberty, Oct. 22, 23. Princeton Cir., at Wilson's Chapel, Oct. 29, 30. Cellina Sta., Nov. 2. Blue Ridge Cir., at B. R., Nov. 5, 6. Anna Cir., at Anna, Nov. 9. Allen Cir., at Allen, Nov. 10. Josephine Cir., at Honoker's Chapel, Nov. 12, 13. Nevada Sta., Nov. 13, 14. Wylie Cir., at Murphy, Nov. 15. S. McK. and White's Grove, at S. McK., Nov. 19, 20. J. F. PIERCE, P. E.

Galveston District—Fourth Round.

Marysville, at Marysville, Oct. 14, 15. Myra and Hood, at Myra, Oct. 16, 17. Rosston, Oct. 22, 23. Saint Jo, at Forestburg, Oct. 23, 24. Dexter, at Dexter, Oct. 29, 30. Woodbine, at Callisburg, Oct. 30, 31. Denton, Nov. 5, 7. Pilot Point, Nov. 12, 13. Collinsville and Tioga, at Tioga, Nov. 13, 14. Broadway, Nov. 20. D. H. ASTON, P. E.

Dallas District—Fourth Round.

Grand Prairie, Oct. 15, 16. Oak Cliff, 8 p. m., Oct. 16. West Villas, at Irving, Oct. 22, 23. First Church, 8 p. m., Oct. 23. Cedar Hill and Duncanville, at D., Oct. 29, 30. Trinity, 8 p. m., Oct. 30. Cochran and Maple Ave., at C. Nov. 6, 7. Wheatland, Nov. 12. Grace, 11 a. m., Nov. 13. Lancaster, Nov. 13. J. M. PETERSON, P. E.

Houston District—Fourth Round.

Cedar Bayou, Oct. 16. Columbia & B., Oct. 23. Angleton, Oct. 23. Alvin, Nov. 6. League City, Nov. 13. Velasco, Nov. 16. Other appointments will be announced by pastors and through local press. Let everybody "get busy." Annual Conference convenes Nov. 29. "Nuff sed." ELLIS SMITH, P. E.

Huntsville District—Fourth Round.

Willard Cir., at Carmona, Oct. 16, 17. Augusta Cir., at Liberty Hill, Oct. 22, 23. Bryan Sta., Oct. 29, 30. Crockett Mis., at Porter Springs, Nov. 5, 6. Crockett Sta., Nov. 6, 7. Huntsville Sta., Nov. 9. Conroe Sta., Nov. 10. Spring Mis., at Magnolia, Nov. 12, 13. Cold Springs Mis., Nov. 16. Grapeland and Lovelady, at Lovelady, Nov. 19, 20. San Jacinto Cir., Nov. 23. Montgomery Cir., Nov. 26, 27. Navasota Sta., Nov. 28. Ulma, at Navasota, Nov. 28. F. M. BOYLES, P. E.

Tyler District—Fourth Round.

Grand Saline, Oct. 15, 16. Edgewood and S., at E., Oct. 16, 17. Edom, at Union Grove, Oct. 22, 23. Murchison, at Murchison, Oct. 29, 30. Tyler Cir., at Center, Nov. 5, 6. Whitehouse, at Lanes, Nov. 12, 13. Mineola, Nov. 15. Willis Point Sta., Nov. 16. Emory, at Point, Nov. 19, 20. Alba, at Alba, Nov. 20, 21. Cedar Street, Nov. 22. Mt. Syvan, Nov. 26. Lindale, Nov. 25. Marvin Church, Nov. 23. C. B. GARRETT, P. E.

Marlin District—Fourth Round.

Durango Cir., at Durango, Oct. 15, 16. Kosse and Reagan, at Kosse, Oct. 15, 16. Lott and Chilton, at Chilton, Oct. 22, 23. Marlin Sta., Oct. 26. Centerville Cir., at Evans Chapel, Oct. 29, 30. Iola Mis., at Iola, Oct. 30, 31. Teague Sta., Oct. 31. Fairfield Cir., at Fairfield, Nov. 1. Jewett, at Buffalo, Nov. 5, 6. Wheelock Cir., Hickory Grove, Nov. 11. Franklin Sta., Nov. 14. Maysfield Mis., Nov. 19. E. L. SHETTLES, P. E.

