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CENTRAL TEXAS CONFERENCE NOTES.

A very graceful act fell under our eye at Waxahachie. The benefactor is not aware that we knew anything about the matter. We saw several checks for \$10.00 with the same signature appended to each. Our curiosity was excited, and further inquiry developed the fact that a big-hearted preacher of that conference had thus remembered many of the superannuates of the Central Texas Conference, giving each a check for \$10. He is not waiting to place a flower on the graves of these good men, but is scattering sunshine among them who they yet dwell among men. And as the Advocate will not wait to place a flower on the grave of this benefactor, we take great pleasure in saying that the signature to each one of these checks was H. D. Knickerbocker. Such an act is worthy of the highest commendation.

It was a great conference, and Waxahachie left nothing undone to give elegant and ample entertainment to the entire body and to the visitors. They know how to dispense hospitality, and they did it with a lavish hand. Rev. A. D. Porter and his committee brought everybody under lasting obligation for courtesy and kindness. Things could not have been better attended to anywhere or under any circumstances.

The editor and his wife were given royal entertainment at the district parsonage. We roomed in the Central Presbyterian manse just across the street, with Rev. and Mrs. Hogan, where every convenience and accommodation were furnished. We took meals with Rev. and Mrs. T. S. Armstrong. So did many others. Rev. and Mrs. R. F. Brown, Rev. and Mrs. R. C. Armstrong and Bishop Atkins were entertained under that roof, and how many more were guests at that table deponent saith not. Rev. Jerome Duncan, Rev. Sam R. Hay, Rev. J. G. Putman, Rev. T. H. Morris and a host too numerous to mention were among them. It was one of the finest seasons of social and religious communion in the history of the experience of this writer. It has made a bright spot that will never fade from memory.

Rev. John R. Nelson goes to the Corsicana District. He is not a stranger down that way, for he served that district two years some ten years ago. He will take into his work ripe experience, clear judgment, consecrated energy and wise management. He is one of the strong men in the conference, and his influence is felt in every department of it.

Rev. Sam R. Hay, to the regret of the Fort Worth District and to the regret of the entire conference, goes by transfer back to the Texas Conference. He simply captured his people and the brethren generally. He is a man of royal nature, lovable, brotherly and of large ability. He is one of the most popular preachers in the State, and there is demand for him from all quarters. It was not of his solicitation that he leaves the Central Conference. The pressure for it was such that Bishop Atkins could not resist it, and Brother Hay gave his consent as a loyal Methodist preacher. But when you come to think about it he belongs to all Texas, and wherever he is needed most, there is where the Church sends him.

Rev. Jerome Duncan filled out a few months on the Dublin District, and such was the success of his administration and his adaptability to work of that character that the Bishop put him on the Fort Worth District. This is a happy appointment, and one that will give general satisfaction. He is in the prime of life, bright from every

Let Us All Give Thanks

This is the day set apart by our country for general thanksgiving. The President of the United States and the Governor of this Commonwealth have proclaimed it a day of thanksgiving, and requested the people to assemble at their various places of worship and render to Almighty God an expression of their gratitude for his wonderful goodness to us as a State and as a Nation. Such a service is meet and proper, for when we come to think of it no nation is blessed like ours. We have an abundance of good things to eat, clothing to wear, the right of free speech, the privilege to worship God according to the dictates of our own consciences, and we live under a wholesome government. We are at peace among ourselves. No strife obtains with the nations of the earth. No sound of cruel war is heard, no scourge is placing its blight upon our land, and such a thing as famine is unknown. We enjoy the benefits of a Christian civilization, and our institutions are prosperous.

Our Church organizations are flourishing, and the gospel has its influence over men. And while there is much wickedness among the people, yet, in the main, the trend of public sentiment is in the right direction. The world is gradually growing better, and there is an upward tendency among mankind. Evils are being diminished, right is coming more largely to the front and the people are more and more learning to do good and ceasing to do wrong. The Church and the school house are getting in their work. Intelligence is becoming more general, and the children of our generation are having access to the sources of knowledge. The horizon of humanity is extending its circle and the brotherhood of man is coming to be an acknowledged fact among men. The spiritual sense is becoming more acute and the race is going forward. We have better laws, better men in public office, and a better state of things in society than at any other period in the history of our country. The future is bright and full of promise.

For all these blessings and hundreds of others too numerous to mention, it is our duty as well as our privilege to meet in our places of worship and lift up our voices in prayer and praise. Such a public expression of our feelings toward our Creator speaks well for the goodness of our hearts and the intelligence of our minds. It brings us into closer touch with the source of all life and benediction. It softens our asperities, it calls a halt in the sway of our material thought, it turns our eyes toward the sunrise, it quickens the dormant energies of our better natures, and it brings thoughts of love, of kindness and acts of mercy. It is a rebuke to our selfishness and helpful to our religious sentiments and convictions. To do otherwise is to forget God and place the emphasis upon the temporal and the material. And when God is forgotten, and conscience becomes deadened, then individual and national decay begin. Blessed is that nation whose God is the Lord. Let us, then, give to him our praise, our gratitude, our thanksgiving, our worship. Let us make Him our hope, our desire, and the end of our effort. Then will our land continue to yield its increase and our flocks and our herds will flourish. God will be our God and we will be his people.

standpoint, devoutly religious, kind and brotherly in his disposition, full of enthusiasm and an excellent preacher. Having had experience in school work, he will be in touch with the college life and the student body at Polytechnic, and he will make his influence felt for good all over the district. And, best of all, he will put a splendid evangelical spirit into all his work.

Rev. John M. Barcus, after four years at Georgetown, goes to First Church, Weatherford. He is the efficient Secretary of the conference, and no conference has ever had a better one. He is substantial, has deep convictions, has courage and people know where he stands on all questions. He is a man of stability of character, and he never tackles a subject until he has made the most painstaking preparation to deliver his mind upon it. The Weatherford people will find him to be a worthy successor to Dr. Robinson.

Rev. James Campbell, D. D., properly goes to the Weatherford District. He has had two years of pastoral experience of late, and now he goes back into district work with the zest of this experience to help him. He has never been in that section of the conference, and he will be a new man

to the people and they will be new people to him. He is one of our stalwart men, has a big, well-trained brain, a kind heart, a guileless nature and a sincere purpose. He is better adapted to that sort of work at his age in life than to the pastorate. He will take to his work a well-equipped life and character. When the people come to know him they will love him. People have to know him to love him, for there is no veneering on him. He is plain, straightforward and sincere. He makes no pretenses that his heart does not feel.

Rev. Sam Barcus has been raised from the degree of a pastor to the sublime degree of a presiding elder, and he goes to the Cisco District—a new one in the list. It will put him out on the firing line of the conference, but he is young, strong and has powers of endurance, and we predict that it will not be long until he has his new work organized and in good running order. He will be popular with his preachers and people.

Rev. Horace Bishop, D. D., was given a new lease of life on the presiding eldership, and properly so, too. He goes to the other newly-created district—the Hillsboro District. He goes there after four successful and arduous years on the Corsicana District.

He is one of the stand-bys in the conference. When the history of Texas Methodism goes into permanent record Horace Bishop will fill more than one chapter in the volume. For many long years he has gone forth and wrought like a Trojan in all departments of enterprise. He is now somewhat advanced in years, but his vigor is unimpaired, his zeal unabated, and no man in the conference will render a better service in that position than he.

Rev. W. B. Andrews has also been raised from a station to the exalted position of presiding elder, and he goes to the Waco District. For two years he has been the popular pastor at Austin Avenue, and he will only have to make a step into the other place. He is young, sympathetic, careful and arduous, and his experience as a pastor these years will stand him in hand as a presiding elder. He is an earnest preacher, a safe man in details, and we predict for him a successful term of service in this new sphere.

No presiding elder did a better year's work than Rev. S. J. Vaughan, on the Gatesville District. This was his first experience in that department of service, but his record vindicates the wisdom of his appointment to that line of work. His preachers are devoted to him, and he put his hand to every part of his work. He is a clear thinker, a conservative man in his judgment and a wise counselor.

Rev. M. K. Little is continued in the office of presiding elder, after having finished four years on the Weatherford District. He now goes to Dublin and takes with him a matured experience in that line of work. He is a man of robust mind, strong and persistent in his purposes and a successful leader of men. He always brings things to pass, and Dublin will find him worthy and well qualified for that field.

Rev. E. A. Smith went to the Cleburne District two years ago. It was a new district, and he had it to organize, but he went to work with a will, and now at the close of two years he has one of the best and most progressive districts in the conference. He is a man of fine ability, delightful spirit and unflagging energy. He keeps his eye on every part of his field, and stands ready to give assistance at all points of interest. He and his preachers made excellent showings.

Rev. H. D. Knickerbocker made the most remarkable record, in many respects, of any preacher in Texas. He has done a marvelous work at First Church, Fort Worth, and after four years he leaves the strongest and best organized congregation in Texas Methodism. And the church building is far to the front as a house of worship. He now goes to Austin Avenue, Waco, and those people are fortunate in having him as their pastor. They will find him up-to-date along every line, and his preaching will move them to their best.

Rev. W. H. Vaughan, after about twenty years with the Orphanage, two years ago went to the Georgetown District. It is enough to say that he has made good. So much so is this true that Bishop Atkins found in him one of his best advisers, and he has sent him back to begin his third year. He is a fine preacher, a good organizer, and he has one of the clearest business heads in the conference.

Rev. Thomas S. Armstrong has been a great success on the Waxahachie District. Bishop Key, two years ago did a wise thing when he placed Brother Armstrong in this position. He plunged into the work like a seasoned veteran and he has not spared

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HOW NATIONAL AND ECCLESIASTICAL DISASTER MAY BE AVERTED.

By Rev. John Freeman Neal

Article Two.

There are three dynamic agencies by which society and the nation are upheld—the home, the school and the Church. Of these the home is first and fundamental. God has pre-empted the home for himself. In the Sunday-school Magazine, January, 1910, Bishop Hendrix, writing on "Religion in the Home," affirms: "The home is God's universal altar, where he wills that our children should all be taught of God. All else, whether the pulpit or the teacher, is to be auxiliary to the home, not the substitute for it."

The question is pertinent: How is the family constituted? What is the divine method of procedure? In the beginning God made one man and one woman. He made Eve to be a helpmeet for Adam. "And the Lord God brought her unto Adam, and Adam said: 'This is now bone of my bone and flesh of my flesh; she shall be called woman, because she was taken out of man. Therefore, shall a man leave his father and his mother, and shall cleave unto his wife, and they shall be one flesh.'" God enjoined monogamous marriage, that the earth might be peopled with a healthy manhood and a vigorous womanhood, in whose character righteousness might be wrought. Polygamy is subversive of family relationships, and carries with it the seeds of inevitable discord and final destruction. In the fact that God presented the woman to the man we see his approval of the state of matrimony and his sanction of its sacredness. Before it was said to Abraham, "In thee shall all the families of the earth be blessed," Adam and Eve saw family relations pictured in the words: "Be fruitful and multiply and replenish the earth."

In the year of our Lord 1893 Dr. Hoss, now Bishop, published a professed communication in the Advocate, of which he was at that time the editor, from which a few extracts are here made: "Christianity employs two methods of propagation—proselyting from without and growth from within. Both methods are important. Both need to be emphasized, but neither at the expense of the other. There is no possible danger of stressing the gospel call to the unconverted too strongly. To call sinners to repentance must be the constant work of the followers of Him who received sinners and ate with them. But it sometimes happens that in giving prominence to one duty the importance of another is overlooked. It cannot be disguised that God intended from the beginning that religious parents should be constituted his special agents in the world to instruct their own children in the knowledge of the true God. St. Paul enforces this idea when he speaks of the Church in the house, and enjoins that children be brought up in the nurture and admonition of the Lord. To do so is possible, else it had not been enjoined. Against this view is urged the small measure of success the Church has attained, and hence is argued its impracticability. But a command of God may not thus easily be disposed of, no matter how much blame it would exculpate us. We may not arbitrarily assume that our teaching has been right because, forsooth, we have done this or that; but we are to make sure that we have adopted God's plan and faithfully wrought according to it. Indeed, the success of this plan has been relatively large as compared with the sporadic revival method, and it will grow larger as greater faith is put into its outworking."

Our Heavenly Father plainly tells us that he seeks a godly seed, and in the same scripture he informs us how that great work is to be accomplished. Husband and wife are made one. Wherefore? That Jehovah might behold a godly seed. For this reason husband and wife are made one. One—a union of two hearts, not a polygamous union. One—making family relations possible. One in spirit and consequently one in effort. Therefore, the injunction is: Take heed to thy spirit, and let none deal treacherously against the wife of his youth. In such a home the constellated virtues shine. Here is inspiration's index finger pointing to the highest duty of parenthood, and by implication uncovering Christendom's chiefest mistake. We take it that children are chiefly taught by words. The Holy Spirit tells us they learn

first and best through the spirit of the parent. Hear the injunction again: Take heed to thy spirit. Language cannot introduce an idea into the mind of the infant, still the infant is susceptible of impressions. These come through the senses, and are generally conveyed earliest by the mother through the wonderful influence of spirit upon spirit. The child cannot do otherwise than take in the spirit of his surroundings. If he is born in a miasmatic district he inhales the poison with the first breath, and every succeeding inspiration fills the lungs more and more with the reeking effluvia. So, when a child is introduced into a family where the spirit of the household is diabolic, he commences forthwith to take in the only spirit which pervades the family. He cannot do otherwise. As inevitably as he must breathe the air surrounding him, so is he compelled to share the spirit of his environment. He is without knowledge, but he is a learner. His five senses connect him with the only world he knows anything about—the little home into which he has just made his advent. Here he begins to exercise the faculties with sooths him. Anger and roughly handling perturb him. A smile awakens a response in the child-heart as soon as the mother's love-wave has borne its delightful message home. A prayer—how it awes and impresses!

We may well believe that early surroundings are well-nigh omnipotent to mold and fix human character. Samuel's consistent life is a pledge to praying Hannahs the world over that where their children come to years they will not depart from the way of their godly upbringing. God's plan unifies two hearts and commissions them to give themselves wholly to the young immortals committed to their care.

Nothing may be allowed to counter-veil this life-purpose. While the right of the Government to tax the property of females seems to carry along with it the right of woman suffrage, yet I unhesitatingly declare that woman's great and distinguishing work is to be found in the nursery.

"A partnership with God is motherhood;

What strength, what purity, what self-control,

What love, what wisdom should belong to her

Who helps God fashion an immortal soul!"

A nation's decay is inevitable when the nation's homes are neglected. Napoleon sounded the true note when he said: "France lacks mothers."

To avert National and ecclesiastical disaster the heart of the fathers must be turned to the children. What does this language impart? It imparts an intense and consuming desire for the welfare of the children. It is distinctly a qualification of heart. To embrace and carry out this admirable plan it is not essential that the atmosphere of the home be literary or scientific, however desirable, but it must be an atmosphere of love. This requirement is inexorable. Faith can embrace the promise when firmness, affection, sympathy, patience and perseverance rule in the home. God is pledged for the success of discipline so wholesome. The truths of revelation come through the lens of the believing parental heart and focalizing upon the child enlighten and inspire to gracious activity.

If at any point we have greater need to be wise as serpents and harmless as doves, it is at the point where parental life touches infantile life. Vastly more is done during the first year of existence to impress the heart for good or evil than is commonly supposed. The tree has imparted its flavor to the peach before its connection is severed at the stem. So the child has taken on a definite mold before his will issues in a distinct personality. The period of intelligent speech has not yet arrived. But God has ordained a way by which the inexpressible charm of Christ's life may be transferred to the spirit of the child. It is for devoted Hannahs, Elizabeths and Eunices to daily present the gospel in object lesson before their children. Seen through the eyes and heard by the ears, it is the gospel in smiles and melodies. Men see the good works of Christians and glorify God. Children also see and glorify. The gospel must be preached by the lips, but it must also be preached by the lives of its votaries, and this is the gospel demonstrated. No one emphasizes the importance of teaching by example more strongly than Dr. Horace Bushnell in his treatise on "Christian Nurture," first published in 1861. Hear him as you may read on the 370th

page of that volume: "It is to be noted that the most genuine teaching, or only genuine teaching, will be that which interprets the truth to the child's feeling by living example, and makes him love the truth afterward for the teacher's sake. It is a great thing for a child in all the afterlife to know of whom he learned these things, and to see a godly father or a faithful mother in them. No truth is really taught by words or interpreted by intellectual or logical methods. Truth must be lived into meaning before it can be truly known. Examples are the only sufficient commentaries; living epistles the only fit exponents of written epistles. When the truly Christian father and mother teach as being taught of God, when their prayers go into their lives and their lives into their doctrine; when their goodness melts into the memory and heaven, too, breathes into the associated thoughts and sentiments to make a kind of blessed memory for all they teach, then we see the beautiful office they are in fulfilled. In this manner Timothy was supposed to have a complete set of recollections from his mother woven into the very feeling of the truth itself. It was more true, because it had been taught him by her. There was even a sense of her loving personality in it, by which it always had been and always was to be endeared.

On the other hand, it will always be found that every kind of teaching in religion which adds no personal element or attractions to the truth, sheds no light upon it from a good and beautiful life, is nearly or quite worthless. And here is the privilege of a genuinely Christian father and mother in their teaching: That they pass into the heart's feeling of their children side by side with God's truth, to be forever identified with it in the dear eternity it gives him."

"The Kingdom in the Cradle," by Bishop James Atkins, page 165, is of like import: "In order to make discipline and instruction truly vital and of permanent and of sure effect, there must be the utmost sincerity and the fullest conformity to the law of righteousness." On page 291 we read: "it is comparatively easy for parents, by a simple and earnest performance of the duties of religion within the home, to establish in the children a habit of reverence for sacred things, and of personal acts of devotion which will be found in after life to be one of the strongest safeguards against every form of non-religious influence."

(To be continued.)

"ORIGIN OF THE DEVIL AND SIN."

