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North Texas Conference Notes

Wichita has one of the finest systems of public schools in all that part of the State. Their school buildings are of brick and of modern design, with all facilities and ample accommodation. They would do credit to a city of three times their population. The high school building is new, elegant, large and commanding. It occupies a fine site and can be seen from afar.

There are manufacturing plants of large proportion in Wichita. We went through a broom factory where there are about fifty workmen employed. It has the latest machinery and it is turning out brooms by the thousands daily. Mayor Noble, one of the leading bustling business spirits of the town and a devoted member of the Church, is largely interested in it. It is developing a large industry throughout that section, and is destined to grow into larger proportions.

Rev. C. M. Bishop, of the Wichita Station, is a deservedly popular man with his people. There was some rumor that he might be moved to a larger sphere, but his people besought the Bishop not to disturb him and the pressure was so great that he was left with them. Dr. Bishop made a fine impression on the whole conference, and he is already a part and parcel of our working force. His entire family are wonderfully adapted to his calling and they also are held in high esteem by the people.

Dallas has three new preachers. Rev. G. M. Gibson comes from Missouri to First Church. A few years ago he was at El Paso, and there he did an exceedingly fine work. He is an educated man, has much experience in the pastorate and is said to be a fine preacher. He has always succeeded in whatever work he has served, and we are sure that First Church is fortunate in having him sent to them. And they will accord him a warm welcome.

Rev. New Harris comes to Trinity. He has just closed out a very successful pastorate of four years at Tyler. Prior to that time, he was a member of the West Texas Conference. He is a man of striking personal appearance, a public speaker of more than ordinary gifts, and a painstaking pastor. Wherever he has been, he has always been the most popular preacher and pastor in the community. We are sure that Trinity will find in him a worthy successor of Dr. Bradfield.

Rev. C. M. Harless, D. D., comes to Grace Church. He is a native of the North Texas Conference and has spent his life within its bounds. He is no stranger to many of the Dallas people, for he spent four years sometime ago at Trinity Church. He is a scholarly man, a close thinker, a sound preacher, an energetic pastor and a good organizer of Church forces. For three years he has been on the Sherman District and the results of his labors in that capacity speak well for his wise and successful administration. He is one of the leading members of the

North Texas Conference. Dr. Harless comes to the largest membership, perhaps, in Texas, and with the co-operation that they will give him, he has the greatest opportunity of his life.

Rev. J. W. Hill, who has served First Church with great acceptability and success, goes to Centenary, Paris. It was thought for a time that he would be transferred out of the Conference, but he desired to spend the rest of his days here where he was born and where he has thus far lived, and so he abides with us. It is well, for the North Texas Conference would be lonesome and incomplete without J. W. Hill. He is loved and esteemed by all his brethren. To this writer it is a sincere regret that he leaves Dallas, for we number him among one of the warmest friends on our long list. We have tried him at all points, and in no particular has he ever proved otherwise than true and faithful. We love him like a brother, and why not? He has a heart that beats in the right place and a jovial nature that always sparkles with good cheer. Paris is fortunate in securing his service.

Rev. D. H. Aston, after faithful and popular service on the Gainesville District, goes to Terrell Station. He is one of our younger men quiet, unobtrusive, substantial, persistent and successful. He never makes much noise, but things come to pass under his ministry. No charge has ever been served by him that has not been left far in advance of where he found it. He is one of the most useful and valuable members of the conference.

Dr. E. W. Alderson, after a good term of service at Terrell, goes to Denison. He is by common consent one of the deepest thinkers, one of the greatest preachers, and one of the most brilliant platform speakers, not only in Texas, but in the connection. He will be no stranger in Denison, for he was presiding elder of that district four years in the recent past, and his strength of mind and goodness of heart are well known to the people of his new charge. He is capable of filling any pulpit in Southern Methodism.

Rev. E. H. Casey, after four years of faithful work at Wesley Church, Greenville, goes to the Gainesville District. He is no novice in this line of work, for prior to his going to Greenville, he was four years on the Paris District. He is a devoted preacher, an efficient pastor and a warm-hearted, brotherly man. He will have no difficulty in taking up the duties of his new office, and we predict for him a pleasant and successful term of service.

Rev. A. L. Andrews, D. D., who has been the popular pastor of Grace Church for four years, goes to the Sherman District. He came to Dallas a stranger four years ago, but no man has ever more thoroughly put himself into the hearts of his people than Dr. Andrews has done among the people of Grace Church. They feel very much broken up at the thought of parting from him. He is a strong, robust evangelical preacher, a kind and attentive pastor to the sick and the suffering, and a royal nature that always bubbles over with feelings of cheerfulness. The

congregation has made large growth in numbers since he took charge of it and he turns it over to his successor a great company of devoted members. Dr. Andrews has also endeared himself to a large class of business men and he is held in high esteem by them as a man of ability and influence. He goes to his new field with large experience, a strong personality, a kind heart and a magnetic disposition. He will be missed in Dallas, and the good wishes of all the people of his wide acquaintance will go with him. We are sure that all the Sherman District will extend to him a warm welcome.

Rev. J. F. Pierce finished four years on the McKinney District and now goes back to Kavanaugh Church, Greenville. He made a fine record on the district, and gladly returns to the pastorate. He is well known to the Kavanaugh people and they will hail his coming gladly.

Rev. T. H. Morris goes from Bridgeport to Pilot Point, and Rev. R. F. Bryant goes from Pilot Point to Clarksville. He did a marvelous year's work and leaves the charge to his successor one of the strongest and best equipped in that district. Brother Morris will take up the work with a strong hand and the field will afford him ample opportunity for a great year of progress. Brother Bryant goes to an excellent charge.

Rev. O. S. Thomas, one of the finest men in the conference, goes from Honey Grove to Wesley Church, Greenville. At his former charge he brought things to pass and he leaves there one of the best Church enterprises in that section, and it has almost reached completion. Wesley is fortunate in having him for its preacher and pastor. He is a man of affairs and tangible results follow his labors.

Rev. C. A. Spragins is raised from Denison Station to the McKinney District. This is his first experience in this line of service. He has heretofore done faithful work in the pastorate, but he will be equal to the new duties assigned to him. He is a most thoughtful man, a clear logical preacher, and a man of executive gifts. No one doubts but that Brother Spragins will make good in his new position.

Rev. T. J. Beckham goes to Whitesboro Station. He is one of the best preachers in the conference, clear, Scriptural and sound. When it comes to the doctrines of the Church we have no better informed man. When he preaches he instructs and teaches. He has a pleasing personality and his new charge will flourish under his ministry.

Rev. Cornelius Pugsley goes to Honey Grove. He did four years of most efficient work at Kavanaugh, Greenville, and he was one of the most popular ministers ever at that Church. He is true to every obligation, preaches with point and power, has revivals, is a fine organizer and will be a good successor to O. S. Thomas. We have no better member of the conference than Brother Pugsley.

Rev. C. M. Bishop and his people made good in entertaining the conference. They met us at the train in autos, buggies surreys and carriages and drove us to our homes. And every man had the most desirable home in Wichita. The people of the town gave out an open-hearted hospitality.

The Hon. Lon Matthis delivered the address of welcome to the conference, and have never heard it more handsomely done. He is an accomplished speaker and he put wit enough in his speech to make it refreshing. He was born and brought up in a Methodist parsonage, and he knows Methodist preachers thoroughly. His compliment to them from long personal experience puts him on good terms with them

and he knows how to touch a tender place in their hearts. His sainted father, Rev. Jno. Matthis, was one of the best men we ever knew.

The City National Bank of Wichita Falls was the headquarters for the financial interests of the conference, the teller being stationed in their building. It was a busy place during the session of the conference. The officers and employes left nothing undone which could contribute to the comfort and pleasure of all concerned. The bank will shortly move into its new quarters, a handsome five-story structure. The Advocate desires to extend thanks for the many courtesies its representatives received at their hands.

This writer was entertained at the parsonage. To say it was delightful is but to feebly express it. Twenty-three years ago Rev. C. M. Bishop and myself were co-pastors in Asheville, N. C. He was then quite a young man. He won the heart of one of the young ladies in my congregation and I said the words that made them man and wife. A few years later we were again co-pastors in Kansas City, Mo. We are friends of long standing and to be the guest of him, his good wife and his fine family of children is a bright spot in memory that will never fade. Rev. Horace Bishop, D. D., an uncle of the host, was also a guest in the parsonage.

Dr. J. H. McLean's semi-centennial sermon was a feast to the conference. The old veteran was never more happy in his pulpit efforts than on that occasion. He touched a tender chord and a baptism fell upon the brethren.

The debate on the Southwestern controversy reached a high-water mark. None of the speaking at the other conferences touched it. The North Texas is noted for its controversialists and they were at their best on that occasion. And while there was deep feeling, yet the debate followed high lines of thinking and speaking and no man uttered a single note of discord. It was a battle royal, but the result was almost a one-sided affair—one hundred and sixty-six to seventeen.

The spirit of the conference was fine. It was the most harmonious and religious session of the conference that we have ever attended. The fact is, the factional feature of the conference seems to have largely disappeared and the brethren have come to see eye to eye and heart to heart. Good will and hearty co-operation are now the spirit of this great body.

Rev. J. M. Moore, D. D., formerly a member of the conference, brought his membership back to us; and while his headquarters will be at Nashville, as the Secretary of Home Missions, yet he will be one of us. He did a magnificent work when he was pastor of First Church, Dallas. He was given a warm welcome by the brethren.

We did not get to hear the Thanksgiving sermon of Bishop Murrah as we were at another point preaching a similar sermon. But the immense congregation pronounced it a great discourse and wonderfully appropriate to the occasion. The great auditorium was packed with people. Rev. J. W. Hill had charge of our table at that session of the conference and his account of the proceedings and of the sermon will be found in another place in this issue of the Advocate.

On Saturday night the Missionary Anniversary was observed and this department of our conference work was shown to be in good condition. Dr. Jno. M. Moore made a fine address in which he outlined his plan of work in the Home Department for the quadrennium. Dr. Moore is a most entertaining speaker.

The North Texas Conference

The forty-fourth session of the North Texas Conference met last Wednesday morning in Wichita Falls, with Bishop Murrah in charge. The last session met there seventeen years ago. It was then a straggling village, with a few hundred population. Bishop A. W. Wilson presided. The conference was then a comparatively small body. The old church was a small affair. Owing to this the Thanksgiving service was held in the Court House. Methodism did not amount to a great deal then in Wichita, either did any Church. But our people were brave and courageous, and so were our preachers. Many of the old veterans have passed away since then, and many who were active are now on the retired list. The town has also changed. It has grown into a little city. It now has a population of 10,000 and all the conveniences of modern civilization obtain. The streets are in good condition, the sidewalks are paved, big business houses and stately hotels have been erected, a system of waterworks is established, an electric railway is in operation and gas and oil wells afford large quantities of those natural resources. The people light their streets and dwellings with electricity and cook and heat their homes with natural gas. They have elegant public buildings and autos are numerous. The country has also developed. Wheat, corn, cotton and other products abound. Railways have come and Wichita is now a little metropolis filled with wealth, commercial prosperity and a happy people. Their hospitality is luxuriant. They threw open wide their doors to the conference, met their guests at the depot with autos and carriages and treated them like kings and princes.

The Churches of the city are flourishing. They have some stately edifices of their class. Among them there is our elegant structure. It was built at a cost of \$40,000, and it would be a handsome structure in Dallas or any other large city. It is splendidly located, and it is a unique piece of architecture. It has a sort of Grecian style in its exterior surmounted with an immense dome. The main auditorium is commodious and majestic. It and the Sunday-school room when thrown together make an immense auditorium, all in front of the pulpit, with ample galleries, capable of seating at least fifteen hundred people. It has every convenience for worship and every facility for Sunday-school work. The whole is finely furnished. The art glass windows are dreams of beauty and loveliness. The pews are massive and comfortable. A large pipe organ occupies a place in the rear of the pulpit. There is also a large basement story with concrete floor. I have not seen a more imposing church edifice in the State for that amount of money. One peculiarity about the auditorium is the great dome, the circular concave of which is just over the pulpit and the outer limit taking in almost the middle of the room. The interior of this is inlaid with art glass of variegated colors, presenting an overhead of exquisite finish. It looks almost like an encircling firmament studded with gems of rarest hue. At first blush one gets the impression that this dome will destroy the acoustics, but such is not the case; for when the Sunday-school partition is down the sound is perfect and when it is raised, you can hear every word spoken even to the last pew. I stood in the rear, something like a hundred feet or more from the pulpit, and heard every word the Bishop said when he spoke in an ordinary tone of voice. More is due to Rev. W. T. Morrow for this magnificent plant than any other one man. It was conceived, designed and constructed under his special supervision as pastor during his one year and a half of his tenure of office. True he had the sympathy and co-operation of his people, but he inspired and led them in the enterprise. He watched its progress and toiled day and night in sweat and tears until he saw it brought to perfection. What a pity that his nerves had to be shattered and his hopes well-nigh blighted by a combination of circumstances over which he had no control just at the time that the dream of his life was in process of realization! But notwithstanding this, his ministerial character and moral life remain unsullied, and he stands well in the confidence and love of the people and of all his brethren.

Wichita is one of the only two cities in the conference cursed with the liquor traffic. Saloons are the only plague spots on the otherwise beauti-

ful character of Wichita Falls. But the good people assure us that the next time a vote is taken these plague spots will be wiped out. Dallas is the other of the two, but nothing short of a State-wide prohibition victory will dislodge them there.

Tuesday night, before the opening of the conference, Rev. J. T. McClure preached to a large audience. Nearly all the members of the conference were present. They had never heard Prother McClure, as he came to us from the Northwest Texas Conference one year ago. But all this had no effect on the preacher. He took for his text the "Choice of Moses," and in a simple, direct and forceful manner he preached a most wholesome gospel



HANEY MEMORIAL CHURCH, RICE, TEXAS, REV. M. W. ROGERS, PASTOR.

The Haney Memorial Church at Rice, Texas, was promoted by Rev. M. S. Hotchkiss in 1908. It was completed in 1909 and was dedicated by Bishop Ward on the third Sunday in May. It

was named the Haney Memorial Church in honor of Mrs. W. D. Haney, who put \$16,000 into the church. It has all the modern conveniences, and its outside appearance is no index to its inside beauty.

sermon; and he preached it in the demonstration and in the power of the Holy Ghost. It caught fire, and at its close there was an old-fashioned hand shake. It put the conference into a good, fervent spirit for the beginning of the business.

Wednesday morning found the clans gathering. It was a time for brotherly greetings, and there is no greeting like that among the members of an Annual Conference. It is tender, sweet, loving and sincere. The old men were glad to meet their brethren again, and the young men and the middle-aged men were happy in each other's presence. They were face to face again after a year of absence and toil.

Bishop Murrah took the chair at 9 o'clock and called the conference to order, and announced the first hymn in the Hymnal, "O for a thousand tongues to sing," and we have never heard the North Texas Conference sing with greater spirit and zest. The great auditorium resounded with a wonderful volume of praise. The Bishop led in a devout prayer and then read from the Epistles to the Philippians, the third chapter. His comments were expository, and very clear. The purpose was to show the ground of Paul's efficiency as a minister of the Gospel of Christ. The hymn, "Come, Thou Almighty King," was sung, and Rev. J. W. Hill led in another prayer. These services put the conference in good frame of mind for the work before them.

The Bishop then delivered a felicitous talk as to his lack of experience, as he had only held one Annual Conference, but he felt on this occasion that he was up against "the real thing," and that he did not want them to be shouting nice points of parliamentary law at him, if they expected good appointments at his hand. R. Gibbs Mood, the old Secretary, came forward and called the roll. Most of the preachers and lay delegates answered to their names. R. Gibbs Mood was unanimously elected to the same office—one he has filled so acceptably for a number of years. Hon. Lon Matthis of the city was introduced and delivered a happy address of welcome. He was witty and humorous and kept the conference in good spirits from start to close. He is a son of the late Rev. Jno. Matthis of the old East Texas Conference. At the close of the address he delivered a gavel to the Bishop having been made of wood taken from the first church built in Wichita Falls. The Bishop responded in pleasing terms. The Bishop evinced such a sense of

humor that the conference felt chummy with him from the start. Rev. L. S. Barton, for the presiding elders, read the list of standing committees.

The presiding elders made remarkably fine reports for the districts. We give a summary of them below:

J. M. Sweeton, for the Paris District, reported 71 organized churches, 5666 members, 48 organized Sunday-schools, 4553 Sunday-school scholars on roll, 20 Epworth League Chapters, 839 Epworth League members, 16 W. H. M. S., 389 members, 3 W. F. M. S., 74 members, \$16,094.10 assessed for support of preachers, \$15,564.50 paid for support of preachers, 1671 conversions, 1338 additions, 4 new churches built. The preachers were not ready to report on conference assessments, but they will be well up and in some charges overpaid. Peace, harmony and brotherly love abound. McKinney District, Rev. J. F. Pierce, P. E.: Have had a successful

ham District. Net increase in membership. One new church at Honey Grove, worth \$20,000; new parsonage at Brookston. All the benevolences of the Church will show an increase. Totals for all purposes will, we think, show an increase of \$18,000 to \$20,000.

Rev. C. M. Harless, of Sherman District, reported 800 conversions, about the same number of accessions. Owing to the faithfulness and efficiency of the pastors, the Sherman District makes the best financial report in its history. There is an excess on the foreign mission assessment, and a nice special raised by the laymen.

Rev. M. L. Hamilton, of the Terrell District: The financial report good. Wesley College prosperous. Some good material improvements made in Church property. Two churches built, one parsonage bought. Good revivals; eight young men licensed to preach; one preacher received from the Baptist Church; about 700 or 800 conversions and about a like number of additions.

Rev. L. S. Barton, Decatur District, reports 900 professions and about the same number of additions; fifteen churches paid the salaries and thirteen paid assessments; fifty Sunday-schools, twenty-four Leagues. These Leagues are raising \$600 yearly for the support of a missionary in Kobe, Japan. The Sunday-schools likewise support a missionary at San Luis Potosi, Mexico. These two organizations also maintain a scholarship in Southwestern University, the present beneficiary being a candidate for foreign missionary work. The Mexican mission at Bridgeport has two Sunday-schools and an organized Church.

The names of the old guard were called and a number of them responded with touching talks. But many of them were not able to attend. Dr. Cunningham, of the Correspondence School, was introduced and spoke of that work.

In the afternoon there were no committee meetings. The preachers were given the time to settle all matters with the different boards; and at 3 o'clock there was preaching. Rev. F. O. Miller delivered an earnest gospel sermon to a large congregation. It was simple in style, fluent in delivery and spiritual in subject matter. Brother Miller organized the first Church in Wichita several years ago. There were but three small houses in the place at that time. The prairie dogs, buffaloes and Indians were in the country at that time; but he met the difficulties in heroic style and planted Methodism firmly in Wichita. It was meet and proper that he should preach in the elegant church at this time when conditions are so much changed.

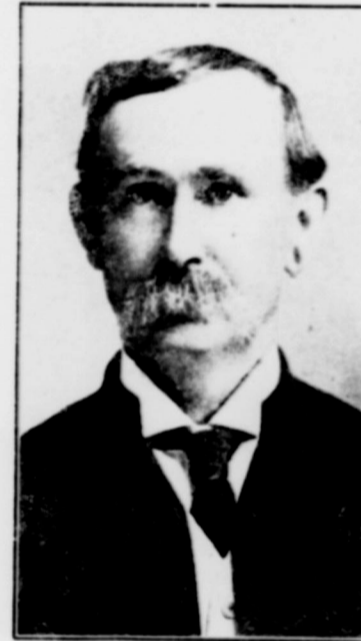
In the evening there was a little incident not exactly connected with the proceedings of the conference, but it is worthy of mention. Dr. and Mrs. J. C. A. Guest are the son-in-law and daughter of Rev. J. M. Sweeton of the Paris District, and they are living in Wichita and doing well in every way. It so happened that the 24th of the month was Brother Sweeton's 62nd birthday; and the children and good wife took the father and husband by surprise, gave him a 6 o'clock birthday dinner and invited Bishop Murrah, the presiding elders, this editor and Rev. C. M. Bishop to be present and help celebrate the occasion. It was a sumptuous feast, and when we got down to it, Brother Sweeton found at his plate a little box, and when he opened it, there was a beautiful and a pure gold watch chain from his loved ones. After the feast there were congratulatory speeches, and the wit, good cheer, cordial Godspeed were showered upon Brother Sweeton.

At the evening service there was held the Sunday-school anniversary. A great congregation filled the church. The report showed good work done in this line; and Dr. Chappell, our Sunday-school Secretary and Editor, made a powerful address. He had the attention of his audience and got in some fine work.

The conference met pursuant to adjournment and was opened with religious services conducted by Dr. Geo. C. Rankin.

After the reading and adoption of the minutes of yesterday's session the names of those members not answering yesterday were called when, on motion, the calling of the roll was dispensed with during the remainder of the session. A number of communications from various institutions were presented and referred to appropriate boards and committees.

The Bishop then introduced Dr. E. B. Chappell, our Sunday-school Editor, who proceeded to "present his work." He emphasized the duty of employing only our best literature—assuring the



REV. W. M. ROGERS.

year, materially and spiritually; a net gain of 450, and one new charge. We have 17 churches, with 42 Sunday-schools, 18 Leagues and 23 Home Mission Societies.

Rev. R. G. Mood, of Greenville District, said: No man could have had a more loyal, faithful and brotherly set of preachers than those of the Greenville District. They have wrought faithfully and well. Have had between 1000 and 1200 conversions, about 1000 additions, paid much old indebtedness, formed one new charge, built one new church and one new parsonage; dedicated three churches; finances in good shape all around. A busy and happy year.

Rev. W. D. Mountcastle: The Sulphur Springs District has had a very prosperous year every way. Much has been done in paying old debts, and improving churches and parsonages. The district parsonage has been improved by the use of more than \$600. Two new churches have been built, and plans for a splendid church at Sulphur Springs are being worked out. There has been more than 700 conversions and nearly as many accessions to the Church. Every interest of the Church has greatly improved. The pastor has had better support and the collections ordered by the conference are mostly paid in full.

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Bro. A. K. Ragsdale, President of the State Epworth League, was then introduced to the conference and gave a lucid and interesting account of the League work in Texas. Question 22 was then called and the names of the following brethren were called and their characters were passed: M. C. Blackburn, J. A. Kerr, I. T. Stafford, W. H. Hughes, O. P. Thomas, H. A. Bourland, W. E. Kirby, S. L. Ball. At this juncture a note of welcome from the Salvation Army was read.

The tenth question was called and the following reported and their characters were passed: E. F. Brown (continued in class), J. H. Scrimshire, J. W. Leck, E. H. Coburn, P. S. Warren, W. B. Martin (continued in class), O. T. Cooper (already an elder), O. E. Moreland, E. L. Harris (a deacon), A. C. Sterling, S. L. Haburn (a deacon), L. E. Couchin.

Question twelve: Under this question the following were passed: J. H. Bridges, T. C. Fort, J. A. Wheeler.

Question, "Who are supernumerary?" was called and S. H. Smith was given that relation.

Dr. J. H. Gambrell, State Superintendent of the Anti-Saloon League, was then introduced and presented the work of that great organization.

Question 22 was then resumed, and the following brethren reported and were passed: C. P. Combs, W. A. Stuckey, J. D. Major, W. B. Douglass, A. P. Hightower, H. K. Agee, I. M. Woodward.

Bro. H. A. Launch, of the German Mission Conference, was introduced and addressed the conference. A handsome collection was taken for the Church at New Braunfels.

The order of the day having arrived the conference adjourned to hear the Bishop preach the Thanksgiving sermon.

Psalm 56 was read by Dr. Bishop. Bishop Murrell preached from the text, 97th Proverbs, verses 1 and 2. He said, among other things, "This old Hebrew Hymn Book furnishes many grand and noble sentiments, and the text I have selected is the expression of one or more of these grand thoughts."

"The age in which we live is emphatically the scientific age. And while the voices speak to us of God, it is too often that these voices are drowned by the din and roar of industrial activities. We are not here to magnify

any special form of government, nor to tabulate our material things, but we are here to be impressed more, if possible, than ever before the strong and inevitable providence of God.

"The Psalm from which we take our text, by whomsoever it may have been written, invites us to consider the reign of God. That brilliant coterie of learned men of the last century have transmitted to us a set of phrases which are understood by few and misinterpreted by many. One of the direct effects of this is that men—many men—have come to believe that everything—all things—are the products of a blind and mystifying law behind which, if there be a God, he is the Great Unknowable.

