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THE ADVENT OF JESUS CHRIST AMONG MEN.

We are again approaching the period in which the commemoration of the birth of Jesus Christ among men is observed throughout Christendom. It never loses its interest as the most momentous event in the religious history of the world. It stands out in its bold relief and challenges the faith and the admiration of all intelligent mankind.

There was a time when a certain school of thinkers and writers tried to make it appear that Christ was only a myth handed down to us by tradition, beautiful as a story and fraught with interest for the credulous, but without any basis in fact; but that idea has long since been exploded, and it finds no advocate among the thinking people of our age and generation. Christ is now accepted as a historic personage, whatever may be the views of skeptics concerning some of the recorded phenomena of his birth and life. No one whose views are entitled to respect now dispute the fact that Christ was born, a real person among men, and that his teachings have had larger influence upon the progress of civilization than those of any other man, living or dead.

The great thinking and the great inventions of the race have occurred since his birth, and his teachings have more largely created the conditions out of which these developments have come than have the life and teachings of any other leader among men. When he came into the world there was not an eleemosynary institution upon the face of the earth. At that time it was a world of greed, of selfishness, of oppression, of ignorance and despotism. The halt, the maimed, the blind, the poor and the unfortunate had no one to plead their cause or to extend to them a helping hand. There was no asylum, no house of refuge, no sanitarium, no ambulance, no mitigation of cruelty in the execution of the condemned. It was a hard, unrelenting world.

Neither was there any great thinking going on among men. It was a world of superstition. Science, in reality, had not been born, discoveries were scarcely known, and inventions in mechanics had not been dreamed of. Even navigation was of the crudest sort, and the geography of the age was scarcely worthy of the name. Such a thing as the brotherhood of the race had not entered the human brain. The world was full of gods, but their religions were mostly without principle or sense.

Christ came into this sort of a world, and in order to set up his kingdom he had to inaugurate a system that contemplated the creation of a new world and the complete revolution of human thinking and human

acting. It was a herculean task, and none but One who is equal with God could have indulged in hopes of success. But we are told by the prophet, several hundred years before the advent of Christ, that he "saw of the travail of his soul and was satisfied." He was born, he grew up to manhood, he gathered around him twelve disciples, he taught them for three short years, he enforced his teachings by mighty works, he illustrated his methods of dealing with humanity by helping the helpless, by lifting up the fallen, by feeding the hungry, by healing the sick, and then died upon the cross of Calvary. In that tragic event it looked like his whole system had come to naught in its beginning. But he left in active influence the heaven of truth that at once began to permeate the conscious manhood of his day—he gave to the world the truth that was possessed of immortality; yea, he lived and wrought and died for the ages and the generations, and now look around you!

We are living today in a new world, amid new thought, with science giving the results of its investigations to the good of mankind, with human institutions everywhere relieving the sufferings of the race, and a civilization under whose benign reign "peace on earth and good will toward men" is becoming the order of the day. The major part, if not all these benefits, is traceable to the fact that Christ was born among men, that he taught the brotherhood of the race, that he cleared up the fogs from the brain of mankind and turned loose the powers of the intellect and the conscience. We, therefore, do well to commemorate the period of his birth, and we will do better if we prostrate ourselves before his altar and repledge our lives to his service. May he this day be born anew in every heart and in every life! For he is not only a person in history—he is also the Savior of men and the religious hope of the world!

"PEACE ON EARTH."

More than nineteen hundred years ago these precious words were proclaimed to the world by heavenly hosts. They brought to mankind comfort and a hope for better things, and today are just as fraught with sweetness, wisdom and hope as the first time they were wafted to human ears.

They are beautiful words; they voice the natural instinct of every loving heart; they should appeal to every reasonable person, even though circumstances and training may have directed the mind and character into ways which lead not unto peace.

They have been repeated all down the ages, since they were first sung in recognition of the "Prince of Peace." They have been lisped by baby tongues, sung by youthful voices and hopeful hearts, and prayed by consecrated souls, until almost every ear has heard the music of those impressive words—"Peace on earth."

Hearts filled with the spirit of peace are happy hearts, and they invariably rule within natures and over lives which are benedictions; lives which are a blessing to every one who may come under their influence; lives which are beacon-lights, calling us from strife, from purposes which do not uplift, and which drive us from the beautiful path of right; lives which point us upward towards God and heaven. What a privilege to walk within the sphere of such a life! Free from selfishness, too broad and deep and grand of purpose to fret over the trivial things which render weaker natures miserable; too exalted of mind and too mighty of soul to enter into petty contests which lead so many lives into the breakers. The heart which dwells in an atmosphere of peace soars high above the little worries of life and catches glimpses of the wonderful purposes of God from heights which make them clear and beautiful, and full of unclouded glory. Would that there were more such lives. Would that the strength of purpose and force of character were ours to emulate, and not to envy them! God grant that we all may strive for this plane, for a peaceful heart is better far than anything this world can ever bestow. We have known such lives, admired and loved them. Perhaps the number has not been large; perhaps you can help to make it greater in the days to come by letting your life show more clearly how sweet, how grand a thing is contentment of mind, peace of heart, largeness of soul.

Strange that most of us look upon it as such a difficult matter to control our selfishness of nature, to give kind words, to render services which lead to peace, even though some act toward us may have shown unfriendliness of spirit. Such evidence of weakness on the part of another should only serve to forearm us to prove ourselves superior.

Selfishness at all times prompts us to do those things which must defeat our own best interests and happiness. We work for self, and thereby defeat the ends we have in view; true wisdom would teach us to forget ourselves and do for others, thereby bringing richest blessings into our own lives and crowning our labors with the sweetest fruits of peace. Try as hard and as long as we may, success and happiness and peace will come to us no other way. Here we find the explanation of so many filled with doubts, disappointments and discord; thus we might quickly learn, if we only would, the secret of perpetual "peace on earth."

The birth of the little One at Bethlehem, our Savior and Redeemer, made it possible for each of us to have this peace. Happy the soul that, hurrying through life, learns to stay on God. The closer we get to him the longer we will wish to stay, and the truer will be our peace.

"Peace on earth!" These words will not always be repeated as a mockery of their real meaning; they are too full of goodness and glory for man and his blessed Maker; they are too plain to be misunderstood, too beautiful to die, too wise to be always lightly uttered and thoughtlessly disregarded.

We have seen them too often flippantly repeated and deliberately ignored, but the time will come when, not only in song and sermon, in precept and prayer, but in glorious reality—even as our Savior invoked it, even as God's will is done in heaven, there shall be "good will to men" in human hearts; and there shall be, in all its beauty and blessedness, a genuine, lasting "peace on earth."—Florence Crittenton Magazine.

Full List of the Appointments of the Five Texas Annual Conferences

TEXAS CONFERENCE

Beaumont District.
D. H. Hotchkiss, P. E.
Beaumont: First Church—J. W. Moore.
Cartwright and Spindletop—L. J. Power.
Italian Mission—S. Panteleone, supply.
Brookland—J. W. Steyens, supply.
Burkeville—E. M. Myers.
Bulson and Saratoga—B. C. Ansley.
Cair—W. H. Summy, supply.
Dayton—S. W. Kemerec.
Jasper Station—A. G. Scruggs.
Jasper Mission—H. T. Swartz.
Kirbyville—W. Wootton.
Kountze—J. L. Red.
Lacey—E. Payne.
Nederland and Sabine Pass—W. H. Long.
Orange—J. L. Massey.
Fort Arthur—F. G. Whitten.
Fort Bolivar and Amelia—Gus Garrison.
Bour Lake and China—J. W. Bridges.
Wallisville and Anahuac—L. P. Davis.
Warren—W. H. Arnold, supply.
Woodville—P. L. Milton.
Student Vanderbilt University—S. T. Brogdon.
Student Southwestern University—L. O. Dent.
Student Medical Branch Southwestern University—L. O. Hodgers.

Brenham District.
A. A. Wagon, P. E.
Bay City—A. A. Kidd.
Belville—L. W. Campbell.
Brenham—S. W. Thomas.
Caldwell Station—J. W. Goodwin.
Caldwell Mission—G. C. Cravy.
Chappell Hill—H. A. Matney.
Fulshear and Brookshire—C. M. Myers.
Guidings—To be supplied.
Hempstead—W. W. Horner.
Lane City—E. C. Benson.
Lexington—O. F. Zimmermann; J. C. Cameron, supernumerary.
Richmond—J. L. Williams.
Rockdale—A. S. Whitehurst.
Rosenberg—L. B. Saxon.
Sealy—L. Lloyd.
Somerville—T. J. Milam.
Thorndale—D. S. Burke.
Van Vleet—J. W. McMahan, supply.
Waller—T. S. Ogle, supply.
Warton—T. R. Morehead.
Missionary to Cuba—Ben O. Hill.
President Chappell Hill Female College—W. H. Neison.
Student Vanderbilt University—J. F. Simpson.
Financial Agent Chappell Hill Female College—L. B. Manly.

Houston District.
Ellis Smith, P. E.
Harris—L. F. Key.
Houston—M. F. Daniel.
Houston and Velasco—A. Methvin.
Houston—J. W. Cullen.
Houston—E. Clark.
Dickinson Mission—To be supplied.
Galveston: First Church—W. J. Johnson.
West End—C. A. Hooper.
Harrisburg—H. C. George.
Houston: First Church—W. F. Packard.
Tabernacle—W. W. Watts.
Washington Street—H. M. Timmons.
McKee Street—H. M. Whaling, Jr.
McAshan—A. P. Bradford.
Grace—T. M. Brownlee.
Brunner Avenue—W. M. Sherrill.
Trinity—F. G. Clark.
Humble—L. E. Thomas.
Katy and Sugarland—C. C. Miller.
League City and Pasadena—Frank Platt.
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Student Vanderbilt University—C. S. Harkey.

Jacksonville District.
J. T. Smith, P. E.
Aito Station—J. W. Johnson.
Aito Circuit—A. S. Miller, supply.
Aunch—G. V. Ridley.
Bousy Creek—J. M. Mills.
Bullard—M. N. Terrell.
Caro and Cushing—J. F. Pace.
Carnart—J. I. Weatherly.
Eastace—I. B. Biedson.
Frankson—H. S. Morehead.
Jacksonville Station—R. A. Burroughs.
Jacksonville Circuit—S. W. Lowe.
Keltys—A. A. Kider.
Larue—J. C. Huddleston.
Marshall—J. R. Ritchie.
Mount Seaman—L. F. Ferrite.
Neches—J. R. Murray.
Palestine: Centenary—J. B. Turrentine.
Grace—W. F. Smith.
Rusk—Chas. W. Hughes.
Sacul—D. F. Fulley, supply.
Group and Overton—W. W. Armstrong.
Chapman State Penitentiary, Rusk—J. L. Dawson.
Assistant Secretary Y. M. C. A.—H. H. Davis.
Commissioner of Education for A. C. I.—B. R. Bolton.

Marlin District.
I. F. Betts, P. E.
Buckholts—G. W. Riley.
Calvert—J. M. Adams.
Cameron—E. L. Shettles.
Centerville—L. C. Sharp.
Davilla Circuit—T. I. Beck.
Durango Circuit—J. T. Hooks.
Fairfield and Dew—Allen Tooke.
Franklin—L. H. McTeer.
Hearne and Bremond—J. C. Carr.
Iola—J. W. Treadwell.
Jewett—T. S. Williford.
Kotte and Reagan—Jesse Willis.
Lott and Chilton—H. Adams.
Marlin—J. W. Bergin.
Maysfield Circuit—A. E. Blount, supply.
Petteway Circuit—W. T. Ayers.
Rosebud—J. F. Carter.
Teague—R. W. Adams.
Travis Circuit—A. J. Anderson.
Whiskey Circuit—J. W. Gardner.
Conference Missionary Secretary—J. W. Bergin.