It may be read in an article by Capt. Reynolds on the subject of the "Origin of the Devil and of Sin," in which it is stated that God made Satan. Satan was not a devil until he rebelled against God. The writer also stated that the devil was cast out or down from heaven. If our author intended some of the heavens which have passed away or some one which is to pass away he has nothing of which to be ashamed and I nothing of which to complain, but he uses the word heaven as if there was but one and that sin entered that heaven and made a devil out of a good angel and that that devil was cast out of heaven. For the character of God, the purity of the city of the living God and the truth of the Scriptures I enter a solemn protest. God was not originally a weakling so that he could not protect his own city against the incoming of sin and the creation of a devil in heaven and then all at once did become possessed of giant-like strength and actually cast sin and the devil out of heaven or that God at first did not care if sin and Satan did come in and inhabit heaven, but afterward changed his mind and cast them out of heaven. That heaven is not a probationary state in which the inhabitants may sin and fall or be cast out, but it is an everlasting inheritance secured by an approved probation in their former habitation where if faithful to the end of their probation they are to have crowns of everlasting life, if men, and if angels they are to be exalted to the immediate presence of God and made ministering angels for those who shall be heirs of salvation where no war scars, sin tracks nor crepe mantled walls over which rebellious angels have been hurled. The Scriptures never contradict themselves so that to enter the heaven of heavens all must become pure and sinless, and heaven has the same governor and laws against sin and impurity which distinguished it in the beginning. To assume that any have fallen from that bright abode of realizations as rewards of fidelity, opens the question as to whether all

may not have fallen by this time; for if sin got in once why not a second or third time? and to secure one-third each time might soon depopulate heaven. Much might be learned about the probation of angels by glancing at the probation of man. First he was not placed in heaven, but upon the earth, as an essential to a probation man must have volition together with certain powers and authority; therefore, God gave man dominion over the fowls, fishes, animals and the whole earth together with an ordeal test of fidelity to be followed by "Come up higher, enter thou into the joy of thy Lord," awaiting the faithful and the unfaithful. "Depart ye cursed into outer darkness." In like manner when God made angels he prepared a place for them somewhere in his vast domain and furnished it with everything they could rightfully desire for the grandest development and highest joys with some ordeal test of fidelity, similar to the following. First assuring them that all the facilities of that world is theirs to have and to hold on one condition that they should be content and not aspire to become citizens of any other world. But in the process of time a world of greater light and surpassing beauty rises to their view and some of them so gladdened with its glories sought to become citizens of that world violated God's order and fell from their first estate and that their former habitation. The misuse of volition leads to violation of God's law and violation of God's law is sin, be he man or angel. God does not make sin, but God has to make laws for all beings where he expects to exercise government. Any being transgressing God's law in the fullest, plainest sense makes sin. Any being adding to sin subtlety and strong opposition to God's order is called a devil or Satan. This is the name given to actual angels, be he man or angel. And when Peter sought to die in Christ's stead, Christ called him Satan because Peter was opposing God's order which was that Christ should die. All probation has to be temporary, as anything like permanency changes probation into abject slavery. Probation must be inspired with hope of promotion or it loses all prompting to fidelity. The Scriptures has many uses for the word heaven, but every time the connections show the intention of the use of the word heaven (Isa. 14:12). Lucifer fell from heaven. Lucifer was a man and the heaven from which he fell was the throne of the Chaldeans as the king of Babylon (Sam. 2:1). The daughters of Zion were cast down from a high social position called heaven or cast down from heaven (Luke 10:18). Satan's kingdom was rapidly falling by the preaching and miracles wrought by the disciples, and responding to the report of the disciples Christ said I saw Satan as lightning fall from heaven; here Satan's kingdom is personified under the appellation of Satan, for his original fall thousands of years before had no connection with their report. Rev. 12:7-11 is surely located here on earth among men as Christ did not die for any beings above or below man, so his blood could avail only for man. The heaven of our Christian hopes is the one where God's throne and the throne of the Lamb is. It is the heaven Christ came down from, and then went back to, to prepare a place for Capt. Reynolds if he will be good. It is the many mansioned city where God from everlasting to everlasting has and is to reign, where nothing impure or defileth has or ever can come, and the pure and good of all time and all worlds will congregate to praise him who was and is to be forever and they shall go out no more forever. A. L. HUNSAKER

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GROWING A NAME.

Little Luke Hays could write his name. He brought his slate to show his mother what round, clear letters he could make. "Would you like to make your name grow, Luke?" said his mother. "I never saw a name grow," said Luke. Then his mother took him out into the garden. She gave him a stick with a sharp point and made him write his name in large letters in the middle of a bed of black earth; then his mother sowed mignonette seed along the letters. "Now," said she, "in a few weeks you will see your name growing tall and sweet." Luke went away the next day to visit his grandmother, and when he came home again, three weeks later, he ran at once to the garden. There was his name, "Luke Hays," in pretty green letters, just as he had written it. Luke was delighted, and never failed to grow his name every year since.—Selected.

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The Central Texas Conference

This conference held its recent session in the town of Waxahachie. It is the larger half of the old Northwest Texas Conference, which conference was divided by the action of the last General Conference. Six districts in the West and in the Panhandle were set off with a conference of its own and as this territory is naturally situated in the Northwest, it was properly given the name of the Northwest Texas Conference, while the remaining nine districts, several of them in the central part of the State, were organized with a conference of their own and given the name of the Central Texas Conference. This conference was allowed to retain the history, the archives and the continuity of the old Northwest Texas Conference.

It was meet and proper that the first session of the Central Conference should be held in Waxahachie. It was in this town that the old Northwest Texas Conference was organized in 1865, and that body afterwards held several of its sessions in the town. The last one was held here fourteen years ago, Bishop Keener presiding. Waxahachie is one of the oldest of the black land towns. The name is of Indian origin and literally means "cow creek." In the Indian vernacular "waxa" means cow and "hachie" means creek. It is the liveliest town in Ellis County, one of the richest and most fertile counties in North Texas. At one time Waxahachie was the largest inland cotton market in the United States, but the springing up of other towns along with the coming of other railroads has reduced its cotton sales considerably. It has a thrifty population and its whole appearance is that of a prosperous, moral community. The town and the whole community are under local option, and the laws are now being well enforced. It is a town of elegant churches and religious sentiment dominates. The Methodist Church is well located, and it is the largest and most stately edifice of the kind in the town. It has a large and influential membership. It is a splendid brick building with every modern facility and convenience. There is no better and more commodious church structure in the conference.

Waxahachie is the seat of the Trinity University, the leading Presbyterian institution in the State. It has good buildings, excellent equipment and its attendance is large. It adds much to the character and welfare of Waxahachie.

We can not do better than to quote just here a well prepared account of the conference and the pleasure of the people in entertaining it from the Daily Light, a creditable newspaper of the town. It contains facts of interest for our readers. It is as follows:

"It is rather an interesting coincidence that the first meeting of the Central Texas Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South, comes to the city where the old Northwest Texas Conference was organized nearly a half century ago.

"The Northwest Texas Conference was organized in Waxahachie in 1865, just forty-five years ago, and the territory embraced made it the largest conference geographically in the State. Then it was that the old-time circuit rider was kept almost constantly on the move to fill his various appointments during the month. The presiding elders' districts also comprised a large territory. The country then was sparsely settled and the congregations were widely scattered. In later years, when the northwest part of the State began to fill up with settlers, it became apparent that a division of the conference was inevitable. The matter came up for consideration two years ago and a committee was appointed to select a line for the equitable division of the conference. This committee made its report to the conference at Stamford last year and its recommendations were adopted. In making the division all the archives and records belonging to the Northwest Texas Conference were left in possession of the Central Texas Conference.

"Since the organization of the Northwest Texas Conference here

forty-five years ago the membership of the Church has increased from a few hundred to more than one hundred thousand. At the last Annual Conference reports showed that the houses of worship within the bounds of the conference were valued at \$1,877,216. Parsonages were valued at \$499,915. The value of other Church property was given as \$1,306,956.65.

"The building in which the conference was organized is still standing, having long ago passed into private hands and is now used as a residence. The house now stands on East Franklin Street. Waxahachie was then not much more than a straggling village, but it is now one of the most enterprising little cities in Central Texas with a population of something near 10,000. The primitive houses of worship of those days have given way to magnificent edifices costing in an aggregate of more than \$100,000. The church in Waxahachie in which the conference will be held is the largest and most conveniently equipped of any house in which the conference has met during its entire existence."

Wednesday morning came in cloudy and dismal, and the air was damp and penetrating. The preachers gathered at the church early and their greetings were soulful. There is no fellowship like that of an Annual Conference.

Bishop Atkins took the chair promptly and announced the old hymn, "And Are We Yet Alive?" and it was sung mightily. The members of this conference know how to sing. The Bishop led in fervent prayer. Other singing followed, and a good religious spirit pervaded the conference. Rev. Jno. M. Barcus called the roll and the most of the preachers and lay delegates answered to their names. He was unanimously re-elected Secretary, a position he has filled with great efficiency and satisfaction for several years. The conference looked a trifle reduced when compared with previous sessions, having ceded six districts to the new conference. But it had all the appearance of a numerous and robust body of men. In fact, there is not a finer body of men in Texas than those who compose the Central Conference. Many of them are young men, a goodly number are middle aged and strong, and enough of them are hoary headed to give dignity and an air of reverence to the whole. The church auditorium is wonderfully well adapted to conference purposes. When all of it is thrown together it is shaped like an outspread fan, with all of it converging toward the handle, bringing the entire audience within easy reach of the pulpit. The acoustics are well-nigh perfect.

The Bishop read from one of Paul's Epistles (Ephesians 2), and he gave a practical exposition of it. His remarks were most pointed and appropriate and they met with hearty response. The conference proceeded to elect its quadrennial and standing committees. Rev. R. M. Morris was elected postmaster for the conference. Connectional papers were received and referred to their appropriate committees.

Hon. J. M. Alderdyce was introduced and delivered an eloquent address of welcome to the conference. His speech was greatly enjoyed and portions of it were enthusiastically applauded, especially when he told them that there was no saloon in the whole county and that there never would be another one for all time to come. Bishop Atkins happily responded on behalf of the conference.

Rev. E. A. Rector of our Immigrants' Home at Galveston was introduced and spoke in behalf of that worthy institution. He presented a clear idea of that work, and he was given a cordial hearing.

The death of the good wife of Hon. Jno. W. Robbins, which occurred the day before, was announced to the conference, and amid stillness a rising vote of sympathy to the family was taken, and the Secretary was ordered to wire this expression of sympathy to Brother Robbins and his stricken household. For a number of years Brother Robbins was a lay member of this body, and he is greatly beloved by its entire membership. All of them felt very deeply this affliction, which has come to Brother Robbins. No better woman ever lived than Mrs. Robbins.

The names of the presiding elders were called and they gave brief reports of their work, and below will

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be seen a summary of these reports, and they speak for themselves. They will show fine work done, and some of it under difficulty. The dry weather prevailed throughout the entire territory. But the presiding elders and their preachers wrought well. But read this, as follows:

Sam R. Hay, Fort Worth.—Fort Worth is all right. It has had unusual prosperity. Several new enterprises have been inaugurated in the country charges, among them the building of two new churches. About 1,500 conversions and over 1,800 accessions. It is thought by some members that the conference will create two new presiding elders' districts.

E. A. Smith, Cleburne District.—Reported a good year. The pastors had been faithful and the Lord had blessed them with good revivals. There had been over 1,000 conversions and 1,000 additions to the Church. Because of the severe drouth last year and short crops this year, two important church enterprises have been stopped for a time. One church has been built this year and one parsonage bought. Several church debts have been paid and two churches dedicated. The Church is well organized throughout the district and Methodism healthy.

Rev. Horace Bishop, of the Corsicana District reported:

This is the close of a quadrennium, the fourth that I have completed, with intervals of from four to six years, during an effective ministry of forty-two years. When I was appointed, my predecessor handed me a directory with a clean statement of the condition of the district. During the quadrennium I have been blessed with the association and co-operation of as noble a band of preachers as can be found, with a fine Board of Stewards, well chosen superintendents and many consecrated men and women. During the time we have had several thousand professions, and although we have been embarrassed by emigration of great numbers, yet we have been able to keep our membership up to what they were at the beginning. We have built five new parsonages, well adapted to the wants and comfort of the preacher's family. We have built nine new churches, aggregating in value about \$50,000. Sunday-schools have grown in numbers, resources and the missionary spirit. Stewards have developed in the spirit of enterprise.

Rev. M. K. Little, of Weatherford District, reported:

I went to the Weatherford District four years ago with twenty-three appointments, and return it to you with thirty. The salaries of pastors have been increased from about \$11,000 to near \$19,000. We have built two new churches this year, renovated and seated several. One new parsonage built, and several remodeled and furnished. We have had near 2,000 conversions this year, with a proportionate number of accessions. Any leader could have done this work with such a band of faithful itinerant preachers. I have held four hundred and twelve Quarterly Conferences during the quadrennium, without missing or being late at but one. I have not traveled on train to an appointment on the

Sabbath in the four years. We have a fine report; district well organized.

Rev. S. J. Vaughan, presiding elder of the Gatesville District, reported:

I think the pastors will bring you the best reports in the history of the district. I have never known harder work done by any pastors. It is a great pleasure to me to note the harmonious and brotherly spirit existing among the twenty-one pastors of the Gatesville District. We have built two elegant parsonages at Jonesboro and Meridian. Our material improvement has been hindered by the severe drouth. We have much church building to do when we can. It has been my policy to plan for good buildings when conditions will warrant it. We have grown more perhaps in the line of Sunday-school work than any other. The pastors report about 1,200 conversions and nearly 1,100 accessions to the Church. There has been more than \$2,000 advance in salaries. The two railroads now building through the district will make new demands on us which we hope to meet.

For Brownwood District Rev. J. A. Whitehurst reported:

Bishop, I do not like to pitch the reports of the districts in minor key, but we have had a hard year. Our preachers have suffered, greatly on account of drouth. Some of them have been forced to sell their horses and other things in order to live, but they have stood by their works nobly and through their faithfulness, despite the drouth, we report \$25,000 worth of church property, including churches and parsonages added to our interest. Have had about 1,250 conversions, something like 1,200 additions, and I think about 1,000 net gain.

Rev. W. L. Nelms, Waco District, reported:

Closed fourth year on Waco District. This was the best year of the four. There were about 1,500 professions and 1,200 accessions to the Church. The conference collections were paid in full except on two charges. The salaries were increased except on two works. There was a large increase in number of Sunday-schools. This was by far the best year of the quadrennium. One Church in this district supports three missionaries in foreign missions.

Dublin District was reported by Jerome Duncan as follows:

I was appointed in May to take charge of the Dublin District in place of Bro. J. G. Putman, who was changed to the Stamford District in the Northwest Texas conference. I found the district well organized and giving full evidence of Bro. Putman's accustomed effectiveness. The preachers have done excellent work in many instances under most unfavorable physical conditions. We have had approximately 900 conversions and about an equal number of accessions to the

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Church. There will appear from the reports of the pastors an advance in receipts on the collections ordered by the Annual Conference. Two churches and one parsonage have been built and three additional church enterprises have been projected. The district as a whole is in good condition.

T. S. Armstrong reported Waxahachie District in fine condition. It has had a steady, healthy growth during the year. The churches, as a rule, are well organized and manned by faithful and true men. No wonder they have succeeded.

W. H. Vaughan, Georgetown District, reported:

The eighteen pastoral charges of the Georgetown District had successful revival meetings, accessions to the Church on profession of faith in advance of last year, material growth apace with demands. The pastors have been faithful and successful and all of them could be returned to their charges for another year; salaries, in the main, paid. Collections show a small margin on three charges, but excess on the other charge makes an excess, with more than \$1,100 through the Laymen's Movement. We have had a happy and joyful year with the good pastors and people of the district.

In the afternoon Dr. Jno. A. Rice, a recent transfer from the Louisiana Conference, preached to a large audience. His text was, "The Life is More Than Meat." It was a deeply thoughtful sermon delivered with forcefulness. He is a strong preacher, robust in body, largely endowed in mind, religious in nature and brotherly in spirit.

At night the Sunday-school work was to the front, with Rev. E. Hightower in the chair. After reports from the field had been submitted, Bishop Atkins made an address, not lengthy, but to the point. He in turn introduced Dr. Bulla, who has charge of that department known as the Wesley Adult Bible Class work, and for an hour he spoke wisely and instructively on that subject. His facts and figures showed large progress in creating a sentiment in favor of adult attendance upon the Sunday-school.

Thursday morning was beautiful. The light shower of the night before settled the dust, cleaned up the sky and left the air clean, crisp and invigorating.

Rev. E. F. Boon led the morning devotions and the body proceeded with business. Rev. Thomas H. Morris, of Bryan, was a visitor to the conference. The call of the undergraduates was taken up, and they reported and were advanced. Rev. A. P. Swindal, of the DeLeon Mission, made a remarkable report. Had more than one hundred conversions and accessions, built a church or two and his mission goes new into a circuit. Rev. H. F. Brooks, of Santa Anna, had a great year. Good revivals, many accessions, collections all in, and good prospect for a new church. Most of the young men in this class did well. Rev. C. C. Hightower, of Clifton, made a good showing. Had a number of accessions. First Church in first-class condition, and built a good parsonage. Rev. K. P. Barton, of Gorman, reported a great year, a new parsonage at a cost of \$2,100, and his people paid for all purposes \$15 per capita. Rev. Herman Knickerbocker reported well for Central Church, Fort Worth. One hundred and twenty-eight conversions, 199 accessions, Sunday-school doubled, new church under way, and paid for all purposes more than \$11,000. Rev. V. Cejnar, the Bohemian missionary and doing work among his people within the bounds of the Georgetown District, made a most encouraging report of his work. A strong paper was introduced and passed severely arraiguing and condemning the vaudeville theater and the moving picture show.

Rev. C. R. Wright, of Brownwood, reported 120 accessions, salary raised to \$2,500, built a parsonage at a cost of \$6,000, and paid for all purposes \$12,000. Rev. J. M. Neal reported 100 accessions at Godley and finances in full. Rev. Atticus Webb, of Granbury, had about 100 accessions and a very large Sunday-school. Rev. Atticus Webb gave a good account of the Granbury College. It is well attended, students nearly all converted and making progress in studies. Rev. J. C. Mimms reported that the Mexia Church had more members in his Sunday-school than he had members in his Church. Brother W. W. Moss was presented with a handsome watch chain by the people of Coleman where he had just completed a successful quadrennium. When the name of Rev. C. D. Spann was called the pre-

siding elder called for a committee and it was appointed.