"Many things which were once considered tangent and accidental, are now understood to be in accordance with a system of perfect order. But whatever may be said of this order, it is after all only the method of divine precedence. God, who works by rule and order, is not bound by any rule or set of rules. His providence is seen in the defeat of evil tendencies as well as the provision of comfortable gifts of every sort to man.

"We must be impressed with the fact that the reign of God is sometimes dark and inscrutable—'clouds and darkness are round about Him'—but everything is full of mystery. We are confronted day by day with mysteries that have not been nor can be explained. The sunsets of heaven present us every night a mysterious procession of shining problems. For when we question them there is no response that explains in fullness the recovering of their glories. Men look down into this round, green earth upon which we live and endeavor to read among the rocky records in its strata, but little is given out concerning the wonderful connection they sustain to all the other facts and phenomena of things both seen and unseen. Yea, if we 'dive into the bottom of the deep to drag up drowned beings by the locks,' we still are left in doubt, and we are forced to turn to God's blessed Word to find a solution of these great questions of life, and time and space.

"But the most inexplicable problem of all is, 'What is God?' Leonidas failed to answer it at the end of a long, learned and patient investigation, and St. Paul is equally helpless. And yet I realize that notwithstanding its mystery, yet, after all, to know God and Jesus Christ whom he has sent, is a desideratum of the imperative sort.

"To undertake to apologize for God is the most dangerous of all presentation. The God I worship can never be offended by the lavishness of the rich

Words of Praise

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est affection upon our loved ones, and he who would teach a bereaved mother that her child was taken because she loved it, is ignorant of the terms of His mission to a sorrowing mind. God's providence, which is mysterious, is nevertheless right. Righteousness and judgment are the habitation of His throne. We feel there is coming a time when we know as we are known. The ultimate outcome of all God's works and providence is the salvation of the world. It is the one 'far off divine event to which creation moves.' There are no pagan oaks nor Gentile princes nor Jewish weeps nor heathen forests. All these belong to God and must be kept and dressed for Him. We talk about 'expansion.' We, as ministers, have little to do with that question from a political standpoint, but we have to do with the expansion of God's kingdom in the world. It is our one great business. I have so patience with the twaddle we sometimes hear about the evil of mixing religion and politics. While we have nothing to do with partisan politics, we have to do with policies and problems that hurt men and oppose the spread of God's kingdom. Man's chief dignity is uncovered by his nearness or remoteness to God. Indeed separate man from his Maker and he is nothing. There is no reason for his living in this world. But when we look at him a partaker of a divine nature he rises into augustness and grandeur undreamed of by poetry or explained by philosophy.

"Man has done much—is doing much—but no one by searching can find out God. Give man all he claims; give him all the wealth, all the learning, all the power, and if you leave out God and eternity, what is he? Nothing but a fading flower—however rich and beautiful. And now remember this if you forget everything else, remember this, that man without God is nothing but a cipher. But when you put Jesus beside him he is multiplied infinitely. Man's stamp of greatness fails, but when God makes a man great, he remains forever. It is not of so much consequence as to when we work as to how we are yoked up with God. A man who is linked onto God is working in a sphere that is absolutely boundless."

The editor of the Advocate preached a Thanksgiving sermon at Lowery Park at 10:30 o'clock, and the new Church was filled with an interested audience. The singing was good and the service was profitable.

At night the Commercial Club gave a great banquet to the conference and its visitors at the Club Lake. This is a large body of water in an artificial lake six miles from the city, reached by a fine trolley line. The lake is in a natural basin, nine miles long and an average of one mile wide. It covers more than four thousand acres, and at its deepest point it is fifty feet deep. It is an immense body of water. It looks like a young ruff. It has large buildings about it and modern boats. It is an ideal resort. Fishing and rowing are fine sports. The banquet was a royal spread. The menu was up-to-date and delicious. About four hundred sat down at the spacious tables.

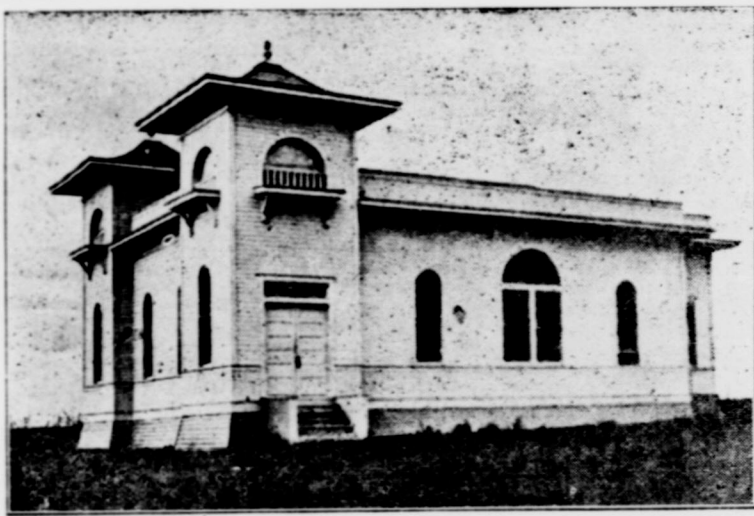
After the feast, speaking was the order of the evening. Rev. J. W. Hill, Rev. C. M. Bishop, Rev. L. S. Barton, Rev. O. T. Cooper, Rev. J. M. Moore and the writer did the speaking. It was one of the finest occasions we ever attended.

Friday morning was bright and bracing. Rev. J. M. Sweeton led in the devotional service.

Rev. W. F. Andrews, Rev. Dr. H. A. Boaz and Dr. R. S. Hyer were introduced. At the mention of Dr. Hyer's name the conference broke into enthusiastic cheering. It was a true expression of the feeling of the conference toward this distinguished educator.

The call of the Bonham District was resumed and finished. The reports were uniformly good. Rev. O. S. Thomas did a great year's work at Bonham. He has a new church enterprise under way and nearing completion. It will be a beautiful structure. All collections were paid, and the people paid for all purposes \$34 per capita. Trenton Circuit, under Rev. J. D. Whitehead, made good progress, and its accessions were numerous. The applicants for admission on trial were called and a large class of young men were accepted. Rev. L. S. Crowson, of Forest Avenue, Dallas, reported large advance in all departments. They paid for all purposes \$2,000 more than last year. Valleyview brought up everything in full and had forty odd conversions and a number of accessions. Rev. C. L. Bounds did a fine work. Rev. W. D. Thompson, of McKinney, made a good report, and, among other things, said that one of his people had put into his will the distribution of about \$40,000; some of it to the superannuate endowment fund, some to the Orphanage and some to the education of young ministers. The class of the fourth year was called, their characters passed and they were elected to elder's orders. J. E. Pritchett was discontinued at his own request. Rev. C. P. Martin, of Iowa Park, made a remarkable report. About 100 conversions and accessions, paid off debt on one church, Sunday-schools led the district in the contributions to the support of a missionary in Mexico, built and furnished a church in the town at a cost of \$8,500, and an excess on some of the collections. His is also the banner charge in the number of Advocates taken.

Report No. 2 of the Board of Education was read by Rev. S. C. Riddle, and Dr. R. S. Hyer was introduced and spoke in the interest of Southwestern University. He said that the institution had the largest attendance in its history. Dr. Frank Seay, of the Theological Department, also addressed the conference in the interest of that department. Rev. R. G. Mood read the majority report of the Board of Trustees of the University anent the removal agitation. As Secretary of the Conference he also read the minority report of the same board. Rev. J. M. Peterson read the paper adopted by the Northwest and Central Texas Conferences at their recent sessions and which paper has been published in the Advocate, looking to the appointment



THE JONES-BETHEL METHODIST CHURCH AT JACOBIA.

The above handsome building was erected by the Jones-Bethel congregation, which is one of the best in Hunt County. The following names are some of the charter members: Mrs. E. A. Kitchens, Mrs. Arella Dunbar, Mrs. Emma Girdner, Mrs. Annie Foosee, W. W. Waddle, T. C. Foster, R. T. Gardner, Mrs. S. J. McWhirter, and still hold their membership here. The Church was organized in 1881 under the ministry of Rev. W. A. Shook. The first house was erected in 1883. While in course of construction it was blown down the first of June, but was immediately re-erected by the undaunted courage of Brother Milton McWhirter, W. F. Lane and C. W. Waddle, with a small membership to assist. This was a plain boxed house about 40x22 feet. This accommodated the congregation ten or eleven years. Under the ministry of J. M. Sweeton a more commodious building was erected. The congregation worshiped in this building fifteen or sixteen years. Again in 1910 this building was torn away and a more modern building erected, as shown in the above cut. The first church cost about \$400, the second, \$2000, and this one about \$4000. This Church, when organized, was on the Loneoak Circuit, the preacher living at Loneoak. In 1884 a new circuit was formed and called the Campbell Circuit, the parsonage being built at Campbell. It remained on this work for twenty years. In 1904 it was put on the Greenville Mission and in 1907 was made half station with West Lee Street Church, and now is known as West Lee and Jones-Bethel charge.

The following preachers have served this Church: Rev. S. W. Jones, year 1881, and served two years; Rev. W. T. Ayers, 1882, as junior preacher one year, under S. W. Jones; W. S. May 1883, and served one year; Rev. C. J. Sherwood, 1884, and served one year; William Hay, 1885, and served two years; Rev. Z. Parker, 1887, and served one year; Josiah Golby, 1889, and served one year; J. M. Sweeton, 1891, and served four years; J. W. Clifton, 1895, and served one year; J. W. Beckham, 1896, served two years; J. T. Bloodworth, 1898, and served three years; John E. Roach, 1901, and served three years; W. H. Stephens, 1904, and served one year; J. O. Peterson, 1905, and served one year; again J. W. Beckham, 1906, and served one year; Mark P. Hinds, 1907, and served one year; I. G. White, 1908, served one year and nine months. He being appointed to a place in Southwestern University, Rev. J. A. Thomas was appointed to fill out the remainder of the year. This is some of the history, as I remember, of twenty-nine years.—J. D. Foosee.

During this time there were four superintendents of the Sunday-school, who were as follows: W. F. Frady, T. C. Foster, R. T. Gardner, J. D. Foosee. Mr. Frady served one year, Mr. Gardner, one year; Mr. Foosee, three years, and Mr. Foster the remaining time, which has been from the year 1881. The present membership is approximately 140 members; the enrollment of the Sunday-school is 125. Above information was furnished by J. D. Foosee and J. H. Johnson.

of commissioners to take charge of this whole question; and he moved this paper as a substitute for the two reports read by Brother Mood. The motion received a second and this brought the question before the conference. Dr. Alderson moved that the papers be made the order of the day at the afternoon session, at 3 o'clock, and it was carried. Rev. A. E. Rector, of our Immigrant Home at Galveston, was presented and made a forceful address in behalf of his work.

Rev. W. W. Graham, of the Texas Conference, conducted the opening exercises at the afternoon session. Rev. Ellis Smith, of Houston, was a pleasant visitor to the conference. He knows many of the members of our conference, and he enjoyed the fellowship of the gathering and the preachers were glad to see him. Rev. D. L. Coale, formerly a member of this body, spent some days with us. Dr. Horace Bishop, of the Central Conference, was introduced. Dr. Bishop is well known to the members of the conference and they were glad to greet him and to enjoy his presence among them. The brethren made an offering to help Rev. J. W. Clifton, who lost all his clothing and library recently in a fire. His home at Bells was completely destroyed with its contents.

The order of the day having arrived, the substitute paper offered by Dr. Peterson was placed before the body, and the Bishop recognized Dr. Peterson and proceeded to address the conference on his substitute. He gave a brief history of the subject to the present time and then proceeded to discuss the merits of the proposition to appoint a commission. His speech was argumentative, deliberate and to the point. He held the attention of the conference, and it seemed to meet with much favor. There were frequent bursts of applause as he proceeded with his address. Rev. J. M. Binkley, the old nestor of the conference, got the floor and spoke against the substitute. He is about the only surviving member of the committee that originally established the University at Georgetown, and he strenuously fought the idea that he had any right to unsettle this established order of things. He was forceful, strong, witty and humorous; and his telling points were applauded, even by many who were opposed to him. He certainly entertained the conference from start to finish. Rev. Ed. R. Barcus was next recognized and he spoke against the substitute, and made a clear and earnest presentation of his side of the question. He illustrated his points with taking figures and at times his greater statements caused laughter and applause. Rev. R. G. Mood then got the floor and also spoke against the substitute. He dwelt upon the history of Texas schools, explained how Southwestern University had its origin, and then pointed out what he conceived to be the folly of disturbing the contract entered into by the fathers nearly forty years ago. He spoke feelingly of his father and the work that he did to establish our great school. He spoke warmly and with much emphasis. He took the position that to build another central university is to break a solemn contract entered into by the conference with the people of Georgetown. Dr. E. W. Alderson was next to speak and he advocated the substitute and made a most lurid speech, clearing up the subject and placing the whole question upon its merit. His argument was a masterpiece of forensic eloquence, and it aroused much enthusiasm. Dr. Alderson has no equal in Texas as a debater and he never appeared to better advantage than in his speech on this occasion. Dr. Jno. R. Allen followed and he made a strong and earnest speech, submitting many carefully digested facts. Dr. Allen is a logical speaker and did himself much credit in his effort, but the tide seemed against his position on the question. Rev. J. M. Peterson had a few minutes to close as he opened the debate and then the vote was taken and it stood at 167 for and 17 against. The Bishop made a few earnest remarks and declared it a great debate.

At night Dr. J. H. McLean preached a semi-centennial sermon. For fifty years he has been an itinerant Methodist preacher in Texas, and by special appointment he preached this sermon. Seated in the pulpit with him were Rev. J. M. Binkley and Rev. M. H. Neely, two veteran preachers who have come along with Dr. McLean through the long years of the past. The sermon was partly expository and partly reminiscent and intensely interesting. There are heroic and romantic periods in his life, and when he touched upon these he quickened the attention of his audience. At

its close the brethren rushed around the old man and grasped his hand, as they sang, "Happy day, when Jesus washed my sins away." But the Doctor has promised to write out the sermon for us in a few weeks, and then we will publish it in the Advocate. It will be a contribution to Methodist history in Texas and it will make good reading for our readers.

Saturday morning a light shower had fallen and the atmosphere was refreshed and the dust settled. Rev. J. M. Binkley conducted the opening service.

The call of the preachers was resumed. Rev. J. D. Hudgins of Cedar Hill reported good meetings and everything in full. Rev. E. L. Egger of Oak Cliff reported 295 accessions, and 175 of them in the way of net gain. Rev. D. K. Porter of Oak Lawn had 96 accessions, and everything in full. Dr. A. L. Andrews reported gains and all assessments in full. Dr. J. W. Hill of First Church reported greatly large progress, many accessions and all things full. The editor was called and the Bishop paid the Advocate quite a compliment, and the conference cheered him. Rev. J. R. Atchley of Key Memorial had a good report; had a good meeting, collections well up and a new church under way. He is making an impression on that part of Sherman. Rev. J. F. Holmes presented a handsome Bible to Rev. J. F. Pierce, the retiring presiding elder of the McKinney District, in the name of the preachers of the district. They part from Brother Pierce with regret. The preachers of the Decatur District made uniformly good reports. They had good meetings, many accessions, and in missionary matters they were well to the front. Brother Barton, the presiding elder, has impressed a spirit of this sort with all his preachers. With their co-operation, he has wrought wonders in that new district.

The Gainesville District brethren had great reports. Rev. W. T. Whiteside of Denton reported \$7 net gain and an old Church debt paid off. Things are very hopeful at Denton. Rev. E. R. Barcus of Denton Street, Gainesville, reported more than 60 accessions, \$70 excess in missions and \$400 specials. Rev. J. A. Old of Broadway reported 85 accessions and \$400 special for missions. Rev. R. F. Bryant of Pilot Point had collections all full, built and paid for a \$15,000 church, and his people paid \$90 per head. T. M. Kirk of Sanger made a fine report along all lines. Finances full, church debt paid, and matters in fine shape. J. W. Tincher had a grand year at Wesley and Bethel. All collections full and 58 accessions. Rev. R. B. Moreland has had 290 conversions since he went to Celeste, and his Sunday-school supports a native Korean missionary. Dr. J. L. Pierce had a special for missions. He spoke feelingly of his grand year at Commerce. A number of accessions, and finances in good condition. Rev. C. Pugsley was highly commended when he made his splendid report. When the old war horse, Uncle Ben Bounds, was called, he made a touching talk and asked for a superannuated relation. Rev. E. H. Casey reported one of the largest Sunday-schools in the conference at Wesley, Greenville. It has 1080 on the roll and 500 more than church members. The school paid \$112.55 in favor of his people and his four years among them. W. B. Byers reported more Sunday-school scholars than Church members. H. M. Corley, at Merit, reported a new parsonage, and collections all full and money in the treasury. C. W. Dennis of Wolfe City made a grand report, and stated that his lay workers had been of great help to him in his collections and otherwise. Dr. McLean made a report of the Orphanage of which he has charge at Waco. It is in fine condition. Rev. E. B. Thompson made his report of the work done for the superannuated homes. He has pressed that enterprise during the year.

The class for admission with full connection, thirteen in number, were called to the altar, and the disciplinary questions were propounded to them by the Bishop, and he addressed them very pointedly and earnestly. The young men answered the questions satisfactorily and they were voted into the membership of the conference. It was a solemn service.

A number of places were put in nomination for the next conference, but Gainesville got it, and it was made unanimous.

Dr. J. H. McLean opened the exercises of the afternoon session with prayer. The call of the preachers was resumed Bro. J. F. Holmes, of Collins.

had a good year with everything up-to-date. So did Rev. F. O. Miller, of Farmersville. Rev. J. F. Archer, at Nevada, built a \$10,000 church and a \$1200 parsonage. Plano made progress along all lines under the pastorate of Rev. C. B. Fladger. Rev. J. T. Bloodworth did a fine work with his laymen. Prosper is prospering. Rev. J. H. Blackburn, at Princeton, had a prosperous year—made progress in all departments. South McKinney did well under Rev. N. R. Stone. Willie, under Rev. L. A. Hanson, paid all its assessments. Rev. W. C. Howell reported his Sunday-school at Blossom in advance of his Church membership in numbers. All the preachers in the Paris District made exceptionally fine reports. We were not able to make notes of them personally. Rev. J. M. Cravy made his report; his character was passed and he withdrew from the ministry and membership of the Church. Rev. J. H. Griffin, at Lamar Street, Paris, had 150 conversions and 165 accessions. The preachers of the Sherman District brought up unusual reports. No set of men made a better showing. Some of them were exceptionally good. Rev. J. E. Vinson, after long service, asked for a superannuated relation. We have never had a better man in the North Texas Conference.

The preachers of the Sulphur Springs District showed progress over previous years. Rev. W. D. Mountcastle led them to victory in all departments. He is a most painstaking presiding elder and his work prospers. The preachers of the Terrell District made good reports also. Under Rev. M. L. Hamilton, they have gone forward and their reports showed good results.

Mrs. W. H. Johnson got the ear of the conference and made a telling talk in the interest of the Rescue Home. This is one of our most useful institutions and worthy of the support of the Church. Dr. Boaz spoke briefly of Polytechnic College. Revs. Jerome Duncan, J. G. Putnam, Moore and Phelan were introduced. They were given a cordial welcome.

The Committee on Books and Periodicals read their report and they spoke most kindly of the Advocate and its editor. He addressed the Conference in a few words on the Advocate. The reports came in rapidly and were soon disposed of.

Sunday came in clear, but a brisk norther was on and the warm temperature of the preceding days went down considerably. The annual love feast was conducted by Rev. Jno. E. Vinson, and it was a most spiritual service. There were many testimonials from the brethren and they were warm and touching. Some of the old brethren moved the audience with their ardent talks.

A great congregation gathered at the church for the 11 o'clock worship. The Bishop is said to have preached an excellent sermon after which the deacons were ordained. We did not get to hear it as we were preaching at the Presbyterian Church at the same hour. All the churches were opened to our ministers and good reports were made of the services. In the afternoon a very solemn memorial service was held. Quite a number of our brethren and several wives of brethren had died during the year. Their memoirs were read and addresses were delivered in loving memory of their lives and characters.

At night Dr. H. A. Boaz preached a remarkably fine and appropriate sermon to a large audience and the elders were ordained. This closed an eventful and a memorable Sunday in Wichita Falls.

Monday morning the business of the conference was finished, the appointment read and adjournment was had, but it was not our privilege to be present.

MINUTES

Of the forty-fourth session of the North Texas Annual Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South, held at Wichita Falls, Texas, beginning November 23, 1910, ending November 28, 1910; Bishop, W. B. Murray, President; R. G. Mood, Secretary. Postoffice of Secretary: Greenville, Texas.

Question 1. Who are admitted on trial? H. R. Chambers, W. N. Oliver, H. M. Cowling, Joseph D. Thomas, Keener B. Ishell, W. E. Dale, T. E. Cannon, H. E. Carter, C. L. Bowen, J. A. Wheeler, J. I. Kelly, E. H. Crandall. 2. Who remain on trial? J. I. Kelly, W. L. Tittle, M. C. Sooter, B. B. Hall, C. A. Long, T. W. Preston, G. W. Conly, W. M. Oaks, W. F. Davis, W. R. Kirkpatrick, R. B. Ross, C. A. Ger-

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- man (the last six being in the class of the first year).
2. Who are discontinued? S. E. Fritchett, at his own request.
4. Who are admitted into full connection? L. L. Cohen, D. A. Williams, L. D. Shawver, O. E. Moreland, A. C. Sterling, L. E. Conkin, J. H. Scrimshire, J. W. Beck, P. S. Warren, E. H. Coburn, E. H. Coburn, G. T. Cooper, E. L. Harris, S. L. Habern.
5. Who are readmitted? C. W. Glanville.
6. Who are received by transfer from other conferences? W. R. Kirkpatrick, C. M. Bishop, I. F. Wood, M. C. Dobbs, John M. Moore, W. B. Willson, New Harris, Franklin Moore, G. E. Glasspool, W. J. Wilson, G. M. Gibson, C. C. Childress, W. E. Thomas, J. Leonard Rea.
7. Who are received from other Churches as local preachers? John W. Carson, from Methodist Protestant Church, and J. J. Freeman, from Baptist Church.
8. Who are received from other Churches as traveling preachers? None.
9. Who are the deacons of one year? J. H. Scrimshire, J. W. Beck, P. S. Warren, E. H. Coburn, O. T. Cooper, E. L. Harris, S. L. Habern, L. L. Cohen, D. A. Williams, L. D. Shawver, O. E. Moreland, A. C. Sterling, L. E. Conkin.
10. What traveling preachers are elected deacons? L. L. Cohen, D. A. Williams, L. D. Shawver, O. E. Moreland, A. C. Sterling, L. E. Conkin.
11. What traveling preachers are ordained deacons? L. L. Cohen, D. A. Williams, L. D. Shawver, O. E. Moreland, A. C. Sterling, L. E. Conkin.
12. What local preachers are elected deacons? J. H. Bridges, G. C. Ford, Jno. A. Wheeler.
13. What local preachers are ordained deacons? G. C. Ford, John A. Wheeler.
14. What traveling preachers are elected elders? J. C. Gibbons, J. H. Averitt, E. A. Maness, C. L. Bounds, H. E. Anderson, R. S. Kerr, C. C. Young.
15. What traveling preachers are ordained elders? J. C. Gibbons, J. H. Averitt, E. A. Maness, C. L. Bounds, H. E. Anderson, R. S. Kerr, C. C. Young.
16. What local preachers are elected elders? S. L. Habern, R. L. Patterson, B. B. Hall.
17. What local preachers are ordained elders? R. L. Patterson, B. B. Hall.
18. Who are located this year? None.
19. Who are supernumerary? M. C. Blackburn, J. A. Kerr, J. T. Stafford, W. H. Hughes, O. P. Thomas, H. A. Bourland, W. E. Kirby, J. M. Nichols, S. H. Smith, S. L. Bail.
20. Who are superannuated? B. A. Thomasson, G. H. Adams, M. H. Neely, E. T. Hayes, J. R. Randall, James McDougald, L. W. Harrison, F. B. Carroll, W. A. Coppedge, B. H. Webster, J. B. Johnston, W. A. Edwards, S. Crutchen, J. M. Hunter, T. E. Norwood, S. W. Miller, J. M. Murphy, W. F. Clark, E. S. Williams, R. N. Brown, A. E. Smith, A. W. Gibson, C. C. Williams, R. S. Gorsline, C. W. Jacobs, J. C. Weaver, W. L. Clifton, J. H. Reynolds, J. H. Hunter, B. H. Bounds, J. E. Vinson, Lee Sanders, J. B. Minnis, F. M. Sherwood, L. F. Palmer.
21. What preachers have died during the past year? W. H. Stephenson, J. H. White, Jno. S. Davis, Wm. Hay, W. M. Leatherwood, H. H. Vaughan, J. C. Moore.
22. Are all the preachers blameless in their life and official administration? Their names were called one by one and characters passed.
23. What is the number of local preachers and members in the several circuits, stations and missions of the conference? Local preachers, 160; members, 59,714.
24. How many infants have been baptized during the year? 1956.
25. How many adults have been baptized during the year? 2768.
26. What is the number of Epworth Leagues? 162.
27. What is the number of Epworth League members? 5279.
28. What is the number of Sunday-schools? 425.
29. What is the number of Sunday-school officers and teachers? 4929.
30. What is the number of Sunday-school scholars enrolled during the conference year? 44,537.
31. Who was assessed by the last conference for the superannuated preachers, and the widows and orphans of preachers? \$474.
32. What has been collected on the foregoing account, and how has it been applied? \$728; applied to claimants.
33. What has been contributed for missions? Foreign, \$12,196.76; domestic, \$9692.25.
34. What has been contributed for church extension? \$-899.64.
35. What has been contributed for the American Bible Society? \$1249.91.
36. What has been contributed for the support of presiding elders and preachers in charge? Presiding elders, \$23,951.10; preachers in charge, \$143,372.53.
37. What has been contributed for the support of Bishops? \$2269.35.
38. What is the number of societies, and of houses of worship owned by them? Number of societies, 543; number of houses of worship, 447.
39. What is the value of houses of worship, and what is the amount of indebtedness thereon? Value, \$1,447,469; indebtedness, \$102,494.67.
40. What is the number of pastoral charges, and of parsonages owned by them? Pastoral charges, 188; number of parsonages, 172.
41. What is the value of parsonages, and what is the amount of indebtedness thereon? Value, \$246,459; indebtedness, \$12,549.15.
42. What is the number of districts, and of district parsonages? Number of districts, 11; number of district parsonages, 11.
43. What is the value of district parsonages, and what is the amount of indebtedness thereon? Value \$32,500; indebtedness, \$2975.
44. What number of churches have been damaged or destroyed during the year by fire or storm, and what was

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the amount of damage? Number of churches damaged, 5; amount of damage, \$242.90.
 45. What are the insurance statistics? Insurance carried, \$610,985; losses sustained, \$242.90; premiums paid, \$5747; collections on losses, \$202.
 46. What are the educational statistics? (See report of Board of Education.)
 47. Who is elected Conference Leader? C. A. Leddy, Greenville, Texas.
 48. Where shall the next session of the conference be held? Gainesville, Texas.
 49. Where are the preachers stationed this year? (See appointments.)