Marshall District.
H. T. Cunningham, P. E.
Beckville Circuit—H. G. Williams; C. J. Williams, junior preacher, supply.
Bettie Circuit—J. B. Woods.
Churchill Circuit—J. L. Russell.
Lysian Fields Circuit—To be supplied.
Glander—A. Stafford.
Haltville Circuit—M. F. Wells.
Hartlett Circuit—To be supplied.
Harrison Circuit—J. F. Kidd.
Henderson Station—C. A. Tower.
Henderson Circuit—J. S. Ogle, supply.
Jefferson—Harry J. Hayes.
Keelyle Circuit—L. H. Mathison.
Kilgore Circuit—O. W. Hooper.
Longview—Kelly Memorial—H. C. Willis.
Marshall: First Church—L. B. Elrod.
North Marshall—W. W. Gollighugh.
Rosewood Circuit—C. M. Davis, supply.

Navasota District.
F. M. Boyles, P. E.
Anderson—C. E. Garrett.
Augusta—S. W. Stokely.
Bryan—Glenn Finn.
Bryan Circuit—O. G. Gaston, supply.
Cold Springs—Ed Frather, supply.
Conroe—C. D. Montgomery.
Crockett Station—G. W. Davis.
Crockett Circuit—R. F. Hodges, supply.
Grapeland and Lovelady—W. A. Craven.
Groveton—W. C. Morris.
Huntsville—E. W. Solomon.
Madisonville Station—Jease Lee.
Madisonville Circuit—G. W. Henderson, supply.
Magnolia Mission—H. A. Abney, supply.
Montgomery—S. D. Horgar.
Navasota—W. D. White.
Oakhurst—W. A. Manly.
San Jacinto—A. J. Frick, supply.
Shepherd and Cleveland—P. S. Wilson.
Trinity and Onalaska—T. H. Morris.
Willard—To be supplied.
Willis—C. M. Thompson.
Chaplain Huntsville Penitentiary—W. T. McDonald.
Chaplain A. & M. College—L. Alexander.

Pittsburg District.
Jos. B. Sears, P. E.
Atlanta Station—C. F. Smith.
Avinger Circuit—J. W. Wardlow.
Daingerfield—J. A. Moody.
Dalby Springs Circuit—A. M. Pinkham.
Douglassville Circuit—J. M. Smith.
Hughes Springs—A. T. Walker.
Linden Circuit—A. Nolan.
Mount Pleasant—G. H. Collins.
Naples and Omaha—R. C. Hicks.
New Boston and DeKalb—Nathan Powell.
Nash—To be supplied.
Pittsburg Station—C. T. Tally; I. J. Coppedge, supernumerary.
Pittsburg Circuit—S. N. Allen.
Queen City Circuit—F. O. Favre.
Quitman Circuit—S. H. Kelley.
Redwater Circuit—L. E. Green.
Texarkana: Central Church—James Kilgore.
Hardy Memorial—J. E. Morgan.
Winfield Circuit and Mission—C. M. Kennedy.
Winnboro Circuit—T. D. McCrary.
Conference Secretary of Education—James Kilgore.

San Augustine District.
J. Walter Mills, P. E.
Appleby Circuit—L. F. Smith, supply.
Burke Circuit—To be supplied.
Carthage—E. W. Potter.
Center Station—W. H. Vance.
Center Circuit—W. A. Pounds.
Corrigan Circuit—J. T. Kirkpatrick.
Garrison—A. L. Carner.
Gary Circuit—J. S. Wilson, supply.
Geneva Circuit—C. B. Fuller, supply.
Hemphill and Bronson—C. J. Atkinson.
Kennard Circuit—R. B. Jones, supply.
Livingston Station—H. E. Smith.
Livingston Circuit—W. C. Hughes.
Lufkin—O. T. Hotchkiss.
Melrose Circuit—C. F. McKinney.
Mount Enterprise Circuit—M. I. Brown.
Nacogdoches—S. S. Mckeeney.
Fine Hill Circuit—A. J. McCary.
San Augustine—E. L. Ingram.
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Tenaha Circuit—W. S. Easterling.
Timpon Station—M. L. Lindsey.
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Alba Circuit—J. B. Bell.
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Mineola—C. U. McLarty; C. E. W. Smith, supernumerary.
Mount Sylvan—J. W. Cummings.
Murchison—G. M. Fletcher, supply.
Tyler: Marvin Church—W. F. Andrews.
Cedar Street—B. C. Anderson.
Tyler Circuit—R. E. Beard.
Whitehouse Circuit—J. L. Ross.
Wills Point Station—W. F. Davis.
Wills Point Circuit—W. H. Edwards.

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S. A. Barnes, P. E.
Abilene: First Church—J. W. Fort.
St. Paul's—C. M. Woodward.
Tenth Street—R. B. Curry.
Anson—W. P. Garvin.
Bairst—C. G. Chappell.
Clyde—B. Steward.
Capps—C. B. Smith.
Cross Plains—T. H. Davis.
Denton—C. E. Lynn.
Hawley—M. L. Story.
Merkele—A. M. Martin.
Nugent—Frank Hughesen.
Ovalo—E. L. Sisk.
Futnam—N. B. Hill.
Trent—C. S. Cameron.
Tye—M. H. Hudson.

Amarillo District.
O. P. Kiker, P. E.
Amarillo: Polk Street—E. E. Robinson.
Amarillo Mission—Leslie Robeson.
Bovina—A. H. Hussey.
Canyon City—L. A. Webb.
Channing—F. E. Graham.
Dahart—J. W. Hunt.
Dumas—J. T. Howell.
Hereford Station—J. M. Sherman.
Hansford—B. J. Osborn.
Ochiltree—D. W. Hawkins.
Panhandle and Pampa—A. L. Bowman.
Stratford—J. W. Mayne.
Texline—J. E. Eldridge.
Wildorado—W. P. Edwards.

Big Springs District.
J. E. Stephens, P. E.
Big Springs—C. W. Hearon.
Blythe—S. P. Brown.
Brownfield—V. H. Trammell.
Coahoma—J. T. Trice.
Gail—J. B. Kilgore.
Gomez—A. D. Jameson.
LaMesa Station—R. J. McElrath.
LaMesa Mission—J. L. Mitchell.
Post City—T. C. Willett.
Pride—Z. R. Fee.
Seminole—M. L. Moody.
Soash—E. Thorp, supply.
Stanton Station—W. C. Hinds.
Stanton Circuit—F. F. Pollard.
Tahoka—T. W. Sharp.

Colorado District.
Simeon Shaw, P. E.
Blackwell—C. C. Wright.
Camp Springs—W. E. Caperton.
Colorado Station—W. E. Lyon.
Colorado Mission—J. M. Shuford, supply.
Dunn—J. M. Armstrong.
Dermott—E. W. Chadwick, supply.
Fluvanna—J. D. May.
Hermleigh—E. L. Yeats.
Hylton—J. M. Slatten.
Iatan—To be supplied.
Lorraine—W. D. M. Ward, supply.
Roly—To be supplied.
Roscoe and Lorraine—J. W. Smith.
Snyder—A. C. Smith.
Sweetwater Station—A. W. Hall.
Sweetwater Mission—J. C. Moore, supply.
Westbrook—C. H. Ledger.
Missionary Evangelist—C. M. Shuffer.

Clarendon District.
J. W. Story, P. E.
Clarendon—S. E. Wasson; L. O. Lewis, supernumerary.
Claude—F. M. Neal.
Canadian—M. E. Hawkins.
Cataline—L. Jackson.
Goodnight—T. F. Robeson.
Groom—G. H. Bryant.

Glazier—A. V. Hendrix.
Hedley—J. B. Wood.
Higgins—G. F. Winfield.
Lake View—Z. B. Pirtle.
Memphis—B. W. Dodson.
Miami—E. B. McSwain.
McLean—J. P. Lowry.
Newlin—J. C. Carpenter.
Quail—W. J. Land.
Shamrock—P. G. Huffman.
Wheeler—T. B. Hilburn.
Wellington Station—M. W. Clark.
Wellington Circuit—R. O. Bailey.

Hamlin District.
G. S. Hardy, P. E.
Aspermont—J. B. McCauley.
Hamlin—W. H. Terry.
Jayton—C. E. Jameson.
Knox City—M. S. Leveridge.
McCaulley—O. P. Clark.
Peacock—F. T. Johnson.
Pinkerton—O. M. Addison.
Rotan Station—P. E. Riley.
Rotan Mission—S. H. Adams.
Royston—L. N. Myers.
Rule—C. D. West.
Rochester—J. H. Watts.
Sylvester—J. L. B. Cash.
Sagerton—A. B. Keen.
Spur—R. A. Stewart.
Vera—C. C. McCormick.

Plainview District.
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Afton Mission—J. A. Zinn, supply.
Barton Circuit—To be supplied.
Crosbyton—C. D. Pipkin.
Dimmit—J. T. Ross.
Emma—W. H. Carr, supply.
Floydada—W. J. Lee.
Happy—L. A. Smith.
Hale Center—J. A. Sweeney.
Kress—E. T. Sharp.
Lubbock Station—Ben Hardy.
Lubbock Mission—To be supplied.
Lockney—J. A. Laney.
Matador—D. B. Doak.
Plainview—C. N. Ferguson; A. B. Roberts, supernumerary.
Plainview Mission—Perry L. Fort, supply.
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 Granbury—W. C. Hillburn.
 Granbury Circuit—F. L. McGehee.
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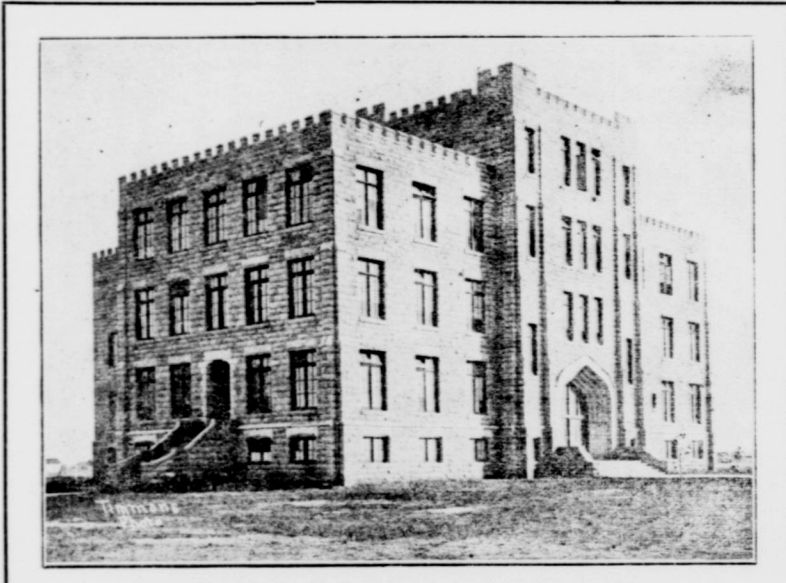
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 Carlton—M. M. Smith.
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 Glenwood—J. B. Berry.
 Mulkey Memorial—J. H. Stewart.
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 Hamilton Circuit—J. F. Tyson.
 Jonesboro—W. M. Bowden.
 Killceen—B. A. Evans.
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 McGregor—W. S. P. McCullough.
 Meridian—Neal W. Turner; A. D. Livingston, supernumerary.
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 Graham—F. E. Singleton.
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 Gordon—C. E. Statham.
 Loving—John Zimmerman, supply.
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 Mineral Wells—J. W. Downs.
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 Peaster—C. H. Smith.
 Santo—L. W. Duncan.
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THE TEXAS CONFERENCE