In the afternoon Rev. J. W. Downs preached a very mellow and spiritual sermon to a very appreciative congregation. The singing, led by Brother Fisher, a most competent evangelistic singer, was very efficient and refreshing.

At night a great congregation assembled to take part in the educational anniversary. The addresses were made by Dr. H. A. Boaz, Dr. R. S. Hyer and Dr. Jno. A. Rice. It is needless to say that with such a trio of speakers like this the audience was more than edified with the addresses. They were delighted with them.

Friday morning Rev. M. S. Hotchkiss led the devotional service. The committee in the case of Rev. Chas. D. Spann reported and completely eulogized him. His name was referred to the Committee on Conference Relations.

The names of the old guard for the supernumerary relations were called and referred. And the same course was followed with reference to the supernumeraries. These dear old brethren were present only in sparse attendance—many of them not being able to be present. Some of them had died during the year. Rev. E. L. Armstrong, the afflicted old veteran, sent the brethren a few words of greeting from his bed of suffering at Corsicana. It was read amid the silence of the conference. Bishop Atkins made a very tender talk concerning Brother Armstrong and his name was referred. The vote was a standing vote. Rev. W. W. Moss, one of the devoted old men, made a loving talk to the brethren. The old man said that while afflicted, yet he hoped still to be able to do some good work, and this led the Bishop to say: "One of the best of the conditions of the old men is to be able to throw the strife of the past into the mirages of the future." One of the most touching talks was made by Rev. H. M. Glass. He has been a preacher sixty-two years. He is now in his 83d year, full of hope and cheerfulness. Rev. S. C. Littlepage also spoke feelingly. Rev. F. M. Winburne made a most interesting talk and told of some fine meetings he had held during the year. Rev. J. P. Mussett spoke kindly and brotherly. He is one of the saintly men of the conference.

Who are admitted on trial? was asked and eleven young men were received on trial.

A paper from the Chamber of Commerce of Dallas concerning the removal of Southwestern University to Dallas was read. This paper recounts the steps already taken by Dallas to secure the University and pledges the City of Dallas to stand by their proposition to the Church on condition that the Church takes favorable action on the removal proposition. In the same connection a paper was read from a majority of the trustees of the University protesting against such removal. Also the minority report of the trustees, touching the same question, was read protesting against the majority report. Rev. H. A. Boaz read a substitute for all these papers, and it is the same paper adopted by the Northwest Texas Conference. At this juncture Dr. Nelms moved that it adjourn to meet at 3 p. m. and that this question be made the special order of the day for that hour.

Rev. H. O. Launch of the German Mission Conference addressed the conference in behalf of his work at New Braunfels. He made a splendid speech and he was given a close hearing. At the close he was given a collection, and it amounted to \$109.85.

Rev. Dr. Nelms presented the case of Rev. R. V. Gallaway and stated that there was a house in Aquilla for Brother Gallaway, but a debt of \$200 was keeping the family out of it. A collection was taken and the amount was received. Dr. Nelms wired Brother Gallaway to move in; that the money was in hand. It was a noble act.

Dr. McLean spoke to the conference in the interest of the Orphanage and emphasized the importance of taking the collections for this institute early in the year.

Dr. H. D. Knickerbocker made a remarkable report. Had 250 conversions, 254 accessions, has 1705 members and paid for all purposes \$25,000 during the quadrennium of his service. Rev. W. H. Matthews, at Mulkey, had sixty conversions, 117 accessions and paid for all purposes \$8000. Rev.

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I. E. Hightower, at Grapevine, had 125 conversions and seventy accessions, collections full. Rev. H. M. Long has 1010 members and paid for all purposes \$12,000. His Polytechnic charge is succeeding. Many of these reports were excellent, but they came so fast that we could not jot them down. The preachers did well.

At the afternoon service Dr. Jno. M. Moore conducted the worship. Rev. J. G. Putman, Rev. T. J. Griswold, Rev. Geo. S. Slover and others of the Northwest Texas Conference were welcome visitors to the conference. Rev. Robert Adams of the Texas Conference enjoyed the fellowship of the brethren, and so did Rev. J. M. Peterson, Rev. J. T. McClure and Rev. Ed Barcus of the North Texas Conference.

The order of the day arrived and the paper read by Dr. Boaz at the morning session was moved as the expression of the conference. Rev. Jno. M. Barcus addressed the conference in opposition to the paper. He gave the history of the origin, progress and status of the agitation, and then proceeded to analyze the purpose and contents of the paper and to answer its contention. And while disclaiming any personal animosity in the matter, nevertheless he spoke with a great deal of earnestness and ardor on the subject. He had close attention and, though he spoke fifty-five minutes, no one seemed to grow weary.

Dr. H. A. Boaz followed in reply to Dr. Barcus and earnestly and forcefully defended the paper as the only wise and sane solution of our educational problems in Texas, and his speech made a deep impression. It met with response in the way of applause. Rev. Jerome Duncan spoke in a most stirring manner in behalf of the paper. He confined himself exclusively to the appointment of a Commission to settle the question. His speech seemed to strike a popular chord. Dr. Nelms offered an amendment to the paper, the exact one offered and passed by the West Texas Conference. He spoke to his amendment. Dr. J. R. Nelson spoke briefly against the amendment of Dr. Nelms and in favor of the original paper. The amendment was laid on the table by an overwhelming majority. The question then returned on the original paper, and the vote stood 175 to 20. The Bishop then made a few conservative remarks, the tendency of which was to add to the harmony and good will of the conference and to commend the wisdom of the conference in its effort to give wise settlement to the question.

At night the Church Extension Anniversary took place. Rev. W. B. Andrews had charge of it. He gave an interesting history of the progress of the work done by the board and called attention to the great improvement that had taken place in the church building enterprise since the board inaugurated its work. Bishop Atkins was then introduced and spoke of the Church Extension work in general and commended the work done by the Conference Board. The meeting was full of interest from beginning to close.

Saturday morning the preachers straggled in slowly. After the battle of the day before, they were a trifle out of commission. But it was a good-natured fight. Dr. Barcus led his side

nobly and courageously, and went down with his colors unsullied. The odds were against him, but he stood by his convictions. Everybody loves a game fighter, and Dr. Barcus is that kind of a fighter.

Rev. Simeon Shaw, of the Northwest Texas Conference, appeared as a visitor. He felt very much at home. Dr. J. H. Gambrell, of the Anti-Saloon League, made himself agreeable among the members.

The Bishop resumed the call of the preachers. They all made most encouraging reports. Rev. J. F. Tyson, of Hamilton, had 178 accessions and baptized 30 infants. Rev. J. M. Barcus, of Georgetown, reported 148 accessions, 950 members of the Church and over 1,000 in Sunday-school. Rev. J. G. Pollard, of Holland, reported collections all full for the first time in its history. His other interests were well up, also W. N. Curry finished up a most successful term of service at Salado. Taylor came up well with E. P. Williams. W. J. Hearon, of Seventh Street, Temple, reported many accessions, Sunday-school scholars in numbers in advance of Church membership and his people paid \$10 per capita. M. A. Turner, of Abbott, reported 75 conversions and 89 accessions. Austin now has three missionaries in the foreign field. Marvin Street has 150 babies on the cradle roll. Rev. C. H. Buchanan, of Elm Street, Waco, made a most excellent report. He now has 394 members. A. E. Carraway has a splendid church enterprise underway. Rev. M. S. Hotchkiss, missionary evangelist, had a great year—308 conversions, 499 accessions and \$7,702. During his quadrennium he collected and pledged for our educational problems in Texas, and his speech made a deep impression. It met with response in the way of applause. Rev. Jerome Duncan spoke in a most stirring manner in behalf of the paper. He confined himself exclusively to the appointment of a Commission to settle the question. His speech seemed to strike a popular chord. Dr. Nelms offered an amendment to the paper, the exact one offered and passed by the West Texas Conference. He spoke to his amendment. Dr. J. R. Nelson spoke briefly against the amendment of Dr. Nelms and in favor of the original paper. The amendment was laid on the table by an overwhelming majority. The question then returned on the original paper, and the vote stood 175 to 20. The Bishop then made a few conservative remarks, the tendency of which was to add to the harmony and good will of the conference and to commend the wisdom of the conference in its effort to give wise settlement to the question.

Professor Gray, of the Theological Department of Southwestern University, was presented to the conference and spoke of that interest, especially of the Summer School of Theology. Rev. I. F. Harris, after years of hard work, had to yield up his charge at Palmer on account of ill health, and he asked a superannuation relation. The brethren all love Brother Harris.

Rev. W. H. Doss came to the conference from the Tennessee Conference and has cast his lot with the Central Conference. He closed four years of good service at Lebanon. He has been cordially received and will prove a genuine contribution to our Texas work.

Rev. A. D. Porter made a good showing for Waxahachie: 107 accessions, 941 members and \$11,000 for all purposes. Ten per cent of the whole population of the town is in the membership of this Church. F. E. Singleton made a report that puts Graham on the front. He has things in great shape over there. The brethren made an offering for Brother I. F. Harris and it amounted to \$116.

The orders of Rev. W. H. Smith, of the Baptist Church, were recognized and he is now a local preacher in our

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Church. A class of eleven young men were called to the bar of the conference as applicants for admission into full connection. We have never seen a finer looking class of young men knock at the door of any conference for membership. The Bishop propounded to them the Disciplinary questions to which they made affirmative answers; and the Bishop addressed them wisely and pointedly. "A vital faith is essential to your personal salvation, and to the work of your ministry. The doctrine of holiness is the greatest doctrine God has ever revealed to men. Whatever may be your views of the Holy Spirit, second blessing, or of the Holy Rollers, do not lose sight of this precious doctrine of holiness. This implies endless progression. You must forsake all and follow Christ. There is this difference between you and our laymen. They are called of God to 'take' all and follow Christ with it, but the preacher is called upon to 'leave' all and follow Christ. The rich preacher may be a very respectable minister and stand well among his brethren, but the rule is he is not an efficient and successful preacher. There is no need for a preacher being a pauper. I do not mean that. Be economical with your means, but do not turn aside to put your minds and hearts upon money. Look after the children. Do faithful pastoral work. Do not visit your people simply to gabble with them, but to help them and to inspire them. Do not neglect the sick. These are the people who need you. Take God with you and thus take help to the home of affliction. When you are through with your visits to the homes of your people, know how to depart. Do not linger. Bid the family adieu and go on to the next house. Use all your time to some good end. This is the way to reach greatness in your work. Do not lose any of your time. Make good use of it all." The conference received them all with a unanimous vote.

This finished the minute business, and reports were called for. The Books and Periodicals reported in the interest of the Tract Society and the conference accepted the report.

The brethren of the Corsicana District presented Rev. Horace Bishop with a handsome traveling grip and he acknowledged it feelingly. Also the preachers of the Brownwood District gave to Brother Whitehurst a Commentary and a fountain pen which he received with a humorous speech. The Joint Board reported more than \$10,000 for the conference claimants. Rev. J. W. Downs, in the name of the preachers of the Weatherford District, presented to Rev. M. K. Little, their retiring presiding elder, a handsome gold watch, which he accepted gracefully.

At the afternoon session Rev. H. A. Boaz, D. D., presided until the arrival of the Bishop. Rev. J. P. Mussett opened the conference with prayer. The report of the Committee on Sabbath Observance was read and Dr. Thompson, Superintendent of the Sunday League of America, was introduced and he spoke to the report. Dr. R. S. Armstrong told of his effort to secure Sunday legislation and the report was adopted.

The Committee on Books and Periodicals made its report and the Advocate was unqualifiedly endorsed. The editor was accorded a cordial hearing. The report of the Bible Committee was read and Rev. R. C. George spoke of the progress and importance. A night session was ordered. Rev. A. B. C. Debnam was granted a location. Two superannuate homes were built during the year and devoted to the Church. The two properties cost a little over \$2,000. There is a small debt on the property, but it will be discharged. Rev. Charles E. Brown is the agent for these homes. No man is doing more than he for the old ministers and the widows and orphans of deceased ministers. Through his special labor these homes are being secured, and wherever the preachers co-operate with him his success is made larger and more secure. Mrs. W. H. Johnson, of the Rescue Home at Dallas, was introduced and spoke on that question. She said that during the seventeen years of the Home 1,200 girls had been received and that 85 per cent of them are now Christian women. Six hundred infants have been received and adopted into Christian homes. This is a great record.

ord. Rev. H. D. Knickerbocker also spoke for the Home. The conference by a rising vote expressed its appreciation of Bishop Atkins presence and work, both in the chair and the pulpit, and requested the Bishops to return him to the conference next year. Coleman and Polytechnic were put in nomination for the next session of the conference, and Polytechnic won out and it was made unanimous.

W. Erskine Williams was unanimously elected Lay Leader for the conference. He is one of the most efficient laymen in the Church as a Leader.

The Bishop nominated the following members of the Educational Commission: Rev. Horace Bishop, Rev. Jno. Rice, clerical, and George T. Jester and J. K. Parr, lay. They were unanimously elected.

Saturday night there was another session of the conference, and all the reports were finished up; and this cleared the decks for the appointments for Sunday night. All these reports showed progress along the lines of Church enterprise.

Sunday was a high day in Waxahachie. The love feast put the preachers and the people in good frame for the service to follow. Toward the close it mounted a high tide, and there were shouts in the camp. It was a spiritual season long to be remembered. Rev. S. C. Littlepage had charge of the service.

At 11 o'clock Bishop Atkins is said to have preached a great sermon to an immense audience. At its close the deacons were ordained.

In the afternoon there was a memorial service. Two of the preachers and the wives of three of the preachers had died. Brother E. F. Boon presided, and the occasion was one of peculiar tenderness. Following this Bishop Atkins ordained the elders. There were nine in the class.

At night the house was literally packed to hear the appointments. The Bishop took advantage of the occasion to make a most appropriate address, giving a clear statement of our polity and the relation of the preachers to it. Then the appointments were read, and this closed one of the most pleasant sessions in the history of the conference.

MINUTES

Of the first session of the Central Texas Annual Conference, being the forty-fifth session from the organization of the original Northwest Texas Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South, held at Waxahachie, Texas, beginning November 16, 1910, ending November 29, 1910; Bishop James Atkins, President; Jno. M. Barcus, Secretary.

1. Who are admitted on trial? Hugh B. Landrum, H. W. Gillette, J. Fletcher Isbell, Ruby O. Sory, Walter R. Vaughn, W. R. Witherspoon, Preston Broxton, J. D. Smoot, William Leslie Hightower.

2. Who remain on trial? Eugene B. Hawk, Willie C. House, James B. Kidwell, W. T. Kinslow, Roy A. Langston, J. O. Leath, W. A. Nell, W. T. Singley, O. B. Turner, F. P. Hunsucker, George F. Kornegay, F. A. Ray, John W. Hawkins, Geo. Smallwood, Arthur Thomas, Marvin W. Bowden, Frank D. Caviness, Tolbert M. Dalton, S. A. Phillips, W. I. Caughran. Following remain in class of first year: Enoch M. Dally, Chas. H. Little.

3. Who are discontinued? H. W. Clark.

4. Who are admitted into full connection? John P. Adams, Henry F. Brooks, M. L. Latham, Alonzo Monk, Jr., Henry Stanford, Eustace P. Swindall, Charles E. Wilkins, Henry C. Bowman, Henry L. Vincent, Earnest Lloyd, B. E. Kimbrow.

5. Who are readmitted? None.

6. Who are received by transfer from other conferences? George Smallwood, B. E. Kimbrow, Chas. H. Little, R. B. Young, J. W. Childress, D. C. Stark, G. E. Harris, J. W. Stewart, J. C. McAfee, W. H. Doss, Henry C. Munger, E. F. Hudgins, W. J. Morphis, J. S. Tinkle, J. A. Rice, W. F. Lloyd, J. T. Bloodworth, J. O. Gore, H. L. Gray, W. F. Campbell, A. B. C. Debnam.

7. Who are received from other Churches as local preachers? W. H. McFee and H. T. McKay, elders from the Methodist Protestant Church; Wm. H. Smith, an elder from the Baptist Church.

8. Who are received from other Churches as traveling preachers? E. M. Wisdom, a traveling deacon from the Methodist Episcopal Church.

9. Who are the deacons of one year? Jesse H. Baldrige, V. Colmar, A. C. Chappell, W. H. Keener, W. J. Mayhew, W. W. Nobles, John A. Siedloff, E. R. Stanford, J. W. Taylor, Walter Vilsant, J. Frank Luker and J. F. Tinkle, transfers, are put in this class. Following remain in the class of the fourth year: Walter M. Griffith, C. C. Lighttower, J. W. Childress.

10. What traveling preachers are elected deacons? John P. Adams, Henry F. Brooks, Marvin W. Hester, M. L. Latham, Eustace P. Swindall, Chas. E. Wilkins, Henry C. Bowman, Henry L. Vincent, Earnest L. Lloyd, already an elder, Henry Francis, Alonzo Monk, Jr., and Henry Stanford, deacons, were advanced to the class of the third year. Birtle E. Kimbrow, a transfer, is also in this class.

11. What traveling preachers are ordained deacons? John P. Adams, Henry F. Brooks, M. L. Latham, Eustace P. Swindall, Chas. E. Wilkins, Hen-

ry C. Bowman, Henry L. Vincent, Birtle E. Kimbrow.

12. What local preachers are elected deacons? Oscar A. Morton, J. P. Beaty, Isaac Walker Duncan.

13. What local preachers are ordained deacons? Oscar A. Morton, Isaac Walker Duncan.

14. What traveling preachers are elected elders? F. M. Atchison, K. P. Barton, C. A. Binkley, J. Hall Bowman, Gideon J. Bryan, Benjamin S. Crow, George W. Shearer, W. L. Brandon.

15. What traveling preachers are ordained elders? K. P. Barton, J. Hall Bowman, Gideon J. Bryan, Benjamin S. Crow, George W. Shearer, W. L. Brandon.