APPOINTMENTS.

Bonham District.
 J. B. Gober, P. E.
 Bailey Circuit—C. P. Combs.
 Bonham Station—W. T. Whiteside.
 Brookston and High—J. D. Major.
 Dodd and Windom—W. B. Douglass.
 Direct Mission—T. D. Wilson, supply.
 Ector Circuit—R. P. Buck.
 Gober Mission—H. K. Agee.
 Honey Grove Station—C. Pugsley.
 Honey Grove Circuit—J. M. Woodward.
 Ladonia Station—T. W. Lovell.
 Randolph Mission—B. B. Hall.
 Ravenna Mission—L. S. Ashburn, supply.
 Trenton Circuit—J. D. Whitehead.
 Telephone Mission—J. A. Ellis, supply.
 Whiterock and Petty—R. L. Ely.

Bowie District.
 J. E. Roach, P. E.
 Archer City Mission—E. L. Harris.
 Archer City Station—H. H. Liles.
 Bellevue Station—J. R. Wages.
 Blue Grove Circuit—P. S. Warren.
 Bowie Station—O. T. Cooper.
 Bowie Mission—R. L. Patterson, supply.
 Bona Circuit—H. H. Goode.
 Byers Circuit—C. P. Martin.
 Burk Burnett Mission—J. Leonard Rea.
 Crafton Circuit—W. F. Davis.
 Dundee Mission—J. B. Parr, supply.
 Electra Mission—T. E. Cannon.
 Henrietta Station—L. F. Smith; J. A. Kerr, supernumerary.
 Henrietta Mission—J. N. Crutchfield.
 Holliday Mission—T. J. Durham, supply.
 Iowa Park—H. B. Johnson.
 Montague and Dye Mound—A. E. Prince.
 Newport Mission—A. Wall, supply.
 Nocona Station—T. N. Weeks.
 Nocona Circuit—Geo. E. Glasspool.
 Post Oak Circuit—E. H. Coburn.
 Sunset Circuit—C. N. Smith.
 Wichita Falls Station—C. M. Bishop.

Dallas District.
 J. M. Peterson, P. E.
 Cedar Hill and Duncanville—O. E. Moreland.
 Cochran Circuit—J. F. Sherwood.
 Dallas: Ervay—J. T. McClure.
 First Church—G. M. Gibson.
 Forest Avenue—S. L. Crowson.
 Grace Church—C. M. Harless.
 Oak Cliff—E. L. Egger.
 Oak Lawn—D. K. Porter; W. H. Hughes, supernumerary.
 Trinity—New Harris; H. A. Bourland, supernumerary.
 Maple Avenue—J. Wilson.
 Grand Prairie—J. W. Clark.
 Hutchins and Wilmer—Ralph Kerr.
 Irving Circuit—D. W. Hughes, supply.
 Lancaster Station—T. G. Peterson.
 Lewisville Station—W. R. McCarter.
 Wheatland Station—E. L. Wright.
 West Dallas and Fairland—L. E. Wood.
 Editor Texas Christian Advocate—G. C. Rankin.
 Professor in Southwestern University—J. R. Allen.
 Secretary Home Mission Department—John M. Moore.
 Field Secretary Church Extension—W. T. Morrow.
 Agent American Bible Society—J. J. Morgan.

Decatur District.
 L. S. Barton, P. E.
 Alvord Station—W. J. Palmer.
 Argyle Circuit—J. W. Gireg, supply.
 Bryson—L. D. Shawver.
 Boyd and Garvin—E. L. Silliman.
 Bridgeport Station—I. M. Bryce.
 Chico Circuit—P. W. Byrd, supply.
 Chico Station—A. N. Julien.
 Decatur Station—F. A. Koser.
 Decatur Circuit—J. L. Sullivan.
 Decatur Mission—W. N. Oliver, supply.
 Greenwood Mission—J. L. Johnson.
 Justin and Roanoke—T. W. Preston.
 Jacksboro Station—C. C. Young.
 Oakdale Circuit—J. D. Thomas.
 Paradise Circuit—Keener Isbell.
 Fonder and Crum—R. E. Porter.
 Rhome Mission—L. A. Thomas.
 Willow Point Circuit—G. P. Rice, supply.
 Mexican Mission—To be supplied.
 Student Vanderbilt University—L. F. Chapman.

Gainesville District.
 E. H. Casey, P. E.
 Aubrey Circuit—J. O. Davis.
 Collinsville and Toga—L. A. Burk.
 Denton Station—W. A. Stuckey.
 Dexter Mission—H. M. Cowling.
 Era and Spring Creek—E. A. Maness.
 Gainesville: Denton St.—E. R. Barcus.
 Broadway—J. A. Old.
 Marysville Mission—H. M. Cosby.
 Myra and Hood—C. Childress.
 Pilot Point Station—T. H. Morris.
 Rooston—To be supplied.
 Sanger—J. W. Beck.
 St. Jo Circuit—W. M. Oaks.
 Valley View Station—C. A. Long.
 Wesley and Bethel—J. W. Tincher, and C. L. Miller, supply.
 Woodbine Circuit—J. M. McMillan, supply.

Greenville District.
 R. G. Mood, P. E.
 Campbell and Jones-Bethel—W. H. Wright.
 Celeste and Lane—R. B. Moreland.
 Celeste Mission—A. P. Saffold.
 Commerce Station—J. L. Pierce; A. W. Gibson, supernumerary.
 Commerce Mission—J. E. Short.
 Fairlie and Wesley Chapel—J. W. Slaughter.
 Floyd and Caddo Mills—L. E. Conkin.
 Greenville: Kavanaugh—J. F. Pierce.
 Lee Street—C. L. Bounds.
 Greenville Mission—W. E. Dotson.
 Wesley—O. S. Thomas.

Leonard and Orange Grove—N. R. Stone.
 Lone Oak Station—D. F. Fuller.
 Lone Oak Mission—Alexander Hubbard, supply.
 Merit Circuit—J. H. Overstreet, supply.
 Quinlan Circuit—M. R. T. Davis.
 Wolfe City Station—C. W. Dennis.
 Manager, Texas Methodist Orphanage—J. H. McLean.
 Agent for Superannuate Homes—E. B. Thompson.
 Student Southwestern University—Finis A. Crutchfield.
 Manager Mood Hall, Southwestern University—L. G. White.
 Conference Missionary Secretary—O. S. Thomas.
 Conference Secretary of Epworth Leagues—R. B. Moreland.

McKinney District.
 C. A. Spragins, P. E.
 Anna Circuit—S. T. Francis.
 Allen Circuit—A. P. Hightower.
 Blue Ridge Circuit—L. F. Tannery.
 Celina Station—J. F. Holmes.
 Copeville Mission—W. R. Kirkpatrick.
 Farmers' Branch and Carrollton—M. C. Dobbs.
 Frisco Station—M. P. Hines.
 Farmersville Station—F. O. Miller.
 Josephine Circuit—W. A. Clark.
 McKinney Station—W. D. Thompson.
 Nevada Station—J. B. Davis.
 Plano Station—C. B. Flaeger.
 Prosper Circuit—J. T. Bludworth.
 Princeton Circuit—J. D. Hudgins; W. E. Kirby, supernumerary.
 Renner Circuit—J. P. Humphreys.
 South McKinney and White's Grove—W. E. Thomas.
 Weston Circuit—John Moore.
 Wylie Circuit—L. A. Hanson.

Paris District.
 J. M. Sweeton, P. E.
 Annona Circuit—E. F. Brown.
 Avery Mission—C. L. Bowen.
 Bagwell Mission—M. C. Sooter.
 Blossom and Sylvan—W. C. Howell.
 Clarksville Mission—R. B. Ross.
 Clarksville Station—R. F. Bryant.
 Deport Circuit—E. G. Roberts.
 Detroit Circuit—Franklin Moore.
 Emberson Circuit—J. W. Beckham.
 Paris: Bonham Street—H. E. Anderson.
 Centenary—J. W. Hill.
 Lamar Avenue—J. H. Griffin.
 Paris Circuit—A. C. Sterling.
 Pattonville Circuit—H. E. Carter.
 Roxton Circuit—W. J. Bludworth.
 Rosalie Circuit—G. W. Conley.
 White Rock and Williams Chapel—W. A. Pritchett.
 Woodland and Kanawha—S. M. Ownby.
 District Missionary—E. S. Hursey.

Sherman District.
 A. L. Andrews, P. E.
 Bells Circuit—L. L. Naugle.
 Denison Mission—G. A. Jones, supply.
 Denison: Waples Memorial—E. W. Alderson.
 Trinity and Messenger—J. A. Wheeler.
 Howe Circuit—J. W. Clifton; S. W. Franklin, junior preacher, supply.
 Pilot Grove Circuit—W. A. Thomas.
 Pottshoro and Preston—C. B. Golsen.
 Soder and Gordonville—J. W. Blackburn.
 Sherman Circuit—To be supplied.
 Sherman: Key Memorial—J. R. Atchley.
 Travis Street—J. L. Morris; S. L. Ball, supernumerary.
 Southmayd Circuit—D. W. Grounds, supply.
 Van Alstyne Station—J. F. Archer.
 White-wright Station—S. C. Riddle.
 Whitesboro Station—T. J. Beckham.
 North Texas Female College—E. L. Spurlock, Business Manager.
 Student Southwestern University—C. A. German.
 Agent North Texas Female College—J. M. Binkley.

Sulphur Springs District.
 W. D. Mountcastle, P. E.
 Brashear Circuit—W. L. Shoemaker, supply.
 Cooper Station—A. F. Hendrix.
 Como Circuit—W. L. Tittle.
 Cumby Circuit—N. C. Little.
 Hagansport Mission—J. H. Moreland, supply.
 Klondike Circuit—C. W. Gianville.
 Lake Creek Circuit—S. L. Habern.
 Mount Vernon Circuit—W. B. Byars.
 Purley Circuit—W. B. Martin.
 Pecan Gap and Ben Franklin—T. A. Lisenby.
 Relley Springs Circuit—D. A. Williams.
 Sulphur Bluff Circuit—F. A. Bond.
 Sulphur Springs Station—W. F. Bryan.
 Weaver and Sallito—R. F. Russell, supply.
 Winnboro Station—P. C. Archer.
 Yowell Circuit—J. C. Gibbons; S. H. Smith, supernumerary.
 Conference Secretary of Education—W. F. Bryan.

Terrell District.
 M. L. Hamilton, P. E.
 Chisholm Circuit—O. T. Rogers.
 College Mound—J. B. Adair.
 Crandall and Seago—J. H. Averitt.
 Elmo Mission—J. W. Griffin, supply.
 Fate Circuit—J. H. Scribshire.
 Fortney Station—L. L. Cohen.
 Garland Station—Minor Bounds.
 Kaufman Station—A. R. Nash.
 Kemp Circuit—M. H. Read.
 Mabank Mission—E. H. Crandall.
 Mesquite Circuit—T. M. Kirk.
 Pleasant Mound Circuit—G. W. Whisler.
 Rockwall Station—F. B. Wheeler.
 Royse Station—J. F. Alderson.
 Scurry Mission—H. B. Chambers.
 Terrell Station—D. H. Aston; O. P. Thomas, supernumerary.
 Wesley College—S. M. Black, President.
 Wesley College—W. B. Wilson, Financial Agent.

TRANSFERRED—Solon Johnson, to Denver Conference; J. C. Cooper, to Oklahoma Conference; Z. M. Williams, to Southwest Missouri Conference and appointed to Central College for Women; W. D. Bradford, to West Texas Conference; R. C. Hicks, to Texas Conference; J. P. Lowry, to North Texas Conference; J. O. Peterson, to Oklahoma Conference; W. B. Bayless, to Oklahoma Conference; J. T. Turner, to Oklahoma Conference; C. E. Cameron, to Louisiana Conference; C. C. Crooke, to Holston Conference.

REPORT OF JOINT BOARD OF FINANCE.

Dear Fathers and Brethren:
 Something over five years ago there was bequeathed to the beneficiaries of our board the sum of \$10,000 by Brother S. Lynn, of Paris, Texas. By his will the Joint Board of Finance became the custodian of the fund. We loaned the full amount to the trustees of the North Texas Female College for a period of five years at 8 per cent, with the option of another five years' loan. We have received \$800 interest annually and appropriated the same to the claimants. The five years having expired, we have renewed the note for five years more.
 A communication from Rev. J. R. Stewart, Secretary and Treasurer of the Superannuate Endowment Fund, informs us that this fund, though somewhat slowly, is surely annually increasing, and all the large conferences but eight have made an assessment for it.
 We recommend a continuation of the assessment of last year.

Bishops' Fund.
 We have collected for Bishops' Fund during the year and sent to Smith & Lamar \$ 114.00
 Received from Conference Teller 1,760.00
 Paid to Treasurer 175.00

Whole amount received for Bishops' Fund \$2,047.00
 Assessed for this fund for the current year, 1910-1911 \$2,871.00

There was left in the hands of the Treasurer of the Joint Board for contingent purposes, after appropriations were made, to the claimants, \$ 484.62

Paid from this amount to S. W. Miller 50.00
 Paid from this amount to funeral expense of J. H. White 75.00
 Paid from this amount for incidentals 1.25

Balance on hand \$ 358.37

Conference Claimants.
 Received by Treasurer \$ 291.00
 Received from Conference Teller 7,476.15
 Received from Rev. J. R. Stewart, Treasurer Superannuate Endowment Fund 174.00
 Received from L. Blaylock 124.00
 Received from Lynn bequest 809.00

Total \$8,865.15
 Less 10 per cent 886.50

Balance \$7,978.65
 Received from Calvin fund 20.00

Total \$7,998.65

Balance from Reserve Fund last year 358.37

Total \$8,357.02

We desire again to express our grateful appreciation of the generous donation from Brother L. Blaylock to this sacred fund.
 We recommend that E. B. Thompson be continued as Agent for Superannuate Homes.
 We recommend an assessment for conference claimants of \$9000.

After prayerful and careful investigation of all the facts we could get with reference to the necessities of our beneficiaries, we have made the following apportionments:

Beneficiary.	Amount.
Rev. R. N. Brown	\$ 1.
Mrs. D. T. Brown	150.00
Mrs. M. A. Blakston	100.00
Mrs. S. Cobb	75.00
Rev. W. F. Clark	150.00
Rev. W. A. Coppedge	200.00
Rev. W. L. Clifton	100.00
Mrs. W. R. Davis	100.00
Mrs. P. A. Edwards	100.00
Mrs. E. R. Edwards	100.00
Rev. J. H. Hunter	200.00
Mrs. Emma Hawkins	100.00
Mrs. Anna Haislip	100.00
Rev. B. T. Hayes	200.00
Rev. L. W. Harrison	100.00
Rev. M. A. Edwards	200.00
Mrs. M. A. Lewis	150.00
Mrs. L. P. Lively	120.00
Rev. C. E. Lamb	275.00
Mrs. Geo. T. Nichols	50.00
Mrs. J. W. Fields	100.00
Rev. S. W. Miller	200.00
Mrs. Lucinda Nelson	100.00
Mrs. Marvin Nichols' children	75.00
Rev. T. B. Norwood	150.00
Mrs. Sallie Peel	150.00
Rev. L. F. Palmer	275.00
Rev. J. R. Randle	175.00
Mrs. R. G. Rainey	150.00
Mrs. W. M. Robbins	100.00
Henrietta Reed	100.00
Rev. James McDugald	150.00
Mrs. M. A. Sherrill	100.00
Mrs. T. E. Sherwood	125.00
Mrs. A. R. Sellars	100.00
Mrs. Mary E. Shook	125.00
Mrs. J. C. Simpson	175.00
Mrs. Mattie C. Smith	175.00
Rev. F. M. Sherwood	250.00
Rev. E. S. Williams	200.00
Rev. B. H. Webster	150.00
Mrs. W. H. Stephenson	100.00
Mrs. J. H. White	200.00
Rev. J. A. Weaver	150.00
Rev. M. H. Neely	275.00
Gov. G. H. Adams	175.00
Rev. S. Crutchfield	100.00
Mrs. J. M. McKee	50.00
Mrs. W. C. Pryor	50.00
Mrs. T. R. Pierce	250.00
Mrs. Samuel Weaver	200.00
Rev. H. E. Smith	150.00
Rev. J. H. Reynolds	50.00
Rev. F. B. Carroll	125.00
Total	\$ 7,945.00
Leaving balance	\$ 412.00
Which was added to Contingent Fund	886.50
Total	\$1,298.50

The following appropriations were made from the Contingent Fund:
 R. S. Gorsline \$ 150.00
 Lee Sanders 175.00
 B. H. Bounds 100.00
 J. W. Murphy 50.00
 C. C. Williams 150.00



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J. B. Minnis	150.00
Mrs. W. M. Leatherwood	75.00
Rev. B. A. Thomasson	50.00
Total	\$ 300.00
Leaving balance for Reserve Fund	\$ 398.50

We have received from Conference Teller for Superannuate Endowment Fund \$ 603.15
 Handed the Treasurer 17.00

Total amount received \$ 620.15
 This is to be sent to Rev. J. R. Stewart, Secretary and Treasurer of this fund.

There has also come into our hands, to be remitted to Smith & Lamar for expenses of delegates to General Conference \$14.20
 Respectfully submitted,
 L. P. SMITH, President.
 P. C. ARCHER, Secretary and Treasurer.

Sulphur Springs District—First Round.

Cumby Cir., at Cumby, Dec. 10, 11.
 Pecan Gap and Ben Franklin, at P. G., Dec. 17.
 Sulphur Springs Sta., Dec. 25.
 Mount Vernon Cir., at Holmes Chapel, Dec. 31, Jan. 1.
 Lake Creek Cir., at Enloe, Jan. 7, 8.
 Cooper Sta., Jan. 8, 9.
 Kiley Springs Cir., at Shook's Chapel, Jan. 14, 15.
 Yowell Cir., at Moss Chapel, Jan. 21, 22.
 Klondike Cir., at Good's Chapel, Jan. 22, 23.
 Hagansport Mis., at Lavada, Jan. 28, 29.
 Sulphur Bluff Cir., at Nelta, Feb. 4, 5.
 Weaver and Sallito, at Mahony, Feb. 11, 12.
 Brashear Cir., at Shirley, Dec. 18, 19.
 Winnboro Sta., Feb. 25, 26.
 Como Cir., at Como, Feb. 26, 27.
 Purley Cir., at Harmony, March 4, 5.
 District Stewards will meet in Sulphur Springs, at the Methodist Church, December 28, 1910, at 1:30 p. m.
 W. D. MOUNTCASTLE, P. E.

Cleburne District—First Round.

Blum, at B., Dec. 4, 5.
 Mansfield, Dec. 10, 11.
 Grandview Cir., at Watts, Dec. 17, 18.
 Joshua, at J., Dec. 31, Jan. 1.
 Lillian, Jan. 3.
 Godley, at Bono, Jan. 7, 8.
 Brazos Ave., Cleburne, 7:30 p. m., Jan. 9.
 Granbury Mis., at Fairview, Jan. 14, 15.
 Anglin St., Cleburne, 7:30 p. m., Jan. 18.
 Glenrose Mis., at George Creek, Jan. 21, 22.
 Grenrose Sta., Jan. 22, 23.
 Cresson, at C., Jan. 28, 29.
 Main St., Cleburne, 7:30 p. m., Jan. 31.
 Burleson, at Everman, Feb. 4, 5.
 Alvarado, Feb. 11, 12.
 Morgan and Kopperl, at M., Feb. 18, 19.
 Walnut Springs, Feb. 19, 20.
 Grandview, Feb. 25, 26.
 I trust every pastor and Sunday-school superintendent in the Cleburne District will take an offering Christmas Day for the Orphanage.
 E. A. SMITH, P. E.

Gatesville District—First Round.

(In full.)
 Moody, Dec. 3, 4.
 Meridian Cir., at Grapevine, Dec. 10, 11.
 Meridian Sta., Dec. 11, 12.
 Copperas Cove, at C. C., Dec. 17, 18.
 Killen Sta., Dec. 18, 19.
 Killen Cir., at Killen, 10 a. m., Dec. 19.
 Gatesville Cir., at Fort Gates, Dec. 24, 25.
 Gatesville Sta., Dec. 25, 26.
 Crawford, at C., Dec. 31, Jan. 1.
 Clifton, Jan. 1, 2.
 Turnersville, at T., Jan. 7, 8.
 Oglesby, at O., Jan. 14, 15.
 Evant, at Slater, Jan. 21, 22.
 Valley Mills, at V. M., Jan. 28, 29.
 McGregor, 2 p. m., Jan. 30.
 Nolanville, at N., Feb. 4, 5.
 Jonesboro, at Levita, Feb. 11, 12.
 Fairy and Lanham, at F., Feb. 18, 19.
 Hamilton Cir., at Leesville, Feb. 25, 26.
 Hamilton Sta., Feb. 26, 27.
 The District Stewards will meet at the district parsonage in Gatesville December 13, at 10 a. m.

The Pastors and Local Preachers Conference will meet at McGregor, Tuesday, January 17, at 4:30 p. m.
 I beg that our stewards make liberal provision for the support of pastors, and that the very best business methods be applied to all the finances of the Church.
 S. J. VAUGHAN, P. E.

Notes From the Field

Durango Circuit.

We are closing out our year here. All collections are full; twenty-nine additions during the year; parsonage has been much improved, but needs more. The Durango church has been painted. Mrs. Durango set up to keep house for herself this year again. She is now ready for a new preacher. This circuit can do well if they will. It ought to pay the preacher \$800 or more each year. Thank God for the opportunities of this year.—S. H. Morgan.

Chadbourne Street, San Angelo.

Our work is opening up nicely in North Chadbourne Street. We have a fine people to serve. They have given us a nice reception which we appreciate very much. A sad stroke came to Bro. Renfro, of First Church, in the death of his little babe just at the opening up of his work. May we have grace sufficient in this hour. Lord give us all success this year.—Sam J. Franks, Nov. 16.

Buckholts Circuit.