The Texas Conference met at Galveston, November 30, with Bishop W. B. Murrah in the chair. We can not do better than to reproduce just here a splendid article written for the Galveston-Dallas News, by Major Lesesne, the competent correspondent appointed by these two papers to visit all our conferences to report the proceedings for their columns. He is an earnest Methodist, an accomplished writer and very reliable in his statements. It is a compliment to Texas Methodism that those leading papers of the State assign Major Lesesne to this special duty, and right well does he discharge the same, and in doing it the Methodism of Texas owes the News and their faithful correspondent a debt of lasting gratitude. They have rendered the Church a valuable service. The article below, as above referred to, appeared in the News on the morning the conference met and it has been read by many of our people already, but thousands of the Methodists will read it for the first time in the Advocate:

Time in its onward sweep and evolutions brings changes which in their noiseless but steady tramp are so great that they can scarcely be fully realized and duly appreciated, unless some stated period in the past is taken, the conditions that existed then are compared with those of the present. For that purpose let us go back to the year when the Texas Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South, which will convene in annual session in this city this morning, had its beginning. This conference was organized at Rutgersville by Bishop Waugh on Christmas Day, December 25, 1810, while the flag of the "Lone Star" still floated as the emblem of the Young Republic, whose freedom and independence had been won upon the bloody plains of San Jacinto, just four years after Mexican rule on Texas soil had been overthrown, and five years before sectional strife and issues divided this great and influential denomination into two great Churches, one North and the other South of "Mason and Dixon's line." But without following the history of this conference from the date of its organization, in all its details, and through the wars and the changes through which Texas has passed since that date down to the present, it will be sufficient to call attention to a few facts to indicate the marvelous progress which this Church, like the State, has made and is still making with the coming and going of the years.

When this conference had its birth as the "Texas Conference" it embraced within its boundaries the entire "Republic of Texas." Then it had 18 preachers and 3 presiding elders' districts; now it has 19 presiding elder districts, at least 250 preachers, including the regulars, the supplies, the supernumeraries and the superannuates, and over 63,000 members. This is not all. Since that time, its territory has been subdivided into five large conferences exclusive of the German Mission and Mexican Mission Conferences and that part of Texas which lies in the New Mexico Conference. The combined membership of this Church is now approximately estimated at 300,000 whites.

In connection with the birth and growth of the Methodist Church in Texas, this extract from a letter reproduced from the Texas Methodist Historical Quarterly, referring to a letter written by Bishop Waugh, will no doubt prove interesting, not only to the members of the conference which meets here today, but many citizens

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who feel an interest in Galveston's history:

"Last evening, at the fireside, we were reading his letters from Texas (in yesterday's Advocate). We were struck with the remark, 'Not a Church of any denomination in the promising city of Galveston,' with a population of 2000, and no prospect of any by our denomination, without foreign aid, there being but '15 members' there. In my own mind the church was built before bedtime, by dividing the amount the Bishop says it will cost, into 150 shares, of 10 each; and, as he says that there is not time to be lost, inclosed you have the money for two shares, say for myself and wife. Surely, the Bishop has more than 148 friends who can do better. Trusting that our Church will be the first one erected in the promising 'city of Galveston,' and that the faithful '15' will ere long be increased to 1500, is the prayer of your friend.

DAVID AYRES.

"New York, Feb. 25, 1841."

The following is an extract from the letter of Bishop Waugh to which the above refers:

I have recently received a letter from Brother Summers, our missionary at Galveston and Houston, who informs me that the Presbyterian Church is nearly finished, and that preparations are being made to erect a Roman Catholic Church in Galveston. He also informs me that he had obtained a subscription at Galveston for the Methodist Episcopal Church of between \$700 and \$800, together with one of \$50 from a gentleman living upward of forty miles from Galveston. Indulge me here in a remark respecting this brother—Major Caldwell. Although when I had the pleasure of visiting him during my stay in Texas he treated me with great cordiality, hospitality and kindness, yet in nothing has he more gratified me than in this act of benevolence toward our infant cause at Galveston. Having been on the spot, I can say that the citizens of Galveston have done themselves credit by their subscriptions. I am confident from what has been done there that we may calculate on at least \$1000 from the warm-hearted inhabitants. Brother Summers says that he has a plan of a Church to complete which, so as to make it neat and comfortable, will cost \$2500. He asks if he can rely on the United States for \$1500 of this sum. I shall unhesitatingly answer yes. How could I reply otherwise when a few ladies of Baltimore have substantially responded with nearly one-half of that amount? Sisters! Brothers! What you do, do quickly. Remit immediately to Rev. George Lane, 200 Mulberry Street, New York, who, pressed as he is with the arduous duties of his station, does most kindly and pleasantly act as an agent in this interest. I shall if the Lord will, write to Brother Summers to proceed with the church without an hour's delay. We have no time to lose. I shall guarantee \$1500 from the United States toward paying for it, and if I am left without indemnification for any part thereof I shall hereafter be more cautious under similar circumstances. But I fear not. It is the cause of God, whose also are "the silver and the gold." Yours affectionately,

B. WAUGH.

Baltimore, May 10, 1841.

The building of the first Methodist Church in the city of Galveston occurred before the division of the Church. Its cost was estimated at \$2500, and from Bishop Waugh's letter it is learned that the Methodist ladies in Baltimore, Philadelphia, New York, Pittsburg and Charleston worked diligently and enthusiastically, and did a good part in raising funds to aid in the building of the first house of worship for their denomination on the Island of Galveston.

Contrast conditions then and now! Galveston, then a mere village of 2000 inhabitants; now a grand city of approximately 40,000 inhabitants, with all the equipments and paraphernalia of up-to-date, progressive civilization, the second greatest port in exports in our great country. The Methodists on the island in 1841, too few in number

and weak financially to build a house of worship at a cost of \$2500. Today this denomination has two churches on the island.

Galveston is different from any town or city in the State. It is situated on an island and directly on the Gulf of Mexico. It looks like a tropical city. Evergreens and flowers bedeck the streets and the yards, and these shrubs and flowers were in their glory. This is a rare sight to people from the interior and northern sections of the State. Then there is the great Gulf silently washing the shores of the island with waters that come from afar.

On the 8th of September, 1900, the great storm swept over the city, destroying thousands of lives and millions of property. No such calamity ever befell an American city of that size. Our whole country stood aghast at its appalling proportions. It then looked like Galveston was doomed, that it would almost cease as a place of habitation. But nothing daunted, the people who were spared took heart and at once began to rebuild their broken fortunes. The State came to their relief and so did the National Government. Steps were taken to prevent the recurrence of another calamity of that character. As a result there are but few reminders of that awful visitation. The homes destroyed are replaced by better ones, a great sea wall five miles in length and seventeen feet high now stands along that part of the shore along which the storms and high seas strike the city, and it says to these formidable destroyers, "Thus far shalt thou come, but no farther." So the people are now resting in security. They have no fear now of another storm horror.

Galveston has a great many of as fine people as live in the State, and thousands of them are among the wealthiest and most enterprising citizens of Texas. Hence, the city is one of the richest communities in the State. Some of the most magnificent residences in the Southwest are to be found in Galveston. It has many splendid church buildings, but Roman Catholicism dominates.

There is not much civic righteousness in this city. It has less respect for some of the laws of the State of any community in Texas. Gambling still obtains, Sunday saloons are defiant, and the resident saloon has not much respect for the laws prohibiting them. The better element of the city does not control local conditions. The other class elect the city and county officers and the enforcement of laws affecting moral legislation are but indifferently enforced. Otherwise the city is about as well governed as others of equal population. The better class of people do their best and their influence is more and more becoming a factor in the civic affairs of the community, and it is to be hoped that by and by they will prevail in their effort to bring the status of matters to a higher moral plane.

The conference was given a splendid welcome, and the entertainment was all that could be desired. Rev. W. J. Johnson and his committee left nothing undone to meet the wish and pleasure of the delegates and visitors.

Promptly at 9 o'clock the Bishop assumed the chair and announced the hymn, "Come, Thou Almighty King," and it was sung with a zest. After a devout prayer the Bishop read the 35th Psalm, and commented with point and emphasis upon portions of it.

The church was well filled and the words of the Bishop were heard attentively. They put the conference in good spirit for the proceedings of the day. Rev. O. T. Hotchkiss, former Secretary of the conference, came forward and called the roll. Nearly all the members answered to their names. O. T. Hotchkiss was re-elected Secretary. He has filled this position for many years with great acceptability. Dr. Hall, of the Presbyterian Church, was introduced and by special appointment made the address of welcome. It was a cordial and felicitous deliverance and it was received with marked interest and enthusiasm. Bishop Murrah responded in behalf of the conference.

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renial Boards were appointed and the conference launched into its regular business. The report of the trustees of the Alexander Institute was read and referred. The Bishop made a few remarks of high commendation of this excellent school. A number of visiting ministers and transfers were introduced to the conference. The names of the presiding elders were called and they reported as follows: The names of the superannuates and supernumeraries were called. Some few of them answered and made a few remarks, but the most of them were not present. Their names were referred to the Committee on Conference Relations. Rev. J. E. Harrison, of the West Texas Conference, was introduced and he spoke in the interest of Epworth-by-the-Sea. He is greatly interested in the success of this institution for our young people. Announcements were made and the conference adjourned.

The afternoon was given over to committee work. There was no service of any kind. At night, Dr. Bulla, of the Adult Wesley Bible Class, was introduced and delivered a most pungent address touching that department of service. He is emphasizing that movement and engaging the thought of the Church in its behalf.

We should have mentioned before this date the lecture of Dr. J. E. Harrison on Tuesday night on the subject of "Ku Klux." It was really a delineation of the old South, with its life and customs before the Civil War. There was only a touch of war times, followed by an account of the "Ku Klux Klans." It was a pay lecture and the proceeds were applied to Epworth-by-the-Sea.

Thursday morning came in with an ugly norther. The wind was blowing rather fiercely for South Texas, and it was full of a damp chillness. Overcoats were in demand. The Bishop called the conference to order and Dr. J. H. McLean led the opening services.

The Bishop called the class of the second year; they reported and were passed.

Bishop E. D. Mouzon was introduced to the conference and he was received with applause. He spoke briefly to the conference, gave a sketch of his early connection with this conference and of his long association with Texas Methodism, and expressed his great pleasure at being able to be present at the session, on his way to Mississippi. Bishop Murrah expressed de-

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The class of the third year were called. The young men, eight in number, made good reports. They all passed their examination and were advanced to the class of the fourth year. Also the class of the fourth year were passed and elected to elder's orders. Bishop Mouzon took the chair at the urgent request of Bishop Murrah and presided for the time being. Rev. J. F. Billbro asked and was granted an honorable location.

The preachers of the Beaumont District made uniformly good reports, some of them very excellent. Dr. G. W. Shroeder asked and was granted a location.

The preachers of the Brenham District reported many additions and their collections were unusually good. In many instances they were in excess of the assessments. Rev. A. E. Rector, of the Immigrant Home, was presented to the conference and spoke in the interest of that work. It is the business of this home to look after immigrants as they arrive in the city, give them information and help send them on their way to the interior of the State.

Dr. J. H. Gambrell, of the Anti-Saloon League, was introduced to the conference and spoke in the interest of the temperance cause and was given a cordial welcome. Bishop Mouzon made a statement with reference to Southwestern University, its large attendance and the need of an increased teaching force; and he exhorted the brethren to meet the payments of their notes now held by the authorities.