16. What local preachers are elected elders? J. C. Watkins, Joseph G. Walker, Willie C. House.

17. What local preachers are ordained elders? J. C. Watkins, Joseph G. Walker, Willie C. House.

18. Who are located this year? Fred Pilley, at his own request; A. B. C. Debnam, by the conference.

19. Who are superannuated? E. J. Maxwell, W. P. Lloyd, C. D. Spann, A. D. Livingston, J. R. B. Hall, J. W. Dickenson, John F. Neal, George W. Owens, John W. Montgomery, R. J. Tooley, T. W. Ellis, A. P. Lipscomb.

20. Who are superannuated? Samuel Morris, W. P. Graves, E. M. Sweet, A. Long, C. Rowland, W. V. Jones, I. N. Reeves, R. W. Vellborn, E. L. Armstrong, C. S. McCarver, W. J. Lemons, W. H. Moss, H. M. Glass, J. A. Walkup, S. C. Littlepage, J. E. Walker, J. M. Bond, S. P. Wright, F. M. Winburne, J. P. Mussett, E. T. Bates, J. J. Canafax, W. K. Simpson, Jerome Haralson, B. A. Snoddy, R. V. Gallaway, J. C. Carter, W. A. Gilliland, H. P. Shrader, G. W. Harris, I. F. Harris.

21. What preachers have died during the past year? James Sanford Tunnell and Marion Mills.

22. Are all the preachers blameless in their life and official administration? Their names were called and their character passed.

23. What is the number of local preachers and members in the several circuits, stations and missions of the conference? 45,880.

24. How many infants have been baptized during the year? 1169.

25. How many adults have been baptized during the year? 3697.

26. What is the number of Epworth Leagues? 241.

27. What is the number of Epworth League members? 7379.

28. What is the number of Sunday-schools? 497.

29. What is the number of Sunday-school officers and teachers? 4571.

30. What is the number of Sunday-school scholars enrolled during the conference year? 55,211.

31. What was assessed by the last conference for the superannuated preachers, and the widows and orphans of preachers? \$9850.

32. What has been collected on the foregoing account, and how has it been applied? \$2257.71.

33. What has been contributed for missions? Foreign, \$9667.32; domestic, \$12,546.21.

34. What has been contributed for church extension? \$8811.37.

35. What has been contributed for the American Bible Society? \$1544.45.

36. What has been contributed for the support of presiding elders and preachers in charge? Presiding elders, \$27,753.78; preachers in charge, \$172,159.14.

37. What has been contributed for the support of Bishops? \$2089.03.

38. What is the number of societies, and of houses of worship owned by them? Number of societies, 61; number of houses of worship, 467, 1-5.

39. What is the value of houses of worship, and what is the amount of indebtedness thereon? Value, \$1,381,557; indebtedness, \$46,277.09.

40. What is the number of pastoral charges, and of parsonages owned by them? Pastoral charges, 296; number of parsonages, 193.

41. What is the value of parsonages, and what is the amount of indebtedness thereon? Value, \$357,153; indebtedness, \$29,750.02.

42. What is the number of districts, and of district parsonages? Number of districts, 10; number of district parsonages, 9.

43. What is the value of district parsonages, and what is the amount of indebtedness thereon? Value, \$39,500; indebtedness, \$700.

44. What number of churches have been damaged or destroyed during the year by fire or storm, and what was the amount of damage? None.

45. What are the insurance statistics? Insurance carried \$695,434; losses sustained, none; premiums paid, \$227.97; collections on losses, \$5500.

46. What are the educational statistics? Southwestern University: value of property, \$490,000; endowment, \$250,000; professors, 77; pupils, 1913. Polytechnic College: Value of property, \$13,000; endowment, \$72,000; professors, 33; pupils, 689. Central Texas College: Value of property, \$37,250; professors, 9; pupils, 101. Meridian College: Value of property, \$55,000; professors, 8; pupils, 156. Granbury college: Value of property, \$27,000; professors, 6; pupils, 75. Weatherford College Training School: Value of property, \$16,000; professors, 7; pupils, 102.

47. Who is elected Conference Leader? W. E. Williams, Fort Worth, Texas.

48. Where shall the next session of the conference be held? Polytechnic Church, Fort Worth.

49. Where are the preachers stationed this year? See appointments.

APPOINTMENTS.

- Brownwood District.**
J. A. Whitehurst, P. E.
Ballinger—E. V. Cox.
Bangs—J. F. Luker.
Blanket and Zephyr—Josephus Lee.
Brooks—A. E. Truhey.
Brownwood—C. R. Wright.
Coleman—W. H. Howard.
Coleman Circuit—To be supplied.
Indian Creek—W. L. Brandon.
May—W. T. Jones.
Newton—Preston Broxton.
Santa Anna—H. F. Brooks.
Robert Lee—L. A. Clark.
Talpa and Valera—George F. Kornegay.
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- Cisco District.**
J. Sam Barcus, P. E.
Breckenridge—S. L. Culwell.
Caddo—T. Bennett.
Carbon—J. N. Vincent.
Cisco—W. H. Doss.
Cisco Circuit—I. N. Anderson, supply.
Desdemona—F. A. Ray.
Eastland—G. W. Shearer.
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Pioneer—Chas. Little.
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Wayland—B. S. Crow.
Woodson—S. D. Cook, supply.
- Cleburne District.**
E. A. Smith, P. E.
Alvarado—G. J. Bryan.
Burlison—J. W. Hawkins.
Blum—M. H. Major.
Crossett—W. P. Campbell; E. J. Maxwell, supernumerary.
Cleburne, Main St.—W. H. Matthews.
Anglin Street—Alonzo Monk, Jr.
Brazos Avenue—W. C. House.
Godley—S. P. Nevill.
Granbury—W. C. Hillburn.
Granbury Circuit—P. L. McGhee.
Glenrose—C. N. Morton.
Glenrose Circuit—A. E. Watford, supply.
Grandview—P. M. Riley.
Grandview Circuit—L. A. Reavis.
Joshua—J. U. McAfee.
Lillian—C. W. Daniel.
Mansfield—S. A. Ashburn.
Morgan—O. C. Swinney.
Walnut Springs—E. B. Hawk.
President Granbury College—Atticus Webb.
- Corsicana District.**
John R. Nelson, P. E.
Bary—J. N. Tinkle.
Blooming Grove—J. H. Wiseman; E. R. Stanford.
Bro Hill and Steel Creek—Walter Vincent.
Chatfield—T. W. Taylor.
Corsicana First Church—W. E. Boggs.
Eleventh Street—J. P. Patterson.
Corsicana Circuit—Z. L. Howell.
Dawson—V. J. Mills.
Grosbeck—J. E. Dodson.
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Peter Pringle has no toys.
Peter Pringle can not talk;
But he can make a lot of noise.

Peter Pringle can not read,
But Peter doesn't care a fig
As long as he can eat and eat,
For Peter Pringle is a pig.

—Exchange.

FAITH IN HER FATHER.

A gentleman saw two children before him in the cars, a boy and a girl. Both looked tired. They were traveling alone. Toward noon the little girl got up from her seat, and presently he saw her kneeling on the floor, with her head bowed in the cushion. Was she sick? Did she find this an easy way to sleep? No, she was praying.

"What are you doing, my little girl?" he asked, when she got up.

"I was saying, 'Our Father, who art in heaven,'" she said.

"And what are you saying it for now?" he asked again.

"I'm so hungry," she said.

"We've been traveling two days," said the boy, "and our luncheon is all gone."

The gentleman wished he had something in his pocket, but it was empty. At the next stopping place he went out himself and bought something for the children to eat.

When he handed it to the child, "I knew it would come," she said, looking up with a blush of joy upon her face. "Did God send you, sir?"

Yes, God sent the gentleman. The child did not see how the cars were to furnish the "daily bread," going so fast, and no pantry. But the Son of God taught her to pray, "Give us this day our daily bread;" and the little girl believed it. She asked Him and God well knows ever so many ways to answer our prayers. You see, he let a kind gentleman bring her some.

There is a small word in the Bible of which some people ask, "What does it mean?" The word is faith. What is faith?

It is asking God, believing and trusting Him. That is what the little girl did; and it is the kind of asking which God loves, and loves to answer.—Exchange.

HIS OWN "BOSS."

"O, I wish I'd never said so! I wish they could hear me!"

Poor Billy Burton! He was almost courteous. That's a pretty good recede beside himself with grief as he sat dry-eyed, but with a bursting heart and stricken conscience by the caskets which contained all that was left of his father and mother, after a terrible accident on the railroad.

Billy was fourteen and manly, very manly, in general. His judgment was good; he was studious, industrious, honest, cheerful and, in the main, good for a boy, isn't it?

And yet Billy had one fault, and a serious one. He "hated" to be told that he must or ought to do anything! Only a boy who feels exactly that way—or a girl who does, for the rebels are not all in coats and trousers—can fully appreciate what it meant to him, even when a very small boy, to have his gentle mother say:

"Come, Willie (he was always 'Willie' to her, and always would have been had she lived until he was a man), it's time to go to bed;" or "Willie, you ought to go after the milk now;" or "get yourself ready for church now, Willie, dear."

Personally, if I had fifty boys (or girls—and I've brought up several!) I'd leave more responsibility with each one, give each more freedom of choice,

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and then let them take the consequences of their own mistakes! But most parents watch details very closely, too closely, perhaps; and even this they really have a right to do, however mistaken the management is; for they are held responsible for everything that is done by a minor (one who is under legal "age," for personal responsibility) and therefore have a right, while providing a home, food, clothing, protection, education and social status for the minor, to demand whatever in their judgment seems best in return by way of obedience, companionship and help.

Billy was not unlike other boys; in fretting under discipline only with him it had seemed to be more deep-seated, arousing all his old Adam in antagonism. Now, however, as he sat by the rigid forms and realized that the lips of neither would open to him again on earth, either in mild suggestion or in gentle admonition, he was touched to the very core by an overwhelming sense of his great loss and his utter desolation!

He would have given all that he possessed if he could only hear his father's hearty, cheery:

"Well, son, hadn't we better begin our arithmetic lesson?" (He was "son" to his father.) And he would have jumped for sheer joy to have his mother hand him the coal scuttle or the water pail to fill.

Only yesterday morning, when they left on that fatal train for a ten days' absence, he had felt such a thrill of joy at the thought: "I'll be my own boss now, at any rate. No one to call me in the morning, nor to hurry me off to school; and if I'm late there's only Miss Preston to care—and she's 'dead easy.' Sunday? Why, maybe, just maybe, I won't go to Sunday-school, but swing in the hammock and read all day, just to see what it's like to have a 'free leg,' come and go when I please, and stay when I don't want to do either."

As for his meals—well, he had planned them, too. No formality of napkin and "courses," but everything how and when he liked and what he liked, too. In fact, he was to "run" the house as well as himself in his own plan and without interference for ten days.

Billy fairly sobbed as he remembered how he had gloated over his Saturday night's supper, which was only last night, and the coveted freedom from Sabbath duties—for this was the longed-for day when he would swing in the hammock.

One by one the neighbors had gone home after offering to stay with him, or without him, if he would go to any of their homes. But here his real manliness had asserted itself and he had, courteously but with decision, declined all of their offers, saying: "I want to be alone with my dead; I want a chance to think and to pray for forgiveness."

Here, then, though he could not atone for his past thoughtless conduct, he made the high resolve to obey, in the future and for all time, what would have been the expressed wish or suggestion of his parents had they lived. This resolution brought him great comfort and his first feeling of peace with God; and he found his trouble less bitter as he dwelt on the Fifth Commandment and planned in detail how through his life he would "honor" the dead by his every thought, word and deed. He knew that Miss Preston would help him, for having no near relatives he would be practically alone—alone—alone; and exhausted nature gave way in the gentle atmosphere of peace; and he slept.

"Come, Billy, wake up and get a pail of water for supper," said his mother, gently, as she shook him by the shoulder.

"Well, son, you didn't look for us to come back today, did you?" and his father's strong, cheery voice further dazed him. His hand still clutched the "extra" which the newsboys had sold on the street only a short time before, in which he had read of the railroad disaster to the train on which he supposed his parents were, and he had slept and dreamt the dreadful details!

"Ma worried so about you when we got to Pittsburg last night that we decided not to go on, but to stay there over Sunday and come home tomorrow. It was more than fortunate that we did, for we'd been in that wreck for sure. And when we read about it this morning we didn't lose any time in getting back, though we didn't like the idea of traveling today."

Billy started after the water, his face fairly aglow with pleasure at the



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THE BEAUTIFUL PRINCESS.

The story of Cinderella and the prince is an old, old story, running back nearly a thousand years, but older far is the real story lived by my Lady Gay-wings of the milkwort or wintergreen family.

How brightly these flowers gleam amid the brownness and greenness of the May woods! Surely the dullest heart must beat a little faster when they are spied tip-tilted on their dainty stem like a flock of magenta butterflies settling in some open spot of the forest pathway. Their proper name, Polygala, seems as well fitted as their nickname, and gay little ladies they are with their fringed petticoat and lovely wing-like petals.

The oddity of their structure makes one sure that they are up to some trick to attract the particular insect needed to carry their pollen from stamen to pistil.

These brilliantly dressed sisters flaunt their beauty to the spring skies in seeming heedlessness of the blind, pouch-like blossoms that lie hidden under ground bearing quantities of self-fertilized but fertile seed.

Someone has said that this plant has a flower for beauty and another for use, but surely there is a very high and holy purpose in beauty, and who said this must have been ignorant of this great purpose—that of producing higher and more perfect forms of life.

And so I prefer to think of the Polygala bright flowers not as the haughty stepsisters, but as Cinderella turned into the princess by the visit of the Bumblebee Prince.

Something in the heart of the Polygala made it discontent to be a dull, pale, buried blossom; something pulsed through its being and bade it strive toward greater perfection of form and color.

At first sight one would think the highly colored, wing-like petals were true petals, but examination shows these to be two parts of its five-cleft calyx, that part of the flower that surrounds the true petals. The crest of its corolla, or blossom cup, is finely fringed and makes us wonder at the long journey up from blindness and ugliness to such delicate beauty as it shows.

This flower seems to have developed especially for the bumblebee, and, if we watch one cling to the beautiful fringe, we will know why this has developed. The weight of this big, burly bee depresses the tubular petals in which lie the stamens and pistil, well sheltered from rain and useless smaller insects; and, as it is pressed downward, the pistil, which is shaped like a spoon, pushes out the pollen through a slit, and it adheres to the bee's abdomen. The stigmatic surface of this remarkable spoon-shaped pistil is on the back or under side of the spoon, so it does not come in contact with the pollen that its upper surface pushes forward; but, when the bumblebee returns to sip again, his abdomen, covered with pollen from another blossom, is in position to touch this surface and spill the quickening dust upon it.

Certainly this is a well-conceived mechanical contrivance on the part of the plant. And all the time those little sisters toil below ground to make the self-fertilized seed, that the Polygala family may not die out for lack of bumblebees.

Cinderella became a princess by the power of her faithfulness, her patience, her sweetness, and by the law

of this same striving the Polygala's dull blossoms have risen into beauty and delight.

Will all the Cinderella blossoms under ground rise into beauty and the plant free itself from this form of producing seed as most flowers have done?

No one who lives is wise enough to surely say, but we believe that it will be, and that every faithful, patient, sweet Cinderella will one day become a beautiful princess.—The Christian Register.

WHAT THE CHILDREN SAID.

Dr. Blank was far from being a handsome man; indeed, he was called by those who did not know what a kind heart he had, a very ugly man.

At one time, while suffering with an attack of erysipelas in his face, he painted it with iodine. As may be supposed this did not add to the beauty of his countenance. In fact his ugliness was increased to such an extent that he hardly looked like a human being.

He was not too ill to make his daily visits upon his patients, and in his round called to see little Edward J. The child seemed wonderfully impressed with the doctor's appearance, but said nothing at the time. In the middle of the night his young aunt, who was his nurse during his illness, was startled by this question from Edward:

"Auntie, did God make Dr. Johnson?"

"Yes, Eddie, to be sure he did."

"Well, did God make Dr. Blank?"

"Yes."

"Wasn't he afraid of him after he had made him?"—Selected.

BOYS MUST PLAY.

Play is the boy's world. There he comes into touch with the other members of his little world. He learns to struggle for his rights and to yield to the rights of others. A man gets much of his strength mentally and physically from his contact in combination or in competition with his fellows, so the child gets his early training for the same struggles in his games. We cannot afford to ignore the important part that play has in the development of the child.—Wm. H. Hatch.

HEALTH AND INCOME

Both Kept Up on Scientific Food.

Good sturdy health helps one a lot to make money.

With the loss of health one's income is liable to shrink, if not entirely dwindle away.

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"I am alone in the world," writes a Chicago girl, "dependent on my own efforts for my living. I am a clerk, and about two years ago though close application to work and a boarding-house diet, I became a nervous invalid, and got so bad off it was almost impossible for me to stay in the office a half day at a time.

"A friend suggested to me the idea of trying Grape-Nuts food which I did, making it a large part of at least two meals a day.

"Today, I am free from brain-tire, dyspepsia, and all the ills of an overworked and improperly nourished brain and body. To Grape-Nuts I owe the recovery of my health, and the ability to retain my position and income."

Read "The Road to Wellville," in pkgs. "There's a Reason."

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WHERE IS OUR CHURCH DRIFTING?

I saw in the Advocate of October 20, 1910, a piece from "Uncle Isham," of Mayfield, Texas, headed "The Outside Row." I have been a member of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South about forty years, and can see our Church leaving the old landmark. Now, I believe in education, but if Satan has any preachers in the Church they are men who are hunting money and a good place.

Now, when the disciples saw some casting out devils they forbid them; but Christ said: "Forbid them not." But now, when God calls a man to preach, the Church steps in and says God has made a mistake; you must take a college course. Stand aside; take no part in God's matter unless you go to college, and by this cause men to be wrecks, who otherwise would bless the world if their hands were not tied.

I was attending a camp-meeting, at which a college man was doing the preaching. He made a call, and everything was as cold as could be, almost. An unlearned exhorter made a short talk, then made a call and about thirty came to the altar.