I have just closed the last protracted meeting for this year with thirteen accessions to the Church at Marlow. I have held nine meetings this year—in January, February, May, July, August and November. Have been assisted by neighbor pastors, McKinney, Cray, and others, all of whom have rendered efficient and successful service. Our total result is 76 accessions, with a net gain of nearly 50. Collections will be in full.—G. W. Riley, Nov. 15.

Dalhart.

At the session of the Northwest Texas Conference at Clarendon, I was read out for Canyon City, and my appointment so appears in the dailies. Next morning I was changed to Snyder, Texas, and came home to pack up, but the Bishop reconsidered the matter and my former presiding elder, Bro. Miller and my present one, Bro. Kiker, wired me that I was to remain here. So mote it be. I was perfectly willing to go and glad to stay. These good people stormed our parsonage home Wednesday evening and pounded us to a finish. I hereby invite the brethren, the Bishop and the Advocate force to come and dine with us before the good things are all gone. There are enough to go round. We begin our third year here under bright auspices.—J. W. Hunt.

Clarendon.

Had a fine initial day yesterday. Congregation filled the home, and singing and night. My reception has been very pleasant. A greater cordiality and a more genuine hospitality could not be imagined. My predecessor has done a great work, and leaves a good name behind. His work will speak for themselves, and him also, for years to come. I am truly glad to have such a great opportunity open for my entrance into a new State and new associations. I hope soon to be genuinely acquainted and fully realized to all the future and possibilities of Texas Methodism.—S. E. Wasson, Nov. 21.

Jonesboro.

We are back to our work again. Have attended Thanksgiving services today, and just a bit after dark the good and loyal people of Jonesboro began to push their way into the dining-room with a few entrees, such as coffee, beans, sugar, hard meal, canned food of almost every description, and then to make us feel that we are really from the country. Sister Acent sends a sack of turnip greens. Could not have pleased us any better. After having enjoyed some innocent games to the young people's delight, prayer was offered, and the best people it seems to me that I ever knew went away with light hearts, as though they had received a very great blessing. Our new parsonage is almost completed. Our membership was about twenty when we came here one year ago. It is now seventy-five. We are in the battle for God and the richly another year. We are serving a good people. May the Lord bless our work.—W. M. Bowden, Nov. 24.

Fort Worth Methodism.

There are now in a straggled line the Methodist preachers of Fort Worth, only those remaining unmoved to tell how the thing was done. But they are coming in from the quarters of the earth to occupy the pulpits made vacant by the removals of the recent conference. These men who come are coming with much and acquired ability that guarantees no loss of power

in the force of Fort Worth Methodism, which is the leading factor to determine the destiny of the city. And I beg to say that the city of Fort Worth justly claims a prestige unexcelled by any other city of the State. We were sorry to see the old crew go, but he knows that the Fort Worth District is manned by a new force from presiding elder to city mission, that guarantees great victories. Eight of the twelve Fort Worth preachers leave the city and another one moves within the city, but every indication is that we are still marching on to a great future. I could have moved like the others did, but I am delighted to remain another year in the Boulevard Station. We expect great things during the next twelve months.—Ed. R. Wallace, Nov. 22.

Rusk.

Our protracted meeting began here October 28. Rev. D. L. Cole was the evening of October 29, and held his first service Sunday, October 30. Our meeting continued twelve days, and while many evidences of victory for the cross was manifest—enough to make our hearts glad—yet victory prevailed in many ways and under many conditions which were not seen, but felt, and will continue to be felt for an indefinite period of time. Conviction, though not acknowledged, was experienced by many souls. Numbers of our people are in full surrender to a more loyal life—many were reclaimed. Forty-two joined the Methodist Church a week after the meeting, and several gave their names for membership in other Churches, while others were unacquainted with what Church they would join. Two young men were called to the ministry, and to that work they resolved to consecrate their lives. Two young ladies realized a call to the missionary field and to that work they solemnly offered their hearts and themselves to the work to which God had called them. Brother Cole's preaching was effective in demonstrating the power of the Holy Spirit; every service was fruitful of the best results. He told the truth in terms plain and forceful, and conviction would intrude upon the mind of men and women in spite of any effort to thwart its intrusion. While we realize great good, equally as great or greater will accrue as evidence of the work done. Prof. G. P. Bledsoe's leadership of the choir was all that could be asked. The efficiency of his solo work was noted with increasing interest. Our people voted an open-hearted welcome to both of these brethren in the future. We are grateful that they came to us and left an influence that will continue.—G. W. Ridley, Nov. 17.

Timpan Station.

A revival meeting of ten days' duration has recently closed, with splendid results. Rev. W. H. Vance, of the district, did most of the preaching. He preached strong, pointed gospel sermons, which found lodgment in the hearts of his hearers. Several of the unsaved were brought to the realization of their lost condition and accepted Christ as their personal Savior, one was reclaimed and the entire Church membership greatly benefited. Brother Lucius Anderson, of Greenville, led the singing. He sings well, speaks clearly and distinctly. His sermons were sermons within themselves, and inspired us to reach out after higher, nobler and better things. Methodism in Timpan is on higher ground spiritually. The fourth Quarterly Conference for this station convened November 18. Brother Thomas reported nine accessions to the Church during the past quarter, making thirty during the year. Sunday-school and Epworth League doing good work; missionary collections up in full and twice students in our educational institutions. The stewards reported the pastor's salary paid. This being necessarily Brother Tower's last year, a resolution of appreciation for his faithful and efficient service as presiding elder was presented and unanimously adopted. He has won the respect, confidence and love of the people throughout the district. Good wishes and sincere prayers will go with him to his new field of labor. Our church and parsonage buildings are with the best in the Texas Conference, and we have a good pastor. What more can I say?—Mrs. A. V. Simpson.

Iredell.

Another conference year has closed, and before this gets into print, preachers of the Central Texas Conference will have received their appointments for the new year. On this the Iredell charge we had come confusion during the past year, caused by the failure of the health of the pastor, Rev. G. H. McAnally, who had wrought well, but was forced to move to a country where the climate was better suited to his condition. So in the midst of the year he left and went to the New Mexico Conference and took charge of Hagerman Station. This left Iredell without a preacher for about four weeks, and that right at the time when plans should be laid for the summer revivals. But the presiding elder, Rev. Jerome Duncan, secured Rev. C. L. Satterfield, late of Southwestern University, to fill out the year as pastor. Brother Satterfield came and took charge and worked faithfully to the close, and not in vain. The new church was under headway when he came, but had lagged; but the good work was soon taken up and went on and before he closed a good revival meeting was held in the church, though not finished. At the last service before conference a large congregation assembled to hear Brother Satterfield preach his last sermon, which was by some thought to be the best he had delivered since he had been pastor. He had been in school three or four years before he came here, and had some of the college boy ways, but all in all he is a fine young man, thoroughly religious and consecrated to the work to which he feels that God has called him. He succeeded in organizing the League in all its departments and getting the



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children interested in the work, and with the children he is a power; knows how to handle them, and they all love him, and when the children love and respect a preacher it is not necessary to say that he stands well with the older people, for they know that is true. When Brother Satterfield completes his education, which he expects to do at the Southwestern University, he will make his life felt in good and efficient work for the Master. The new preacher is coming, and the thing that will make him a success is for the people to co-operate with him in all departments of Church work. Without this, no matter who he may be, he will in a measure be a failure. The success of the pastor is to a very large extent in the hands of the Church he serves. If we want to make Iredell one of the best appointments in the district let us take another hold of the preacher and help him in every way possible, and we will not be ashamed of the results.—W. V. Jones, Nov. 18.

Stuart, Okla.

I have been given work here in Oklahoma on the Stuart charge. I am serving a very loyal people. I received a nice sounding here the 31st, Thanksgiving night. I have a half station and two country appointments. I would have been better pleased to have gotten a transfer to the Texas Conference, but when the Bishop says a thing, you preachers know what that means. Well, I love Texas work. I got my start in the North Texas Conference. I was only a boy of eighteen when Brother John E. Roach picked me up and helped me to see the light, and then I minded my deeds and started life anew. Brother Roach was a father and brother to me. He was the presiding elder of the Bowie District. He is a great and good man. I can now just see how much help he has been to me. Brethren, if you find a poor boy trying to do something and be something, you never lose by helping him. Brother Roach gave me the start that has kept me going onward and upward. At that time I did not fully appreciate and know the meaning of that song, "Stand up for Jesus." But I know what it means now. I have several acquaintances in Texas, and when you read this pray for me. I hope to accomplish much for the Lord this year. I believe every thing points that way now, though prospects were not so good two weeks ago. I am now persuaded to believe that all things work out for good to them that love the Lord. May God bless the Advocate and its readers. Keep the Advocate coming. I had rather do without one meal than to miss getting my paper. It is food to my soul.—Frank L. Jewel.

Chappell Hill.

On October 23, 1916, we had Bishop Key dedicate our church at this place. The Bishop's visit to our town was much appreciated. We all enjoyed those two great sermons. They were fitting to the occasion and most worthy of a Bishop. We would be delighted to have him with us often. As this was his first visit to our town before he took his text, he made some

kind remarks about Chappell Hill, and in a strong and complimentary way referred to our school, the Chappell Hill Female College, expressing great faith in its success under the present management. He said: "If you have a school of merit, people will find it out and will patronize it." He said to the President, W. H. Nelson: "With your able faculty, if you carry out your present plans, you cannot fail of success." Two years ago, when I was appointed to this charge, I was told by a member of this conference and a man who was supposed to have been well acquainted with this community, that the Chappell Hill Female College could not run another session, and as to the pastoral charge, it was doomed to go down; that the town was dying; that the best men were leaving, and that those who were not going would go if they could. If this man were to come here now he would be surprised to see carpenters and bricklayers and cement walk builders and painters at work at almost every home, building new houses or adding to or repairing and beautifying the old ones. Such a spirit of improvement has not been known here in twenty years, and the citizenship here has greater faith in the future of the town and community than for many years. Some of our best business men went South and West and spent much time and money seeking a place where they could find better advantages for permanent homes, but after months of research they returned and reinvested here, stating that they found no place, all things considered, which offered greater advantages for a settled home than here. The Church seems to be more hopeful, also. The Official Board is considering plans for an advance movement, putting more system and business methods in their work. So, altogether, I feel that as a people we should join in this National Thanksgiving with real gratitude. I expect my report, and expect to bring some subscriptions to the Advocate at conference.—T. J. Milan, Nov. 24.

Clayton.

The fourth and last Quarterly Conference for this conference year was held at Beckville on Saturday, November 12, 1916. Our presiding elder, H. T. Cunningham, was with us and at 11 o'clock gave us a splendid sermon on the subject of covetousness. That it was laudable enough to have some aspiration that a person without any aspiration was a mere figurehead, but to be covetous and greedy, always wanting something belonging to other people was contrary to the teaching of the Bible and would make against our usefulness as members of the Church. After the sermon we who lived at a distance spent the dinner hour with the pastor and brethren who live in and near town and it was very much enjoyed. At 1:30 o'clock conference opened. Attendance was rather light, but every place was represented and we had fine reports on all lines. Quarterly report on pastor's salary lacked but little and will be paid in full. Conference claims all paid in full. Received this quarter for repairing churches, \$200; repairing parsonage, \$200; Sun-

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SUNDAY SCHOOL ITEMS

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EDITORIAL NOTES.

The address of the editor has been changed from Austin to San Antonio, Texas. All contributors are requested to send matter for publication to the latter address.

Bishop Atkins is giving prominence to the Sunday-school work in all the conferences. He calls for special reports from pastors on the Sunday-schools, and delivers addresses when the Sunday-school Boards request him to do so. The West Texas and the Central Texas Conferences have been favored with addresses from him on this subject in an anniversary of the boards, and good is sure to follow.

The reports for Sunday, October 23, in the friendly contest for honors between the larger Methodist Sunday-schools of Texas show: Travis Park, San Antonio (rally day), present, 750; offering, \$30.77; Bibles, 262. Grace Church, Dallas, present, 446; offering, \$10.37; Bibles, 212. First Church, Fort Worth, present, 436; offering, \$16.46; Bibles, 236. Marvin Church, Tyler, present, 429; offering, \$11.29; Bibles, 76. Each one of these schools will do well to study this report and see their weak points by comparison. The per capita contributions of these schools vary, and so do the number of Bibles. Let us make progress and go on to perfection.

Rev. Charles D. Bulla, D. D., Superintendent of the Wesley Adult Classes, is now in Texas, and is visiting many of the Churches in the interest of his work. He should find all doors open to him, and a royal welcome. Any Church is fortunate in securing his services.

The Sunday-school has the opportunity to reach human life at its fountain and thus keep the streams of conduct pure. Rev. P. C. Johnson, Chaplain of the prison in Tecumseh, Neb., recently uttered a well known truth, which, though familiar, needs to be kept in mind. He said:

"The supreme need of the hour is prevention. Teaching that prevents evil is vastly better than teaching that reforms. Healthy homes are better than the best of hospitals, and kindergartners than doctors. I see every day the tremendous truthfulness of the proverb, 'An ounce of prevention is worth a pound of cure.' To keep boys out of sin is the best way to keep men out of prison."

Dr. Frank K. Sanders, of Boston, recently made this suggestive comment on the teacher:

"A noted professor of the theory of teaching in a prominent teachers' college recently said that, estimated on a scale of five, two-fifths of a teacher is personality, and an intelligent interest in the subject taught; two-fifths is academic culture and general experience, acquired partly in life and partly in professional service; and one-fifth is special training. What he has said applies in religious as well as in every other sort of educational activity. Technical fitness can be more safely disregarded than can the general preparation for intelligently grasping the relations of facts and for enthusiastically presenting them. A teacher who is interested in doing a certain piece of work, who realizes an obligation to it, whose enthusiasm and devotedness are elicited by it, who is capable of mastering it, will readily

overcome any technical hindrances, and will be likely to approximate and rapidly adopt correct methods."

POINTS FOR SUNDAY-SCHOOL WORKERS BY FAMOUS LEADERS.

Religious music should always excite adoration, never an impulse to dance; and worship in a Sunday-school should cultivate a taste for the stately services of the Church, and never for the light opera.—Dr. Hodge.

I should think that a Sunday-school teacher who does not really study the lesson himself would stutter and stammer and almost choke when urging the class to study it.—C. D. Meigs.

God never calls any one to teach his Word who has no time for the study of it.

The trained Sunday-school teacher alone is the key to the perplexing problems of the modern Sunday-school.

The best Sunday-school teacher is the one who so teaches the Bible as to make Christ seem real and near and glorious to the pupil.—Dr. Wm. V. Kelley.

I would rather overtask one good teacher than to have a large assortment of bad ones. I would rather that a child should not be taught than to have it taught badly.—Prof. John Adams, M. A.

A Sunday-school teacher and a superintendent who come to the school late teach the child dilatory habits by the force of example. It requires moral character to keep engagements promptly, and it is destructive of character to pupils to learn to esteem lightly the obligation to be prompt in all engagements with the Church.

MISSIONARY ITEMS FOR THE SUNDAY-SCHOOL.

The Christian Herald has tabulated the unfinished task of the Christian Church and the forces employed in its accomplishment, as follows:

"The millions still unreached by the gospel are these: Asia, 42,000,000; Africa, 70,000,000; Arabia, 3,000,000; Syria, 550,000; the Sinitic peninsula, 50,000; Eastern Sumatra and adjacent islands, 3,250,000; Madeira, Bali and Lombok Islands, 2,000,000; Malay peninsula, 1,000,000; total, 113,000,000. In all, 788 Protestant missionary societies are at work in foreign fields. The annual combined contributions are \$25,350,000. There are 5,522 ordained missionaries, 982 physicians, 2,503 men lay missionaries, 5,406 married women, 4,988 unmarried women, or a total of 19,280 foreign missionaries. There are 5,045 ordained natives and 92,918 unordained teachers, Bible women, etc. The total living baptized Christians are 3,008,373; adherents, 5,281,871. The native gifts aggregate \$2,300,000."

The Place of Missions.

Missions are the seminar work of the Sunday-school; they stand for the doing side of biblical education; they are the lesson translated into daily living. One may study the scriptures long as a mere branch of knowledge; he may be an encyclopedia of biblical names and places and events; he may be a perfect geography of the Holy Land, and be profound in doctrines, in ethics, and in religious philosophy.

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yet all of it may profit him really nothing. Teaching, as we have seen, is valuable only as it leads to action, and Sunday-school teaching translated into action becomes missions—for in the broadest sense a missionary is any one who is sent out anywhere to enlighten others concerning the truth as it is in Jesus. It may be the little boy who is sent in the Master's name with a bouquet of flowers for a sick room; it may be the little girl who goes out of her way to bring another to Sunday-school. It includes also the sending out of pennies and dimes and dollars, of clothing and other necessities to the poor, of home department literature, and the like. No Sunday-school is truly alive unless it is a missionary school. If it is only teaching and not practicing, if its efforts result in no action for others, it is merely a place for biblical scholasticism. The aim of the Sunday-school should be to teach pupils to apply the Bible to their everyday living, and to go to others or to send to others, that they may share the glad tidings of the gospel.—Prof. Lewis Pattee.

The Test of Teaching.

Reviews furnish the best possible test of a teacher's work. Says Dr. Trumbull, "Most teachers would be surprised at finding, by any fair testing of their work, how little, comparatively, has been gained by their scholars, or rather how much which they supposed they had made clear has been missed by their scholars, in any lesson, or in any series of lessons of their teaching." Then he tells of the teacher in a junior department who was dealing with the story of Elijah and Ahab. "Graphically and vividly she pictured in simple language the appearance of Ahab and Elijah, explaining at every point the characteristics and relative positions and circumstances of Ahab, the idolatrous king of Israel, and of Elijah, the rugged and courageous prophet of Jehovah. The children listened as for their lives. They were all attention." At the close, addressing the most intelligent and attentive of the class, she asked "Now to see what you remember of what I have told you, who was this Ahab?" The child's answer came back promptly, "God." Such experiences are good for a teacher. He who suspects that he talks too much when he gets before his class should pause often and ask questions in review. The pupil's attainment is marked not by what he hears, not by what he has had given to him, but by what he can give back. There is no

way of being sure of what he is receiving but by constant testing. It is in this way that the teacher studies his class and at the same time studies the effectiveness of his own methods. As we have already said, the motto of the conscientious and thorough-going teacher is review, review, evermore review.—Dr. Pattee.

APPRECIATIVE RESOLUTIONS.

The following resolutions were adopted by a unanimous vote of the Board of Stewards of Elkhart Circuit at a meeting of the board held on Thanksgiving Day:

Whereas, Rev. J. C. Huddleston has accomplished more for the upbuilding of this pastoral charge than any former pastor:—a splendid parsonage, one of which we are all justly proud, having been built; two excellent church buildings have been erected; deeds to our Church property have been corrected and recorded and lost ones hunted up; our Sunday-schools and other institutions of the Church have been greatly improved, the spiritual condition of our membership bettered and a good list of names added to our Church rolls; and

Whereas, He has proven himself to be a strong preacher of the gospel, a splendid pastor, a "workman that needeth not to be ashamed;" and

Whereas, He came to this pastoral charge by mutual agreement at a sacrifice to himself, and that at a time when the charge was so run down that we could not command a good preacher, and that in the face of the fact that good charges were seeking his services; therefore be it

Resolved, 1. That this Official Board extend him their sincere thanks.

2. That it is the judgment of this board that he could serve this charge another year altogether as profitably and successfully as he has the past year.

3. That if in the judgment of appointing powers he should go to a more important field, it will be with regret that we give him up; but we will submit, as we cannot hope to hold him long, anyhow.

4. That it is his genuine worth as a preacher of the gospel, pastor and co-laborer among us, and not our personal friendship alone, which prompt the adoption of these resolutions.

5. That a copy of these resolutions be spread upon the minutes of our Fourth Quarterly Conference that a copy be sent to Bishop Murrain and that a copy be sent to the Texas Christian Advocate for publication.

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Dr. W. F. McMurtry writes us that he has had a donation to the loan fund of the Board of Church Extension of \$11,000, but does not tell us the source of it. But it is a generous deed and will help the cause greatly.

The growth of the Institutional Church in Porto Alegre under the pastorate of Rev. Claude L. Smith has been most gratifying. The dedication of the church was an occasion long to be remembered. No little of the success of this interesting work has been due to the devoted labors of Miss Della Wright, who works day and night among and in behalf of the women and children of the factories in the neighborhood.

WEST TEXAS CONFERENCE MINUTES.

Talk about enterprise, but Rev. J. H. Groseclose, the editor of the Minutes for the West Texas Conference, is entitled to the blue ribbon. In three weeks after the adjournment of the conference he had the proceedings neatly and beautifully printed in fine pamphlet form and was mailing them out to the members. We have a copy before us and we have never seen a more attractive publication of the kind. Would it not be glorious if all the editors of our minutes could emulate his example! All praise to the man who does things in an expeditious manner like Brother Groseclose.

IOWA PARK CHURCH.

It was our pleasure to spend the Thanksgiving occasion with our pastor, Rev. C. P. Martin and his good people at Iowa Park, just eight miles above Wichita. We were surprised to see what they have done up there within the past year. It is a small town of only two or three hundred people and our membership is not overly large. Quite a number of them live in the country nearby. But they are a plucky people, full of energy and led by a pastor of deep consecration and heroic courage. As a result they have built a handsome brick church at a cost of \$8500, including furniture, that would do credit to a town of twelve or fifteen hundred people. It is commodious, tasteful and up-to-date in its style and conveniences. I know of no community in the State with the same population with a church equal to this one and but few of twice their population with a church comparable to it. All praise to Brother Martin and his enterprising membership for their courage and liberality. He is a man who does things. In addition to the above piece of splendid work, he has paid off a considerable debt that was hanging on one of his rural churches, made it possible to organize another charge out of a part of the old one, has a number of prosperous Sunday-schools and he heads the list of our preachers in the number of subscribers to the Advocate. The people develop and accomplish results under the ministry of a man like Brother Martin, and there is a future for a man of his style of ministry.

BISHOP W. B. MURRAH, D. D.

Bishop W. B. Murrah presided at the session of the North Texas Conference, and he made a good beginning as one of our new Bishops. He is a courtly, polite and affable gentleman of the old Southern type and the impression he made upon the brethren was agreeable and pleasant. He assumes no airs, manifests no superior attitude, but makes himself companionable and brotherly. In the chair he is a trifle cautious and thinks carefully before delivering himself upon any question or point of parliamentary law. Yet he proceeds well and with deliberation in the conduct of the business of the conference. By the time he has had experience with a number of sessions the harness will fit with ease upon him and he will be at home in the presidency of the conference. He won the respect of all the brethren by his kindly bearing, and he rounded out the business successfully by Monday at noon. In the cabinet we are told that he dealt frankly with his presiding elders and listened attentively to their counsels and suggestions. His appointments will be found in another column of this issue.

In the pulpit he is plain, straightforward, thoughtful and earnest. He makes no efforts at oratory, but preaches like an old-fashioned Methodist preacher whose aim is to accomplish good. His diction is pure, his style clean and his presence dignified and impressive. His Thanksgiving sermon was a well digested production and eminently appropriate to the occasion. So was his sermon Sunday morning. He will be one of the popular and useful members of our Episcopal College. To come into his presence is to recognize a high-class Christian gentleman, coupled with a genial and brotherly minister of the gospel. You forget his office as you commune with the man. He is easy of approach and gives to everyone the time and attention he deserves. The entire North Texas Conference has a favorable impression of him and he will always be welcome by them as their presiding officer.

THAT CONFERENCE BANQUET.

We have never seen anything quite the equal of the banquet given to the conference by the Commercial Club of Wichita Falls. It occurred out at the Wichita Lake, six miles from the center of the city. There is a splendidly equipped street car line running out to it, and the improvements out there are marvelous. The lake itself is of large proportion. If Dallas had it a million and a half of money would not buy it from them. It looks like a little inland sea. There are large accommodations out there in the way of a banquet hall, a modern hotel, exhibition buildings, ball parks and the like. It is a sort of a summer resort out there in the quiet, away from the city. I have never seen such a spread as was given to the preachers and the delegates. It was fit for a gathering of princes. Every delicacy to whet the appetite was provided. Neither money nor labor was spared to prepare it. Something like 400 guests were seated at the tables and the most bountiful provisions were prepared for the whole company. White waiters served the company. Messrs R. E. Huff and Frank Kell were the appointed hosts of the occasion, and complimentary tickets over the car line and to the banquet were furnished to the whole body of guests. Rev. C. M. Bishop was introduced and made the address of welcome and right well did he perform that duty. His address was a model of pure diction, earnest delivery and cordiality of spirit. Rev. J. W. Hill made the leading speech of the occasion on the theme, "The North Texas Conference Its Past, Present and Future." Brother Hill is the most successful and entertaining after-dinner speaker in Texas, and this effort was the crowning work of that sort in his life. He spoke for one hour, but there was not a dull moment in it from the time he began until he closed. It had all the elements of a popular deliverance on an occasion of that character. It was oratorical, reminiscential, anecdotal, humorous, serious, witty, poetic, tearful, laughable and captivating. It swept the whole gamut of the mind and heart, and kept the large gathering in an uproar from the time he began until he concluded. And throughout it all there were snatches of homely philosophy and religion that lodged in a sure place. It was a masterpiece of the exhilarating after-dinner style of speech-making. Rev. L. S. Barton spoke splendidly on our hamigrant problem and he gave the company something about which to think for days to come. It was an array of facts and figures worthy of consideration.