San Augustine District—Fourth Round.

Gary, at Ragley, Oct. 15, 16. Mt. Enterprise, at Concord, Wed., Oct. 19. Kennard, at Bethel, Oct. 22, 23. Carthage Sta., Wed., Oct. 26. Geneva, at Rock Springs, Oct. 29, 30. Timpson Sta., Wed., Nov. 2. Melrose, at Cherino, Nov. 5, 6. Nacogdoches Sta., Nov. 6, 7. Garrison, at Garrison, Wed. Nov. 9. Hemphill-Bronson, at H., Nov. 12, 13. Appleby Cir., Wed., Nov. 16. Center Cir., at Newbern, Nov. 19, 20. Livingston Cir., Wed., Nov. 23. Livingston Sta., Thur., Nov. 24. San Augustine, Nov. 26, 27. C. A. TOWER, P. E.

Beaumont District—Fourth Round.

Oct. 15, 16, Brookeland. Oct. 19, Nederland. Oct. 23, a. m., First Church, Beaumont. Oct. 23, p. m., Cartwright, Beaumont. Oct. 24, Woodville. Oct. 25, Warren. Oct. 29, 30, Newton. Nov. 1, West Orange. Nov. 2, Kountze. Nov. 5, 6, Batson. Nov. 9, Anahuac. Nov. 12, 13, Port Arthur. Nov. 16, m., Jasper Mis. Nov. 16, p. m., Jasper Sta. Nov. 19, 20, Liberty. Nov. 20, 21, Dayton. Nov. 22, Fuqua. Nov. 26, 27, Orange. D. H. HOTCHKISS, P. E.

Pittsburg District—Fourth Round.

Winfield Cir., at Oak Grove, Oct. 15, 16. Hardy Memorial, Texarkana, 11 a. m., Oct. 16. Queen City Cir., at Q. C., Oct. 16, 17. Atlanta Sta., 8 p. m., Oct. 17. Nash Cir., at N., Oct. 18. Naples and Omaha, at Dalton, Oct. 22, 23. Douglassville Cir., at Union Chapel, Oct. 29, 30. Daingerfield Cir., at D., Nov. 5, 6. Hughes Springs Cir., at Avinger, Nov. 6, 7. Quitman Cir., at Q., Nov. 12, 13. Redwater Cir., at Concord, Nov. 19, 20. Winstboro Cir., at Maple Springs, Nov. 26, 27. Pittsburg Cir., at New Hope, Nov. 27, 28. JOS. B. SEARS, P. E.

Marshall District—Fourth Round.

Kilgore, at Bellview, Oct. 15, 16. Longview, preaching p. m., Oct. 16. Bettie Cir., at Glenwood, Oct. 22, 23. Elysian Fields Cir., at Bethel, Oct. 29, 30. Kellyville, at K., Nov. 6, 7. Jefferson, Nov. 7, 8. Marshall, First Church, (Wed.) p. m., Nov. 9. Beckville, at B., Nov. 13, 14.

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NEW MEXICO CONFERENCE.

Bishop Atkins came to us looking rather travel-worn. There was some intimation that the questions in Texas added to the travel-worn looks. He left with a smile on his face and seemingly without a care in his heart. I don't know whether it was due to this wonderful climate or the band of heroes he faced. His presidency seemed to give perfect satisfaction and was the subject of a most complimentary resolution. It is expected to hear that the West has her heroes, but the reports at this conference were simply marvelous. On account of a three years' drought people are leaving this territory in droves; yet the minutes will show a good net gain in membership and finance nearly up to last year's high water mark. The conference missionaries were paid their full appropriations and enough left in the treasury to pay the first quarter's drafts in advance. Artesia simply spread herself in entertaining. She had an Alfalfa Carnival on hand and we saw products of irrigation that would make a Campbell system dry farmer simply get ashamed and quit talking. Then there were free tickets to the flower show, an auto ride through the farms, a recital by the pupils of the Art and Elocution Departments of Western College that would pluck the laurels of many an older institution. But the thing that beat the record of any conference I ever attended was the banquet given the preacher delegates and visitors in the dining room of Western College dormitory. The viands were the best, then with pretty college girls for waiters it looked like some enchanted fairy land. Time came for the toasts and wit and humor flowed like their artesian gushers. The conference really felt honored that the Galveston-Dallas News sent their best reporter, Maj. S. M. Lesesne, to get our proceedings. These Western preachers for the first time gave him the right hand of fellowship. The Bishop stressed question 20: "Brethren, listen to these reports. It means a year's history of hero