Now, if we would mix more religion with our education we would have less critics and more Christians, and if our Church is depending on education more than it is on Christ, it is in a bad condition—and I know it is if our leaders write as Uncle Isham. "If you have not the spirit of Christ you are none of his," and instead of getting men out of our Church who have not been college trained, pride and formality and men who are hunting for paying places would have to get out.

Uncle Isham says that if a man has a college training it does not matter as to his preaching; the people will say: "He knows it." He may put such stuff in the paper, and men who know nothing of the workings of Christ may believe it; but no one who can say "I know my Redeemer liveth" will believe such rotten doctrine.

I heard a Methodist preacher say that no man or woman could live a Christian without an education. I say shame on such a preacher who is so cold-hearted, who will say such.

Now, Uncle, the Bible says: "Ye that are strong should bear the infirmities of the weak." Are we doing it by kicking them out, or would it be better to help them? There is lots of wisdom, as the Bible tells us about it, that is earthly, several and devilish.

Now, I am uneducated; raised in the time of the Civil War; had to care for mother and fatherless children; but, thanks be to my Redeemer, I know who Christ is, and when we put form and style out and let Christ into us and we in him we will see Zion move as never before, and men and women will come home to God.

May God bless the young preachers.
R. A. CHUNN.

Clyde, Texas.

THE LAYMEN'S MISSIONARY MOVEMENT.

A Wonderful Record. Who Can Excel It?

\$10.33 per capita for missions, in addition to all other expenses and assessments, is the wonderful record of the M. E. Church, South, of Greensboro, N. C. The Church has a membership of 240, a Sunday-school membership of 800 and an annual expense of \$6,000, in addition to which it contributed last year to missions the sum of \$9711. If there is a Church in Southern Methodism which excels or

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even equals this record, we have never heard of it.

The attainment of this standard has been largely a matter of growth. Thirty years ago some devout women threw themselves into this work and laid the foundation of the present missionary spirit of the Church. It has ever since been known as the most active missionary Church in the State. Last year, when the Laymen's Convention was held in Greensboro and men undertook to raise the per capita of \$2 per member set for the Church, they found they were already paying more than \$6 per member without any extra movement at all. All the organizations of the Church are missionary in spirit, from the Board of Stewards to the infant class. The following shows the receipts from different sources:

Laymen's Movement	\$3,440.00
Woman's Foreign Missionary Society	1,185.00
Margaret Foster Missionary Society (Young People's Society)	907.85
Woman's Home Mission Society	1,831.52
Sunday-school	475.00
Epworth League	319.67
Golden Links	114.35
Gleaners	85.95
Junior Gleaners	41.80
Coming Laymen	14.50
Light Bearers	51.80
Brigade (just formed of little fellows, who had not made their report at the time this was made out)	
Total	\$8,470.00

Add to this the regular missionary assessments made by the conference, \$643, and the contribution by the Board of Stewards for domestic missions to help weaker Churches, \$600, making a total of \$9713, or \$10.33 per capita.

The Sunday-school is organized into a missionary society, and the first Sunday in every month the collections are all turned over to missions. Within the past few weeks two young women of the Church have volunteered to go to the foreign field, and the Church expects to have half a dozen there inside of the next two years. It is building a church now in Poo Tong, China, and will support the pastor, and has recently equipped a hospital in Korea.

Mr. Chas. H. Ireland, Lay Leader of the Western North Carolina Conference, who furnishes the material for this account, adds:

"This in brief gives you about what we have done, and yet when we come to think of it in the light of what we have received from God in the way of blessings it seems as if we have done nothing. In addition to the above, we have helped very largely to build a \$60,000 Y. M. C. A. this year. We are building a \$25,000 annex to our church, and have helped several minor Churches here to build better edifices."
C. F. REID.

WAS JUDAS RESPONSIBLE?

Jesus, while at Bethany, and just on the eve of the crucifixion, declared that it was meet that the Son of Man should be betrayed and put to death, but further declared that those so doing would be woefully responsible for their crime! Jesus more than once warned Judas against the treachery he was meditating, and when he saw that Judas was thoroughly determined upon his course for the thirty pieces of silver, Jesus told him to go, and to do what he intended to do, quickly! When at the supper Jesus said that one of the twelve should betray him, and the eleven immediately asked, in a spirit looking to a negative answer, "Lord, is it I?" Judas sought to even further cloak himself, and, a little later asked the same question; but Jesus answered simply, "Thou hast said," meaning that Judas knew that he knew all Judas' thoughts and intentions!

Now, was Judas responsible for his crime? If he was not responsible, why did he commit suicide? If he was responsible, then he did not have of necessity to betray Jesus. You may reply that some one "had" to betray him. But that view is a warped conception of providence. Judas was no more compelled to betray Jesus than Peter was to deny him. God foresaw the wickedness of Judas, and of course Judas was going to betray Jesus; out if you make God's fore-knowledge responsible for man's deeds and behavior, then why preach or pray? God did not force Judas to betray Jesus, but, quite to the contrary, Jesus warned Judas, and pointed out to him that he would be altogether without excuse and would have no one to blame save himself.

The truth is, Judas enlisted with the eleven at the outset, a cold-hearted thief, feigning to be a friend of

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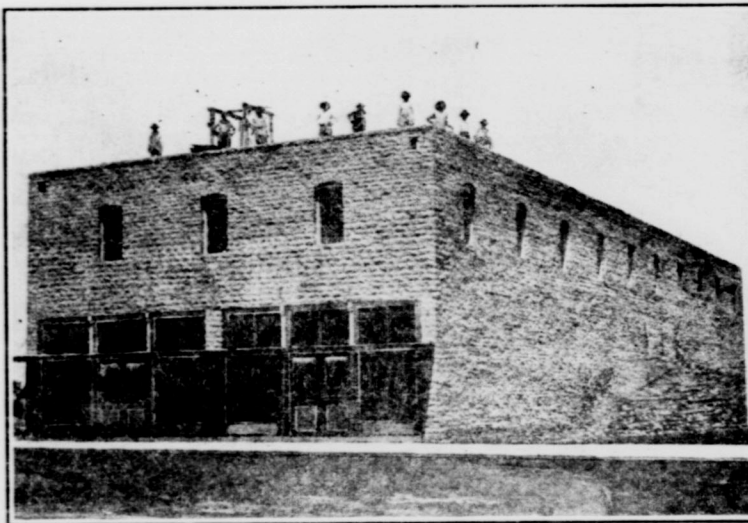
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the poor, and a devout Jew. Jesus knew that he was not sincere, and that he needed to have the scales removed from his eyes; and Jesus gave him the opportunity of associating with him and of hearing his teaching, just as did the other disciples; and Judas had deceived the eleven, as to his real attitude to Jesus and to God, inasmuch that the eleven entered into the objection to Mary's anointing instead of selling it and giving the proceeds to the needy; they (the eleven), not suspecting that Judas was simply angry because this was not turned into more money for him to appropriate to his own wants! Judas was not damned because he betrayed Jesus, but rather because he refused to "yield to God!" What I mean is, that Judas was just a common sort of sinner, because of "unbelief!" And every sermon and every inspiration offered the other eleven was given also to Judas, affording him every opportunity to believe; and yet he would not! He chose of his own volition to become the betrayer mentioned in prophecy, and God foresaw that he would choose this course; and God knew that his name would be Judas; but God did not place one line of Scripture in the Bible showing what the betrayer's name should be; and God placed no unusual kinds of environment about Judas to cause him to form the intention to betray Jesus. How did Judas know—if he were born to be the betrayer—that he was the one out of the twelve to do the awful deed? Certainly, Judas himself did not know he was going to betray him, until the conditions developed among the different sects seeking Jesus to fill him, so as to make it necessary to have a "spy" to point Jesus out to the soldiers when they could catch him away from the multitudes, whom they feared. Then Judas, having that state of heart dangerous for any man to have, was just the man to take a bribe and point him out to the soldiers! If Judas had trusted in Jesus' teaching at the outset, and had yielded to the wooing of the Holy Spirit, and have had his heart set upon God's will, he would not have been in that luckless state spiritually making it possible to become a dupe or tool for wretched schemers and evil men! Any man who is unsaved—and I mean un-

regenerated in heart and life—is in a condition where it is not only possible but probable to him, that he will commit as black a crime as did Judas—rebellion against the Holy Spirit. Judas betrayed Jesus because his heart was corrupt and he loved money, and not because God placed him into the world in order to fulfill prophecy. God does not pronounce condemnation upon any man individually until after that man has been born and become a man, and had ample opportunity to accept salvation; then, if he does not accept salvation, he chooses his own damnation; for there is only two cities in eternity—one known as heaven, and the other known as hell; and if a man does not prepare for life in heaven, he will have to occupy an impostor's cell in the regions of the rebellious.
CLINT C. REYNOLDS.
Fairlie, Texas.

RESOLUTIONS OF RESPECT.

Whereas, the heavenly Father in his infinite wisdom has permitted the removal from our midst our beloved sister and Secretary, Mrs. A. G. Bolton, we as a Woman's Home Mission Society mourn the loss of a consecrated Christian member, a faithful and efficient officer, and a zealous worker; therefore be it

Resolved, First, That her life as a consistent Christian wife, mother and friend, has been an inspiration to each of us that may guide us through the trials of life to join her in a home above.

Second, We feel her place in our society can never be filled, but we bow in humble submission to the will of Him who doeth all things well.

Third, That a copy of these resolutions be recorded in our minutes, a copy be furnished the family, and printed in our home paper and the Christian Advocate.

MRS. L. L. STEVENSON.
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Spanking does not cure children of bed-wetting. There is a constitutional cause for this trouble. Mrs. M. Summers, Box 187, South Bend, Ind., will send free to any mother her successful home treatment, with full instructions. Send no money, but write her today if your children trouble you in this way. Don't blame the child; the chances are it can't help it. This treatment also cures adults and aged people troubled with urine difficulties by day or night.



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OUR CONFERENCES.

North Texas, Wichita Falls, Bishop Murrah Nov. 23
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BISHOP W. B. MURRAH, D. D.

Bishop William B. Murrah is now holding the North Texas Conference at Wichita Falls, the second one in his experience as a Bishop. He held the German Mission Conference a few weeks ago—just experience enough to introduce him to his official work. He comes as a new man and a new Bishop, but he will receive a cordial welcome. He is a man of education and culture, courtly and gentlemanly in all his instincts and training. He has been in college work for a good many years and this has given him good executive experience, and no doubt but that he will take the reins in his hand and move off felicitously. The North Texas Conference is an experienced body, and there are but few intricate questions to settle, so the Bishop will have a pleasant and agreeable duty to preside over its deliberations.

The Bishop is a stranger personally to most of the members of this body, but they will soon learn to know him and to feel at ease under his conduct of the business. He has, however, impressed the whole of them already with one characteristic of himself, and that is, he knows how to keep his own secrets and counsels. No one knows what he is going to do in the way of appointments. The big station Church, just as much as the mission Church, is alike in the dark. He has communicated his purpose in this regard to no man, so far as we know. This shows that he is a cautious and conservative man, and that at the proper time he will make known his plans to his advisers. In the meantime we will all have to possess our souls in patience and await developments. The secret will be turned loose about next Monday, and then the darkness will lift and the sunshine burst in. But he will receive a brotherly greeting, and we are sure that by and by mutual love and confidence will be strong between him and the brethren. A man of his noble and delightful bearing can but win the love and esteem of all as the proceedings progress. We are sure that the Bishop will have a pleasant time handling this old conference.

Rev. E. P. Swindall, who served DeLeon Mission last year, made a fine report of his work at conference. He neglects no interest which should be looked after. In addition to his other work he placed the Advocate in the homes of nearly all his people. He made the largest report for the paper in the Central Texas Conference, for which he has our sincere thanks.

A son of Rev. J. S. C. Baird, of Texas, Rev. R. A. Baird, of the Oklahoma Conference, has been appointed presiding elder of the Guyton District. Many of his old Texas friends will read this personal with pleasure and wish for the young presiding elder a successful career.

BISHOP JAMES ATKINS CLOSES HIS CONFERENCES.

For several weeks we have had Bishop James Atkins with us. The College of Bishops gave to him four of our Annual Conferences—the New Mexico, West Texas, the Northwest Texas and the Central Texas. He has held them in the order mentioned. The last one adjourned last Sunday night in Waxahachie. It was his first official visit to us, and now we are prepared to estimate, to some extent, the character of his work.

He is a well-equipped man for duties of this sort. He has a gifted mind, and it has had the benefit of a high order of training. Both in the pastorate and in the school room, to say nothing of his experience in editorial work, he has gradually come to a degree of maturity in matters of executive service that has prepared him eminently for the Episcopacy. He knows how to do things. He is a judge of human nature. He has large insight, quick perception, clear powers of reason and he is a master of parliamentary law. He understands the fitness of things, he is without partiality, and, while firm in his convictions, yet he is brotherly and kind in his decisions. He does nothing rashly, says nothing foolishly, and whether in the pulpit, on the platform or in the chair he is a model of simplicity, of propriety and decorum. In the cabinet we are told that he is perfectly frank and open. At once he disarms all suspicion, and meets his counselors on the level and works with them on the square.

In the chair he is one of the most satisfactory presiding officers we have ever seen. He knows exactly what to do and how to do it. He commands order without often calling for it. He does not take up much time talking, but when he does talk it is always clear and to the point. He is quick to decide all points, and his decisions are lucid and rational. He is patient under all circumstances and courteous to all alike. The most timid man is at ease on the floor. When the preachers report Bishop Atkins is quick to detect a good point and offer a word of commendation. He never airs his wit or humor at the expense of a brother. He makes no one feel uncomfortable except where duty has been neglected and a brotherly reproof is in order.

In the pulpit he makes no great effort. He eschews great sermons as the world calls them great. He startles no one, he makes no great discovery in pulpit teaching, but he is a painstaking, logical and expository preacher. When he has finished with subject its content is known to the audience, and instruction and edification follow. In this sense, and it is the best sense, he is a great preacher and his sermons are great sermons. They would do to go into book form as they are delivered. He has a versatile diction, well polished and beautiful in a rare degree. No man excels him in the use of pure English. He knows to perfection how to select words and how to use them. There is nothing commonplace in his sermons. They are original, broad in their reach and strikingly forceful in the subject matter and expression. He is a very helpful preacher, one whose imperfections are so rare that no young preacher will ever try to imitate them. His excellencies dominate and overshadow, and when he has finished his discourse there is a feeling of spiritual quickening and of intellectual friction. And the more you think of the sermon the more it grows into your thought, life and experience. In the private circle he is charming. He is one of the company among whom he is thrown. He actually enjoys the communion of his brethren. There is nothing exclusive in him. And while sometimes on slight acquaintance he seems to be a trifle cold, nevertheless you soon find that this is not true. He is a man of warm heart and brotherly sympathy. The more you know him the closer you get to him and the more lasting are the ties that bind you to him. We say this after a close acquaintance with him of more than forty years, and during the past weeks of association with him this conclusion is stronger than ever. We are not surprised that all four of these conferences enthusiastically asked for his return to them next year. His appointments have given general satisfaction. Not every one is pleased; this would be impossible among such a variety of men and a variety of charges. Nevertheless no one, however disappointed, feels that any intentional injustice was done him. His impression is that the Bishop did the best for him that was possible under the circumstances.

We are glad to say that Bishop At-



BISHOP W. B. MURRAH,
 Who presides at the North Texas and Texas Conferences.

kins is in perfect health. While a little jaded, yet he has a good color, a fine appetite and a buoyant spirit. He bids fair to be a Bishop of long life and of continuously unfolding powers of useful service. He has left a deep impression on Texas, and the results of his labors will abide. May the good Father above preserve him amid all the grave duties and responsibilities of his high office, is the prayer of this section of our Zion.

PERSONALS

En route to conference the following brethren visited the Advocate office: Revs. F. O. Miller, Thomas J. Durham, W. R. Kirkpatrick and J. D. Hudgins.

Rev. W. D. Mountcastle, of the Sulphur Springs District, called on the Advocate force on his way to Wichita Falls to conference. He and his preachers will make good reports at conference.

Rev. E. F. Boone called to see us Tuesday. He has been spending a few days with his children in Dallas. Bro. Boone is one of the old-timers in Texas Methodism.

Rev. C. Pugsley and Rev. E. H. Casey, of Greenville, are through with their charges up that way, and they are ready for a move. For four years they have done excellent work, but they have reached their limit.

Rev. Foster Pierce is the only presiding elder in the North Texas Conference whose time is up. The other nine still have from two to three years to serve. Brother Pierce has had a good year, and the reports will give a commendable record.

Rev. J. W. Hill, Rev. A. L. Andrews and Rev. W. D. Bradfield all close successful quadrenniums in this city. They are now—that is, two of them—in a state of expectancy, and will until the conference closes its session at Wichita Falls.

Rev. I. Z. T. Morris, the homeless child's friend, was missed at the Central Texas Conference on account of illness. It was about his first absence at roll call in something like forty years. It is the hope of all that his illness will be of short duration.

Rev. L. S. Barton informs us that on November 15, 1910, he united in marriage Rev. Keener Reagan Isbell and Miss Eva Young, of Decatur, Texas. Brother Isbell has charge of Marysville Circuit. Their many friends will be pleased to hear of this happy event.

CENTRAL TEXAS CONFERENCE NOTES.

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himself day or night to serve his charge. His preachers love him, and the people are always glad when he comes. He not only takes them the best of service of which he is capable, but he scatters sunshine and good cheer all round. He is one of the most successful men in the conference.

Rev. W. L. Nelms was never looking better than at the conference. He gave good heed to all the interests of his district, watched all the points with his old-time zeal and interest, and good reports came up from all over his field. He now goes to Georgetown Station. He has been there before, and the people will welcome him again. He spent four useful years in that charge some time ago, and his pastorate was successful. It will be like going back home to him and his excellent family.

Rev. John A. Rice, D. D., goes to First Church, Fort Worth. He came to the conference from New Orleans, and we understand that he has come to invest his ministry in Texas. He is a scholarly man, well read, strong and robust, physically capable of great service and one of the best preachers in the Church. He is a man of fine religious spirit, and the brethren at conference were delighted with him. He will find a great field at Fort Worth.