Rev. O. T. Cooper was the last speaker, and his theme was "Our Hosts," and right well did he show our hosts our high appreciation of the honor bestowed upon us in the royal banquet: so much enjoyed.

No community is blessed with a set of business men superior to those who stand at the head of the enterprise at Wichita Falls. They give their money, their time and their talent to the moral and public weal of their city. It is no wonder that Wichita has grown in the past few years from a straggling village to the queen city of that western section. It has the men who represent the best thought and the best business enterprise of grand old Texas.

Just as we go to press we notice the following in the Dallas Morning News:

Rev. Calvert Lafayette Ballard, native of Mississippi, 56 years of age and clergyman of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South, for more than thirty years died at his home, 911 East Lamar Street, Monday evening, after a long illness. He had resided in Texas for the past twenty-five years, ten of which were spent in Sherman. Rev. Mr. Ballard devoted most of the last few years to evangelistic work and his efforts were quite fruitful. He is survived by his widow and sons and daughters as follows: Mrs. Lena Rorex, Marvin Ballard, Mrs. Lonnie Todd and Miss Dora Ballard. The deceased had gained quite a reputation as an author and numbers of his works were authority on Church polity and history. The burial took place at West Hill Cemetery Tuesday afternoon, following services conducted at Key Memorial Methodist Church by the pastor, Rev. J. R. Atchley.

PERSONALS

Brother J. B. Winfrey, of Iowa Park, is one of the most earnest laymen in that section of the North Texas Conference. He stands by his pastor in every good undertaking, and to his faithful co-operation with Rev. C. P. Martin we are indebted for the handsome new Church in that good little town.

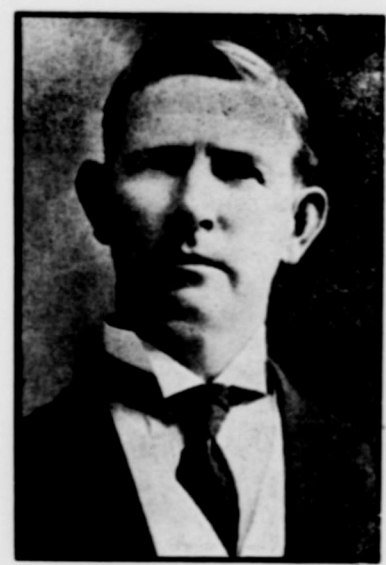
Rev. and Mrs. Sterling Fisher have brought us under obligation to them for a beautifully engraved invitation to the marriage of their daughter, Mary Leona to Mr. Samuel Guy Kone. The happy event will take place December 15, 1910, in the Methodist Church at San Marcos. The Advocate joins the many friends of the family in wishing for the worthy young couple a prosperous voyage on the matrimonial waters.

Mr. Lee H. Mills, formerly editor of the Bowie Blade, has given up that position and taken his old place on the Houston Post. He will henceforth look after the religious department of the Houston daily paper. He is the son of Rev. V. J. Mills of the Central Texas Conference, and a most competent newspaper man. We congratulate the Post on securing the services of Mr. Mills.

THE PRAYER-FAST IN A HOTEL.

By Bishop Walter R. Lambuth. The strains of a familiar hymn float into the dining room of my German Hotel. It is early morning. I finish my coffee and roll and go in quest of the unusual sound. It comes from the "committee room." Venturing in, I find the daughter of the landlord at the organ. Several guests are seated around the large table covered with green baize, hymn-books and Bibles before them. It is one of Luther's soul-stirring hymns which strengthens faith in the power and triumph of the gospel. No verse is omitted. They sing it to the end, and with a ring which would have delighted the heart of the great reformer.

The head of the house turns to a chapter in Isaiah and reads with brief comment, each guest following with text in hand. Then comes the prayer with bowed heads about the table, over which our venerable host presides. His deep, sonorous tones, his spirit of reverence, his pleading in behalf of his guests, strangers in the great metropolis, young men and women far away from home, sailors and soldiers of the Fatherland, missionaries of the cross in China and in Africa, the Fatherland itself, that might always stand for peace and for the right, and closing with the



REV. J. E. ROACH, Presiding Elder of Bowie District.

Who did yeoman service in entertaining the late session of the North Texas Conference at Wichita Falls. He is one of the presiding elders, also, who places the Advocate in the home of every official member in his district.

last sentences of the Lord's prayer—"for thine shall be the kingdom and the power and the glory forever and ever."

It was an hour never to be forgotten. Here in the heart of London, with its teeming millions, its lights and shadows, its wealth and abject poverty, its many churches but it far more numerous gin shops, is an altar, not to an unknown God, but to the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, of whom the whole family in heaven and on earth is named. Surely the one hundred and fifty thousand Germans in the city of London are safe if such trying places are to be found among them. German colonists whom I found in large numbers in South America will not degenerate so long as they keep up daily prayer in the home such as I heard this morning. The words of intercession and the tones of that deep, earnest voice reaching after God are with me still.

I was prepared to hear of the existence of a German V. M. C. A. next door, of the establishment of a German waiters' home with forty-eight beds in West London, and of a farm a few miles in the country for their countrymen who are out of work.

Good fiber in these Germans. Would that more of them might come to our country. The greatest sailing vessel in the world, the Preussen, a five-masted ship of 4,900 tons burden, has been on the rocks of Dover for a week. Though the sea was continually breaking over them, the crew of forty sailors refused for a whole week to give her up. Through mist and sleet and spray they could be seen from the high cliffs above, working at the pumps and ever and anon above the roar of the breakers was heard their songs as they cheered each other in their perilous efforts. The Kaiser was so delighted at their steadfast courage that he sent a wireless message from Berlin expressing his sympathy and approval.

God bless our German brethren in Texas, strengthen their hands in their noble, self-sacrificing efforts to reach their countrymen with the gospel and help them to keep the fires burning on the family altar—fires that will warm the waning faith of many a young man in an age of drift and commercialism.

A FAMOUS SPOT OF GROUND.

H. G. H.

Two or three hundred yards south of the Alamo, in San Antonio, the spot of ground on which stands the Menger Hotel was occupied two hundred years ago by the old Spanish Franciscan fathers. They and a band of peon Indians were crossing themselves, praying and mixing earth, gravel and stones into blocks of concrete, and others were digging out the ground for the foundations of the Alamo. A great waste of wilderness lay in all directions. Work, prayers and scant food were their only enjoyment. These Franciscan fathers, fore-runners of present civilization, were from old Spain and the Canary Islands. A more self-sacrificing and patient company of men never advanced into the wilderness. The great, massive walls of their mission churches show that they built for the centuries.

In 1836 Santa Anna advanced upon San Antonio. One hundred and eight desperate men, two women and one baby were posted up in the Alamo.

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and here was enacted the most memorable death struggle recorded on the pages of American history. Santa Anna planted his cannon on the very spot once occupied by the Franciscans in their toils for the erection of the old church. Travis, Bowie, Crockett and Bonham filled the rooms of prayer and incense with the smoke of their rifles and the uproar of battle. The great walls of the building stood firm. Thirty more men from Gonzales slipped in to the rescue of their brave comrades, but they only entered the church to die with the rest. From the spot where the old fathers prayed and toiled the guns of Santa Anna poured leaden death into the band of Texans.

Six days and nights of fighting and the last Texan was dead, and for two hundred yards the ground was covered with dead Mexicans. An awful silence reigned over the scene. Then wood and brush was gathered and on this same historic spot the bodies of the dead Texans were dragged out and burned. Nothing but seared bones and ashes were left.

In the fall of 1836 Juan N. Seguin and a few Texans bent down on their knees on this same spot and gathered up the ashes and bones of Crockett, Travis, Bowie and the two hundred other heroes, put the remains in wooden boxes and buried them—history strangely does not say where.

In 1860 Abraham Lincoln was declared elected President of the United States. Secession feeling in San Antonio was hot. Everybody was armed. Vigilance committees were appointed, and Unionists were in mortal terror of their lives. A great secession meeting was held on Alamo Plaza. On the spot where Santa Anna's cannon were planted, the bodies of the Texans were burned, there was erected a platform, and around it were gathered thousands of excited men. Dr. Jesse Boring, the most eloquent man in the city, was appointed to speak for secession. Col. Charles Anderson, a brother of Captain Anderson of Fort Sumter fame, was to speak for the Union. The opening sentence of Dr. Boring's speech was: "The Union is dissolved." At the sentence fell upon the ears of the people a desperate Unionist rushed toward Dr. Boring with clenched fist. As he did so a San Jacinto veteran stepped quickly in front of Dr. Boring and drew a long, flashing sword cane and quietly said to the Unionist: "Come another step and I'll run you through."

In 1861 and 1862 thousands of Confederate soldiers were drilled for service on and around this remarkable historic spot.

In the early part of this year the President of the United States delivered an address to five thousand people from a platform erected on the spot of ground.

Annually the beautiful women and girls of San Antonio and surrounding country celebrate San Jacinto Day by the "Battle of Flowers" on and around this memorable spot of ground. Texans pass it with their hats off as they enter the old Alamo reverently, and with heads uncovered.

TEXAS TRACT MOVEMENT.

To the Methodists of Texas, Especially the Preachers:

Dear Brethren—One year ago the Annual Conference of Methodism in Texas inaugurated our "Tract Movement." This was done in response to and to satisfy what seemed to be a very urgent demand upon the part of our people and preachers for that character of literature now being furnished by the Texas Tract Society. According to resolutions passed thus unanimously by all the Texas Conferences, "each member of each conference, clerical and lay, became a member of this society." An Executive Committee was formed, "composed of a representative from the Board of Missions, the Board of Education and the Sunday-school Board." This committee was given "full power to perfect the organization, elect an editor, to select the subjects and the au-

thors of the tracts to be published, and to arrange all the tracts for the accomplishment of the purpose of the society." The time for the meeting of this executive Committee in Dallas was appointed by the conferences, viz.: January 4, 1910. Pursuant to this action, the committee met and organized "The Texas Methodist Tract Society." This organization has been chartered by the State of Texas. A constitution and by-laws have been adopted, and the society has been operating about ten months. A number of tracts on important subjects have been published, and can now be had for use. At a meeting of the Board of Managers September 9, it was decided to be a matter of prime necessity to the furtherance of the interests and work of this society to put a man in charge at headquarters who should give his whole time and attention to this work. The conferences were asked to ratify this action. This has been done. The undersigned was elected by the Board of Managers to this position, under the title of Editor-Secretary, and given general oversight of the business. Bishop Atkins gave his approval by appointing me to this work at the recent session of the Central Texas Conference.

At the same meeting the Board of Church Extension of each Annual Conference was added to the other boards of the society, and elect a member from that board to serve three years.

It was also decided that the pastor of any charge may procure on his own application tracts for free distribution where needed, provided he will agree to take a free-will offering in his charge within thirty days to aid the society in its work.

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Fraternally,
S. W. TURNER,
Editorial Secretary.

A series of revival services is being held in the Methodist Churches of Montevideo, under the leadership of Dr. Charles Drees, with the result that scores of people have been converted.

AUSTIN PASTORS' ASSOCIATION.

The Methodist Pastor's Association of Austin held its first meeting of the new year in the First Church parsonage parlors Monday morning at 10 o'clock, November 21, 1910. Brother H. M. Sears, President of the association for the past year, opened the meeting with a few very appropriate remarks, and called upon Rev. N. B. Read, presiding elder of the Austin District, to lead the devotional service, which he did; and his prayer for the new year was fervent and deeply spiritual.

On motion of Rev. J. W. Long, Brother Sears was again chosen as President of the association for the ensuing year, and Dr. W. D. Bradfield, of First Church, was elected Vice-President, and L. E. Booth, Secretary.

The discussion of time of meetings and items of general interest was engaged in by the various brethren. The time of meeting for the regular Methodist Pastors' Association was set for Monday after the third Sunday, at 10 o'clock a. m.

On motion of Dr. Bradfield, a committee was chosen to arrange a regular order of procedure for meetings, and to make its report at the next regular meeting.

Discussion of certain church extension work in the city was arranged, but nothing definite was decided, and the matter was left over for the next meeting.

The following reports were submitted by the brethren:

Bradfield First Church: Had two good congregations and very spiritual services. One young lady to ask for membership by profession and one member by transfer from another denomination. Certain improvements on the parsonage.

Long South Austin: Sunday-school flourishing; growth from 40 to 156 during the past few months, not including Home Department or the Cradle Roll. Two good services yesterday. The pastor exchanged pulpits with Brother Pennacker, of Ward Memorial, for the night service. Plans on foot to reduce certain debts.

Pennacker Ward Memorial: Splendid Sunday-school, 216 enrolled; donation by Sunday-school of \$10 for fruit to be sent to children of the Blind Institute. Good services Sunday; evening hour filled by pastor South Austin, Rev. J. W. Long. Have had twelve accessions—two on profession and ten by letter. Membership now totals 280. Salary raised \$100.

Hawk University Church: Good congregations. Rev. W. M. Crutchfield preached a strong sermon at the evening hour. Four applicants for membership by certificate. Outlook very promising, as people of the Church and all brethren very cordial in their attitude towards the recently appointed pastor. Increase in salary of \$250. Sunday-school very much alive, and good attendance.

Booth St. Luke's: Seating capacity taken at both services with four accessions by letter and others to be received, making a membership of about 120. Pastor's salary raised \$150 over last year. Stewards are installing the monthly assessment plan for Church finances.

Read, presiding elder Austin District: Work moving off nicely; already over \$1000 increase in pastor's salaries over district. All pastors have arrived at their charges but one. Prospects are splendid for a record year.

Brother Graves, a supernuminate of the Texas Conference, was present and addressed the brethren, giving some touching facts concerning his life at this time, which met with a sympathetic response.

Brother W. M. Crutchfield, of San Angelo Junior College fame, was present and gave a word of encouragement, and spoke of San Angelo Methodism and their bright prospects.

Brother Sears closed the meeting by expressing his gratitude to the brethren for the honor conferred upon him in choosing him as their leader for the coming year, and expressed a sincere willingness to do all in his power to assist wherever it was thought that he could render service in any way for the Master.

Benediction by Rev. W. M. Crutchfield.
L. E. BOOTH,
Secretary.

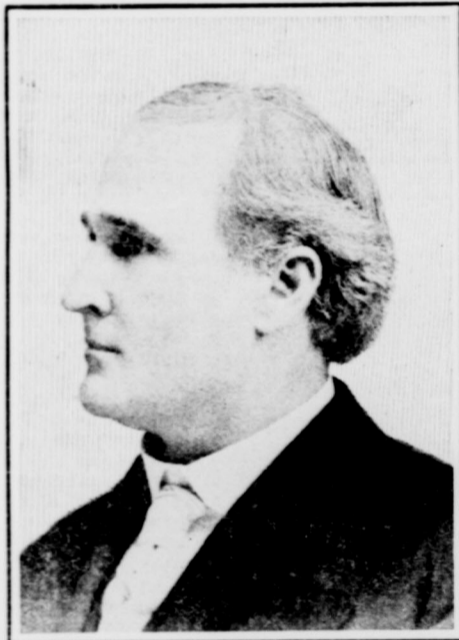
The arrival in Rio of Miss Mary Pascud, Miss V. O. Howell and Miss Miriam Steel was a cause for great rejoicing. Miss Pascud is reported as having returned to her school work in Petronolis in fine health, and with the glow upon her of the splendid missionary meetings she attended at home. Miss Howell goes to Piracicaba, and Miss Steel remains in Rio, both being engaged for the most part with language study.

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A FIVE ENDORSEMENT.

Mr. H. B. Marsh, Chairman of the Board of Stewards, Marvin Methodist Episcopal Church, South, Tyler, Texas, in sending the resolutions printed below, says:

"I beg to hand you herewith for publication resolutions which were unanimously passed by the Board of Stewards of this Church on November 25, 1910. In addition to passing these resolutions, our Church presented Brother Harris and his wife with a handsome chest of silver, valued at \$100. If consistent, we would like for you to append to the resolutions such a write-up as you see fit on Brother Harris. The resolutions enclosed herewith express deeply felt facts, and were not passed as a matter of form. This Church and this town will miss Brother Harris very much, and we do not feel that the resolutions are at all overdrawn."

Resolutions.

Whereas, Our beloved and esteemed pastor, Rev. New Harris, has served this charge for four years, and therefore, according to the will and policy of our great Church, must be transferred to new fields of labor; therefore be it

Resolved, By the Board of Stewards of Marvin Methodist Episcopal Church, South, Tyler, assembled in this the last regular meeting for this conference year, that it is with profound sorrow that we bow to the wisdom of God and the policy of the Church in transferring Brother Harris to other fields of labor.

We hereby express to him our love

and appreciation for his earnest, fearless, unselfish and loving service during the four years that he has so faithfully and ably labored with and for us. Under his devoted and able leadership our Church has reached the highest state of spiritual growth and usefulness in its history, and our numerical growth has also been very gratifying. We rejoice with him in what has been accomplished in the Master's name.

His able, clear and spiritual exposition of the gospel has been uplifting and helpful, and largely the means of our spiritual growth. His faithful and untiring pastoral work, his genial, friendly and loving ministrations have contributed immeasurably to our happiness and usefulness.

We feel deeply our loss in the severance of our relations, and realize that his place in our pulpit, our homes and our hearts will be hard to fill. We also deeply regret the loss of his estimable and beloved wife and children from our midst.

Resolved, That we commend Brother Harris and his family to the love and fellowship of the charge that is so fortunate as to have their lot cast among them. Our esteem and prayers shall follow them.

Resolved further, That the presiding elder and recording steward be requested to spread these resolutions on the minutes of the last Quarterly Conference, and that a copy of same be furnished Brother Harris, and a copy sent to the Texas Christian Advocate for publication.

Respectfully submitted,

J. W. FITZGERALD,
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the little ones to know and love Jesus. But it is impossible for parents to do their best work unless their hearts assent to the fact that their little ones are in a state of grace belonging unto the Lord that bought them. We are all children of a sinning sire, but we are all redeemed by a sinless Savior. "As by the offense of one judgment came upon all men to condemnation; even so by the righteousness of One the free gift came upon all men unto justification of life."

Men have dwelt much on the havoc sin has wrought; they have also sung the glories of redemption, but have they not supposed it a taing incredible that the heaven of grace should commence to work as early as the heaven of sin? We do not seem actually to believe that the counteracting effects of the atonement begin at an early period in child life as the damaging results of the fall. This amounts to a virtual surrender of childhood to the devil. Then the Church must be replenished solely by making incursions into the world. Though we are instructed to bring up our children in the nurture and admonition of the Lord, and though we make some effort to do so, such is the infirmity of our faith in the possible achievements of grace in the nursery that the measure of our success is small. The doctrine of the depravity of the human race is in no sense denied by affirming that the matchless grace of God touches the very springs of our being, making possible embryonic life, and thus providing for the continuance of the race. The damage which the race inherits through the fall is more than offset by the benefits conferred through redemption: "That in the ages to come he might show the exceeding riches of his grace in his kindness to us through Christ Jesus." Though the first Adam is mighty, the second Adam is mightier than he.

We speak of sin as hereditary; may we not affirm that grace is in a sense also hereditary, seeing that Christ, the second Adam, stands at the fountain head of humanity for the express purpose of destroying the works of the devil?

Children do receive hereditary damage; so do they receive hereditary grace. The children of the wicked go astray from the womb speaking lies, while the children of the righteous worship the Lord in the temple, saying, "Hosanna to the Son of David." The children of Belial curse the name of God, but out of the mouths of babes and sucklings God has perfected praise. Children may be possessed of devils. They may also be filled with the Holy Spirit. The history of John the Baptist proves its possibility. This glorious possibility the Church takes to be exceptional, but the promise continues to read, "To you and to your children." In the presence of such eclipsing splendors the faith of the Church is dazed. Indeed God can do no mighty works in our households because of our unbelief. Of the possibilities of grace as applied to childhood we have little conception, notwithstanding the apostolic utterance: "Where sin abounded grace did much more abound."

We know that it is better to be the offspring of law-respecting parents, but we are hardly persuaded of the importance of the few months antedating the development of language, and in regard to prenatal spiritual forces we are fearfully full of unbelief. We find it easy enough to believe in birthmarks and all sorts of hereditary evils, natural and spiritual, but of seminal grace we are easily skeptical. "Wholly a right seed" must find some other interpretation than the obvious one. The faith that dwelt in Lois and Eunice may not descend to young Timothy lest religion be regarded as an heirloom. Jesus was much displeased that his followers should be so unlike himself as to forbid the approach of the little ones. He informed them that of such is the kingdom of heaven. It is hence deducible that children ought never to be out of the kingdom, never out of the Church, nor consciously out of harmony with God. Obedience to the godly commands of a godly parent brings to the child the consciousness of obedience to God. Of all the urgent appeals that come to us in this world of solicitude none are so affecting as those which proceed from helpless infancy. Yet strange to tell, none are so little regarded. The language of Jesus, "Suffer them to come," intimates that they are desirous of coming and only need a little help to get to the object of their love. Surely it were better—how much better I can not tell—that a millstone were hanged about our necks and that we were drowned in the depths of the sea than that we should offend one of these little ones that believe in Jesus.

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TO THE METHODISTS OF TEXAS.

The Methodist Preachers' Association of San Antonio, Texas, looks upon that department of missionary effort which is directed to the saving of the foreigner in our midst and of those people native to our soil who live in communities untouched by the gospel, as, in many respects, the most important part of our work to-day, because it involves not only the salvation of the people for whom Christ died, but also it involves the very important matter of preserving evangelical Christianity as the dominant force in the nation.

Methodism in San Antonio has made its splendid achievements in the past few years by putting into practice, within the city, the methods and efforts of home mission work.

Believing, as we do, in the importance and efficiency of home mission work in our Church, we, the Methodist pastors of this city, bespeak for Rev. A. J. Weeks, who represents that work in Texas, the heartiest co-operation and support from all the pastors and laymen of our Methodism within the bounds of this great State.

We believe that the foreigner in our midst is worthy of our best efforts, and we know that, when saved by the grace of God, he makes a valuable citizen and a good worker in the Church.

We therefore pledge our support to Brother Weeks as Assistant Secretary of the home mission work, and ask of you as Methodism to join us in this pledge.

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Article Three.

The sermon on the Mount beautifully and forcibly presents to view the prime requisites of character building. The beatitudes are pronounced on certain states of soul rather than on high mental qualifications or great worldly possessions. This agrees with Old Testament teaching: "These things which I command thee this day shall be in thine heart." "Lay up these my words in your heart and in your soul." Being in the heart they crop out in the life. The pure in heart not only see God themselves, they make others see him. Thus the children of the exemplary take in a whole gospel without waiting for words to express it. It is lamentable that so many of us let our helpless but appealing little ones get a distorted gospel out of our lives.

Being precedes doing in the order of nature and God intends that the same order shall be preserved in grace also. A man must be right himself before he can efficiently do right. It is thus he becomes a living epistle. His life is the expression of what he is. There is a subtle power emanating from a true personality which is continually affecting for good all who come within the circle of its influence. The greatest teachers of Europe and America were such because of their transparency and genuineness. That institution of learning is exceedingly fortunate which is presided over by so genuine and forceful a personality as Froebel, Arnold of Rugby, Mark Hopkins, James A. Duncan, Landon C. Garland, James H. Carlisle, or Francis Asbury Mood.

Best some humble father or mother should be discouraged by such an array of resplendent names, let it be added with emphasis, that any parent can be as true as they. Any of us may be real Christians living in the simplicity of the gospel and binding to

our hearts the precious promise, "I will be a God to thee and to thy seed after thee."

The differences among men do not arise so much from unequal natural endowments as from heartiness in accepting the truth and earnestness in setting it forth in actual life. The essential qualification for efficient home training every one may enjoy alike. God has put no difference between them and us, purifying all hearts by faith. Any devout father and mother whose hearts are full of love may be God's chosen instruments through whom the Holy Spirit may descend upon their children. Entering into and living in the beatitudes will enshrine principles in the heart which make their possessor the salt of the earth and the light of the world. Our Lord introduces the highest possibility by way of impressing the thought that character is essential to successful teaching: "Be ye therefore perfect, even as your Father which is in heaven is perfect." No aspiration is too high for Christian parents. As they enter more and more into the joys of Christian experience the light steadily beams upon the household and the children develop in gospel beauty.