pressed into a three-minute paragraph. Then make your reports interesting. Leave out local details. Give us that only of general interest. Don't explain the failures. It only calls attention to their existence." The old Texas Conference friends of J. B. Cochran will be glad to hear that he has regained his health and is doing the best work of his life on the El Paso District. C. S. Wright has lifted a big church debt at E. Paso, Trinity, but he can't help mentioning occasionally how it used to be done in old Georgia. H. M. Law is a prominent Georgetown boy and did a good year's work at Highland Park, El Paso. W. E. Faulk is the oldest in membership. This year he has suffered much in the flesh. He was not able to attend conference and asked for superannuation. His brethren follow him with their love. J. Rush Goodloe hails from Tennessee. He is going to make things happen on the Clovis District this year. S. Kirkpatrick goes to Cimarron to finish up a pretty brick veneer church. F. Cramer is from Missouri, and if it can't be done, you will have to show him. S. E. Allen goes to Albuquerque to settle some of the complicated questions of a cosmopolitan Western town of 25,000 inhabitants. Geo. H. Givan keeps us all punched up on the missionary question. Geo. Ward is one of the faithful old heroes who has served always the hardest works in this Western land. Now he rests on the honor roll—sweet-spirited and beloved of his brethren. The only F. G. Cox in the United States goes to Dexter this year. Look out for him. There is no harder worker than H. M. Smith. He reported a fine new parsonage and a \$25,000 church practically secured. He also has the largest list of Advocate subscribers in the conference. J. Allen Ray has been a marvel in Artesian. Not content with locating Western College there, he is now breaking dirt for one of the finest churches in the conference. B. T. James steps off the Clovis Dis-

trict into the nice little station of Texico. J. H. Messer goes back on the Albuquerque District. He has made a fine record under the most trying circumstances. C. L. Brooks built a fine church at Tucumcari and now transfers to the Oklahoma Conference. The Advocate loses a good agent. His list jumped from five to seventeen in Tucumcari. He also swung the next conference around to his town. But space fails me to tell of a host of others equally faithful and some with even more interesting records. The Home Mission Society met in the afternoons and her women were thoroughly alive to their work. Miss Mabel Head, of Nashville, Tenn., caught the eye and ear of the whole conference. The laymen held the boards Sunday afternoon and planned wisely and well for their work. The transfers to us made fine impressions. T. L. Lallance just comes back to us from Asheville, N. C. He goes to Carlsbad. H. M. Bruce, an ex-presiding elder of the Arkansas Conference, goes to Deming, New Mex. J. R. Moose, an ex-presiding elder of Korea, will make things lively at Las Cruces, New Mex. Solon Johnson, a young Texas boy, goes to Lordsburg. H. E. VanCamp, also of Arkansas Conference, goes to Toyah. B. W. ALLEN.

APPOINTMENTS.

El Paso District.
J. B. Cochran, P. E.
Alamogordo—George H. Givan.
Alpine—W. R. Evans.
Artesia—J. A. Ray.
Carlsbad—T. L. Lallance.
Carrizozo—B. W. Allen.
Deming—H. M. Bruce.
Dexter—F. G. Cox.
El Paso—Trinity—C. S. Wright.
Highland Park—A. N. Evans.
Port Stockton—W. H. Duncan.
Hagerman—G. H. McAnnally.
Hope—H. L. Wheeler.
Jadkins—J. E. Prinz.
Las Cruces—J. R. Moose.
Lordsburg—Solon Johnson.
Lamesa—W. S. Huggott.
Marfa—A. C. Bell.
Odessa—W. R. Howell.
Pecos—H. M. Smith.
Roswell—P. T. Ramsey.
Sierra Blanca—F. Cramer.
Sanderson—To be supplied.
Toyah—H. E. Van Camp.
Sacramento Mission—R. H. Lewelling.
President Western College—W. K. Strother.
Missionary Secretary—G. H. Givan.