Rev. John R. Morris, after two exceedingly pleasant years at Cleburne, goes to Hillsboro. He is one of the most companionable men in the conference and popular with the brethren. He is a polished preacher and a careful pastor. As he has left, Rev. W. H. Matthews follows him. He goes from Mulkey Memorial, where he was one of the most popular preachers in the city. His people will feel his loss, but it will be well supplied by Rev. J. S. Stewart, who comes back from the Northwest Texas Conference. He is one of our most vigorous of the young men.

Dr. A. J. Lamar, of the Publishing House; Dr. Bulla, of the Wesley Bible Class work, and Dr. J. M. Moore were among the connectional men who contributed their presence and service to the conference. They made themselves useful and agreeable.

The conference had a fine set of laymen in its membership. They are among the best business and professional men in the State. We would like to mention them by name, but space forbids. It speaks well for a conference when such men will lay aside their work and spend a week

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doing the work of the Church. Judge Erskine Williams continues as their Lay Leader and B. H. Wood as Conference Teller. These two brethren are rendering the best of service to the Church.

Rev. J. A. Whitehurst, of the Brownwood District, has a little empire all to himself. Territorially it is the most extensive district in the conference, and it requires much travel to cover it. But Brother Whitehurst has proved himself equal to the task, and he has done a marvelous work over there. And, notwithstanding the fact that the drouth has prevailed throughout his section, his preachers brought up excellent reports. He goes back to continue his toil, and the preachers and the people are delighted.

The spirit of the conference was fine. True, they had a heated discussion on the educational problem, but it was carried on in good form, and when the battle was over nobody felt hurt in his feelings or injured in his spirit. It was a good-natured and brotherly fight, and very decided in its result.

SOME CONFERENCE HISTORY.

Waxahachie, Tex., Nov. 15.—The Central Texas Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South, was organized in this city in a little frame building in 1866, under the name of

the Northwest Texas Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South. At the birth and organization of the conference under the last name Bishop Enoch M. Marvin presided and Rev. Jackson Crable was elected Secretary. There were about thirty-five or forty ministers who composed the membership when its wonderful career of growth and achievements was launched. Indeed, the prospect was gloomy and discouraging in the extreme at the time when the old Northwest Texas Conference received its life and Christian vitality as one of the great subdivisions of one of the greatest missionary Churches which the world ever saw.

At that time the ravages, corruptions, lawlessness and desolation born of civil war were still brooding and running riot over and in our own loved Southland. In many sections of Dixie-land dwellings, barns and other property were swept away, leaving only smokestacks as silent and gloomy monuments to mark the line of march of the invading foe. And without stable State government and with doubt and uncertainty still prevailing in the public mind as to the policy that would be pursued toward the South by the National Government, we find those brave, faithful and unconquerable "soldiers of the cross" organizing the conference and moving forward to win victories under the white banner of Dixie. It will endure long after polished stone and marble shafts erected to commemorate the virtues and deeds of valor displayed by heroes on battlefields of carnage and human ambition shall have crumbled and moldered into dust. Heroes and statesmen fight over differences of opinions and policies, and often for the accomplishment of ends calculated to promote and gratify selfish purposes and ambitions, but not so with the unselfish and humble followers of the meek and lowly Nazarene, who fight to establish the undying principles of peace and love among men and to raise the universal brotherhood of man upon a higher and nobler plane of Christian civilization.

Retrospect.

But let us glance back at the history of this conference, which may say was reared and established amid the wreck and ruins of war. While men in power were battling for bread and our once fair fields were still moist with blood spilt by the bloom, flower and chivalry of the South's manhood, along the pathways which the pioneer fathers of this and other Texas conferences blazed and marked through the deep and moist gloom of the forests and across wild and trackless prairies while carrying the gospel of love and peace to the few scattering homes and dwelling places of those rough and daring frontiersmen, who had reached the border

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limits of what was often then called the unknown regions of the great Northwest, we now behold a civilization which attracts and challenges the admiration of the world.

Whether in the huts and hovels found on the remote Western frontiers of this conference, where wild beasts then preyed and savage bands of Indians depredated with tomahawks and scalping knives, or in the more pretentious homes found on its Eastern borders, the Methodist preacher was there with hymn book and Bible and laboring diligently, laboring faithfully and prayerfully for the re-establishment of Christ's kingdom on earth. But, like the apostles of old, these servants whose lives were consecrated to the service of good and the elevation of humanity often traveled and wrought when their purses were without scrip, silver or gold, but with a faith which comes from the Heavenly Father, who marks the sparrows fall and numbers the sands of the seashore, they knew that whatever they might need would be added to them without the asking. Yes, nothing save the quality of a sublime faith such as these men cherished could have impelled them to go forward in the great work which they have accomplished in the building of the great civilization of which the members of the present generation are the beneficiaries, but they have reclaimed and made the desert bloom and blossom as the rose, and now the rays of light are glimmering on plains and prairies wherein the erstwhile wolves and wild beasts barked and howled at the flash of the fire lamp.

Present Time.

Over these vast prairies traversed in pioneer days by the humble Methodist missionary have grown up numerous fields, villages and cities with all the adjuncts and equipment of up-to-date civilization. Here in Waxahachie, which was a mere village when this conference was organized, we find a little city with a population estimated at about 10,000, and with fine churches, schools and all the paraphernalia necessary for making municipal life comfortable and worth living. The church in which the conference will convene tomorrow in its forty-fifth annual session was erected at a cost of about \$25,000 under the pastorate of Rev. W. H. Matthews. It is equipped with telephone booths for transmitting long and short distance messages, and with water lights, etc. And in addition to its large and well furnished auditorium there are parlors, study and Sunday-school and Bible class rooms in which conference committees will hold their sessions. Rev. A. D. Porter, the present pastor, reports a total membership of about 550, with 900 Sunday-school pupils, and his collections for all purposes, about \$7000, paid in full. Again recurring to the successes and achievements of the conference under its old name, it may be proper to state that it was divided into two conferences, the Central and the Northwest, at the session of the last General Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South.

Have All Records.

In the division all the records, archives, rights and prestige which existed under and were attached to the old name were awarded to the Central Texas Conference, which meets here tomorrow, and over which Bishop James Atkins will preside. From statements and expressions gleaned from ministers and presiding elders this conference will be marked as one of great success and prosperity, so far as revivals, conversions, accessions and collections are concerned. On the question of the establishment of the educational commission different views are expressed as to the contest that may ensue. Some say it will carry easily, while others seem to think that this is the conference in which the battle royal of the Central Texas Conference will be waged.—S. M. Lesesne, in Galveston-Dallas News.

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ERRATA.

Someone else may remind you, but for fear they should not and in justice to ourselves allow me to remind you of the omissions, by mistake, made in the appointments furnished to the Advocate by the Northwest Texas Conference authorities:
 President Clarendon College—Geo. S. Slover.
 Professors in Clarendon College—S. E. Burkhead, J. L. James, P. H. Willis, W. B. Mitchell.
 This is not your mistake, but that of the Bishop's secretary or stenographer.
 J. L. JAMES.
 Clarendon, Texas.

LECTURE AT GALVESTON.

Dr. J. E. Harrison, President of San Antonio Female College, will deliver his lecture, "The Ku Klux As I Know Them," on the evening of November 29, 1919, at 8 o'clock, in the lecture room of the First Methodist Church, Galveston, the entire proceeds of the lecture to be given to Epworth-by-the-Sea. Let all the brethren attend the lecture, contribute so cents and thereby help on the work of Epworth.
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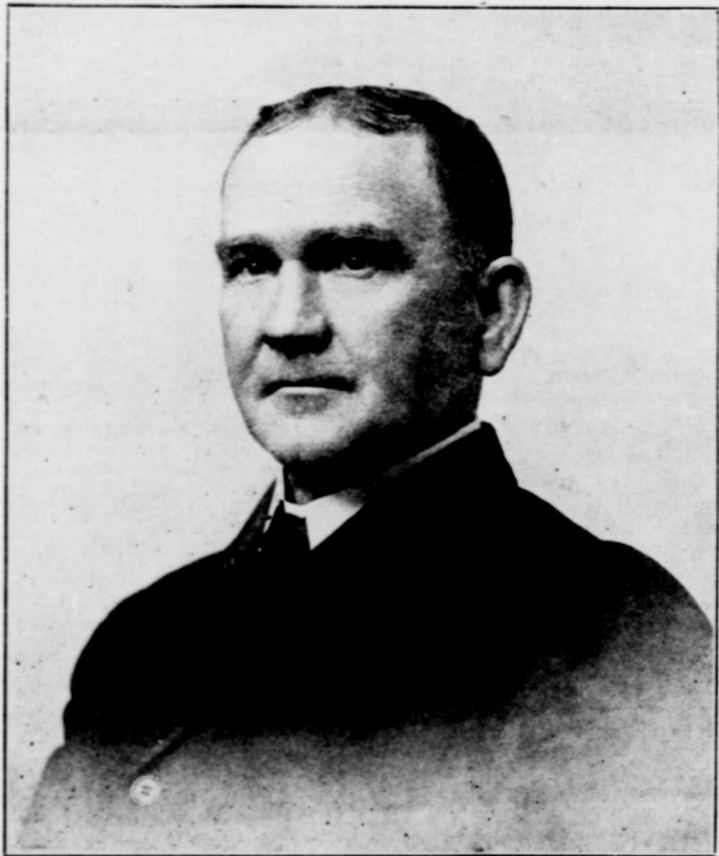
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REV. J. W. HILL.

DALLAS PASTOR ENDS FOUR YEARS' SERVICE.

With the closing of the conference year Dr. J. W. Hill, who for the past four years has been pastor of the First Methodist Church in Dallas, will be transferred to another charge. Meeting Tuesday night in its fourth Quarterly Conference, the congregation of the Church adopted the following resolutions:
 Whereas, Our beloved pastor, Dr. J. W. Hill, has served his four years with us, and, according to the rules of our Church, will be removed to other fields of usefulness, and we, being loyal Methodists, and not presuming to call in question the wisdom of our fathers in fixing a time limit on our pastors—which in many instances redounds to the interest and welfare of both pastor and charge—while in others it works a hardship on both; therefore be it
 Resolved, by the fourth Quarterly Conference of the First Methodist Episcopal Church, South, Dallas, for the year, 1919, That we express our love and devotion to Brother Hill for his earnest, arduous, unselfish and loving labors during the four years that he has so faithfully served us.
 Under his wise and able leadership

the numerical and spiritual growth of First Church has been such that both he and we may well feel proud and rejoice;

His able exposition of God's Word, his deep spirituality, his kind and loving ministrations, his genial and friendly nature, have indeed, been a spiritual uplift and inspiration to us all.
 His time, love and service have been truly and wholly at our command—ever ready to respond to a call for help, sympathy and encouragement from not only members of his charge, but from any who needed and desired help;
 Hence his presence, wise counsel and words of love and encouragement will be sadly missed by all.

We recognize the fact that his place in the pulpit, in our homes and in our hearts will be hard to fill, but since, in conformity with the rules and regulations of our Church, our relationship as pastor and charge will be severed, for a time at least, we will feel deeply our loss; and

Resolved, That we commend Brother Hill and his estimable and beloved wife to the love and esteem of those who are so fortunate, among whom God in his love and wisdom may see fit to cast their lot. Our love and prayers shall follow them.

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STATE CABINET MEETING.

At a called meeting of the Texas State Epworth League in San Antonio, Texas, November 12, 1910, the following proceedings were had:

Cabinet met in Travis Park Church at 6 p. m. November 12, 1910, with President A. K. Ragsdale in the chair.

Present—A. K. Ragsdale, of San Antonio, President; Rev. Moreland Whaling, of Houston, First Vice-President; Miss Jacksey Miller, of San Antonio, Third Vice-President; L. E. Appleby, of San Antonio, Secretary; A. B. Hardin, of Denison, Treasurer; Miss Annie Sells, of Orange, Junior Superintendent.

Absent—Miss May Richardson, of Hamlin, Second Vice-President; Henry Bowman, of Plano, Fourth Vice-President; Miss Dora Patterson, of Waxahachie, Era Agent.

The Cabinet was called to order by the President and prayer was offered by Rev. Moreland Whaling.

The matter of unfinished business was taken up for discussion.

A motion was made that the office of Boys' League Superintendent be created for State, and upon being seconded and put to a vote was unanimously carried.

Mr. Layton W. Bailey, of Dallas, was nominated and unanimously elected to this position.

Mr. A. K. Ragsdale was nominated as a member of the Epworth-by-the-Sea Program Committee to represent the Cabinet and was duly elected.

Under the head of new business the following matters were taken up and disposed of:

Motion was made that we as a Cabinet heartily endorse the action of the Board of Trustees of Epworth-by-the-Sea in asking the Sunday-schools to hold an annual institute on the Encampment grounds and to recommend to them that they secure other bodies to meet here each summer, to the end that the grounds might be kept open during several months of the year.

Upon being seconded the motion was put to a vote and unanimously carried.

Each State Cabinet officer was instructed by the Cabinet to prepare and submit suggestions for their particular department relating to the work at Epworth next summer; this to be done immediately that the State President may submit them to the Program Committee for incorporation in the program.

Motion was made and seconded that an enrollment fee of fifty cents be charged for registration in the study classes at Epworth during the annual Encampment; this fee to cover cost of mission study book and badge. Carried.

Motion was made that ten young preachers throughout the State be appointed by the President to organize for the purpose of getting young people interested in coming to Epworth, and during Encampment sessions to act as a committee to divide up the grounds and see that every one has opportunity to enroll in at least one of the study classes, their more specific duties to be outlined by the State President in selecting said committee. Duly seconded and carried.

A vote of sympathy was tendered

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the Leaguers at Victoria, Texas, in the loss by fire of their new church building, and the Secretary was instructed to convey to them by letter the action of the Cabinet.

Motion was made instructing the Secretary to prepare a resolution seeking the co-operation of district and conference League organizations with the Encampment proposition to the end that their meeting during the spring may point to Epworth-by-the-Sea, and that each district and conference be represented by duly elected delegates. Duly seconded and carried.

A member of the Ruby Kendrick Memorial Fund Committee being present, Miss Mary Ferguson, of McKinney, Texas, she was invited to make a verbal report to the Cabinet of the proposed memorial building at Epworth.

Miss Ferguson reported that at a recent meeting of this committee in the Publishing House at Dallas they talked over plans of raising money to build this building; that there is something like eighty or ninety dollars in the treasury on this fund after paying for the monument in Korea; that at this meeting it was the sense of the committee that a building be constructed in Korean style; that the probable cost would be fifteen or sixteen hundred dollars in order to make it in keeping with buildings already on the grounds; that there were to be no sleeping quarters in the building, but it was to be made up into a number of class rooms and exclusively used for such. That the money for this building should be raised by popular subscription, every Leaguer in the State being given an opportunity to have a part in its construction. The committee also recommended that a Sunday, say during next April, be set aside as Ruby Kendrick day and that an offering be taken at that time for this purpose.

It was moved and seconded that this report be received and approved. Carried.

Motion was made that the next annual Encampment of the Texas State Epworth League be held at Epworth-by-the-Sea beginning on Friday evening, August 4, 1911, and continuing through Friday, August 11, 1911. Duly seconded and carried.

Motion was made that the Woman's Home and Foreign Mission Societies of the State be invited to hold their institutes in conjunction with the State Epworth League institutes. Duly seconded and carried.

After a rather lengthy discussion of the financial problem the following action was taken with a view to raising funds to meet existing deficiencies:

It was moved and seconded that Sunday, December 18, 1910, be set aside as Epworth Day and that every League chapter in the State be urged to observe this day as such and to take a special offering to aid in making the 1911 Encampment the greatest of all former gatherings; that a letter be written to the various chapters asking them to emphasize the importance of Epworth-by-the-Sea to the young people of Texas Methodism; that the State First Vice-President be instructed to prepare a special program for that day and publish same in the Era and Advocate. Carried.

An assessment of \$1 was voted upon each Junior League throughout the State for carrying on the Junior work, and that they also set aside Sunday, December 18, 1910, as Epworth Day.

It was moved and seconded that A. K. Ragsdale be paid a salary of \$50 per month from the current expense fund as State President. Carried.

At 8 o'clock p. m. the Cabinet adjourned and joined the San Antonio Leaguers in a Mexican supper.

L. E. APPLEBY, Secretary.

ARE YOU INTERESTED?

We are duly grateful to the friends of Epworth-by-the-Sea for contributions made since the Encampment. As stated there we are very much in need of funds to meet indebtedness for improvements already made and to enlarge the camp conveniences as outlined in the way of better and more permanent structures in which to camp. Many of those who pledged various sums have remitted promptly, others have promised to remit at an early date.

Now in addition to these amounts we need others—some notes and accounts made in good faith are past due, and we are amply able to do this work in the best approved manner if

each Methodist will only make it a personal matter and help a little. If this was the building of a local church many of you would contribute substantial sums. Those of you who have attended know that this as planned and as carried out thus far is much more influential and has greater possibilities than any local Church in that it is State-wide in its influence and is bearing fruit in every section of our great State. We are aware that this is conference season and that most of the pastors are unsettled and have not begun the new year, but this is the very time that our League folks can undertake to raise funds in small amounts for Epworth. Please do this at once. Ask your friends for contributions or remit to Bro. Riddle at Whitewright a personal check. We have gone on as far as we possibly can carrying past due accounts and unless our Methodism can rally to the support of this cause we cannot continue the work.

Is there not in all Texas one hundred friends who will give or raise \$100 for Epworth? This is easy if you will only try. Three friends have personally pledged to do this during the past week; are there not others? This would pay us out of debt and give a fund to erect a large number of camps. If you cannot do this much, how much can you help? Yours for a greater Epworth.

A. K. RAGSDALE, Pres.
San Antonio, Texas.

WORKERS' CONFERENCE AT NASHVILLE.