In the afternoon the laymen held quite a protracted meeting, reviewing the year's work and outlining plans for the ensuing year. They elected T. N. Graham, of Texarkana, their leader for the coming year. He is a very earnest and aggressive in his methods of work and progress will be continued under his wise leadership. The Conference Brotherhood also held a meeting and transacted a large amount of business. At night the missionary anniversary was held, and Dr. J. M. Moore delivered a strong and telling address.

At the morning session the conference passed a resolution of sympathy and brotherly love for Rev. C. J. Oxley, who is seriously ill in a sanitarium at Houston, and a copy of it was forwarded to him. For years he has been an earnest and active member of the conference and his illness is a source of regret to all his brethren.

Friday morning was still cool. Bishop Mouzon took the chair and conducted the religious exercises. He led in a simple, earnest prayer, and read from 2 Cor., 2nd chapter, following it with pointed comments. He is a most pleasing and interesting speaker, and he was heard with close attention.

Preachers remaining on trial were called. They are young men and for two years they were tried by the conference as to their efficiency and gifts as preachers and pastors and in this instance they were passed and accepted. They proved themselves worthy of the approval of the conference. Those of the first year were also called and after they reported they were advanced to the class of the second year. They will continue another year on probation. Nearly all of them did excellent work and give promise of usefulness. There are fifteen of them and this large number is proof of the fact there is no dearth of ministers in the conference. The supply is in keeping with the demand. Eight young men were received on trial, among them W. F. Smith, son of Rev. J. T. Smith, long a member of the conference. He is well spoken of as a young man of great promise.

Rabbi Cohen, of the Jewish Synagogue, was introduced and spoke to the conference most eloquently. He outlined a strong plea for broader sympathy with the Jews of this country and he impressed upon the conference not to teach their Sunday-school pupils to hold the Jews of today responsible for what Jews are alleged to have done two thousand years ago. He reminded the conference of the

fact that the Jews gave to the world the Christian's Redeemer. He was heard with interest and applauded more than once as he proceeded. His address was wise, and though his position was a delicate one he steered clear of all difficulty, spoke in the utmost propriety and good taste. It was something rare in the experience of the conference, and showed beyond doubt the catholicity of spirit held and entertained by the conference. Bishop Murrah made a brief, but happy reply to Rabbi Cohen.

The call of the elders was resumed. They made their reports and their characters were passed.

Dr. W. F. Packard made a remarkable report for First Church, Houston. His church building, now about complete, has cost \$250,000, including lot and furniture. All departments are on the march forward. W. W. Watts, of the Tabernacle, said his Church had moved out several blocks and that by the first of the year they would break ground for a \$75,000 church enterprise, and the outlook is very bright for this movement. W. J. Johnson, at Central Church, Galveston, reported one hundred and sixty-six members added to the Church during the year, and paid for all purposes about \$10,000. He has an average attendance of one hundred at the midweek prayer meeting. T. H. Morris, of Bryan, reported 163 accessions, nearly one hundred of these on profession of faith. E. W. Solomon, of Huntsville, reported that his Church has agreed to pay annually \$1100 for the support of a married missionary in one of the foreign fields. They also raised \$22,000 for the Ward memorial fund. M. L. Lindsey reported everything full at Navasota, and more than \$500 for specials. Rev. Isaac Alexander, the old man eloquent, and chaplain of the Agricultural and Mechanical College, made a unique report. He has about 1000 young men under his ministry, and he is doing a fine work.

Rev. R. C. George, who was once a member of this conference but now located, on account of the health of his family, came back for admission, and the brethren unanimously received him.

Rev. A. L. Andrews, of the North Texas Conference, preached at night to a large audience. It was a strong sermon, replete with evangelical truth and forcefully delivered. It was heard with great profit by the audience.

Saturday morning Rev. Jas. W. Moore led the worship, and after the prayer the Second Psalm was read as the morning session. Brother Launch, of the German Mission Conference, was introduced and spoke in the interest of his new church enterprise at New Braunfels, and he received \$116 for his work.

The call of the traveling elders was again taken up and they reported and were passed. Rev. J. C. Llewellyn of the Elkhart Circuit reported eighty-one conversions, built a parsonage, two new churches and everything in full. R. A. Burroughs of Jacksonville reported 206 accessions, 300 conversions, 500 in Sunday-school, paid \$1000 on Church debt and paid for all purposes \$10,000. James Kilgore, of Centenary Church, Palestine, reported a new church enterprise, has collected for the work \$18,000, membership has grown, and during the quadrennium collected for all purposes \$49,000. All the preachers of this district made good reports. Rev. Allen Tooke, of the Fairfield and Dew, built a new church at a cost of \$2000. Rev. I. F. Betts, of Marlin, made a great report; built and dedicated a new church at a cost of \$37,000, had sixty-odd accessions, and six young men consecrated themselves to the ministry, one a son of the preacher. S. S. McKenney, at Rosebud, built a new church, paid on it \$8500, and general progress along all lines. R. W. Adams, of Teague, made a most encouraging report. Built a new church and brought up all collections. He then proceeded to present to Rev. E. L. Shettles, retiring presiding elder, a handsome traveling grip in the name of his brethren. Brother Shettles responded. J. A. Stafford of Gilmer reported finances in good shape, has a new church projected; when completed will cost \$18,000, and a great deal of it paid al-

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ready. Everything in full. Rev. J. W. Bergin had all departments full and progress along all lines. First Church, Marshall, under L. B. Elrod, paid for all purposes \$10,000, and progress is the order of the day down that way. A. Nolan of the Linden charge had 120 accessions and a revival in church building. Rev. O. T. Hotchkiss reported 673 in Sunday-school and the Church is supporting its own missionary in Brazil. Pittsburg is making progress. Bishop Murrah commended Brother Hotchkiss as secretary of the conference. Rev. J. B. Turrentine of Texarkana reported 162 members and the county knocked out the saloons.

Center, under W. H. Vance, reported fifty-four accessions and a \$1200 debt paid. W. H. Crum, of Lufkin, received seventy members and paid for all things \$1000. J. W. Mills closed a fine quadrennium at Nacogdoches and leaves them one of the best new churches in the conference. L. M. Fowler, at San Augustine, served the Church there that his father organized in 1832. Brother Fowler was baptized

in the old church in the long ago. He has built a new church this year on the old site, at a cost of \$8000. J. C. Stewart, of Colfax, reported 103 accessions to the Church and a new parsonage.

Eight young men, candidates for admission into full connection in the conference were called to the altar and the disciplinary questions were asked them by the Bishop and answered. The Bishop addressed them in a solemn and pointed manner.

The various papers by the majority and minority of the Board of Trustees of Southwestern University and the papers containing the subscription of the city of Dallas, and other papers, were read to the conference, and this brought the Southwestern University problem before the body for discussion. In lieu of all these papers, the paper adopted by the West Texas Conference was offered, and it was accepted and became the action of the

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A DAY IN HOUSTON.

Last Sunday we spent in Houston with the people of First Methodist Church. It was delightful to be among them once more, as we were pastor there for four years a good while ago. They had no service at St. Paul's Church at the morning service and that brought many of those people down to the First Church for worship. The hall was full and the worship helpful.

It was the last Sunday for the congregation in the hall, as their new church building is now finished and they will move into it this week. It is the completest and most imposing Methodist Church this side of the Mississippi, unless it be St. John's, St. Louis. And it is much more commodious than St. John's and equally attractive. It has cost \$250,000 and nothing is lacking to make it complete. The auditorium will seat 1200 and when the partition is raised between it and the splendid Sunday-school room the two will seat 2000 or more people. It is finished in mahogany, its art windows are simply gorgeous, and its \$10,000 pipe organ is something wonderful. Its Sunday-school facilities are the best we have ever seen and its League rooms are ample and handsomely furnished. But we will not undertake to describe it, as we hope to have a cut of it and a full description of it later.

Dr. W. F. Packard, the popular pastor, has certainly done a magnificent work with that congregation. He is now preaching to a large congregation and has all departments of Church enterprise in full blast. He is a great preacher, a good executive, an attentive pastor, and he has things going along all lines. We congratulate him and his people on their outlook for wonderful progress in Houston.

Rev. W. D. Bradfield, D. D., who is now serving First Church, Austin, in a private note says: "I have had a most cordial reception at my old-new charge. A great Church with a great outlook."

Mr. J. B. Click, of Dike, Texas, who was once a resident of Dallas, was in the city this week shaking hands with his old friends. He called on the Advocate. His son, who still resides in Dallas, called with him. Brother Click has not lost his love for the old Advocate. On the contrary, he had his son's name placed on the list.

DEATH OF REV. C. W. JACOB.

Rev. C. W. Jacob, of the North Texas Conference, died in Grayson County, near Sherman, last Friday, and he was buried on Sunday at Friendship, in that county. He had been in feeble health for some weeks, so much so that he was not able to attend the session of the North Texas Conference; but his death is a surprise to a large number of his brethren and friends. He was born April 10, 1846, in Hall County, Georgia; was converted in 1864, and joined the Cumberland Presbyterian Church in 1865, but soon transferred his membership to the Methodist Church. He was licensed to preach under the late Bishop Haygood, who was his presiding elder; in 1872 was admitted on trial at Oxford, Alabama, Bishop McTyeire presiding at the North Alabama Conference; was ordained deacon by Bishop Keener, November 11, 1877, and ordained elder by Bishop McTyeire, December 16, 1880. For seven years he traveled in that conference and then located. He then moved to Texas, but soon went to the Indian Territory and was readmitted into that conference in 1899. He was soon after transferred to the North Texas Conference by Bishop Key, and the rest of his life was spent here. He was a good man, genuinely religious, unobtrusive, but faithful and conscientious both as a pastor and preacher. His ministry was fruitful and many were converted and added to the Church under his service. Brother Jacob served the Church well and he now rests from his labors, but his works do follow him.

THE BRANCH HOUSE AT DALLAS.

The steady and rapid growth of the Dallas Branch of our Publishing House is a subject of frequent and favorable comment. From a small and unpretentious beginning less than twelve years ago it has won a place among the popular and substantial business houses of Dallas. Its volume of business has increased from year to year until it has reached very gratifying proportions and its entire management is along the best modern business lines.

Though the past year has been one of drought and uncertainty we are gratified to learn that every month's business has shown an increase over the same month last year, the best in its history up to that time. The month of November just closed shows an increase of a little more than forty per cent over November of last year. Of course December is their heaviest month by far, but we are advised that the business is opening up well and promises to distance all previous records for December. This marvelous growth attests strongly the spirit of Texas Methodism in standing loyally by the fixed institutions of the Church. Without the support of our preachers and people the splendid attainments of our Branch House would have been impossible, but with it, still greater things are in store for it. The Advocate congratulates the Book Agents, the Book Committee and especially W. C. Everett, Manager, as well as the "good people called Methodists," in the prosperity of the Branch House and bids it God-speed on its way to perfection.

The Texas Conference

NOTES AND COMMENTS.

In our last issue we gave an account, in the North Texas Conference proceedings, of the debate on the Southwestern proposition; and in that report we stated that Rev. E. W. Alderson made a lucid speech, etc.; but the printer changed it to "lucid speech." We make the correction, for Dr. Alderson was never known to make a lucid speech on any subject. On the contrary, he is always lucid and strong, and he was particularly so in the speech above referred to.

Rev. C. E. Cameron was transferred at the session of the North Texas Conference to the Louisiana Conference by Bishop Murrah. For two years he had done a fine work at Centenary, Paris, and he was in high favor with the people of that city. He is a well equipped man, finely endowed with talent and ability, and a preacher of



REV. CHAS. P. MARTIN.