The one supreme qualification for Christian teaching is brought to view in our Lord's question to St. Peter: "Lovest thou me?" After Peter had answered affirmatively the commission was given him: "Feed my lambs." As the herald is nothing without love, so also may not the sacred duties of parenthood be properly discharged without the profoundest solicitude.

Men make much of learning. It is right that they should do so, but science is in no sense a substitute for love which is begotten of the Holy Ghost. "If I speak with the tongues of men and of angels, but have no love, I am become sounding brass, or a clanging cymbal. And if I know all mysteries and all knowledge, but have not love, I am nothing." The prophetic language under consideration signifies further that the time is approaching when parents will come to know the value of the child. "He is only a child." But he is the most valuable asset of the Church and of the Nation. "Only our Tom." Yet he is of greater value than lands and bonds and bank accounts.

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MISSOURI LETTER.

The "great iron wheel" has revolved again and dropped your correspondent at Joplin, a city of 32,000 inhabitants, near the Kansas line and not twenty miles from Oklahoma. It is the financial center of the zinc and lead region of Southwest Missouri and Southeast Kansas with the Frisco, Missouri Pacific, M., K. & T. and Kansas City Southern railroads. The Missouri and North Arkansas runs trains into Joplin over the Kansas City Southern track, and it is thought that the Santa Fe will soon be here.

When I was presiding elder of this district, from 1883 to 1886, we had no church in Joplin. Now we have a small frame building in the southern part of the city and on the corner of Seventh Street and Moffett Avenue a stone church valued at \$40,000, on which there is a debt of \$10,000.

I am getting tired of church debts, but they can keep a preacher from getting lazy.

The stewards have put the salary at \$1800, which is an advance of \$300. Our membership in First Church is probably a little over four hundred. The Methodist Episcopal, Presbyterian, Christian and Baptist Churches have all been here longer and are stronger than we are.

My morning congregations are not as good as I had during my four years at St. Paul's, Springfield, but so far the evening congregations have been better.

In a former letter I referred to a Springfield College professor who, while filling a chair in a Christian College, tried to propagate the tenets of theosophy, and whom I unmasked. For months he has been trying to break into the courts with a fifty thousand dollar damage suit against myself, the President of the college and the Board of Trustees. July 2 he filed a long petition alleging a conspiracy on our part to ruin him—a document which made truth more of a stranger than fiction. When the case came up the judge threw it out of court, telling my attorney that it struck him as a "suit of ejectionment against God." He has since filed an amended petition, which will come up at the January term. I am not at all alarmed. He is now a non-resident of our State and at last accounts had not filed his bond for costs which must be filed before he can gain a standing in court. The judge, in ruling out the first petition, held that we had done nothing which we did not have a right to do, even if the facts were what he alleged. But his allegations were very wide of the truth. It is thought Point Loma, California, is furnishing the money to fee his lawyer in order to advertise theosophy!

We had an interesting session of our conference at Webb City in September and Bishop Denny's presiding was generally satisfactory to the brethren. Ours was his second conference. With a little experience he will easily take rank among our strongest administrators, and, withal, he is as kind and botherly as we could ask. His morning expositions of one of the Psalms were strong and lucid and his sermon on Sunday morning was worthy of a great occasion. Our increase in membership was about eight hundred, notwithstanding our heavy losses in the constant tide of emigration to Oklahoma and Texas.

Tomorrow is election day. State-wide prohibition is the main issue before our people. Our preachers have been very active in the battle. Having to move I had but little time for the work, but visited Marshall, Granby and Seneca, beside some short speeches nearer home. Missouri has never been so stirred up on the temperance question, but I have very little hope of our winning this time. But if beaten now we will up and at it again!

C. H. BRIGGS.
Joplin, Mo., Nov. 7, 1910.

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FROM AQUILLA.

It has been quite a while since the readers of the Advocate have seen any news from Aquilla, but that isn't any sign we haven't been busy, for we have. We are coming to the front rapidly and some day Aquilla Home Mission Society will be one of the strongest in this district. We have just finished paying \$100 on the new parsonage we pledged this year, and have added several new members during the year, and made several donations to the poor and sent a nice box of preserves and home made canned goods to the Rebecca Sparks Home at Waco, and intend to do still more before this year comes to a close. The writer regrets very much to have to leave Aquilla, as she has made many friends here that will ever be remembered, but as she is the "preacher's wife," she, of course, has to move, as he goes to another place this year; but from what we can hear of the people of Copera's Cove we expect to make many friends there, too. In closing we will say good-bye to Aquilla friends; if we never meet on earth again we have one grand assurance that we will meet again in that upper and better kingdom where there will be no parting.

MRS. J. F. ADAMS,
Corresponding Secretary.

TO THE MEMBERS OF THE W. F. M. S., NORTH TEXAS CONFERENCE.

Dear Sisters: Your reports for the third quarter of the year are due me now. I want to urge you one and all to make it just as full as possible, for Mrs. McTyeire is trying to get her books in shape to turn over to Mrs. Ross, her successor. The treasury is empty now and the appropriations for October are still due China and Brazil. I am sure that to know Brazil needs appropriations now will appeal to you all, as two of our own girls are there, besides, our special work for this year is for Brazil. Then, too, the more you raise this quarter the easier it will be for you to wind up your year's work next quarter. Our contributions in this work are a debt we owe our Heavenly Father and our Lord's giving to us is offered as a proof of His love for us. We can show our gratitude to God, and our love for Christ for the bounteous love given to us, in no better way than to give of our silver and our gold to those who are groping in darkness. Let us one and all for the next three months of this fiscal year adopt John Wesley's motto, "Make all we can, save all we can, and give all we can" for this work.

May God impress upon each one of our hearts the great importance of being diligent in our work during the next quarter. I hope to have a complete list of ideal auxiliaries to report at our next Annual Conference.

MRS. C. B. BRYANT,
Treasurer of North Texas Conference,
Woman's Foreign Missionary Society,
Whitewright, Texas.

WOMAN'S WORK IN RICHMOND.

Our Home Mission Society has not claimed much space in the Advocate, but we feel our deeds deserve occasional mention, as we are steadily going forward with our work year by year.

We have a membership of twenty-two and a good average attendance, while any extra call upon our members always meets with a ready response. We observed the week of prayer and found it a means of grace, much information and some increase of zeal and enthusiasm.

Amount of money contributed during week of prayer, \$33.35. Our fall bazaar resulted in \$76.45. You see we are at work.

In September Miss Posy organized a Foreign Mission Auxiliary, with a membership of ten, and we expect to double that ere long.

Richmond is made up of people who have the intelligence and energy as well as means and leisure to "attempt great things for God," and we women of the Methodist Church are hoping, praying and expecting much for another year.

Our wide-awake pastor, Rev. A. A. Kidd, has recently moved into a newly purchased parsonage, and when our new Church is added we will have a church property worth \$12,000. Brother Kidd has 60 per cent of this already and is confident of this already. Richmond people are gen-

erous and always come up to the demands made upon them. Our pastor is never ashamed of his report at conference. Of course we are expecting Brother Kidd's return. He is ever ready to help and encourage his fellow-workers, the women, and we are trying to "hold up his hands" in every way possible. His good wife is our district secretary in the home mission work and is ever awake to the calls of our society and the young people's need.

MRS. H. R. JACKSON,
Press Reporter.

Chillicothe, Tex.

THE HOME MISSION READING COURSE OF THE CENTRAL TEXAS CONFERENCE.

In our rapidly growing and developing country we are constantly confronted by new social problems. Into our fair land thousands of foreigners are annually coming, bringing with them skepticism, paganism and all forms of unbelief.

These must be given the gospel, that they may become good and useful citizens.

In the cities is found a vast army of unprotected young girls who are thrown upon their own resources for earning a living. These need protection and Christian influence if they are to be saved to lives of usefulness.

The reclamation work of our government, begun eight years ago, has caused our once arid wastes to blossom as the rose, and towns to spring up like magic. In these are found intelligent, progressive people, and from them arises the Macedonian cry. For all of these needs, we must provide. But such problems must be carefully studied to be rightly solved. Indeed to awaken and sustain an intelligent interest in any line of work one should study it in all its phases. This is eminently true of Home Mission work. And that it may be studied in a systematic way, a home mission study course has been provided. This includes books touching upon various social and moral problems which, if carefully and prayerfully read, can not fail to make of us more efficient workers in the Master's vineyard.

We would urge every home mission member within the bounds of the Central Texas Conference to read one or more of these books within the present conference year. The books are both interesting and instructive.

If your auxiliary has not already organized a reading circle let me beg that you do so at once. It is customary for the auxiliary to appoint a leader to whom this work is entrusted. She will call a meeting of the circle as often as she deems practicable. If a separate meeting day can not be had, then the auxiliary may well spare a few minutes of time to this most important work.

The best results, however, are attained where the circles meet on a day other than the regular auxiliary meeting, since with their usual full programs the study course is often either crowded out or else given a period too short for the accomplishment of any real good.

One text book may be used by a small group of women, but better far, each member furnish herself with the book. They are inexpensive and make a nice acquisition to one's library.

When the circle meets, the chapter or chapters, previously assigned, may be reviewed and discussed, a quiz upon them be given, or any method be used which the leader sees fit to adopt.

Blackboards, charts, maps, posters and such devices as the ingenuity of the leader may suggest, may be introduced to reinforce the teaching.

Our home mission study courses have included the following books:

- "Incoming Millions," by Howard Grose.
- "Citizens of Tomorrow," by Alice M. Guernsey.
- "The Challenge of the City," by Josiah Strong.
- "The Call of the Water," by Katherine Crowell.
- "From Darkness to Light," by Mary Helm.
- "Indian and Spanish Neighbors," by Julia Johnson.
- "The Burden of the City," by Isabella Horton.
- "Under Our Flag," by Alice M. Guernsey.

In addition to the above books which have been chosen by an interdenominational council of women, our own literature committee has selected such books as:

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- "The Immigrant Tide" (Steiner).
- "The Bitter Cry of the Children" (Spargo).

There could scarcely be found a book that would give a greater spiritual uplift than "Gordon's Quiet Talks on Power and Quiet Talks on Prayer," or Stuart Holding's "Price of Power." The year's course would seem incomplete without one of these.

The course suggested for auxiliaries for the present year and published in Our Homes, is:

- "Our Annual Report," "Our Homes."
- "The Price of Power," by Stuart Holding, 50 cents.
- "From Darkness to Light" (for adults), by Mary Helm; paper, 35 cents.
- "The Upward Path" (for young people), by Mary Helm; paper, 35 cents.
- "The Pioneer" (for Brigades), Crowell; paper, 25 cents.
- "The Immigrant Tide" (Steiner); cloth, \$1.50.

Orders for these books will be promptly filled by our Methodist Publishing Houses, Dallas, Tex., or Nashville, Tenn. I shall be glad to answer questions or render any service within my power to the Circles.

Earnestly hoping that every Auxiliary within our conference has organized a Reading Circle, or will very soon do so, and that no member will deny herself the privilege of this delightful study course, I am, very cordially,
ALMA SULLENBERGER,
Supt. Reading Course, Central Texas Conference.

FROM FRISCO.

The Home Mission Society of Frisco has improved both in interest and membership.

We now have a membership of twenty-five and the majority seem to be very much interested in the work of the Home Mission Society. Under the management of our new president, Mrs. W. M. Smith, we have, by means of interesting programs, studiously surveyed the various branches of the Home Mission work. We meet each Monday and we manage to keep a program on hand and when we have no work to do we render our program.

Our pastor's wife, Mrs. L. A. Burk, has, since she came here three years ago, seemed to hold the Home Mission Society very near and dear to her heart, never sparing an opportunity to urge upon us the importance of the Home Mission work.

We observed the week of prayer by appointing a leader for each topic and meeting three successive Mondays, having two topics each time.

Also on Sunday our pastor, Rev. L. A. Burk, spoke with special reference to the work of the Home Mission Society. Each service was beautiful, impressive and instructive, and was fair-



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ly well attended. A spirit of deep consecration and devotion seemed to prevail and we believe each member who attended these services were benefited thereby, as well as awakened to new zeal and interest for the future.

A sum of \$6 was given for the benefit of the Ruth Hargrove Institute. While there are many who ought to be interested in this work and our society is not what it might be if we had the co-operation of all the women of our Church, yet God has wonderfully blessed the effect of the faithful few.

We feel encouraged as never before to press on knowing that God, who is faithful and just, will reward each one according to their works.

MRS. LELA BRISTOW, Press Reporter.

The treasurers of Auxiliaries, Woman's Foreign Missionary Society, Central Texas Conference: Mrs. McTyeire has made a call for funds to enable her to send the drafts to our missionaries in China and Korea. Will you not send me whatever funds you have on hand; or can collect at once, that we may respond to this call? You can send a supplemental report later. Please act promptly.

MRS. C. J. HARPER, Treasurer W. F. M. S., Central Texas Conference, Georgetown, Tex., Nov. 21, 1910.

W. H. M. SOCIETY, WACO.

The Waco Federation of Woman's Home Mission Societies will meet at Austin Avenue Methodist Church at 3:30 p. m., December 8, 1910. All friends, but especially the women of the Waco District, who are interested in missionary work, are most cordially invited to meet with us.

ALMA SULLENBERGER, Superintendent Reading Course, W. H. M. Society, Central Texas Conference.

THE BIBLE.

The Holy Bible is God's wonderful book, but many people deny the inspiration of its pages and give no heed to its words of truth.

The Old and the New Testament are hinges together as God's two witnesses of his truth, and while we are now living under the New Testament, or Christian dispensation, yet we need the Old Testament as well, to prove God's truth.

The word pictures in the Old Testament are so intense and focus themselves perfectly, as types or shadows of things that must come to pass in the New Testament dispensation. Does not this very fact prove that the Bible is God's inspired book?

Let us look at one of the word pictures in the Old Testament, showing the power of the blood to save from death. The night was dark in Egypt, and the people were distressed and gloomy, for the fiat of Jehovah had gone forth—that the first born of every family should be slain by the angel of death, who should pass over the city that night. In the morning there was weeping and wailing in every Egyptian family, for God's word is always true, and their first-born children were dead! The Hebrew children were also told of the same awful calamity to happen that night, with this difference, "But when I see the blood, I will pass over you." O, the wonderful proof that night of the power of the blood to save from death! God told the Hebrews to kill a spotless lamb and take its blood, and sprinkle the doorposts of their houses, and the angels flying over the city, seeing the blood, would not smite them. Then they were also told they must cook the lamb, and eat its flesh in their houses, with the doors shut and with their loins girded, ready prepared for a journey. Suppose some of those good old Hebrews, instead of putting the blood upon the doorpost, as bidden, should have tacked a parchment there instead, all written over with their own good works, and their own righteousness; do you suppose God would have passed them over? Never! The very sight of a substitute for that blood would have been an abomination in his sight.

Now, let us look into the New Testament, for the antitype of this Old Testament picture, showing the power of the blood to save from death. The world is full of sin today, and "the wages of sin is death." Already the fiat of God has gone forth—"the soul that sinneth, it shall die!" And God's word is always true. Who of us have not sinned? Alas, all of us have sinned, and all of us alike are doom-

ed to death! But some of us begin to think and say, why that can not be true of me, for I am a good, moral person, for I go to Church, and give to charity, and am decent and good. I can not be classed with that wicked thief and murderer; so I consider myself a good Christian. Human nature was beautiful and good in Adam, for God breathed into his nostrils the breath of life, and he became a living soul, but when he sinned this divine nature was withdrawn, and the heart that was once so pure it could see God and communicate with him was now left alone—and he feared, and hid himself from God. The once pure heart was now full of sin, and "desperately wicked and deceitful above all things who shall know it." So the moral man's heart needs the cleansing blood, just as much as the thief, or liar, or murderer, for while his heart is not so deeply crimsoned by sin, nevertheless it can only be cleansed by blood, for all have sinned!

Is there, then, no escape from this awful doom of death? There is only one way of escape, and it is perfectly safe, and that way is to shelter yourself under the saving blood! God does not force us to be saved. He leaves us free agents, and says, "Choose ye! Will we accept this only safe and sure way, and live? Or will we refuse to come under the blood and die?" "I have no pleasure in the death of him that dieth, saith the Lord God; therefore turn yourselves and live ye." Those of us only who believe the truth and obey God will be saved, while those of us who refuse to believe, and refuse God's safe plan for us, will die. In both the Old and New Testaments, it takes the blood to save, and that means the life of the victim chosen. The Old Testament victim to be slain was man's spotless lamb, but in the New Testament it is God's Lamb chosen to be slain. Because, "without the shedding of blood there is no remission of sins." If in the Old Testament, "the blood of bulls and of goats and the ashes of an heifer, sprinkling the unclean, sanctifieth to the purifying of the flesh," then in the New Testament, "How much more shall the blood of Christ, through the eternal Spirit, offered himself without spot to God, purge your conscience from dead works to serve the living God?"

Not only must we be under cover of the blood, but we must eat the flesh of the Lamb also, for Jesus Christ is God's Lamb, and he is our "Bread" from heaven. He says, "whoso eateth my flesh and drinketh my blood hath eternal life, and I will raise him up at the last day." We must also be prepared for a journey through life—"stand therefore having your loins girt about with truth, and having on the breast-plate of righteousness and your feet shod with the preparation of the gospel of peace; above all taking the shield of faith wherewith ye shall be able to quench all the fiery darts of the wicked." "And take the helmet of salvation and the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God." Thus prepared, by having on the "whole armour of God," we are made brave and strong to walk through this world of trials, and perplexities, because God's Holy Spirit lead us in "wisdom's ways of pleasantness, for all her paths are peace."

The sick Hebrew maiden said, "Father, are you sure the blood is on the doorposts of our house?" He replied, "My daughter, I ordered the servant to sprinkle it there." She said, "Take me in your arms to the door, that we may be certain." And lo! the servant had not obeyed the master. Inattention to this matter would have cost this young maiden her life, for she was the eldest born. Even so, a careless neglect on our part to be certain that we do appropriate to our own selves the great and certain remedy God has made for our safe salvation may cost us the death of our souls, for we all have sinned! Since God has chosen His own Son as a spotless Lamb, to wash away the sins of the whole world in his precious blood, then our damnation is just and right and most certain, if we do not choose to be saved by God's efforts for our salvation! Therefore we should see to it that his blood avails for us, because any substitute put in the place of that blood to cover sin is an abomination unto God, and as filthy rags in His sight, but when we have obeyed him first, and sheltered ourselves from sin under cover of Christ's blood—when we no longer strive to merit salvation by our own efforts, but gladly accept the finished work of Christ for us, then how beautiful and well pleasing in God's sight are the prayers and good works, and all the efforts of his children to cooperate with him in the salvation of mankind, because all their efforts come from their hearts of love and gratitude for his most wonderful sal-

vation that saves from the death of sin. After Christ's death and resurrection he said to his disciples, "For this is my blood of the New Testament, which is shed for many for the remission of sins." And God says, "For without the shedding of blood there is no remission of sin." And in the face of these vital facts you find people putting good works and morality as substitutes for salvation in the place of that precious blood. O, that all nations would first come under the blood and quit trying to put any substitute in its place, for that is "an abomination unto God," and as "filthy rags" in his sight. Come under the blood first, and then seek to excel in doing good works and in obeying the commandments.

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Pottsboro and Preston, at Pottsboro, Jan. 21, 22. Denison Mis., at Harless Chapel, Jan. 22, 23. Sooder and Gordonville, at S., Jan. 28, 29. Whitesboro, Feb. 5. Southmayd Cir., at Kendall, Feb. 11, 12. The District Stewards will meet at 1 p. m., Thursday, December 15, in the Travis Street Church. A. L. ANDREWS, P. E.

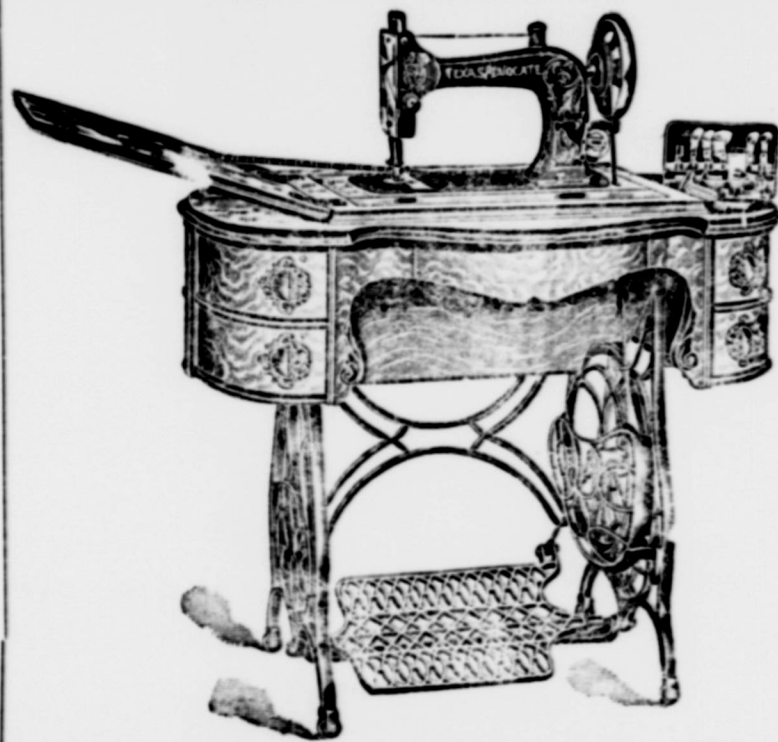
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Hubbard City, at H. C., Dec. 4, 5. Itasca, at I., Dec. 11, 12. Coolidge, at C., Dec. 17, 18. Munger, at M., Dec. 18, 19. Hillsboro, First Church, at F. C., Jan. 1, 2. Hillsboro, Line St., at L. S., evening Jan. 1, 2. Irene, at I., Jan. 7, 8. Brandon, at Mertens, Jan. 8, 9. Covington, Jan. 14, 15. Loveless, Jan. 15, 16. Peoria, Jan. 21, 22. Abbott, Jan. 22, 23. Penelope, Jan. 28, 29. Kirk, at Kirk, Feb. 4, 5. The District Stewards will please meet at the First Methodist Church in Hillsboro at 2 p. m., Tuesday, December 20, 1910. HORACE BISHOP, P. E.

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NOTES FROM THE FIELD.

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day-school supplies, \$175. We have two Epworth Leagues and five Sunday-schools in good shape. Received this quarter by baptism 31 members, making the total accessions this year 192 members, which surpasses any year's work on record except one in twenty-five years. In 1908 Bro. W. W. Armstrong had about the same number of accessions on this work. Our pastor has done some excellent work in mission fields where we once had good Church organizations, but have been shamefully neglected and let go down and which if reorganized and brought will render our charge too large and cumbersome for any one pastor to handle successfully. There is ample room here for two good working pastors. If the conference will place Clayton, Bethlehem, Allison, Chapel, Ebenezer, Pisgah, Rehoboth, Harris Chapel on a work and give such a pastor as Brother L. B. Saxon, who will work up and organize at Rock Hill and other neglected points here in our midst, the work will pay a pastor \$700 or \$800. And if the conference will put Beckville, Tatum, Ward's Chapel and give them a pastor like Bro. Saxon, who will work up and organize at Simpson schoolhouse the Adams community and other neglected points that work will pay \$300 or \$400. And why not? There is no earthly reason why we should not. It is our solemn bounden duty as Methodists, as Christians, to carefully look after those neglected points, work them up and keep them worked up. And the plan we suggest can be admirably carried out and will prove a blessing to our Church and our country.—J. T. Allison, Nov. 12.

Dawson. We were returned to Dawson the second year, and we have never received a more cordial reception than we received on our return, both by the Church and others. We served Dawson and Harmony last year. We had the best report the charge had ever made. This year Dawson is a station, and we think the prospects are good for the year. The town is grow-

ing very fast, and the Church is growing also. We have a very fine Sunday-school and one of the largest Junior Epworth Leagues in the conference. On last Wednesday evening, just before we started to prayer-meeting, we heard a rap at the door, and when we opened it we found the porch filled with people, and each one had a load. They came in and left their goods on the dining table, and from there went to the Church and had a good prayer service. We are praying, hoping for a great year.—V. J. Mills.