I presume that every League officer in Texas has seen in the Era and the Advocate the call for a Workers' Conference of League officers and leaders at Nashville, December 26-29. This promises to be a notable gathering to discuss the various phases of League work and the League's relation to the other departments of our Church and should result in some wise conclusions for the good of all. We are anxious that a large delegation go up from Texas. Let's go and tell them a few things that we have worked out and learn from them what we have failed to find here. How many Conference and District Presidents will go at their own expense or will go if their conferences will send them? We would like to have a party start from Dallas, and if you will advise me I will be glad to take the matter up and see what can be done towards an expense fund. If you have in your local League a conscientious worker either teacher or working girls who can spare the time it would be a very much appreciated Christmas present if your League would make up a purse and send this faithful one to the conference.

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

WESLEY ADULT BIBLE CLASSES.

By Rev. Chas. D. Bulla.
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"Jesus' suffering for us was pre-arranged. He said: 'I lay down my life of myself.' The trains are not dispatched from the great depots of our cities with more definite plan."

"Jesus' suffering for us is sufficient. All other ways are a-hunger; Jesus is the bread. All other ways try; Jesus saves."

"Jesus suffers for us because he loves us. 'Herein is love;' it is love poured out."

"Jesus' suffering for us is resolute. When he says, 'Arise, let us go hence,' he is making his way straight to Calvary. He is determined if possible to get us."

"Now, love expressing its If in law should win my obedience. Love expressing itself against sin should awaken my concern. But love poured out in sacrifice to the death breaks my hard heart."

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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 the Texas Christian Advocate, Dallas, Texas.

FROM RICE, TEXAS.

The Week of Prayer was observed by the Woman's Home Mission of Rice. One special day was set apart for an all day service. We had some real good papers on important subjects, interesting talks and a very profitable day in every respect.

Among other good things accomplished we had five new members, collected \$21.60 for connectional work and \$11 for home work. Our Home Mission has raised in all this year \$342.75, and we have thirty-seven members. We meet once a month in regular meeting and once a month in Bible study. Our women are very enthusiastic and have a bright future.

MRS. M. W. ROGERS,
Press Reporter.

EAST TEXAS NORMAL COLLEGE, W. L. MAYO, PRESIDENT, COMMERCE, TEXAS.

November 3, 1910.

Mrs. L. P. Smith, Henrietta, Tex.: My Dear Sister Smith—In honor of this day, my forty-ninth anniversary, and in memory of the pleasant and cheering visits made by you and other members of the Home Mission Conference recently held at Commerce, Texas, there has been endowed in the East Texas Normal College a five-year board and tuition scholarship, or one for each of five years. This includes board at the dormitories and tuition in any of the literary departments. The first year will begin on November 15, 1910, or as soon as you may select thereafter and continue to the close of the summer normal in July, 1911. Each of the four others will begin with the first Tuesday in September and close with the first week in June following. The manner of selecting will be left entirely to you and your successor in the official position now held by you.

Hoping this may be a little helpful to a few deserving young ladies of your district, and that your Ladies' Home Mission Society may grow in usefulness in the Master's cause, I am,
Most sincerely,
W. L. MAYO.

The whole of North Texas Conference gratefully thanks President Mayo for his generous contribution of a scholarship in East Texas Normal School. To keep a young woman in five years in training for Christian work is a service to humanity angels might covet. May God's richest blessings rest on our East Texas Normal. Mrs. L. P. Smith, President of North Texas W. H. M. Conference, says, "We give the scholarship to Miss Johnnie Belle Holt, granddaughter of former Treasurer of Church Extension Board of Missions."

Big Springs W. H. M. Society observed the Week of Prayer, October 3-9. The program as arranged by the board being practically carried out.

The meetings were both entertaining and helpful and were well attended both by our own members and visitors from the other denominations.

Several new members and quite a number of subscriptions to "Our Homes" were secured during the week. We have a membership crusade on in good earnest in Big Springs.

The offering up until Sunday amounted to \$13.42.

Sunday our pastor, Rev. Chas. Hearson, preached a rousing home mission sermon, giving a detailed account of all the different departments of work carried on by the society, and every one present was made to feel that the W. H. M. Society had no mean part in the furtherance of God's work among men.

Sunday evening an open meeting was held by the ladies at which our connectional work and the needs of Ruth Hargrove Institute were presented to a well-filled house.

An interesting feature of this meeting was the trial of officers in which each officer of the society showed why her office was most important. Three gentlemen were appointed to act as judges; their decision was rendered in favor of the First Vice-President.

The offering taken at this meeting amounted to \$17.18.

The Brigade held a meeting on Sunday afternoon and made an offering of \$1, making a total of \$31.60 for the entire week.

This amount, while not large, serves to show the loyalty of this society as it exceeds the amount raised at our meeting last year, and when one takes into consideration the great drought

that has prevailed over this country for almost the past two years they realize that at least a part of this amount has meant a sacrifice to the givers. But who knows but what as it has meant a sacrifice to us; God will doubly bless the gift to his service, so that it may result in great good to the cause for which it is intended.

MRS. FOX STRIPLIN,
Press Reporter.

THE METHODIST TRAINING SCHOOL FOR CHRISTIAN WORKERS, NASHVILLE, TENNESSEE.

The Methodist Training School for Christian Workers was established four years ago, by order of the General Conference. It is a co-educational institution, conducted under the auspices of the General Board of Missions. We have now six brick buildings, containing fifty-two living rooms, ten bathrooms, four class rooms, a drawing room, a reception room, a dining room, a gymnasium, offices, chapel and library. It is located in the heart of the city, where the students have ample opportunities for the social and Christian work so necessary to the development of Christian character. The school also owns Warioto Settlement, a three-story brick building in North Nashville, which carries on the regular work of a Wesley House. This building was donated by the proprietor of the Warioto Cotton Mills, on condition that the school raise \$8,000 for its equipment. About \$6,000 of this amount has been raised.

The annual expenses for a student are \$20 for matriculation and medical fees, and \$150 for board and furnished room in school, including laundry, heat, baths, and use of library for a nine months' session—not covering cost of uniform, books and incidentals. It trains for both home and foreign fields, in all lines of Christian work.

If you could just be here and see what we do day by day, you would soon realize how much our life here means to each of us, as we work and pray that we may be found worthy of a place in our Master's vineyard. I am certain you would be impressed with the loving, sincere home-spirit, and the Christian atmosphere here created and maintained by our faculty and student-body. Our faculty is a band of well-trained and consecrated men and women, ever ready to encourage and to aid in our earnest work of preparation. We would say, "It is good to be here."

Our principal text-book is the Bible. This course aims to be a comprehensive and instructive study of the Bible, and serves as a means of developing the spiritual life. Church history and Christian doctrine are taught to aid in the understanding of present Church conditions and Christian teaching. Religious pedagogy and sociology give opportunity for the study of human nature and social conditions. Gymnastics and games, domestic science and manual arts give the practical instruction which is used in all of our institutions and missions, that through the hand we may reach the head and the heart.

Last, but not least, comes the class in methods and practice work, under our own Miss Haskin, of whom Texas is rightly proud. This work consists not only of class instruction, but in actually doing the missionary work carried on by the school. Miss Haskin and other members of the faculty plan and direct the work with the students. Powers of leadership are thus developed and practical knowledge of great value is gained. The kindergarten, nurse-deaconess and Church music departments afford like opportunities for study and practice.

The social life of the student is guarded with extreme care, in order to develop freedom, grace and dignity. A half hour each evening is spent in music, games, conversation and other social features.

Nashville is the home of Methodism, and the school is the home center for missionaries, preachers and other Christian workers of the entire Church. Last session, including the members of the mid-winter institute, we entertained two hundred and sixty-five such guests. Thus we have the opportunity of becoming acquainted with and being addressed by representative missionaries and Church leaders. Saturday we had the privilege of having with us Mr. Osuna, who told us of the great needs in Mexico, and Mrs. Vann, who spoke of the great need of capable young women for Brazil. These associations are not only instructive, but broadening and

strengthening to the Christian character.

We enrolled last session sixty-five regular students. This session we have enrolled sixty-two, and expect several more. Thirty-two of our graduates are appointed missionaries, deaconesses or teachers; twelve students are foreign missionaries, and twenty-seven other students, who took special courses, are engaged in other missionary work.

The Methodist Training School is capable of rendering a splendid service to the entire connection. Its present growth is a small beginning of a school that may have within ten years several hundred students in training for Christian work. The school appeals to every Methodist for prayers for more lives to be given to the Master, and for money to support this worthy cause.

For the benefit of missionaries and other Christian workers, who cannot spend more than a few days here, a Midwinter Bible and Missionary Institute is held, from Dec. 28, 1910, to Jan. 5, 1911. The purpose of this Institute is to bring to the school many of the most spiritually-minded scholars to conduct courses in English Bible, in missions and in church methods.

We send you a poster, which will speak for itself. I hope you will have a great time of spiritual enjoyment during your "week of Prayer," and we ask that you remember, during this week, the "Methodist Training School for Christian Workers."

ANNA KOCH.

THE OFFICE OF THE FIRST VICE-PRESIDENT.

(Read at union district meeting, Waco District, at Lorena, Texas, October 26, 1910, and published by request.)

The work of the First Vice-President is a most important one, because it is practical Christianity applied to the local life of the Church. Generally speaking, men politically do not consider the First Vice-President's office an important one, but we women do things differently. In the Home Mission Society all of the other officers have been shorn of much of their responsibility, which has been added to the duties of the First Vice-President.

Her duty is thus described in the "By-laws for Auxiliaries:" "The First Vice-President shall have charge of the local interests of the society, and shall ex-officio be the Chairman of the Committee for Local Work." Local work means, first of all, the care of the parsonage. This fact is evident from the whole history of our society, which was at first designated as the Woman's Parsonage and Home Mission Society.

In a Church like ours, where a preacher must always be ready to move at a moment's notice and at a time of the year when the weather is apt to be inclement, all friends and associations are left behind; they do not know what conditions and surroundings await them in their new field of labor. What does this family need as their destination is reached and strange faces and scenes greet them on every side? Is it for the President of the Home Mission Society to call a meeting and arrange an elaborate reception for them? Is it for the Recording Secretary to tell in her attractive style that we greeted our new pastor's wife into the society at the last meeting, or the Corresponding Secretary to add one new member to her report? Do they need the Press Reporter to herald their coming abroad? Even the clink of the cold cash in the Treasurer's hands is as a tinkling cymbal. Eagles sometimes flap their wings and are gone forever, but not so with a loving deed or word; that lingers throughout life. What they need is the glad welcome of the consecrated First Vice-President, with her sympathy and help. How the tired, sad faces will brighten

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It means much for the success of the work of our ministry for each charge to have a roomy, comfortable, well-furnished parsonage. This need the Home Mission Society was raised up especially to meet. And, under the by-laws of the society, the First Vice-President is their agent in this work. No pastor can do his best work in a charge that is unsympathetic and careless of the wants of his family. When pastors are changed it is properly the work of the First Vice-President to see that the new pastor is made welcome to his charge, and that the parsonage is made comfortable and cheery for his coming. This duty requires sympathy and tact. Sometimes a little neglect or blundering here may cause heartburnings and embarrassment, which hinder the work of the pastor during an entire year. She should therefore have an inventory of parsonage furniture and know at all times what is needed for the comfort and convenience of the pastor and his family. Most pastors' wives are rather diffident about introducing such topics, hence it falls to the lot of the First Vice-President to visit the parsonage from time to time and in a tactful, sympathetic way draw out of the wife of the pastor any information as to what is needed and report to the society. And if, perchance, as is rarely the case, the pastor and his wife are inclined to extravagance in their demands, then it falls to the lot of the First Vice-President to tactfully remind them of the limited resources of the society, and ask them to wait awhile until their desires can be complied with, assuring them at the same time of the un-failing sympathy and good wishes of the society. In short, the duty of the First Vice-President in this respect is very difficult and very delicate.

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for she must often stand between the pastor's family and quick-spoken members of the Church and explain away thoughtless speeches and play the part of a peace-maker. So it can be seen that the office is one of very great difficulty and importance.

But the First Vice-President has charge of all the other local work, such as looking after the sick and poor, helping the pastor in visiting and the revival, conducting prayer-services and the like, and in some cases even looking after the church. This means seeing that the janitor does his work properly, that the pulpit, choir platform and other prominent parts of the church are kept tidy, that flowers are provided, and that in general the house of God is made as attractive and inviting as possible. For all this work an unlimited amount of tact and patience is needed.

The First Vice-President must be not only an earnest worker. It is even more needful that she be an efficient organizer; for if she should try to do all the aforementioned work herself, as is sometimes the case, she must inevitably fall under her burden. Every wise leader must know the art of setting other people to work. It is well for the First Vice-President to always have a committee for each separate interest committed to her hands. There should be a parsonage committee, and this committee should consider with her the needs of the parsonage and report regularly to the society.

Then there should be a Church Committee, whose duty it would be, not to sweep and dust the church, but to see that it is properly cared for, and to provide flowers, decorations and the like. Then she should be Chairman of another committee in benevolent work. Some societies will rarely be called on for such work, but each society should be ready for any contingency that may arise. And a sane committee is needed here, because judgment, not sentiment, should govern in the distribution of alms.

Another important function of the First Vice-President is to see that the strangers coming into the community are looked after. Often a friendly call or a cordial greeting to a lonely woman who has left friends and sweet associations to cast her

lot among strangers will not only fill her soul with sunshine, but save her to the Church and secure a valuable member for the Home Mission Society.

We might specify a few more things which the First Vice-President may, can, must, might, could, would or should do, but this seems enough for one installment. It can be seen at once that the First Vice-President needs to multiply herself by at least ten. That means that she must be impervious to criticism, keep everybody in a good humor and spirits and keep everything going. For we had almost forgotten to say that she is what the House of Representatives would call a Committee on Ways and Means; for, as manager of local work, she is the maid of all work for the society. We do the First Vice-President less than justice if we do not honor her and recognize that her kind of service is true service.

The President presides and the other officers make reports, but the First Vice-President works. It should be a willing service, for it is the Master's work, and we are his commissioned officers, every one of us, and he is pledged to aid us in carrying out his orders.

O the joy of sowing in the Master's field,
Praying that the good seed a harvest yield,
Even when by evil it is snatched away,
Or in poor soil springs up, to wither in a day,
Thistles cannot choke all the grain that grows,
And a glorious reaping will come to her who sows.

O the joy of gathering the Master's grain!
Knowing that our labor has not been in vain;
Binding up the sheaves, finding, as he told,
It has borne some thirty, sixty and some an hundred fold,
God has given rain and sunshine day by day,
And the harvest songs by far the tears of toil outweigh.

O the joy of working by the Master's side!
Close to him forever the labors abide;

Toiling at midday in the heat of the sun,
Rejoicing always at evening when the work is done;
Welcome to their souls the reward they see,
With him in his glory to spend eternity.

MRS. J. H. HUTCHESON,
Waco, Texas.

FROM GREENVILLE.

The auxiliary of Kavanaugh Church, Greenville, Texas, has just closed a Week of Prayer which proved to be a great spiritual blessing. God surely kept his promise, as he always does, to be with those who gather together in his name.

The auxiliary shows, as a result of this season of earnest prayer, a marked improvement in all departments.

Owing to our thorough study of the connectional work we are much better informed as to results of our previous efforts and can proceed more intelligently in our work.

We have forty-two members and were able to report all dues paid in full when our representatives went up to the district conference at Commerce last month.

There was an average attendance of twenty-five at the prayer-meetings and a contribution of \$21.25. We have nineteen subscribers to the King's Messenger and twenty-two to Our Homes. I send you these statistics as the best evidence we can offer—showing you that we are in a thriving condition. Of course we are not satisfied, but we do feel very, very thankful that the women of our Church are becoming wider awake to this Christian obligation and to the gospel of philanthropy, so well explained in the current issue of Our Homes, and convince us of the fact that genuine religion will inevitably assert itself in active service for the Lord.

We also recognize the great blessing we have in our very efficient presiding officer, Mrs. J. N. Von Amburgh.

MRS. W. B. WISE, Reporter.

A CALL TO PRAYER.

To the Members of the Woman's Foreign Missionary Society of the North Texas Conference:

Our school at Guadalajara has suffered from the riot in Mexico more than you can imagine. The mob has torn down the fence around Instituto Colon and broken in the windows. The children have had to be sent to their homes, and our beloved missionaries are standing by their posts regardless of all danger. They refuse to leave. They are now under the protection of the Mexican Government. Soldiers are on duty night and day, and have shown them every courtesy and consideration.

Our missionaries are in danger. During the week of Thanksgiving, when our hearts are so full of thankfulness for all of God's benefits to us, let me urge every one of you to pray earnestly for the safety of our missionaries and their work, and that all this trouble may be for the enlargement of His kingdom in Mexico. Pray daily for his guidance in all their efforts to protect his cause.

MRS. R. W. BAIRD,
First Vice-President.

FROM GREENVILLE AUXILIARY.

The Woman's Foreign Missionary Society of Wesley Church, Greenville, observed its Week of Prayer, beginning with the first Monday in November.

After the first meeting the services were held at private homes, this plan proving very successful, indeed, there being from twenty-five to thirty-five in attendance every day.

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The programs as outlined in the Missionary Advocate were used, with some variations. These programs were unusually fine this year, and each one was thoroughly enjoyed by those who attended. Especially helpful was our Wednesday's program, which was an intensely spiritual service, led by one of our most consecrated members. The whole series of services was the means of a great spiritual uplift to our membership.

We have a membership of sixty-eight, and we are working earnestly to make it one hundred by the close of our fiscal year, March, 1911.

Our pastor, Rev. E. H. Casey, preached a fine missionary sermon for us on Sunday, November 13, after which a collection was taken amounting to \$25.15. This, added to our own offering of \$41.20, made a total of \$66.35, for which we are very thankful. This sum will, of course, be applied on the amount pledged for the support of Miss Helen Hickman, our missionary in Brazil.

We are hoping and praying for great things for our auxiliary, leaning on the promise—" whatsoever ye shall ask, in prayer believing, ye shall receive."

PRESS REPORTER.

Llano District—First Round.