Rev. Chas. P. Martin is one of the active young ministers of the North Texas Conference. He learned early in his career that it paid a splendid dividend to place the Advocate in the homes of his people. In a private note he says: "I think I have succeeded in putting Iowa Park charge in the lead in number of subscribers to the Advocate, having fifty-seven. I will try next year to put it in the lead. The Advocate is one of the pastor's best allies." We take pleasure in having our readers look into the face of a young man of his zeal and enterprise, and therefore present his picture.

more than ordinary gifts. As a pastor he has but few equals, and all departments of the Church flourish under his ministry. For two years he held a firm grip on his Paris charge and moved things along all lines. Mrs. Cameron is one of the best workers in the land in primary Sunday-school service, and she is a great help to the Church of which Brother Cameron is pastor. We regret to see him leave us, but our loss will be the gain of the Louisiana Conference.

Rev. C. M. Harless, D. D., of Grace Church, this city, was the first of the new preachers of the city to reach his appointment. He was present last Sunday and preached morning and evening to his congregation. We have heard a good report of his services, and he starts out auspiciously in his new charge.

Rev. A. L. Andrews, the newly appointed presiding elder of the Sherman District, visited the session of the Texas Conference and had a delightful time with those brethren. He preached a most edifying sermon on Friday night to a large congregation, and his presence was greatly enjoyed by the conference.

It is with sadness that we chronicle the death of Rev. M. C. Blackburn, a superannuate member of the North Texas Conference. Several years ago he was one of the prominent members of the conference, and did excellent service; but had health forced him to retire from active work. At the time of his death he was in West Texas and at Junction. It so happens that we have no data in this office of his life and work; so we ask some one well acquainted with him to furnish a suitable obituary notice. He is worthy of large notice in these columns. He was a noble, true and good man, and his ministry was a success.

Rev. S. H. C. Burzin, of the San Antonio District, but formerly pastor of Travis Park Church, wishes us to say that by oversight the printed minutes of the Conference failed to report some of the assessments paid by that charge. On specials they paid for missions \$1000 over and above the assessments, the amount going toward the erection of "Travis Park Memorial Home" in Korea. Also Travis Park Church paid all its assessments in full and stands out as one of the most aggressive congregations in Texas.

The presiding elders continued in the office, D. H. Hotchkiss, Ellis Smith, A. A. Waggon, J. T. Smith, H. T. Cunningham, P. M. Boyles, J. R. Sears and Clyde Garrett, did a year of most efficient service. They were busy men at conference, and upon them the Bishop relied a great deal for help. They stand out as leaders worthy of the emulation of their brethren. No con-

ference can boast of a more representative set of men. The two who retire, and already noted in another place, and the ones continued are an honor to that body of ministers. The two new ones added to the list will take the places of those going into the pastorate, and the whole of them will enter the work this year with every prospect of great things.

Galveston laid herself out to entertain the conference, and right well was the duty discharged. Rev. W. J. Johnson, of Central Church, and Rev. C. A. Hooper, of West End, aided by helpful committees, rendered every service imaginable to make the entertainment complete. The comfort of all was carefully looked after, and the conference was never better entertained than at the last session of the old Texas.

Rev. H. M. Whaling, Jr., Rev. A. G. Scroggs and this writer were delightfully entertained at the good home of Brother and Sister H. B. Goodman. They and their four children make up a happy circle, all of them are genuine Methodists and it was a joy and a comfort to be the guests of their household for a season. The fellowship and communion were excellent, and the remembrance of them will abide with us for all time to come.

Central Church is in good condition. Rev. W. J. Johnson has labored successfully there for three years, and he is left to finish out his quadriennium. He has the ear of Galveston, and preaches to large congregations. His people are devoted to him, and they were solicitous to have him returned.

Rev. Sam R. Hay goes back to the Texas Conference after a few years of absence, and he was gladly welcomed by his old acquaintances and fellow workers. He is assigned to St. Paul's Church, Houston, and he has a great field before him. He is no stranger in Houston, having served the old Shearn Memorial Church four years some time back, and he was presiding elder of that district for a couple of years also. He was one of the most popular pastors ever in Houston, and the people of St. Paul's will be delighted to have him as their pastor.

Rev. James Kilgore, after serving Centenary Church for four years, during which time he projected a new enterprise, now well under way, goes to Texarkana. He is one of the successful pastors and preachers in the conference, and always leaves substantial results when his term of service ends with a congregation.

Rev. J. B. Turrentine, with two years of interval, served Texarkana charge four years, and now goes to Centenary, Palestine. He is active and thorough-going, and brings things to pass.



REV. G. W. KINCHELOE.

The Central Texas Conference is blessed with many excellent Advocate circulators. That conference is a live wire when it comes to their Church organ, as well as moving the Church forward along all other lines. But if you ask them who carries the banner they will with one accord refer you to Rev. G. W. Kincheloe. By marriage he is in the line of "apostolical succession," for his father-in-law, Rev. Samuel Morris, in the years that have gone did yeoman service for his Church organ. For many years Brother Kincheloe has led the van, and we want our readers to look upon his face. He never complains about his appointment; he does his work and carries up a good report.

His preaching is good and his pastoral work careful and popular. He is one of the leading men in the conference, and Palestine will find no equal to any task.

Rev. C. A. Tower, after another four years' term on the San Augustine District, goes to Henderson Station. That conference has no more faithful and devoted member than Brother Tower. He is one of their best preachers, and he has been for years one of their most popular presiding elders. He will drop into the pastorate with ease and alacrity.

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one of the best structures in that part of the conference. He brought good reports to the conference, showing faithful work during the year. He was properly returned, and during the coming year he will push his undertaking to completion.

Rev. O. T. Hotchkiss, the popular Secretary of the conference, goes to Lufkin, after a successful term at Pittsburg. He is persistent, determined and purposeful in his work as a preacher, and always leaves substantial results behind him. Bishop Murrain took occasion, in the progress of the conference, to compliment Brother Hotchkiss very highly as the Secretary of that body.

Rev. W. F. Andrews, D. D., after a year of hard work at St. Paul's, goes to Marvin Church, Tyler. He is the son of a Methodist preacher, and has never known anything but Methodism. He is an educated man, a reader of good books, has traveled widely, and is a most capable minister. He is very popular with the members of the conference, and they manifested their love for him in every tangible manner.

Rev. Glenn Flinn, after three years of successful work with the American Bible Society, goes to Bryan Station. He is a graduate of Southwestern and of Vanderbilt University, and he goes to his charge with matured qualification. He is a sound preacher and one of the most brotherly of men. The Bryan people will find him right on all questions, and worthy of their heartiest co-operation.

Rev. I. F. Betts, one of the most useful and successful members of the conference, is raised from Marlin Station to the sublime degree of presiding elder of that district. He is a bundle of energy and enterprise, the best church builder in that section and a most capable preacher. That he will bring things to pass in his new position goes without saying. No man did a finer work than he did at Marlin last year.

Rev. E. L. Shettles, after serving districts for several years, finished out a four-year term at Marlin as presiding elder, now goes to Cameron Station. He is a stalwart member of the conference, a man of indomitable will power, a judge of good books, an antiquarian in historical research into Methodist literature, a man of affairs, and he will take hold of matters in the pastorate. His ministry is always fruitful of good results.

Rev. J. W. Mills, after four years at Nacogdoches, steps up into the presiding eldership of the San Augustine District. He is one of the coming younger men of the conference, and he will make good in his higher position. He is robust in body, strong in mind and capable of unlimited service. He will be a contribution to the eldership.

The conference gave us three men for the Joint Board of Publication, and they are all conservative, fair-minded and strong men, namely: Rev. J. W. Mills, Rev. Clyde Garrett and Rev. L. B. Elrod. They will prove worthy successors to Rev. W. W. Watts, Rev. J. T. Smith and Emmett Armstrong. J. T. Smith has been a member of the board for nineteen years, and no man did better service than he. The new men are all warm friends of the Advocate, and they will co-operate heartily with the work we are doing.

The conference appointed four good men on the Educational Commission, namely, clerical, James Kilgore and L. R. Elrod; lay, W. L. Dean and J. C. Box. The paper adopted by the West Texas Conference was accepted as a compromise by the conference, and it was adopted unanimously. There was not a speech made on either side.

Rev. R. C. George, who has been out of the conference for a few years, was admitted and sent to Harrisburg this year. He is active, enterprising and successful. He will take up the duties of the pastorate with a zest, and he will be heard from as the year progresses.

Rev. C. T. Tally, formerly of the North Texas Conference, but who served Cameron for the past two years with great acceptability and success goes to Pittsburg. His brethren up this way will be pleased to know that he has taken high rank in the Texas Conference, and that his work is of a high order. He is young and full of purpose, and the future promises much for his ministry.

There were many changes among the brethren, and we would love to note them all and give a word of comment, but time and space forbid. The appointments will be found in full in another place in this issue, and they

will be read with interest. It was a great session, and its fellowship was good to the use of edifying. We were once a member of that conference, and it is always a pleasure to visit it. We are always at home among the brethren of that body. We want the Advocate to be a help to every one of them this year.

MINUTES

Of the seventy-first session of the Texas Annual Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South, held at Galveston, Texas, beginning November 30, 1910, ending December 5, 1910; Bishop W. B. Murrain, President; O. T. Hotchkiss, Secretary. Postoffice of Secretary, Lufkin, Texas.

Question 1. Who are admitted on trial? Corwin O. Platt, Frank Platt, W. H. Edwards, W. Frazier Smith, Levi L. Lloyd, Thomas D. McCrary, John S. Hendrick, Rufus E. Beard, Jesse L. Ross.

2. Who remain on trial? J. B. Bell, W. C. Hughes, A. J. McCary, H. T. Ferrite, T. E. Bledsoe, H. K. Morehead, A. M. Pinkham, J. F. Simpson, S. T. Brogdon, L. H. Mathison, Etheridge Payne, M. F. Wells.

3. Who are discontinued? C. W. Weatherby, G. Z. Sadler, at their own request.

4. Who are admitted into full connection? Ira F. Key, A. A. Rider, Wm. A. Belcher, Chas. E. Garrett, John F. Kidd, Chas. J. Atkinson, W. A. Pounds, Samuel H. Stokely.

5. Who are readmitted? R. C. George.

6. Who are received by transfer from other conferences? C. D. Montgomery, deacon, from Central Mexican Mission Conference; C. F. McKinney, West Texas Conference; J. W. Wardlow, Memphis Conference; J. L. Red, elder, Mississippi Conference; S. R. Hay, B. R. Bolton, elders, Central Texas Conference; C. E. Clark, West Texas Conference.

7. Who are received from other Churches as local preachers? None.

8. Who are received from other Churches as traveling preachers? F. G. Clark, an elder of the M. E. Church; Jas. B. Wood, an elder of the Missionary Baptist Church.

9. Who are the deacons of one year? L. W. Campbell, A. H. Parker, G. C. Cravy, T. R. Morehead, L. J. Power, O. W. Hooper, C. M. Myers.

10. What traveling preachers are elected deacons? A. A. Rider, John F. Kidd, Wm. A. Belcher, Chas. J. Atkinson, Samuel H. Stokely.

11. What traveling preachers are ordained deacons? A. A. Rider, John F. Kidd, Wm. A. Belcher, Chas. J. Atkinson, Samuel H. Stokely.

12. What local preachers are elected deacons? Thos. D. McCrary, James R. Tidwell.

13. What local preachers are ordained deacons? Thos. D. McCrary, James R. Tidwell.

14. What traveling preachers are elected elders? Walter W. Armstrong, Isaac O. Dent, Philip I. Milton, Herschel M. Timmons, Olin F. Zimmerman, Thomas C. Sharp, Archelaus T. Walker, Frank E. Luker, Horace M. Whaling, Jr.