Midlothian. We arrived here last Friday night to take charge of our new field of labor. We have received a hearty welcome. Some of the elect brethren met us at the train and brought us to the parsonage, where a goodly number had assembled to welcome us. They had also been very thoughtful of the needs of the preacher and family, so they left lots of good things on the parsonage table. Many have been the kindnesses shown us. We like our charge and like the people.—I. E. Hightower.

Wayland. We got back from conference Tuesday. The good people received us with joy, and we are glad to get back. At once the good things began to come in. Brother Ellis was the first. He and his good wife gave a ham, a pound of butter and one gallon of milk. Others will follow by and by. The people here pound by degrees, not by storm—a little here and a little there, and they hold out all the year.—Ben Crow.

Morrow Street, Waco. This scribe and his family are much obliged to Bishop Atkins for sending us back to Morrow Street for the fourth year. These good people were kind to us when we first came, and each succeeding month of our stay has been marked by increasing evidence of their generosity. When it was known that the same preacher's wife would be in the parsonage for another year the tokens of welcome began to pile up like the folds of a thunder cloud, and last night it all culminated in such a shower of men and women and children that the pastor over in his study thought the house must be falling down; and after they had laughed and cried and sung "Hilfest be the tie that binds," and said good night the pastor's wife needed a bigger pantry than she had ever needed before during her married life. Happy is the preacher with a popular wife and popular children. We intend to do our best for these good people.—E. Hightower, Nov. 29.

Roscoe. Many of the brethren at conference seemed interested in how I should like my new field, and I will avail myself of the kindness of the editor to say that our reception at this place was one of the most pleasant and delightful we have ever experienced. We left some of the best people on the globe, and have found their equals here. The Woman's Home Mission Society put down new matting on the floors and new mattresses on the beds. The pounding was a little different from any we have yet received, while by far more abundant than any we ever saw. Instead of the prayer-meeting, a program had been arranged as a Thanksgiving service, finishing with recitations on different articles of diet when the articles would be presented to and laid at the feet of the new preacher. The two Leagues rendered the program, superintended by Miss Webb, a most excellent young lady and a most acceptable teacher in our public school. Five sacks of flour were presented, and everything in proportion, totaling about \$60 or \$65 in value. The people give excellent attention to the preaching. No disturbance of any kind, and you could not ask for a finer people than Roscoe furnishes. Their great kindness to me and my family has inspired me to give them the very best there is in me at all times. I am praying for the conversion of some one every Sunday. I am fully expecting many conversions in the regular services as we will have in the summer meeting. Brother Erwin did a fine work here, and the people love him very much.—J. W. Smith, Nov. 28.

Goree. It afforded us no little pleasure when we were read out at Clarendon for Goree. We had served that work the latter part of last conference year. When we reached Goree on Tuesday evening one of the good stewards met us and carried us to his home. No wonder! Some one had reserved the parsonage while we were away and the household goods were piled up topsy-turvy. On looking into the situation we found new paper work inside and fresh paint outside. It certainly was a pleasure to find an elegant and square in the place of the old one. While the preacher and family were satisfied, the people were not. On Thursday night here they came with a pounding. The great load of groceries left on the kitchen table was in keeping with their liberality. Now that we are so comfortably cared for, our heart goes out for the spiritual advancement of the people. Above all things we need a revival of religion. May the Lord help us to have it. Our prayer is that we may faithfully serve God and the people.—Ira C. Kiker, Nov. 18.

Bellville. This closes our second year at Bellville, in the German Mission field of the Texas Conference, and has been a period of experience where the people are almost altogether German or of German parentage. The German usage and customs—a problem so difficult of solution viewed from twenty or even ten years ago, or at a mere glance, or from the distance, is not by any means what it appears at close range, and an understanding of the German turn of mind. First, the Germans are a religious people, and most of their doings are entirely in keeping with the gospel of Jesus Christ as taught by their pastors. Their zeal for their

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Church will compare favorably with that of any denomination, not excepting our own Methodism. They have as many houses of worship and as regular services according to their population as we, and their punctual attendance is unexcelled save by the Catholics. They are a trifle or more too liberal, and they have in the past looked upon Methodism as a trifle too strict; in fact, as fanatical—they are so taught by many of their clergymen. But the German mind is undergoing a change of which I observe the Church is not cognizant. The growing up of the last generation, their education in our schools and colleges and touching our American social and Church life has largely brought about this change. Today in this country, several years ago given up to the German language, a very small per cent can speak the German language half as well as the English; they do not care for it; their ambition is to become thoroughly Americanized. And their zeal for learning has brought them very far in this direction. Even those in the rural districts, who were taught German and only German from their infancy, after they go to school cease to converse with their parents in German; consequently very few can talk German at all after they have reached their teens, and nearly all can speak English much better than German. Their German cousins are coming over and settling every year, and by the time they are here they set their heads to learn English, and after a year can talk fairly well. I have known them at all periods, from a day to a life in America, and they are making a mistake in trying to evangelize these already and fast-becoming American people with the German language. They positively resent it, and we have driven some very fine material into the Episcopal Church and kept many others away from the Church altogether. It would be well if our pastors could speak German, but if we continue to preach German and only German, even where there is nothing but German people, we will lose thousands of communicants, and of the very best of people. Very few care to speak German at all, except those who were very late in getting over and those pulling political or commercial wires, and more especially the barroom touts. The custom of the hour is to talk German to every one who will talk, but after a word reply in German United States English is usually the order of the day. Very few attend German services where preaching in English is available. Though the people are nearly all German or of German parentage, there is a general cry all through the land for English preaching. Demands are coming from the only charges served by our German-speaking preacher for worship in English. The strongest point in the charge, and where live no one except Germans, made request to sing in English, and at the other point the demand is so great that in 1909 the average congregation, as related by the pastor himself, was seven in a town of about 2000, while the English preaching has many times that number, and the accessions are all going into the English-speaking Churches. At Kenney, ten miles north of Bellville, a German town thirty years ago, given over to the German tongue and the Lutheran Church, the old Methodist Church torn down at Travis, and the field given up. The Macedonian cry came up so great from this point for English services that I went down and held a seven days' meeting and crowds filled the house and yard, and these people are now making the request so urgent that our presiding elders say he will be obliged to give them a Sunday next year, for which they are anxious to pay. The German pastor visited the community just before the meeting began, after being told it was going to be held, and asked to give them an appointment, and was kindly informed that they preferred preaching in English. The accessions to the English-speaking Churches have been many times more than to the German, and come largely from the German people. We received at one meeting twenty-two and at another twelve, the pastor doing the preaching. In Bellville our Sunday-school has more than doubled in every direction. A well organized adult class with a large attendance; not under a dozen in months; a Home Department with twenty-five reporting members, which is more than the adult membership of the Church. A Primary Department with room and chairs, and a Cradle Roll. All depart-

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ments working well, and well superintended. I have covered one book in the Sunday-school Officers' course with a well organized class of seventeen members. Our Woman's Home Mission Society, organized at the first of last year, has been of great assistance to the pastor. While our Woman's Foreign Missionary Society was just recently organized, it has some very fine material, and is expected to live. We have nine active titheholders in Bellville, and others on the charge who have pledged who have not been quite so faithful. Our Sunday-school at Buckhorn, organized last year, is alive, with a live superintendent. One point on the charge fixed the salary \$120 over last year, another \$108 and another \$25, the first lacking only \$15 of being double, while the second is more than double the salary of the year before. Our motto is: "Everything in full, and all will be paid, except probably a small deficit on salary on account of the doubled assessments.—I. W. Campbell.

MULLIN.

I am at Mullin, safely domiciled in the cozy little parsonage, with a nice study, plenty of wood and water and serving a good people, for they have already in orthodox style, due and ancient form, given us two poundings, both times breaking into the parsonage while we were at prayer-meeting, and just piled up sacks, boxes, jars, cans, buckets, etc., all full of something to satisfy the appetite. Now, Mr. Editor, what else can I do but to love, work and pray for such people and look for a great year on the Mullin charge? God bless my people, the Advocate and the entire Church. With a heart full of gratitude for these kind tokens, I want to do my best.—R. D. Moon.

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Bird-Dees.—At the home of the bride, Loraine, Texas, Nov. 24, 1910. Mr. Jas. R. Bird, of Sweetwater, and Miss Beatrice Dees, of Loraine, Rev. J. W. Smith officiating.

Marke-Woodfin.—In the parsonage of the Travis Park Church, San Antonio, Texas, November 23, 1910. Mr. Louis Marke and Mrs. Maule Woodfin, Rev. V. A. Godbey officiating.

Barron-Evons.—At the residence of the bride's sister, Mrs. S. C. Currey, Childress, Texas, November 20, 1910. Mr. N. E. Barron and Miss Lillie Mabel Evons, Rev. A. E. Butterfield officiating.

Wheat-Winn.—At the residence of the bride's father, E. A. Winn, Crystal City, November 7, 1910. Rev. C. E. Wheat, of West Texas Conference, and Miss Reana Winn, of Luckabay, Texas, Rev. J. E. Morton officiating.

Bridges-Moore.—At the home of the bride's parents, near Marble Falls, Texas, November 20, 1910. Mr. Fred Bridges and Miss Emma Moore, Rev. A. F. Bridges officiating.

Wilson-Bickford.—At the Edgefield Methodist Church, Waco, Texas, Mr. George L. Wilson and Miss Carlean M. Bickford, Rev. A. Anderson officiating.

Henry-Williams.—At the residence of S. A. Carnes, in Yoakum, Texas, November 23, 1910. Mr. W. O. Henry and Miss Mittie Williams, Rev. A. G. Nolen officiating.

Patton-Fly.—On November 2, 1910, at the Methodist Church, Alice, Texas, Mr. Irvine Andry Patton, of Goliad, Texas, and Miss Leslie Natalie Fly, Rev. C. W. Godwin officiating.

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ROGERS.—On the afternoon of October 4, 1910, Miss Ferreby Jennie Rogers' sweet spirit was gently wafted from earth to its brighter home above. Her stay in this world was very short, having spent only twenty-one brief summers here. The last one she spent in great suffering and pain, and as the bright leaves and flowers of summer began to fade and pass away, so did the fair roses in the cheeks of sweet Ferreby, and ere the autumn leaves began to fall she was gently placed beneath them in the cemetery on Mount Tabor, where a brother and sister peacefully sleep with her. Although her suffering was intense for five long months, she was never heard to murmur, and was always thoughtful and kind to her loved ones, who waited on her so ungrudgingly. Not fearing death, but loving life, she always spoke of getting well so hopefully; but now, through Christ she has an abundant entrance into life eternal. She had been a devoted member of the Cumberland Presbyterian Church since childhood, and leaves a saintly mother and father, one sister, two brothers and a host of friends to mourn her departure. Beloved, faint not under this heavy load of grief, but simply press onward and upward until your feet, with hers, shall tread the radiant shores of the New Jerusalem where sad partings shall come no more, and all tears shall be wiped away by the Author and Finisher of our salvation. Your pastor's wife.

MRS. J. W. BECK.

WALDRIP.—Mrs. Nancy Louise Waldrip (nee Chancellor) was born June 22, 1867, in Rusk County, Texas. She was the oldest of six children born to W. H. and R. C. Chancellor. Sister Waldrip was married February 22, 1872, to W. A. Waldrip in Panola County, Texas. To this union twelve children were born, ten of whom are living. She was converted in early life and joined the Methodist Episcopal Church, South, at thirteen years of age. She moved to Comanche, Texas, in July, 1877, where she lived until her death, September 29, 1910. Sister Waldrip suffered for many months, and bore her sickness patiently. She was taken to her bed in the early part of the year, and with but few exceptions remained there until the end. A good and faithful servant of God is gone to her reward. She left a large family of children to mourn their loss. May they be true and faithful and after awhile meet mother in heaven. Thus one by one we are called to our Father's home. The prayer of her pastor is that we may all meet again.

R. F. BROWN.

LAMBERT.—Cicero E. Lambert was born April 12, 1881, near Temple, Bell County, Texas. He was run over by a train on October 1, 1910, and died in the King's Daughters' Hospital October 2, 1910. He was raised without proper religious training, but in the summer of 1909 he was converted and joined the Methodist Church at Bethel, six miles east of Anson, Texas. He lived from that time a consistent Christian life. Roe, as he was familiarly known, had many friends in Bethel community who were really bereaved in his untimely death. He was one of a large family, having four brothers, all living, and six sisters, all living and four dead. These brothers and sisters, together with his father and mother and other relatives, are greatly bereaved in his death. May we not hope that this sad dispensation of Providence may call the unsaved father and brothers from a life of sin to our Lord, who is mighty to save. Roe, you will be missed by your Sunday-school class, your teacher and your pastor, but we expect one glad day to greet you over there. His pastor,

FRANK HUGHEN.

YARBROUGH.—W. R. Yarbrough was born in North Alabama July 2, 1852, and died at his home at Dayton, Texas, November 11, 1910, at which place he had been engaged in the drug business for several years. His remains were shipped to Teacanna, Texas, where his only son is buried and where he had previously lived on his farm, and was laid to rest by the Knights of Honor, of which order he was a member. He was raised at Waxahatchie, Texas. He leaves a wife, four married daughters and two brothers. He was sociable and kind-hearted, and made friends wherever he went. To the writer he was a loving and true brother, to whom in a recent letter he expressed himself as being very hopeful of that better life. We shall meet again.

T. H. YARBROUGH.

GILLIAM.—Mrs. Elizabeth Gilliam (nee Clipper) was born June 27, 1842, and departed this life October 31, 1910, near Houston, Texas. She was buried at Itasca, Texas, where she had formerly lived, and her name is a precious memory to those who knew her in Itasca, and were the beneficiaries of her kindly ministry to the sick and suffering. A good wife has gone from labor and suffering to her eternal reward. A precious mother has left her grief-stricken children to answer the summons from our Father in heaven, but husband and children may join her on the plains of eternal glory, where God shall wipe all tears from their eyes and death shall no more separate the redeemed and blood-washed company from the family circle of God's dear children.

R. F. DUNN, P. C.

CLARK.—In Rockdale, Texas, early Thursday morning, November 3, 1910, the spirit of my friend, Mary Hunter Clark, passed through the portals we call death and into the city of light. She was the daughter of Dr. and Mrs. Clark, and was born in North Carolina February 25, 1823. When three years of age her parents moved to Memphis, Tenn., where she grew to womanhood and was married to Mr. Clark, who was a prosperous business man. They lived happily for many years in that city. Five children came to bless the home. After the death of her husband she came to Texas, where she spent thirty-six years in Georgetown and Rockdale, loved and respected by all. Those who knew her best loved her most. To come into her presence was to realize instantly that she lived in an atmosphere of culture and refinement. She was a model of gentility. This, combined with her beautiful Christian character, marked her a superior woman. She was a consistent member of the Baptist Church, and, I believe, loved all true Christians as well as any one I ever knew. For many years she had made her home with her daughter, Mrs. L. P. Sessions, of Rockdale. Surely age would hold no terrors for any if all could be blessed as she was with such devoted children. The largest, brightest, most comfortable room of all the home was mother's. Here the mother's love, children's and grandchildren's devotion continued to strengthen as the years passed. Her health condition only seemed to bind each one to her more tenderly. Everything that skilled hands and loving hearts could do was done to prolong her stay, but God said, "It is enough; come up higher." Our loved ones pass from the home out into the hands of our Father's keeping. This same Father keeps and sustains us; then are we not together still? Our sad hearts answer "Yes." It is not far to the border land; only a short journey between us and that fair home where we must stay and strive a little longer, while they wait and watch for our coming. The funeral services were conducted by her pastor, Brother Wilkinson, assisted by the Methodist and Presbyterian ministers of the city. Followed by loved ones and a multitude of friends, she was laid to rest in the beautiful city cemetery. May God bless the bereaved ones and prepare them to meet her in that home where partings are no more. One who loved her,

MRS. FRED ALLEN.

SHELTON.—Grover C. Shelton, son of A. B. and Melvina Shelton, born October 19, 1885, in Smith County, Texas, where he grew to manhood. He departed this life August 21, 1910. At the time of his death he was one of Smith County's foremost oil workers, devoting the last years of his life to his profession, all of which time was spent in Bullard, Texas. He was both efficient and proficient in his work. He was universally loved by his pupils and by the entire community. Brother Shelton joined the Methodist Church early in life, and to it he was ever loyal. He was active in all church work, being the President of the Senior League and the teacher of a large senior class in the Sunday-school, many of whom were led to Christ under his influence. He loved the Church, often expressing the joy he felt therein. He was very liberal toward the Church, and his means beyond his means to its support. Some day we shall see his face again. To the bereaved father and mother, brothers and sisters I will say: May God's grace sustain you in the sad hour of your life. May this light affliction, which is but for a moment, work for you a far more exceeding and eternal weight of glory. His pastor,

MARK N. TERRELL.

BUTLER.—Miss Carrie Butler departed this life at 4 o'clock p. m. November 6, 1910. She was the daughter of William and Mary Butler, of Oxford, Llano County, Texas. She was born in Guadalupe County, Texas, March 8, 1863; converted in her twelfth year and joined the Methodist Episcopal Church, South, while very young. She was sick about six weeks, during which time her pure Christian character showed most prominently. Without a murmur or complaint she gradually weakened until she fell asleep in the arms of her trustful Lord. A few minutes before she died she was saying "I leave you to her." She said yes. Carrie was one of those girls, seldom found, who loved home and mother better than anything else in the world. But few girls exhibit in their Church attendance and prompt payment of Church obligations. Sweet-spirited girl, but few equaled you and none excelled for purity of life. Indeed, it can be truly said of her: She let her light shine. How sad is one sicut of this girl, and how sublime and glorious the other! Earth is poorer, heaven richer. Mother, father, brothers and sisters, may her mantle fall upon you, that you may so order your ways that some sweet day you may all meet in the home of the blessed.

A. F. BRIDGES.

BAILEY.—Died near Giles, Texas, on November 14, 1910, M. A. M. Bailey, aged sixty-six years. Brother Bailey had only lived in the Giles community for about three years. His former home was in Cooke County, about ten miles east of Gainesville. He had lived there for many years, and had many friends there. His funeral was conducted by the writer at Hedley on November 16, 1910, assisted by Rev. Wood, the pastor of our Church at that place. His body was buried in the Rockwell graveyard. Brother Bailey was converted young. He had been a steward in the Church for about thirty-five years, and always filled his place well. He leaves a wife and five children, and many friends to mourn their loss. His pastor and people will miss him very much, but no doubt his reward is great in heaven. I have known him about twenty years, and remember today with a glad heart the shouts of joy that I have heard go up to God from this good man. He was a good man, full of faith and good works. May the peace of God be with his bereaved ones, and may we all meet him in the blissings of God be upon his bereaved wife and children.

W. H. BROWN.

Whitson, Texas.

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MAYRANT.—Abyssinia K. Mayrant (nee Potts) was born September 27, 1854, and died June 21, 1910. She was married to John W. Potts June 8, 1876. They had a long and happy life together. He preceded her to the other world some years ago. Sister Mayrant was a faithful wife, a true mother, tender, kind and loving, and a more devout woman can hardly be found. She was a life-long member of the Methodist Church, and loved it and rendered much valuable service to it. She laid her worn body in the old Potts Cemetery to await the resurrection of the dead. Her spirit returned to God who gave it. May her children follow her goodly walk and meet her in heaven. CHAS. B. GOLSON, Pottsboro, Texas.

JOLLEY.—Mrs. Elizabeth Jolley (nee Lightfoot) was born in Crawford County, Ga., Feb. 12, 1837; moved to Texas with her parents in 1852; was married to Mr. A. H. Jolley November 23, 1857; joined the Methodist Church in 1857; died in Hawkins, Texas, November 17, 1910. The deceased was a Christian from early life. She was a sufferer for a number of years, but was calm and patient. Just a few days before her death she expressed her willingness and readiness to go. She was a true and faithful wife and mother. She leaves a husband and ten children—six boys and four girls. One little boy preceded her to the glory world. She also leaves a mother, three brothers and three sisters. Sister Jolley is sadly missed, indeed, by her loved ones, but she has gone to a brighter clime. May the God of all grace tenderly keep the sorrowing ones, and bring them finally into that haven of rest where they can enjoy the companionship of the Redeemer and of loved ones throughout eternity. J. C. CAMERON, P. C.

FOSTER.—Clyde, the youngest son of Brother and Sister John A. Foster, was born February 14, 1900, and departed this life October 25, 1910. His illness was extremely painful, and lasted for more than ten days. All that medical aid and loving hands could do was of no avail. He seemed from the first to realize that the end was near. More than once did he tell his fond parents that he was soon going away to be with Jesus. On September 2, or just one month before his death, the writer received him into the Methodist Church upon profession of faith in Christ. His funeral service was conducted by the writer in the same church a mere one month before he was baptized and received into the Church. We then laid his little body to rest in the Bethel Cemetery to await the resurrection of the just. We will miss him from the home, the Sunday-school and the Church, but by the grace of God we will meet him again in that some where "none ever die." His pastor, FRANK HUGHEN.

CAMPBELL.—Mrs. Nettie Campbell, daughter of G. K. Ekins and wife, was born in Camp Colorado, Texas, in February, 1869. She was married to John C. Campbell November 9, 1892. To this union three children—one boy and two girls—were born. Sister Campbell joined the Methodist Episcopal Church, South, August 2, 1902, in Kent County, Texas. She had a devoted Christian life. It was one of her aims to be never too cold or dark or stormy to keep her away from any of her neighbors in time of sickness. She was a kind and loving mother. She leaves many friends to mourn her death. The writer never before saw such a large number of beautiful bouquets spread upon the grave of any one. This alone was sufficient to convince any one of the love and respect of her friends. She leaves a lonely husband, a son and two sweet little girls to go through life without her. May God in his tender mercy care for this broken family. The prayer of the writer is that the husband and children, together with her loving relatives, may meet again, where partings are no more. R. F. BROWN, Comanche, Texas.

BROCK.—The subject of this sketch, Doss T. Brock, is the son of J. R. and Mrs. C. R. Brock, of Bronie, Cooke County, Texas. He was born in Arkansas in March, 1857. Several years ago he moved to Texas with his parents. He was a young man of great promise, and a short while ago came to the community north of Harold, Texas, to work in the cotton mill. Nearly three weeks before his death he was taken down with typhoid fever and died in peace Sunday morning November 29, 1910. His remains were laid to rest in the Harold Cemetery, the writer officiating in the sad rites. He was converted six years ago, and so far as we know died in the faith. His father and two brothers were present at his death and funeral. Weep not, sad hearts, as those who have no hope; for surely God's promises are enough to encourage our faint hearts in these trying hours. We part today to meet tomorrow, then part no more forever. One day by and by we shall press the golden strand together. ELBERT H. COBURN.

SARENSEN.—Margaret Gladys, little daughter of Rev. Sam Sarsen and wife, was born in Lee County, Texas, near Liberty, in February, 1909, and died near Sandoval, Williamson County, Texas, in November, 1910. She was buried at the old Mesquite Cemetery, in Lee County, near where she was born, on the 24th of November, 1910. Little Gladys was a bright, sweet child, and was the joy of her fond and loving parents. Jesus said: "Suffer little children to come unto me, and forbid them not; for of such is the kingdom of God." We extend our sympathy and condolence to the grief-stricken father and mother, who are

bowed down with grief and sorrow, and pray that the grace of God may sustain them in this sad bereavement. My dear friends, little Gladys is not dead, but has only gone home to live with God, where she will be free from all sorrow and sickness, pain and death. May God enable you all to meet her in heaven, where you will never part any more, is the prayer of your friend and brother. W. W. HORNER.

YARDLEY.—Miss Itie May Yardley was born May 17, 1888, and departed this life November 19, 1910. She was a faithful member of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South, at Ben Arnold, Texas. She loved the Church, and lived to honor her Lord. She had been a devoted Christian and Church member for a number of years. She was a Sunday-school teacher, and had been for some time before her death, and felt great interest in the Sunday-school work. Her neighbors and friends said: "She was a good girl." On Monday, November 21, 1910, we conducted her funeral service at the church in the presence of a large congregation of friends and loved ones. Brother Collins, a Baptist minister and friend of the family, assisted in the services. Many beautiful flowers were laid upon the casket and grave. Her Sunday-school class, together with other Sunday-school children, marched behind the hearse from the church to the grave. A vacant place is in the home. Loved ones are feeling lonely, but they know where to find her. Father and mother and brothers and sisters, you will see her no more in this world, but in that day you may meet to live and rejoice together forever. Her pastor and friend, W. T. AYERS.