- Llano Cir., at L., 2 p. m., Saturday, Nov. 26.
 - Llano Sta., 7 p. m., Saturday, Nov. 26.
 - Marble Falls Sta., 9 a. m., Nov. 28.
 - Marble Falls Cir., M. F., 2 p. m., Nov. 28.
 - Johnson City, at J. C., 3 p. m., Nov. 29.
 - Blanco, at B., 2 p. m., Nov. 30.
 - Burnet, at Lake Victor, Dec. 3, 4.
 - Kempner, at K., 2 p. m., Dec. 5.
 - Lometa, 3 p. m., Tuesday, Dec. 6.
 - Mullin, 2 p. m., Wednesday, Dec. 7.
 - Goldthwaite Cir., at G., 2 p. m., Dec. 8.
 - Goldthwaite Sta., 7 p. m., Dec. 8.
 - Center City Cir., at Star, Dec. 10, 11.
- The pastors will please give their people notice of the dates published, and make efforts to secure full attendance at Quarterly Conference. Henry Brandon, the District Missionary, and Rex B. Wilkes, Financial Agent for the District Training School, will do the evangelistic work and give the pastors of the district the help they need in holding meetings. For arrangements and dates write the presiding elder.
- J. D. SCOTT, P. E.

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CENTRAL TEXAS CONFERENCE

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Earlett—E. B. Chenoweth. Belton—S. J. Rucker. Belton Circuit—H. W. Gillette.

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Moore-Huggins.—At Lawson, Texas, November 20, 1910, Mr. Homer F. Moore and Miss Eugene Huggins, Rev. W. R. McCarter officiating.

Barnes-Ormand.—At the Methodist parsonage in Runge, Texas, November 19, 1910, S. J. Barnes and Miss Maggie Ormand, Rev. J. W. Rowland officiating.

Cartright-Heard.—On Sunday, November 6, 1910, at the home of the bride's parents, Mr. P. V. Cartright and Miss Inez Heard, Rev. Ira C. Kiker officiating.

Gunter-Casstevens.—On November 19, 1910, in the County Clerk's office in Fort Worth, Texas, Mr. E. R. Hunter and Miss Ila Casstevens, Rev. Thos. Reece officiating.

Uvalde District—First Round.

Moore Cir., at Tehuacana, Nov. 26, 27. Hondo Sta., Nov. 27, 28. Cotulla Sta., Dec. 3, 4. Devine Cir., at D., Dec. 7, 8.

Plainview District—First Round.

Tulia Sta., Dec. 4, 5. Lockney Sta., Dec. 10, 11. Floydada Sta., Dec. 12. Emma, at E., Dec. 15. Crosbyton, at C., Dec. 18, 19.

Amarillo District—First Round.

Canyon City, Nov. 26, 27. Amarillo, Polk St., Dec. 4, 5. Amarillo, Buchanan St., Dec. 4. Bovina, Dec. 9.

Pecan Gap, Texas, Nov. 14, 1910. Blaylock Publishing Co., Dallas, Texas.

Sirs—We received the machine some few days ago in good condition, and am well pleased with it. Have delayed some in letting you hear from us; thought it best to try it first. As far as we know it does fine work. May God's blessings rest on the Advocate. Respectfully, MARVIN SCHWAN.

OBITUARIES

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Poetry Can in No Case be Inserted.

ADDISON.—On September 25, 1910, Mary Alline was born to Oscar M. and Susie G. Addison.

GIBSON.—Sister Victoria Gibson died at her home in Mesquite, Texas, after a lingering illness of many weeks.

WALTER DOUGLASS, P. C.

BOYD.—Mrs. Minerva J. Boyd (nee Mizell) was born in Tennessee, June 14, 1834; died in China Springs, Texas, November 4, 1910.

S. T. CHERRY.

GRAVES.—Sister Anna Rebecca Graves (nee Bussey), wife of the District Clerk of Gregg County, was born June 18, 1866, in Lousiour County, Texas.

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POTEET.—The home of our good Brother and Sister Poteet has been made sad again this year. First it was made so by the demise of Brother Poteet's sister, Sister Pillsy, who died in far-away China, being a missionary to that land.

R. E. PORTER, P. C.

JOHNSON.—Charles Irvin, son of Charlie and Euga Johnson, was born September 4, 1908, and died September 9, 1910.

ALICE JONES.

SPEERS.—On November 5 we buried little Raymond Speers, aged one year and eight days, little son of Mr. and Mrs. P. Speers, of this city.

L. C. LILLY.

TEXAS CONFERENCE

- Huntsville District—Fourth Round. Montgomery Cir. Nov. 26, 27. Navasota Sta., Nov. 28. Uima, at Navasota, Nov. 28. F. M. BOYLES, P. E.

CENTRAL TEXAS CONFERENCE

- Abilene District—First Round. Nugent, at Nugent, Dec. 2, 4. Ovalo, at Jim Ned, Dec. 19, 11. Lawo, at Ned, Dec. 11, 12. Cross Plains, at Cottonwood, Dec. 17, 18. Putnam, at Putnam, Dec. 18, 19. First Church, Dec. 25. Tenth Street, Dec. 25, 26. St. Paul, Jan. 1-4. Baird, Jan. 7, 8. Clyde, at Potosi, Jan. 14, 15. Hawley, at Truby, Jan. 21, 22. Anson, Jan. 22, 23. Merkel, Jan. 28, 29. Tye, at Tye, Jan. 29, 30. Trent, at Trent, Feb. 4, 5. Caps, at Caps, Feb. 11, 12. Denton, at Denton, Feb. 18, 19.

WEST TEXAS CONFERENCE

- Austin District—First Round. Webberville, at W., Nov. 26, 27. Manor, at M., Nov. 27, 28. McPade, at M., Dec. 3, 4. Elgin, at E., Dec. 4, 5. Weimar, at W., Dec. 10, 11. Eagle Lake, at E. L., Dec. 13. Rock Island, at R. I., Dec. 14, 15. Columbus, at C., Dec. 17, 18. LaGrange, at L., Dec. 18, 19. Platanio, at P., Dec. 31, Jan. 1. West Point, at W. P., Jan. 1, 2. Cedar Park, at C. P., Jan. 7.

- South Austin, at S. A., Jan. 8, 9. Ward Memorial, at Austin, Jan. 10. Manchaca, at M., Jan. 14, 15. First Church, at Austin, Jan. 16. University Church, Austin, Jan. 17. St. Luke's and Walnut, at S. L., Jan. 21, 22. District Steward will meet in the First Methodist Church, Austin, 9:30 a. m., November 22, 1910. NAT. E. READ, P. E.

- Beeville District—First Round. Nov. 25, Kingsville. Nov. 26, Calallen, 2:30 p. m. Nov. 26, Robstown, 7:30 p. m. Nov. 27, Calallen, 11 a. m. Nov. 27, Robstown, 7:30 p. m. Nov. 28, Alice. Dec. 2, Skidmore, at Mathis. Dec. 2, Mathis, 11 a. m. Dec. 5, Falfurrias. Dec. 5, Corpus Christi. Dec. 7, Rockport. Dec. 10, Goliad. Dec. 11, Goliad, 11 a. m. Dec. 12, Beeville. Dec. 13, Oakville, at Lebanon, 3 p. m. Dec. 14, Karnes City. Dec. 15, Charco at Couch. Dec. 16, Runge. Dec. 17, Floresville. Dec. 18, Floresville, 11 a. m. Dec. 19, Kenedy, 7:30 p. m. Dec. 19, Kenedy. A. L. SCARBOROUGH, P. E.

- Cuero District—First Round. Hallettsville, Nov. 26, 27. Louise, Nov. 28. Victoria, Dec. 3, 4. Port Lavaca, Dec. 6. Ganado, Dec. 10, 11. Nursery, at Thomason, Dec. 12. Markham, Dec. 17, 18. Palacios, Dec. 19. Cuero, Dec. 24, 25. El Campo, Dec. 31, Jan. 1. Port O'Connor, Jan. 3. Lavernia, Jan. 7, 8. Stockdale, Jan. 9. Pandora, Jan. 10. Leesville, at Bebe, Jan. 14, 15. Nixon, Jan. 16. Smiley, Jan. 17. Shiner, Jan. 24. Yoakum, Jan. 28, 29. Hope, at Williamsburg, Jan. 30. The District Stewards will meet at Cuero at 7:30 p. m., Tuesday, November 22. JOHN M. ALEXANDER, P. E.

- San Angelo District—First Round. San Angelo Cir., 2 p. m., Nov. 26. Miles, p. m., Nov. 27. Rochelle, Dec. 4. Brady, Dec. 6. Pife, Dec. 8. Eden, Dec. 10, 11. Menard, Dec. 14. Junction, Dec. 17, 18. Paint Rock, Jan. 1. Sherwood, Jan. 7, 8. Ozona, Jan. 10. Sonora, Jan. 13. Eldorado, Jan. 14, 15. Sterling City, Jan. 18. Garden City, Jan. 21, 22. Midland, Jan. 28, 29. Water Valley, Feb. 4, 5. District Stewards' meeting, San Angelo, First Church, Tuesday, November 22, at 7:30 p. m. L. C. MATTHIS, P. E.

- San Antonio District—First Round. Center Point, Nov. 26, 27. Boerne, at Boerne, Nov. 27, 28. Bander, Dec. 3, 4. Kerrville, Dec. 10, 11. Pleasanton, at P., Dec. 17, 18. South Heights, Jan. 1. McKinley Ave., Jan. 1. San Antonio Cir., at Oak Island, Jan. 7, 8. West End, Jan. 15. S. H. C. BURGIN, P. E.

- San Marcos District—First Round. Staples Sta., at Long Branch, Nov. 26, 27. Martindale Sta., at Fentress, Dec. 3, 4. Seguin Sta., Dec. 10, 11. Belmont Cir., at Oak Forest, Dec. 17, 18. Gonzales Mis., at Gonzales, 7 p. m., Dec. 22. Gonzales Sta., Dec. 25, 26. Luling Cir., at L., Dec. 21, Jan. 1. Dripping Springs Cir., at D. S., Jan. 7, 9. Buda Cir., at Buda, Jan. 15, 16. Lockhart Sta., Jan. 22, 23. Waelder and Thompsonville, at T., Jan. 29, 30. San Marcos Sta., Feb. 5, 7. W. H. H. BIGGS, P. E.

NEW MEXICO CONFERENCE

- Albuquerque District—First Round. Albuquerque, Nov. 26, 27. Vaughn and Willard, Dec. 3, 4. Star and Ricardo, Dec. 10, 11. Moriarty, Dec. 17, 18. Cimarron, Dec. 21, 22. Koehler and Watrous, Jan. 1, 2. Bard and Puerto, Jan. 4, 5. Logan and San Jon, Jan. 7, 8. Tucumcari, Jan. 14, 15. Carrizo, Jan. 21, 22. J. H. MESSER, P. E.

- Clovis District—First Round. Boaz, Nov. 26, 27. Causey, at Richland, Dec. 3, 4. King, Dec. 7, 8. Knowles, Dec. 10, 11. Monument, Dec. 17, 18. Portales, Dec. 24, 25. Please take your general collections right away. Remember the collection for Western Missions the first Sunday in October. J. RUSH GOODLOE, P. E.

- El Paso District—First Round. Marfa, Nov. 26, 27. Alpine, Nov. 30. Sanderson, Dec. 1. Lordsburg, Dec. 3, 4. Deming, Dec. 4, 5. Las Cruces, Dec. 7. LaMesa, Dec. 8. Carrizozo, Dec. 10, 11. Alamogordo, Dec. 11, 12. Lakewood, Dec. 17, 18. Hagerman, Dec. 21. Roswell, Dec. 24, 25. Dexter, Dec. 26. Hope, Dec. 31, Jan. 1. Artesia, Jan. 1, 2. Carlsbad, Jan. 4. Trinity, Jan. 8, 9. J. B. COCHRAN, P. E.

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CENTRAL TEXAS CONFERENCE

REPORT OF THE JOINT BOARD OF FINANCE.

To the President and Members of the Central Texas Conference, 1910:

Dear Fathers and Brethren: During the year, by reason of the division of the conference, certain funds were held by our Treasurer in common for the two conferences, which funds have been pro rated and paid into the treasuries of the two conferences in proportion to the list of claimants in each conference. The list of claimants in the Northwest Texas Conference is composed of twenty-nine names, and that of the Central Texas Conference is composed of sixty-seven names.

We have collected for Bishops' Funds during the year \$228.75, and have received from the Conference Teller \$1720.47, making a total sum of \$1949.22. Our assessment for this fund for the coming year is \$3286.

We have collected for conference claimants during the year \$1092.50, and have received from the Conference Teller \$7991.14, making a total of \$9083.64. We add to this total sum the following amounts received by us, viz: From Brother Blaylock, publisher of our Texas Christian Advocate, \$194.69; our pro rata of the reserve fund left over from last year, \$249.57; our pro rata of the Trapp Fund, \$147.47; our pro rata of the Marquis Fund, \$173.67; and our pro rata of the Superannuate Endowment Fund, \$184.25, making a grand total of \$10,028.29 for distribution among our claimants.

We again wish to thank Brother Blaylock for his kind and most generous donation to our superannuates of the aforesaid sum.

We estimate the amount necessary

for conference claimants the coming year at \$12,500.

At the beginning of another quadrennium we again recommend that a reserve fund be left with our Treasurer of not less than 5 per cent of the total sum for distribution, to be known as a "reserve fund," for the relief of those who may become claimants during the year, and who are not otherwise provided for, to be paid within whose bounds such claimant may reside, and not over \$50 to any one claimant during the year.

Some of our claimants, being sufficiently supplied with the necessities of life, most generously ask no appropriation from us, but yield their claim to those in need, and to all of these brethren and sisters we extend our thanks and pray that God may continue to bless them.

We have received \$14 from the "Calvin bequest," and which we have apportioned to the widows and orphans of our deceased traveling preachers. All assessments coming before us we have pro rated to the several presiding elders' districts of the conference, as per the scale furnished us by the presiding elders.

We recommend that the Board of Missions be assessed \$185; Board of Church Extension, \$89; Board of Education, \$85; Sunday-school Board, \$30, and Board of American Bible Society, \$20, for the purpose of paying for the printing the Conference Journal.

After prayerful and mature deliberation and a most painstaking investigation into the facts of each and every case, we have disbursed the superannuate collections to claimants as follows:

Addison, Mrs. O. M.	\$ 50.25
Addison, Mrs. J. W.	100.25
Armstrong, Rev. E. L.	300.00
Bacus, Mrs. E. R.	...
Bales, Rev. E. T.	...
Bond, Rev. J. M.	300.00
Bennett, Mrs. N. B.	200.25
Carter, Rev. J. C.	50.00
Canfax, Rev. J. J.	350.00
Cox, Mrs. J. Fed.	...
Crabb, Mrs. J. I.	...
Davis, Mrs. J. J.	150.25
Davis, Mrs. Charles.	150.25
Ellis, Mrs. S. B.	50.25
Gaskill, Miss Mittle.	100.25
Glass, Mrs. James.	200.00
Grant, Mrs. James.	50.25
Graves, Rev. W. F.	260.00
Graves, Mrs. Geo. W.	50.25
Galloway, Rev. R. V.	300.00
Gravis, Miss Ellen.	120.25
Gilliland, Rev. W. A.	200.00
Haralson, Rev. Jerome.	200.00
Hiner, Mrs. James.	100.25
Hines, Mrs. T. W.	100.25
Holmes, Mrs. D. T.	...
Harrison, Mrs. E. T.	100.75
Jones, Rev. W. V. T.	300.00
Jordan, Mrs. C. D.	250.25
Keen, Mrs. N. A.	50.25
Kennedy, Mrs. B. H.	100.50
Lambdin, Mrs. W. M.	100.25
Long, Rev. A.	200.00
Littlepage, Rev. S. C.	300.00
Lemons, Rev. W. J.	200.00
McLaughlin Mrs. N. M.	125.50
McLaughlin Children	125.50
Mackey, Mrs. James.	125.00
Mood, Mrs. F. A.	50.25
Morgan, Mrs. Daniel.	402.50
Morris, Rev. Samuel.	200.00
Mills, Mrs. M.	402.50
Moss, Rev. W. H.	150.00
Mussett, Rev. J. P.	250.00
Price, Mrs. William.	150.25
Ray, Mrs. F. P.	...
Rascoe, Mrs. J. T.	100.25
Reeves, Rev. I. N.	100.00
Reynolds, Mrs. M. D.	...
Rogers, Mrs. T. V.	100.25
Rowland, Rev. C.	100.00
Rogers, Rev. L. G.	50.00
Stockton, Mrs. W. R. D.	...

Swofford, Mrs. G. W.	200.00
Sweet, Rev. E. M.	200.00
Snoddy, Rev. B. A.	100.00
Simpson, Rev. W. K.	200.25
Smith, Mrs. A. P.	200.25
Trimble, Mrs. J. H.	200.25
Tunnell, Mrs. J. S.	200.75
Wellborn, Rev. R. W.	...
Walkup, Rev. J. A.	200.25
Wallace, Mrs. J. A.	250.00
Walker, Rev. J. E.	250.00
Winburne, Rev. F. M.	200.25
Wilson, Mrs. G. D.	...
Wright, Rev. Samuel P.	...
Reserve fund	383.20
Total	\$10,028.29

District	Scale	Bishops' Fund	Conf. Cl'm'ts.
Brownwood	9.5	\$ 312	\$ 1,188
Cleburne	8	265	1,000
Corsicana	10	329	1,250
Dublin	8	282	1,000
Fort Worth	10.5	345	1,312
Gatesville	7	230	875
Georgetown	10	329	1,250
Waco	9	296	1,125
Waxahatchie	10	329	1,250
Weatherford	8	282	1,000
Hillsboro	6	197	750
Cisco	4	132	500
Total	100	\$3,286	\$12,500

All of which is most respectfully submitted.

CHARLES E. BROWN,
Chairman.
JAMES M. ROBERTSON,
Secretary-Treasurer.

REPORT NO. 2 OF THE JOINT BOARD OF FINANCE.

To the President and Members of the Central Texas Conference, 1910: Dear Fathers and Brethren—Your new Joint Board of Finance for the next quadrennium has organized by electing Rev. Charles E. Brown Chairman, and James M. Robertson Secretary-Treasurer.

Respectfully,
CHARLES E. BROWN,
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