15. What traveling preachers are ordained elders? Walter W. Armstrong, Isaac O. Dent, Philip I. Milton, Herschel M. Timmons, Olin F. Zimmerman, Thomas C. Sharp, Archelaus T. Walker, Frank E. Luker, Horace M. Whaling, Jr.

16. What local preachers are elected elders? No one.

17. What local preachers are ordained elders? No one.

18. Who are located this year? J. F. Bilbro, George W. Schroeder, at their own request.

19. Who are supernumerary? J. C. Cameron, C. E. W. Smith, I. J. Coppedge.

20. Who are superannuated? John Adams, C. L. Farrington, Albert Little, G. S. Sandel, O. A. Shook, W. W. Adams, T. R. Cain, H. T. Hart, G. H. Phair, J. A. Smith, W. E. Washburn, W. H. Brooks, W. W. Graham, Gideon Powlidge, W. A. Sampey, J. J. Oxley, J. D. Burke, H. M. Sears, R. H. Great-house, G. A. LeClere, T. B. Vinson, C. H. Brooks, T. B. Graves, S. H. Morgan, Caleb H. Smith, Wm. Sproule, D. P. Cullen, John Helpinstill, G. C. Stovall, R. W. Thompson, L. M. Fowler, C. R. Lamar.

21. What preachers have died during the past year? T. T. Booth, W. W. McNally.

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

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

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conference? Local preachers, 154; members, 65,608.

24. How many infants have been baptized during the year? 1130.

25. How many adults have been baptized during the year? 3246.

26. What is the number of Epworth Leagues? Senior, 87; Junior, 62; total, 149.

27. What is the number of Epworth League members? Senior, 2632; Junior, 2229; total, 4921.

28. What is the number of Sunday-schools? 502.

29. What is the number of Sunday-school officers and teachers? 432.

30. What is the number of Sunday-school scholars enrolled during the conference year? 44,983.

31. What was assessed by the last conference for the superannuated preachers, and the widows and orphans of preachers? \$10,000.

32. What has been collected on the foregoing account, and how has it been applied? \$9158.85; distributed to claimants.

33. What has been contributed for missions? Foreign, \$10,694.81; domestic, \$10,761.59.

34. What has been contributed for church extension? \$6410.35.

35. What has been contributed for the American Bible Society? \$886.

36. What has been contributed for the support of presiding elders and preachers in charge? Presiding elders, \$22,021.67; preachers in charge, \$169,446.71.

37. What has been contributed for the support of Bishops? \$2375.

38. What is the number of societies, and of houses of worship owned by them? Number of societies, 691; number of houses of worship, 338.

39. What is the value of houses of worship, and what is the amount of indebtedness thereon? Value, \$1,777,294.25; indebtedness, \$163,127.40.

40. What is the number of pastoral charges, and of parsonages owned by them? Pastoral charges, 291; number of parsonages, 183.

41. What is the value of parsonages, and what is the amount of indebtedness thereon? Value, \$287,118.50; indebtedness, \$23,539.35.

42. What is the number of districts, and of district parsonages? Number of districts, 10; number of district parsonages, 5.

43. What is the value of district parsonages, and what is the amount of indebtedness thereon? Value, \$34,425; indebtedness, \$12,200.

44. What number of churches have been damaged or destroyed during the year by fire or storm, and what was the amount of damage? Number of churches damaged, 5. Amount of damage, \$7145.

45. What are the insurance statistics? Insurance carried, \$631,880; losses sustained, . . . premiums paid, \$595.33; collections on losses, \$75.

46. What are the educational statistics? Southwestern University: Value of property, \$485,000; endowment, \$56,000; professors, 45; pupils, 1945. Alexander Collegiate Institute: Value of property, \$80,000; number of professors, 10; pupils, 175. Chappell Hill Female College: Value of property, \$20,000; professors, 8; pupils, 50.

47. Who is elected Conference Leader? T. N. Graham.

48. Where shall the next session of the conference be held? Marlin.

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

TO THE PREACHERS OF NORTH TEXAS CONFERENCE.

I have today mailed to Mr. J. E. Hannegan, St. Louis, a certified copy of the appointments including a list of the supernumerary and superannuate members of the conference and in making your applications for Clergy Certificates for 1911 it will only be necessary to refer him to this certified list. R. G. MOOD, Secretary North Texas Conference.

CLARENDON COLLEGE HAS A GREAT DAY.

Last Sunday will ever be remembered as a red-letter day in the calendar of Clarendon College.

President Slover had appointed that day as a day to raise funds with which to build the Young Ladies' Home, of Clarendon College.

All the other Churches, at the request of Brother Slover, gave the right-of-way to this day and worshipped with us.

Dr. Boaz, the genial and versatile President of Polytechnic College, was invited to be with us. After preaching a great sermon on "The Making of a Man," he took a collection, which amounted to nearly \$18,000, which amount, with what can be gotten outside of Clarendon, will insure the erection of the building contemplated.

The people of Clarendon are a noble, generous, big-hearted people ever ready and willing to respond to a good cause. May the good Lord bless them for this generous response to such a noble cause.

Dr. Boaz is an interesting, instructive, attractive speaker, a master of assemblies, and when it comes to taking a collection he is a veritable past master.

Let all Texas Methodism rejoice with us in the prospect of the early erection of a beautiful home for our Clarendon College girls.

Too much cannot be said in praise of the work of Brother Slover in bringing things to pass in Clarendon, for no man has shown a more generous spirit than he has in all the enterprises of the Church and the college.

S. E. BURKHEAD.

CENTRAL TEXAS COLLEGE.

As the affairs of our school, Central Texas College, require much of my time, I requested the appointment of an assistant pastor, and Rev. E. R. Stanford was given us. He preached twice today and the congregation were made to realize that the needed man had been appointed. Much might be said, but it is enough to say that he is the right man.

A part of my time will be given to the school, and I believe in the greatness of this work; but no one can ever know what this partial breaking of my pastoral relation is costing me in the depths of my soul.

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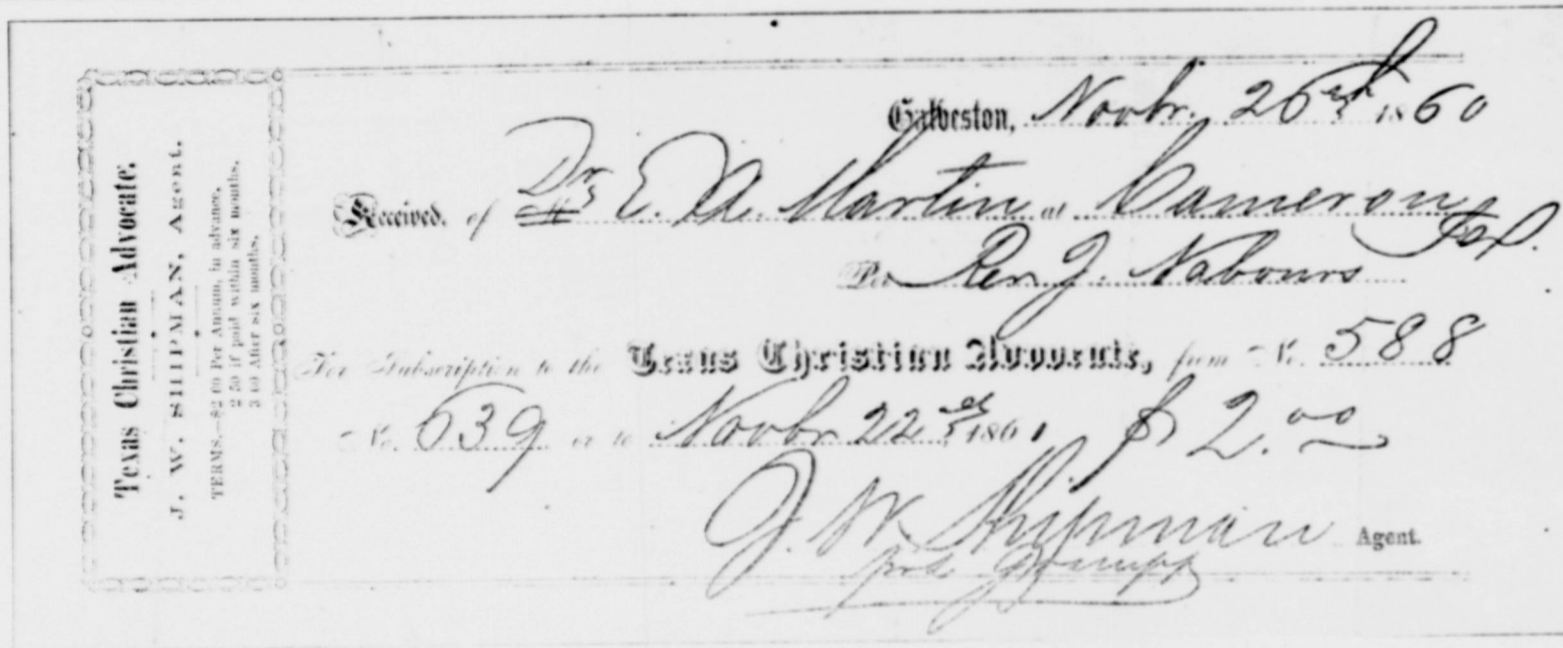
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Dr. Ed A. Martin, of Cameron, Texas, sends us a receipt for Texas Christian Advocate issued to him fifty years ago last month. It is well preserved, and we present above a facsimile. The Doctor is now eighty-six years of age, and the lines he penned in sending the receipt are written with a steady hand, thus showing he is as well preserved as the receipt. May he abide among us many years yet. He has been a constant reader of the Advocate all these years, and still enjoys its pages.

PEACE DAY IN THE CHURCHES.
Appeal for the Observance of Peace Sunday.

The time has clearly come when people of every name and creed, of every race and nation, should heartily unite in efforts to bring about the fulfillment of the ancient prophecy, "Peace on earth and good will to men."

All the nations, especially all the nations of Christendom, are in closer touch with each other than at any previous time in the world's history. They are bound together by multiplied commercial ties, by rapid transit of various kinds on sea and land, by electric wires that span the continents, reach all islands and rest secure on the beds of the oceans. Most wonderful of all, they are bound together by that strangest and most remarkable of all inventions, the wireless telegraph. Surely it is high time that we should all unite in a supreme effort to find a better way of settling international contentions and disagreements than by the wicked waste of untold wealth and the wholesome slaughter of human beings.

In such a crisis as this, when the movement for world arbitration and peace has made such enormous progress both among the masses of people

and in the governments themselves, the religious press, the clergy of every Christian Church, all leaders of religious organizations and all patriots and philanthropists ought most cordially to unite, and with earnest, persistent and wisely-directed efforts strive, in all legitimate ways to bring about a condition of affairs that shall eventually make wars between the nations an utter impossibility, and put a stop to this present irrational and burdensome rivalry in armaments.

To this end we most respectfully urge the clergy of all the Christian Churches, and the leaders of all other religious organizations, to observe the third Sunday of December of each year as Peace Sunday, or some other Sunday if this is not convenient, and in song and prayer and reading of the Scriptures, and especially in the sermon, to advocate the abolition of war and the substitution of imperative, universal arbitration, and thus secure world-wide peace; and so fill the world with security, comfort and permanent deliverance from the terrible sufferings and the awful destruction of life and property incident to all wars.