CENTRAL TEXAS CONFERENCE

- Waco District—First Round. Fifth Street, 11 a. m., Dec. 4. Austin Ave., 7:30 p. m., Dec. 4. Elm Street, 11 a. m., Dec. 11. Morrow Street, 7:30 p. m., Dec. 11. Reisel, Dec. 17, 18. Mart, Dec. 18, 19. Hewitt, Dec. 24, 25. Bell's Hill, Dec. 25, 26. Whitney, Jan. 1. West, Jan. 7, 8. Bosqueville, Jan. 14, 15. China Springs, Jan. 15, 16. Bruceville, Jan. 21, 22. Lorena, Jan. 28, 29. North Sixth Street, Jan. 29, 30. Aquila, Feb. 4, 5. Mount Calm, Feb. 11, 12. W. B. ANDREWS, P. E.

- Gatesville District—First Round. (In part.) Moody, Dec. 3, 4. Meridian Cir., at Grapevine, Dec. 10, 11. Meridian Sta., Dec. 11, 12. Copperas Cove, at C. C., Dec. 17, 18. Killeen, Dec. 18, 19. Gatesville Cir., at Fort Gates, Dec. 24, 25. Gatesville Sta., Dec. 25, 26. Crawford, at C. C., Dec. 31, Jan. 1. Valley Mills, Jan. 1, 2. S. J. VAUGHAN, P. E.

- Brownwood District—First Round. May Cir., at May, Dec. 3, 4. Blanket and Zephyr, at E. Dec. 10, 11. Gouldsburg Cir., at Voss, Dec. 17, 18. Talpa and Valera, at V., Dec. 18, 19. Indian Creek, at I. C., Dec. 21. Brownwood, Dec. 25, 26. Glen Cove Cir., at Novice, Dec. 30. Coleman Sta., Dec. 31, Jan. 1. Coleman Cir., at Junction, Jan. 1, 2. Winchell Cir., at W., Jan. 4. Santa Anna Sta., Jan. 7, 8. Ballinger Sta., Jan. 14, 15. Norton Cir., at Maverick, Jan. 16. Robert Lee Cir., at R. L., Jan. 18. Bronte Cir., at Chadbourne, Jan. 20. Wingate and Pumphrey, at W., Jan. 21, 22. Winters Sta., Jan. 22, 23. District Stewards will meet at district parsonage December 15, 1910. Presiding elders and Lay Leaders of Brownwood, Dublin, Cisco and Weatherford Districts will meet at Cisco, 7 p. m., December 7, 1910. J. A. WHITEHURST, P. E.

- Cisco District—First Round. Ranger, Dec. 4, 5. Caddo, Dec. 6. Breckenridge, Dec. 7. Woodson, Dec. 8. Wayland, Dec. 9. Eastland, Dec. 10, 11. Kokomo, Dec. 15. Dardemona, Dec. 16. Carbon, Dec. 17, 18. Sipe Springs, Dec. 20. Rising Star, Dec. 21. Pioneer, Dec. 22. Scranton, Dec. 23. Cisco Mis., Dec. 25, 26. Cisco Sta., Jan. 1, 2. District Stewards meeting 7 p. m., Thursday, December 29, 1910. J. SAM BARCUS, P. E.

NORTHWEST TEX. CONFERENCE

- Abilene District—First Round. Nugent, at Nugent, Dec. 3, 4. Ovalo, at Jim Neel, Dec. 10, 11. Lawn, at Neel, Dec. 11, 12. Cross Plains, at Cottonwood, Dec. 17, 18. Putnam, at Putnam, Dec. 18, 19. First Church, Dec. 25, 26. 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. Trent, at Trent, Feb. 4, 5. Caps, at Caps, Feb. 11, 12. Denton, at Denton, Feb. 18, 19. GUS BARNES, P. E.

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Vernon District—First Round.

- Chillicothe Sta., Dec. 3, 4. Childress Mis., Dec. 9. Childress Sta., Dec. 10, 11. Chillicothe Mis., Dec. 15. Margaret Mis., Dec. 16. Crowell Sta., Dec. 17, 18. Vernon Mis., Dec. 23. Vernon Sta., Dec. 24, 25. Tolbert Cir., Dec. 31, Jan. 1. Quannah Sta., Jan. 7, 8. Paducah Mis., Jan. 13. Paducah Sta., Jan. 14, 15. Estelline Cir., Jan. 21, 22.

The District Stewards of the Vernon District will meet at the district parsonage in Vernon at 1:30 p. m., December 27, 1910. J. G. MILLER, P. E.

Colorado District—First Round.

- Nov. 27, Sweetwater Sta. Dec. 2-4, Roby, at Roby. Dec. 9-11, Roscoe, at Roscoe. Dec. 12-15, Lorraine Mis., all points. Dec. 16-18, Hermleigh, at Hermleigh. Dec. 20-23, Colorado Mis., all points. Dec. 24-25, Colorado Sta. Dec. 29-Jan. 1, Camp Springs, at C. S. Jan. 6-8, Dunn, at Dunn. Jan. 13-15, Fluvanna, at F. Jan. 20-22, Dermot, at Bethel. Jan. 27-29, Snyder Sta. Jan. 30-Feb. 2, Sweetwater Mis., all points. Feb. 3-5, Blackwell, at B. Feb. 10-12, Hyllton, at H. Feb. 17-19, Westbrook, at W. Feb. 24-26, Iatan, at Cuthbert.

Program for All Quarterly Conferences.

Friday: Fasting and prayer, 7:30 p. m., love feast and sermon. Saturday: 9:30 a. m., doctrinal sermon; 11 a. m., doctrinal sermon; basket dinner; 2:30 p. m., Quarterly Conference; 7:30 p. m., sermon. Sunday: 10 a. m., Sunday-school rally; 11 a. m., sermon and Lord's Supper; 3 p. m., W. H. M. and W. P. M. rally; 7:30 p. m., sermon. District Stewards meet in Colorado Wednesday, December 7, at 10 a. m. Business of greater importance than usual will demand every steward's presence. We cordially invite all the pastors, also. The Colorado W. H. M. Society will give their usual District Stewards' turkey dinner. SIMEON SHAW, P. E.

Plainview District—First Round.

- Tulia Sta., Dec. 4, 5. Lockney Sta., Dec. 10, 11. Floydada Sta., Dec. 12. Emma, at E., Dec. 16. Crosbyton, at C., Dec. 18, 19. Lubbock Mis., Dec. 24. Lubbock Sta., Dec. 25, 26. Plainview Mis., Dec. 29. Dimmitt, at D., Dec. 31, Jan. 1. Kress, at K., Jan. 4. Happy, at H., Jan. 6. Silvertown, at S., Jan. 8, 9. Turkey, at T., Jan. 11. Matador, Jan. 14, 15. Afton, at A., Jan. 17. Hale Center, Jan. 21, 22. Barton, at B., Jan. 23. Plainview Sta., Jan. 28, 29. The District Stewards will meet at 2 p. m., December 11, 1910, at Plainview, Texas. Let every place be represented. We want to start right. Let our watchword be to help each other and serve God. J. T. HICKS, P. E.

Amarillo District—First Round.

- Amarillo, Polk St., Dec. 4, 5. Amarillo, Buchanan St., Dec. 4. Bovina, Dec. 9. Hereford Sta., Dec. 10, 11. Dumas, at Dumas, Dec. 14. Channing Cir., at C., Dec. 15. Textline, at T., Dec. 16. Dalhart, Dec. 17. Stratford, Dec. 18, 19. Panhandle and Pampa, at Panhandle, Dec. 24. Ochiltree, at O., Jan. 1, 2. Hansford, at H., Jan. 3, 4. Wildorado, Jan. 7, 8. The District Stewards will please meet in the Methodist Church at Amarillo Wednesday, Dec. 7. O. P. KIKER, P. E.

Clarendon District—First Round.

- Lakeview, Dec. 8. Newlin, Dec. 9. Memphis, Dec. 11, 12. Glazier, Dec. 16. Higgins, Dec. 18. Groom, Dec. 20. McLean, Dec. 21. Claude, Dec. 23. Clarendon, Dec. 25, 26. Wellington Sta., Dec. 31, Jan. 1. Wellington Cir., Jan. 2. Quail, Jan. 4. Shamrock, Jan. 6. Wheeler, Jan. 8. Canadian, Jan. 14, 15. Cataline, Jan. 16. Miami, Jan. 18. Goodnight, Jan. 21, 22. Hedley, Jan. 28, 29. The District Stewards will meet at Clarendon, 11 a. m., December 27, 1910, at the Methodist Church. J. W. STORY, P. E.

Big Springs District—First Round.

- Tahoka, Dec. 10, 11. Brownfield, Dec. 17, 18. Gomez, Dec. 18, 19. Pride, Dec. 21. Lamesa Sta., Dec. 31, Jan. 1. Lamesa Mis., Jan. 1, 2. Gall, Jan. 7, 8. Post City, Jan. 14, 15. Coahoma, Jan. 21, 22. Blythe, Jan. 28, 29. Soash, Feb. 4, 5. Stanton Sta., Feb. 11, 12. Stanton Cir., Feb. 12, 13. Big Springs, Feb. 19, 20. Seminole, Feb. 26, 27. The District Stewards will meet in Big Springs, 7:30 p. m., December 8, 1910, at the Methodist Church. We shall be glad to have all the pastors present. J. E. STEPHENS, P. E.

WEST TEXAS CONFERENCE

Llano District—First Round.

- 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. J. D. SCOTT, P. E.

Uvalde District—First Round.

- Cotulla Sta., Dec. 3, 4. Devine Cir., at D., Dec. 7, 8. Millett Cir., at Leona, Dec. 10, 11. Dalley, Dec. 17, 18. Laredo Sta., Dec. 21. Uvalde Sta., Dec. 25, 26. Sabinla Sta., Dec. 31, Jan. 1. Utopia Sta., Jan. 7, 8. Uvalde Cir., at Batesville, Jan. 11, 12. Del Rio Sta., Jan. 15, 16. Carizo and Asherton, at C., Jan. 18. Eagle Pass Sta., Jan. 21, 22. Rock Springs, at R. S., Jan. 25. Crystal City Sta., Jan. 28, 29. S. B. BEALL, P. E.

Austin District—First Round.

- McDade, at M., Dec. 3, 4. Elgin, at E., Dec. 4, 5. Welmar, at W., Dec. 10, 11. Eagle Lake, at E. L., Dec. 13.

FREE TO YOU—MY SISTER Free to You and Every Sister Suffering from Woman's Ailments.



I am a woman. I know woman's sufferings. I have found the cure. I will mail, free of any charge, my home treatment with full instructions to any sufferer from woman's ailments. I want to tell all women about this cure—you, my reader, for yourself, your daughter, your mother, or your sister. I want to tell you how to cure yourselves at home without the help of a doctor. Men cannot understand women's sufferings. What we women know from experience, we know better than any doctor. I know that my home treatment is a safe and sure cure for Leucorrhoea or Whitish discharges, Ulceration, Displacement or Falling of the Womb, Profuse, Scanty or Painful Periods, Uterine or Ovarian Tumors or Growths; also pains in the head, back and bowels, bearing down feelings, nervousness, creeping feeling up the spine, melancholy, desire to cry, hot flashes, weariness, kidney and bladder troubles where caused by weaknesses peculiar to our sex. I want to send you a complete ten day's treatment entirely free to prove to you that you can cure yourself at home, easily, quickly and surely. Remember, that it will cost you nothing to give the treatment a complete trial; and if you should wish to continue, it will cost you only about 12 cents a week, or less than two cents a day. It will not interfere with your work or occupation. Just send me your name and address, tell me how you suffer if you wish, and I will send you the treatment for your case, entirely free, in plain wrapper, by return mail. I will also send you free of cost, my book—"WOMAN'S OWN MEDICAL ADVISER" with explanatory illustrations showing why women suffer, and how they can easily cure themselves at home. Every woman should have it, and learn to think for herself. Then when the doctor says—"You must have an operation," you can decide for yourself. Thousands of women have cured themselves with my home remedy. It cures all, and effectually cures Leucorrhoea, Green Sickness and Painful or Irregular Menstruation in Young Ladies. Plumpness and health always results from its use. Wherever you live, I can refer you to ladies of your own locality who know and will gladly tell any sufferer that this Home Treatment really cures all women's diseases, and makes women well, strong, plump and robust. Just send me your address, and the free ten day's treatment is yours, also the book. Write today, as you may not see this offer again. Address MRS. M. SUMMERS, Box 107, South Bend, Ind., U. S. A.

Rock Island, at R. I., Dec. 14, 15. Columbus, at C., Dec. 17, 18. LaGrange, at L., Dec. 18, 19. Flatonia, at F., 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. Trinity Church, Austin, Jan. 17. St. Luke's and Walnut, at S. L., Jan. 21, 22. NAT. B. READ, P. E.

Beeville District—First Round.

- Dec. 3, Skidmore, at Mathis. Dec. 4, Mathis, 11 a. m. Dec. 5, Falfurriak. Dec. 6, 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. 18, Kenedy, 7:30 p. m. Dec. 19, Kenedy. A. L. SCARBOROUGH, P. E.

Cuero District—First Round.

- Victoria, Dec. 3, 4. Port Lavaca, Dec. 6. Ganado, Dec. 10, 11. Nursery, at Thomason, Dec. 13. 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. Sunley, Jan. 17. Shiner, Jan. 24, 25. Yoakum, Jan. 28, 29. Hope, at Williamsburg, Jan. 30. JOHN M. ALEXANDER, P. E.

San Angelo District—First Round.

- 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. L. C. MATTHIS, P. E.

San Antonio District—First Round.

- Bandera, 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.

- 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. 24. Gonzales Sta., Dec. 25, 26. Luling Cir., at L., Dec. 21, Jan. 1. Dripping Springs Cir., at D. S., Jan. 8, 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. 6, 7. W. H. H. BIGGS, P. E.

NEW MEXICO CONFERENCE

Albuquerque District—First Round.

- Vaughn and Willard, Dec. 3, 4. Star and Ricardo, Dec. 10, 11. Moriarty, Dec. 17, 18. Cimarron, Dec. 21, 22. Keohler 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.

- Causey, at Richland, Dec. 3, 4. King, Dec. 7, 8. Knowles, Dec. 10, 11. Monument, Dec. 17, 18. Portales, Dec. 24, 25. J. RUSH GOODLOE, P. E.

El Paso District—First Round.

- 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. 25, 26. Hope, Dec. 31, Jan. 1. Artesia, Jan. 1, 2. Carlsbad, Jan. 4. Trinity, Jan. 8, 9. J. B. COCHRAN, P. E.

You Needn't. You needn't keep on feeling distressed after eating, nor belching, nor experiencing nausea between meals. In other words, you needn't keep on being dyspeptic, and you certainly shouldn't. Hood's Sarsaparilla cures dyspepsia—it strengthens and tones the stomach, perfects digestion, creates a normal appetite and builds up the whole system.

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The Juvenile Court.

The Juvenile Court is not yet a decade old. It numbers in its work of redemption from utter and ultimate ruin thousands of boys and youths. To Judge Benjamin B. Lindsey, of Denver, is due the coming of this new glory of our age. A 9-year-old boy was brought before him for burglary. There was no law to give the child-heart a chance, as the little fellow himself afterwards said, and the baby criminal was sentenced to a term in the pen. Not long after this the Juvenile Court was established, and that same boy who served three terms in prison has responded to the humane treatment of this new court, and promises to become a useful man. Ten years ago there was not a juvenile court on earth. Today thirty States have adopted them, while foreign countries have taken up the slogan, and every civilized nation is giving the matter attention. The idea in the trial of children is to remove the debasing self-estimate of criminality from the child mind, and at the same time to awaken his sense of honor and give him, as far as may be, a feeling of his responsibility as a unit in the child-world, the aggregate of whom must be the men of the next age. Another idea is to prevent the incarceration of children whose misdeeds can not be degraded crimes, but the acts of those who have not yet learned to weigh the meaning of what they do. Indeed, as far as possible, the idea of punishment is eliminated, and the idea of confidence is instilled and the principle of probation is held out. There are many beneficent features which we commend to the study of old and young alike.

Charcoal Antidote for Poisoning.

The absorbent power of charcoal has long been known. It has been found useful in filters of all sorts. A practical demonstration that it will absorb poisons and impurities may be had anywhere by any one. Its power to absorb gases is equally well known. Red wine filtered through charcoal comes out white. Charcoal has been proven to be an antidote for so dangerous a thing as strychnine poisoning. It is quite effective with arsenic poisoning. In cases of poisoning from cyanide of potash, ptomaine, laudanum, phosphorus, and wherever strong action is needed against or on alkaloids, charcoal is well nigh a perfect antidote. Let the charcoal be taken immediately after the poisoning is discovered, and the larger the quantity the better. Put it into water and keep stirring the water while drinking. Vegetable charcoal is perhaps best.

The World's Jewish Population.

It is said that there is not a human settlement on the globe without its quota of Jewish inhabitants. How-

ever this may be, the race has scattered itself over all the known world. There are in the world today about 11,000,000 Jews. Just about half of these live in Russia, unless by recent exodus they have lowered the statistics there. There are over a million in this country. In Austria-Hungary there are over 2,000,000. They have played an important part in the affairs of every country where they have lived.

DECISIVE BATTLES.

The Sack of Rome, 408-412 A. D.

At this time there were over a million people in Rome. It was overcrowded with conquered hordes who had no means of subsistence, but drew constantly upon the public dispensary. On the contrary vast wealth had centered in a few. Only about two thousand citizens had an independent income, about one hundred of whom owned and controlled the overwhelming bulk of the entire city's wealth. Rome was built almost in a circle of twenty-one miles perimeter. There is always weakness, internal weakness wherever there is a wide extreme in wealth of the few and wretched poverty of the many. It was so in Rome when Alaric, the Visigoth King, besieged every gate in her walls. For 619 years the sacred ground inside the walls had not been trod by an invading enemy. The Senate dispatched a messenger with terms of peace, suggesting that he better have respect for the enormous population of Rome. "The thicker the hay, the easier the mow," Alaric replied. Alaric deposed the Emperor Honorius, and placed Attalus, the Roman prefect, on the throne. But the reign of Attalus was brief. Alaric entered the city and took possession of it, so that 1163 years after the founding of Rome, after her conquering armies had subdued the world, the Eternal City fell a prey to the barbarians of Germany and Scythia. The most horrible licentiousness and rapine followed. It is no wonder that closely following this epoch-making event the Dark Ages soon settled over the world.

Byron's Real Purpose in "Childe Harold's Pilgrimage."

We may tell the inner motive of this poem in Byron's own words: "Early perversion of mind and morals leads to satiety of past pleasures and disappointment in new ones; that even the beauties of nature and the stimulus of travel are lost on the soul so misdirected." This explanation of the author's purpose is worthy of deep meditation. He was seven years in writing this poem. Beginning at 22 he was close to 30 when it was finished. There are four cantos or divisions, and four hundred and ninety-five Spenserian stanzas. The hero

visits all the chief countries and capitals of Europe, seeking everywhere for satisfaction to abnormal longings, but finding none. It is almost universally conceded that this poem is autobiographical. It made the author famous. The last canto is the best, containing thoughts suggested in his visit to Venice, Rome and Florence. It represents a wanderer in many lands searching for the secret of peace and soul-satisfaction.

Juvenal's Advice.

Juvenal was a Roman rhetorician and satirical poet in the first and second centuries of our era. He studied the crowded conditions of the houses of the poor in Rome, and found the most unsanitary and distressing environments, and the most unwholesome foods, the most fearful death rate and the poorest developed bodies. He persistently advised this vast horde of proletariats to leave the city and go to the country. His argument was that the country—the open—is the natural place for every man, and the necessary place for the poor who expect to accomplish anything in life and leave an inheritance of health to their children.

POSTOFFICE ADDRESS.

Address M. Phelan, Conference Missionary Evangelist for Stamford, Hamlin, Abilene, Colorado and Big Springs Districts, at Stamford, Texas.

AN OVERSIGHT.

By some mistake, you failed to get my appointment in the Georgetown District. I was returned to Granger for the third year, so my friends will know where to find me. We begin the year in good earnest to do the best year's work of the three.

N. E. GARDNER.

NORTHWEST TEXAS CONFERENCE JOURNALS.

Each member of the Northwest Texas Conference will receive a supply of Conference Journals. Others wanting copies may have them at ten cents per copy. Send orders at once.

O. P. KIKER, Editor.

CONFERENCE SUNDAY-SCHOOL SECRETARY.

To the Brethren of the Northwest Texas Conference:

Dear Brethren—As you know, the Bishop appointed me to the special work of Conference Sunday-school Secretary. As far as I can, I will be glad to give any assistance possible in Sunday-school work to any and all who may need my help during the year. I will also be able to spare the time to hold a few revivals.

I am trying to post myself on modern Sunday-school plans and work, that I may be of real help to all whom it may be my privilege to assist. I will be glad to correspond with any who may desire my help along Sunday-school or revival lines, that we may arrange dates, etc. All communications to me at Stamford, Texas, will have prompt attention.

With a sincere desire for usefulness in the cause, I am your fellow-laborer,
R. B. BONNER.

WEST TEXAS CONFERENCE JOURNAL.

To the Preachers of the West Texas Conference:

By the time you see these words in the Advocate most of you will have Conference Journals. Read the "Foreword" concerning charges on them.

The tables are not as good as I would like to have them, and the new blanks caused a number of the brethren to make errors in their totals. Better not blame any one for errors until you examine your report stub, for in many cases errors are in the tables you handed in.

Please help me in cleaning out mistakes in proper names or elsewhere. A postal card will do it.

If your Journals do not reach you in two weeks, write me. Do not write until you have inquired at both the postoffice and express office. The cheaper carrier will be used.

J. H. GROSECLOSE.

CORRECTION AND ELSE.

To avoid misconception, allow me to request the publication of the following:

In the second of my papers now appearing in the Advocate, "import" is twice printed "impart."

Two sentences are also mixed. They should read: "Here he begins to exercise the faculties with which he is supplied. Gentleness soothes him."

In the list of appointments of the Central Texas Conference my first initial appears as "W.," whereas it should be "J."

As a supernumerary I am permitted to live outside the bounds of the conference, while my name regularly appears in connection with the Georgetown Station.

JOHN FREEMAN NEAL
Lytle, Texas.

IMPORTANT NOTICE.

I see in my announcement that the District Stewards are called for the 11th of December. I meant to make it the 14th of December.

J. T. WICKS, P. E.
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Dost thou do thy duty daily,
Do it with a will and might,
Never turning from the pathway
Of the truthful and the right;
Striving ever to be gentle,
Loving, kindly, patient, true,
And to set a good example
In each daily act you do?

Is there not some one who falters,
Knowing not which path to go?
Could you not direct them heavenward,
Save them from temptation's woe?
Just a smile, a kind word spoken,
Often cheers and helps to gain
Back a heart that's almost broken
Underneath its load of pain.

In life's battles and life's struggles
Cease, O cease this strife for gold,
And put on a Christian armor,
Win for Christ some precious soul.
If thou dost thy duty daily
Thou wilt with a crown be blest,
Share a home in heaven forever,
Life eternal, peace and rest.

ELLA WRIGHT,
Crockett, Texas.

PREACHER WANTED.

I want a man for a work that will pay about \$100 and \$200 added to this. No parsonage. I want a man who is willing to work. Send recommendation of pastor and presiding elder.
S. J. VAUGHAN, P. E.
Gatesville, Texas.

IF THE BABY IS CUTTING TEETH.

Be sure to use that old and well-tried remedy, Mrs. Winters' Soothing Syrup, for children teething. It soothes the child, softens the gums, allays all pain, cures wind colic, and is the remedy for diarrhoea. Twenty-five cents a bottle.

MISSIONARY INSTITUTE, SAN MARCOS DISTRICT.

Preachers of the San Marcos District will hold their Missionary Institute at Lockhart December 26, 27 and 28. Opening sermon December 26, at 7:15 p. m., by Rev. C. H. Booth. Parts assigned each will be sent to them soon.
W. H. H. BIGGS, P. E.

Subscribers who desire the Advocate discontinued must notify us at expiration, either by letter or postal card. Otherwise they will be responsible for continuance and debt incurred thereby. We adopted the plan of continuance at the request and for the accommodation of our subscribers, and they in turn must protect us by observing the rule which stands at the head of the first column on the eighth page.

The church at Cunha, in the Sao Paulo District, is approaching completion. Rev. J. L. Kennedy, presiding elder, writes of the faithfulness and self-denial of the Church members. They lack about \$200 of being able to pay for the work. Contributing as they have done to the full extent of their ability, they deserve the much-needed help. There are probably ten small churches which could be built within six months within the bounds of the two Annual Conferences in Brazil if small supplementary sums like this could be secured.

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

Sirs—We received the machine some few days ago in good condition, and are 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,
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