Albuquerque District.

J. H. Messer, P. E.
Albuquerque—S. E. Allison.
Bernal and Puerto—J. O. Gore.
Cimarron—S. Kirkpatrick.
Gallup—H. M. Law.
Koehler and Watrous—W. V. Teer.
Logan and San Juan—J. W. Campbell.
Magdalena—G. M. Gardner.
Moriarty—W. W. Graham.
San March—E. M. Huff.
Star and Ricardo—J. P. Wilburn.
Tucumcari—J. E. Hedgpeth.
Vaughn and Willard—R. E. Hickman.
District Missionary Evangelist—J. A. Trickley.

Clovis District.

J. R. Goodloe, P. E.
Black Tower—To be supplied.
Boaz—J. N. S. Webb.
Clovis—C. A. Clark.
Causey—J. D. Wagner.
Cantara—W. N. Thomas, supply.
Carrizozo—J. T. Gibbons.
Elida—J. C. Jones.
Floyd—To be supplied.
Grady—To be supplied.
Knowlton—W. L. Seif.
Melrose—W. W. Turner.
Monument—J. S. Jenkins.
Portales—E. L. Young.
Texico—B. T. James.
Taiban—J. C. Davis.

TRANSFERRED—C. L. Brooks and T. A. O'Bryen to the Oklahoma Conference; J. M. Woolridge and H. L. Shelton, to Louisville Conference, and C. T. Carnack to Northwest Texas Conference.

The Home Mission Society elected officers as follows: President, Mrs. R. S. Overstreet; Secretary, Mrs. Joel F. Hedgpeth; District Secretaries, Mrs. J. H. Messer, Albuquerque District; Mrs. J. E. Swepston, El Paso District; Mrs. A. H. Elds, Clovis District.

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BROTHER BALLARD SLOWLY IMPROVING.

Rev. C. L. Ballard, who has been sick for the past six weeks, is slowly improving. I am sure his many friends will be glad to hear this. Yet he lacks a great deal of being a well man. He will not be able to assume his work before December 1. He hopes to be able to attend some of the conferences this fall. He has been threatened with appendicitis, but it is now hoped that he will not have to undergo an operation. Let all the brethren pray that he may be perfectly restored to health. J. R. ATCHLEY.
Sherman, Texas, Oct. 10, 1910.

CORRECTION.

My letter for the Advocate, written two days ago, contains an error. I used the contributions of the Woman's Home Mission Society for three years in place of one. The amounts don't show how much they gave last year, nor any one year. The collections of the Foreign Missionary Society are given by conferences, but those of the Home Mission Society are not. W. S. WOODARD.
Snyder, Okla.
The article referred to appears in this issue on page 3. This correction came after that page was on press.—Editor.

THE DEATH OF MY FATHER.

My dear father, Andrew B. Terrell, whose home has been at Sutherland, Florida, during the past five years, died October 4, at the age of seventy-five years and five months. His remains were carried back to Wetumpka, Elmore County, Alabama, his former home, for burial. He died like he lived, in great peace, giving every evidence of his acceptance with God. He was an exceptionally kind and devoted father, and he loved his Church supremely, often giving beyond his means to its support. I experience a degree of sadness with which words fail me to express. But, thank God, some day I shall see his face again. Brethren, remember me in your prayers.
MARK N. TERRELL.
Bullard, Texas.

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ANNUAL CONFERENCE NOTICES.

WEST TEXAS.

The class of the third year in the West Texas Conference will meet with examiners at 9 a. m., October 25. Certificates, whether from Correspondence School or Summer School, Georgetown, should be placed with examiners on same day. THOMAS GREGORY.

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