Sincerely hoping that you may lend your valuable assistance and effective co-operation, we remain, very truly yours,

(Signed) James L. Barton, Secretary of the American Foreign Mission Board, Boston; Arthur J. Brown, Secretary of the Presbyterian Foreign Mission Board, New York; Russell H. Conwell, the Baptist Temple, Philadelphia; Earl Cranston, Bishop of the M. E. Church, Washington; Charles F. Dole, First Unitarian Society, Jamaica Plain, Mass.; Samuel T. Dutton, Secretary of the New York Peace Society; O. P. Fitzgerald, Bishop of the M. E. Church, South, Nashville; James Cardinal Gibbons, Baltimore; Willard F. Mallicien, Bishop M. E. Church, Auburndale, Mass.; Benjamin F. Trueblood, Secretary of the American Peace Society.

ATTENTION, CENTRAL TEXAS CONFERENCE!

It is so common for a call to come from the various Boards of Missions for early collections to be taken and sent in that parties who ought to heed the call are in danger of passing it by without an effort to render needed help. I trust that this call for help will not meet with that fate.

While last year's general drought cut down our funds it also increased the demands upon us. This condition can be easily met by concert of action. I ask that people and preachers give prompt attention to collections for not only does your Treasurer need help, but the same is true of the General Board.

Bro. Ben Crow is on crowing ground, for his first payment is on the books. Who will follow?

Please remember that we have heavy monthly drafts to meet.

J. H. WISEMAN, Treas.

TO ALL WHO SUBSCRIBED TO THE SPECIAL MISSION COLLECTION AT WAXAHACHIE.

I hold the subscriptions taken at Waxahachie for the Bohemian and Italian work and will be glad to send my receipt to any who are now prepared to pay. J. H. WISEMAN, Blooming Grove, Texas.

TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN.

It gives me unfeigned pleasure to commend Rev. M. J. Thompson, of Stephenville, Texas, as altogether worthy of the confidence of our pastors everywhere. Bro. Thompson by virtue of his long experience as a lawyer and judge is eminently fitted for evangelistic work among a class of men more difficult to reach, perhaps, than any other.

So far as I am informed, his methods are entirely unobjectionable, and he has been very successful in his appeals to the unconverted. For these reasons I cheerfully commend him to those who may desire his assistance as a consecrated, useful Christian gentleman and evangelistic worker.

JEROME DUNCAN, P. E.
I heartily endorse the above.
J. G. PUTMAN, P. E.

REPORT ON TEMPERANCE.

The following was adopted by Texas Baptist women mission workers in annual meeting, Houston, Texas, November 9, 1910:

Inasmuch as medical and scientific authority join with the Word of God in condemning the use of intoxicating liquors as a beverage, and inasmuch as the Supreme Court of the United States and of the various States have declared that the beverage sale and use of intoxicating liquors is a prolific source of insanity, pauperism and crime, and inasmuch as statistics show that at least one hundred thousand people die as the result of the sale of liquor every twelve months, and inasmuch as every insane person, pauper, criminal or drunkard represents a blighted home; therefore be it resolved by the Baptist women of Texas in annual session:

First, That we enter our protest against the partnership between Texas and the liquor business, and appeal to the patriotic manhood of this State, to whom we must look for protection for our homes and loved ones, to dissolve this partnership at the earliest practicable date.

Second, That we appeal to our brothers in organizing for the prospective prohibition amendment campaign, that all possible care be exercised in making up the campaign committee in order that the prohibition amendment may be put up before the voters relieved of all party and factional questions, remembering that the women and children and their homes are involved in the results of the contest.

Third, That we appeal to every man in Texas who has any regard for womanhood and childhood to give his vote and influence to the adoption of constitutional prohibition.

Fourth, That we appeal to our sisters throughout this great Empire State to use their utmost efforts to get their friends who are voters to cast their ballots for God and home and native land.

Fifth, That we endorse the W. C. T. U. and the Anti-Saloon League of Texas most heartily, believing that their non-partisan and non-factional work is of the highest value to the people and homes of this State. The character of men and women charged with the management of these two organizations is such as to command the confidence and unstinted co-operation of every anti-saloon Texan.

Sixth, That we commend the newspaper men of this State who refuse to publish liquor advertisements as worthy of all praise. We regard liquor advertisements in the family newspaper as one of the greatest menaces to the peace and safety of our homes, and we warn the people of this State against this insidious foe.

J. H. GAMBRELL,
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EPWORTH DAY.

The State Epworth League Cabinet at its meeting on November 12, at San Antonio, unanimously voted to set aside the third Sunday in December, 1910 (19th), as "Epworth Day," to give every chapter in the State the opportunity of presenting the claims of the State work upon its members with a view to securing a deeper and more far-reaching interest in the splendid institution being operated at Epworth-by-the-Sea. It was also voted that each chapter be further requested to take a special offering on this date to apply on current expenses during 1911, and to help clear up an indebtedness of some four or five hundred dollars now outstanding against the State work. If every chapter would observe this day and take such an offering the \$500 could easily be raised on this one Sunday and a very embarrassing condition for the State work would thus be avoided.

The above is the action of the State Cabinet after carefully considering the matter, and though it may seem unimportant to some, it is a vital matter to the State organization in its present very needful condition.

This offering should be remitted to A. B. Hardin, State League Treasurer, Denison, Texas.

L. E. APPLEBY,
State Secretary.

San Antonio, Texas.

LAYTON W. BAILEY APPOINTED.

In this issue we are publishing the portrait of Mr. Layton W. Bailey, the newly appointed secretary-treasurer of the North Texas Conference Epworth League. His home is in Dallas, and he happens to be the efficient secretary-treasurer of the editor's home chapter, Trinity. His selection to this very important office in the North Texas organization is a mark of distinction worthy and well bestowed. Layton is one of the most earnest and efficient League workers it has ever been our pleasure to know. He does things. With it all he is consecrated, and loves his Church, his League and his fellow man. We are glad that he has been chosen. He will magnify his office. He will also be in line—following precedents—for the presidency, when the present incumbent, Brother Hardin, has served his two years or more and the time comes for the calling of another to this position.

In this connection, it might be of interest to the Leaguers of North Texas to know that in the organization of the model chapter at Epworth last

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summer, Key chapter, Layton Bailey was chosen president. His name, therefore, will be linked with our League history, for this was the first chapter of its kind to be organized in our Church, and since that time others have been organized at other assembly points. The work of this chapter was fully reported in the papers at the time, and was one of the pleasing features of the 1910 Encampment.

We might further mention that the State League Cabinet, at its recent meeting in San Antonio, created the

RUBY KENDRICK MEMORIAL DAY.

We have selected Sunday, January 22, 1911, to be observed throughout Texas as Ruby Kendrick Memorial Day. Elsewhere we are publishing a provisional program to be followed. By taking up the matter at once, the necessary helps may be procured in good time to carry out the details of this program and make of the occasion the success it deserves. The funds secured on this day will be applied to the building of a memorial hall at Epworth. The committee is having plans drawn now for this hall. It will cost about \$1800. All Texas should contribute to same, and we believe this will be done. If there seems to be sufficient demand for them, the committee will have folders printed with



TOMBSTONE MARKING RUBY KENDRICK'S GRAVE IN KOREA.

Erected by the Leaguers of Texas in memory of this consecrated and beautiful young woman who went from their membership as a missionary to Korea, and who died shortly after taking up her work there. Already sixty-seven volunteered in Texas League circles have offered for foreign work as a tribute to the influence of this dear girl. Dr. Fitzgerald S. Parker, assistant editor and secretary of the Epworth League, has said of her: "Ruby Kendrick's death has become one of the greatest forces in recruiting our mission in Korea." As a further mark of love and esteem, it is now proposed to provide funds and erect at Epworth a "Ruby Kendrick Memorial Hall," fuller plans for which are referred to elsewhere in this issue.

office of boys' superintendent for Texas, and in casting about for a proper person to fill same, selected Layton Bailey. He tells us, however, that owing to a heavy press of duties that he can not now take up this work, but we do not know if he has yet advised the cabinet.

The Leaguers of the North Texas Conference are to be congratulated upon their new officer, and Trinity chapter, from whence he comes, is delightfully proud of its close relationship to him and the fact that one of its members has been chosen.

NORTH TEXAS LEAGUERS.

To the Leaguers of the North Texas Epworth League:

Dear Leaguers: I consider it indeed unfortunate that our former secretary and treasurer, Mr. L. L. Nelms of Sherman, has had to resign his office. He has indeed proven an efficient worker, and as he has so kindly honored me by appointing me his successor, I enter upon my duties in this office with my whole heart, and I ask the prayers of each Leaguer that I may successfully handle this office and make this year one of the best we have ever had in the North Texas Epworth League.

I know such a thing is possible if each and every one of you will cooperate with me, which I am sure you will do, and the Savior will crown our every effort with success. Sincerely,
LAYTON W. BAILEY,
Secretary-Treasurer.

Dallas, Texas.

the program in outline upon them and the picture of the tomb as shown in the illustration also published in this issue. If chapters wish these folders, please notify Miss Mary Ferguson at McKinney.

It is our purpose to reprint this program along in January, and if there are any suggestions that will promote



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PROGRAM.

Ruby Kendrick Memorial Rally Day, Sunday, January 22, 1911:
Organ voluntary.

Hymn—Onward Christian Soldiers.
Prayer for missionaries and schools in Sango and Seoul by name.
Scripture lesson, John 10:14-17.
Brief sketch of missionary work in Korea in 1910.

Quartet—A Million Souls for Jesus. (Words are published in Woman's Missionary Advocate for October, 1910.)

History of the North Texas Conference Ruby Kendrick Memorial.

Hymn—On the Mountain Tops Appearing.

Answering the challenge of the Korean City—Rev. C. T. Collyer of Sango, our conference missionary; July Go forward.

Extracts from Brother Collyer's letters which were published in Texas Christian Advocate.

Poem—A Tribute to Ruby Kendrick by the Korean Missionaries.

Annual offering to the Ruby Kendrick Memorial.

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THEY GROW

Good Humor and Cheerfulness from Right Food and Drink.

health is apt to keep cheerfulness and good humor in the background. A Washington lady found that letting coffee alone made things bright for her. She writes:

"Four years ago I was practically given up by my doctor and was not expected to live long. My nervous system was in a bad condition.

"But I was young and did not want to die so I began to look about for the cause of my chronic trouble. I used to have nervous spells which would exhaust me and after each spell it would take me days before I could sit up in a chair.

"I became convinced my trouble was caused by coffee. I decided to stop it and bought some Postum.

The first cup, which I made according to directions, had a soothing effect on my nerves and I liked the taste. For a time I nearly lived on Postum and ate little food besides. I am today a healthy woman.

"My family and relatives wonder if I am the same person I was four years ago, when I could do no work on account of nervousness. Now I am doing my own housework, take care of two babies—one twenty the other two months old. I am so busy that I hardly get time to write a letter, yet I do it all with the cheerfulness and good humor that comes from enjoying good health.

"I tell my friends it is to Postum I owe my life today."

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Devotional--Spiritual

The Uplifted Face.

"The clouds are always beautiful and clear, no matter what is in the house. Just look up, mamma!" said a little girl to her mother, as they stood on the doorstep of the dingy factory tenement. The mother looked up. There was the billowy white clouds, and as she looked at them she forgot the dirt and discomfort around her. It is a good thing to look up. God is in the heaven above us, and when we see the clouds let us remember that they are around about his throne.

There is a lesson in the Bible about the uplifted face—"Then shalt thou lift up thy face without spot." This phrase, found in the Book of Job, is extremely beautiful as a figure of speech, and at the same time very expressive of certain facts in religious experience. It expresses the attitude of a soul at peace with God according to the provisions and terms of the gospel. Confidence is implied in this utterance, for a man without peace and confidence will hang his head with guilt and shame, not lift it up without spot. It would be well for us to cultivate more the grace of the uplifted face, the look of trust and confidence in our Heavenly Father. He is good; his attitude towards us is loving; his acts are wise. Let us lift up our faces toward him "without spot," without any dark form of distrust or doubt.

Again, in the uplifted face fellowship is involved. We dare to look steadily, with the uplifted face, upon those we know and love, and whom we are sure know and love us. "Then shalt thou lift up thy face without spot," when you have fellowship with God; not alone when you have confidence in him, but when you know him, and are on terms of intimacy with him.

Furthermore, a degree of happiness and cheer is involved in the face uplifted without spot. The uplifted face implies a degree of happiness, and increasing happiness results from the uplifted face. Do we realize the fact that there is hope and cheer in the very state of looking up? If you are sad, or in sorrow, or burdened, try looking up. Look up into the sky. See the hilltops, the fleecy clouds, and the blue heaven beyond. The fact is, we all look down too much. We look down when we are at our work, when we are thinking, when we are troubled, when we are ashamed, when we are sorrowful.

Looking down is usually the sign of some sort of a burden being placed upon the heart or mind. Not that it is wrong to look down, nor that we should pay any less attention to work or duty, but we must learn also to look up. We must have the soul-expanding look. We must have the cheerful change of the upward look; also

the resting change as when one lifts his eyes occasionally from the book he is studying. We must not live in a despairing or desponding attitude. The upward look brings cheer and freedom, and hope. Look up! Lift up your eyes without spot, and you will see the hills, and the trees, and the stars, and the blue heavens. This will calm you, and steady and comfort you. That woman of the tenement-house was helped by looking up. You will be helped by looking up.

A young man suffering from nervous trouble was told by an eminent specialist to get out into the country, to take a field-glass with him, and study the habits of the birds. It was the very counsel which Jesus gave to the troubled men of long ago—"Behold the fowls of the air."

A woman who had lost her first-born and only child fell into a sort of unsettled state of sorrow and melancholy. She was a Christian, but she seemed to find it impossible to be comforted. A wise friend told her to look up, to try looking up into the sky often every day. She testified that it broke the spell of her melancholy, and that it had proved of immense help, and had brought comfort to her.

Let us lift up our eyes and our hearts with them, to larger and nobler things—to joyous things. David in exile once exclaimed: "I will lift up mine eyes unto the hills, whence cometh my help." What David saw was the temple and the prayers that ascended from it, the sacrifices there offered, with the smoke ascending to heaven. He heard the music of the temple choir. He became conscious of the truths there uttered, and they became real and precious in his memory. Yes, he came into fellowship with God himself. This is the advantage of the upward look. It brings us both into consciousness of God and into fellowship with him. David was an exile, but by the upward look he fully realized them.

Purity is also hinted at through that casual reference in Job. The face without spot is clean and pure. The spots make it unclean and in need of cleansing. "Lift up thy face without spot." Cleanse your heart, your mind, your thoughts—cultivate purity, that you may be able to lift up the face toward God.

A young Christian woman, speaking of her mother, said recently in conversation: "Mother always believes in people who look her straight in the face." We know a father who has long given a growing son the advice: "Whenever you speak to people look them straight in the face." There is honesty and purity implied in the uplifted face without spot. It is both indicative of honesty and conducive to increasing honesty and purity of heart and motive. Let us learn to lift up our faces toward God, saying: "Search me, O God, and know my thoughts; try me and know my heart, and see if there be any wicked way in me, and lead me in the way everlasting."

Then, too, beauty is implied in

this phrase. The face that is covered with spots and stains has its beauty marred, and perhaps really destroyed. O that we may be able to lift up our faces to God "in the beauty of holiness!" Holiness gives clear views of sin, and leads men personally to "abstain from all appearance of evil" and to teach others to do so. The holy man's skies are clear, his sun shines steadily, his eyes are on the throne, and he moves forward with unspeakable peace and with a certainty of victory, for he sees God, and cannot doubt.

Holiness transforms and transfigures men; it brightens the eye, quickens the step, exalts the life, makes faith perfect, renders vocal the silent tongue, cures heartache, banishes bitterness, and satisfies the soul with good things. Holiness is heaven on earth, and holy men and women are its ministering spirits, its earthly angels.

Let us seek this beauty—the "beauty of holiness." Let us strive to be able to lift up the face "without spot." Let us try to realize the transforming result of the uplifted face. The change is "from glory to glory," from one degree of spiritual beauty to a higher.

A Christian is sure to grow lovely by just loving—by just going on in love for Christ. It has been fabled from old times that the graceful swan was changed from a most ugly bird into its present beauty merely because of its constancy to its mate. But, oh, how Christian fact is sure to outrun classic fable! The soul grows wondrously lovely just by loving, by pouring out its faithful affection; and all the more so when the object of its affection is the Lord Jesus Christ, the One "altogether lovely." "We behold his face—Jesus' face—as in a glass, and are changed into the same image, from glory to glory, even as by the Spirit of the Lord." Look up—up into the face of Christ, and "when he shall appear we shall be like him, for we shall see him as he is." —Pittsburg Christian Advocate.

In Search of a Message.

Words are of value as they convey ideas; the fewer words the better, if only the idea be clearly expressed. Sometimes in reading a book or listening to an address we are led to wonder why the writer or speakers took so long to say so little. When we come to analyze the book, we find that the five hundred pages might easily and profitably have been reduced to fifty, and the tedious speech might easily have been reduced to one-fourth of its length. The power to talk without saying anything is a melancholy possibility to mortals. The tendency to prolixity seems to be unduly developed in certain persons, and it means a good deal of unnecessary weariness to those who are sure to suffer from it. It seems to grow upon people, until they can hardly tell the time of day without embodying it in a neat little speech.

One of the first lessons a young preacher or writer should learn is to get his ideas before he makes his speech or writes his article. If a man does not know what he wants to say he will probably talk a good while before he says much. The ideas are all-important; any

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Keep the Heart Singing.

have a right to ask that we be excused from listening. It makes little difference how well the words are arranged, nor how admirably they may be delivered, unless there be a central core of thought. It may be, as we have been told, that George Whitefield could make his hearers weep by his pronunciation of the word "Mesopotamia," but George Whitefield's message was not made up of "Mesopotamias." It sounded the very depths of human experience, and gripped both heart and brain.

But where is a man to get ideas? How can one so place himself in touch with God and man as to receive a real message for his time? This is a serious question, and one that should be seriously answered.

God speaks through facts, and a man should seek to find out these facts. The facts of history, of science, of human experience, are full of meaning for men, and it is part of the divine message to explain these facts, so that human life and experience shall be the richer.

And God speaks to men through men. Sometimes men fail to realize this. They seek God upon the mountain summits or in the far-off ether, and fail to see that he is revealing himself to us in the face of our brethren. The man who forgets man can never hope to know much of God. But when we stoop to serve; when we bend our backs beneath our brother's burden; when in our human night we take a fallen brother's hand and in the name of our Lord lift him up and lead him toward the light; then and there we will see our God. Wherever is heard the cry of human pain, wherever a tear-dimmed eye tells of a burdened heart; wherever human weakness falters and stumbles over the roughness of the appointed path; wherever there is sorrow to be comforted, discouragement to be cheered, anguish to be assuaged, there will we find the presence of

A pathetic and significant story is told of Charles Darwin, the great scientist, that when a boy he was very fond of music, showing evidences of unusual talent in that direction. Early in life, however, he became thoroughly absorbed in scientific and other pursuits, and in consequence neglected music entirely, not even allowing himself time to hear it and devoting no thought to it at all. Many years after when he had achieved great success and was widely renowned as one of the world's greatest scholars, he stood by the piano as a great musician interpreted the splendid creations of Beethoven and Mozart, saying as the tears glistened upon his face: "It means nothing to me now. The music has no message I can comprehend."

He had neglected the musical faculty until it had utterly atrophied, and with complete absorption in the facts of the natural world about him had ignored certain finer things until the lilting call of music and song found no response in his heart. Realizing a little something of what he had lost, he is reported to have said: "Had I my days to live over again, I think I would make it the rule of my life to listen to some good music every day, and then perhaps the heart that has grown cold and hard would be more responsive to the joys that are in life for every man if he cultivates the faculty of looking for and recognizing them."

The experience of Darwin is not unusual. Too many people are crowding their lives so full of the cares and duties that belong to the purely material realm that there is no time left for the cultivation of the finer thoughts and sweeter sentiments in human life that bring music to the heart. This is unnatural and presages a time when the hands, no longer able to be busy with material things, will be idle and the heart will be lonely, having not even the cherished memories of life's earlier music to sing its mute but comforting strains to the barren soul.

Children sing naturally. Why? Because their hearts are free from anxious cares, their minds from embittering and unclean thoughts

and they sing as spontaneously as the birds in the morning.

When mind and body are young and healthy, pulsing with life and busy with wholesome activities, free from care and fear, the heart sings of its own accord. But if the song is presently neglected through long years of fretting and worrying about the things that are altogether material, one by one the harp chords of the soul will be sundered, to remain forever mute with pathetic, even tragic, silence.

For the music of the heart must be cultivated if it is to be a thing of joy and value to the life. It is easy to imagine that if the song bird, gifted from God with a singing throat, should stifle the song each day and never greet the morning with his cheerful notes there would come a day when he would find himself unable to call his mate. The notes would atrophy in his throat.

Jesus is trying to tell us this among other things when he beseeches us to be careful not to fill our lives with anxious thoughts about bread and meat and clothes, and, pointing to the lilies clothed in gorgeous raiment and to the birds cared for by our Heavenly Father, bids us stay close to the heart of nature and of nature's God and, trusting in Him, keep the song in our hearts.

Then, too, Jesus teaches us that there is no real music without love. It gives ringing voice to the lilting major tones when love's prayers and hopes are fulfilled, and sobs its plaintive minor when the heart lies broken. Therefore keep love in the heart and the heart will keep singing, though bruised and bleeding; and though the world take all the rest, it cannot take the music.—California Christian Advocate.

Country.

It was sent of God, but it was hard to bear. The ark suffered, for it was out of its place and its wonted poise of power. Philistia suffered, and Dagon fell headless across the threshold of his discredited temple. Israel suffered, for she was helpless without God, and the vital, scintillating emblems of his presence. Then, led by Samuel, "gift of God," they brought the old ark back and set it on its own basis. And now no more of half-victory, half-defeat and the whole disheartenment. Aphek is turned to Mizpeh, and amid the thunderings of the Lord they drive the insolent Philistines clean out of their borders and establish a clear and consistent coast line.

We have allowed the oracles of God to abide long enough today in Philistia's hands. We have not feared the issue. In a way, we have welcomed the test, "our enemies being the judges." But now it is time to set the ark of God back upon its bounden basis. Enough of abeyance and of tarrying; tactical, no doubt, but trying to faith and hope. Now for victory, now for revival—the old-time revival, mingled with the thunderings of the Most High! In the love of souls we can't get along any further without it!

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WATSON.—Oran Mussett Watson was born in Bosque county, Texas, August 25, 1873, and died at his home in McGregor, Texas, November 3, 1910. He professed religion when thirteen years old, at Lane's Chapel, Bosque county, under the ministry of Rev. W. B. McKeown. His conversion was clear, and his face shone with supernatural light. Until this day his friends recall the joyful experience. He at once joined the Methodist Church, in which he lived a consistent member until the day of his death. He was married to Miss Josie White at the Methodist parsonage in McGregor, by Rev. W. P. Garvin, August 6, 1905. This union was blessed with three children. He leaves his wife and three children, mother, two brothers, and three sisters to mourn his departure. He had no fear of death, being well prepared for that ordeal. Consciousness remained with him to the last. He talked calmly with loved ones, giving directions concerning his business affairs, and asked them to meet him in heaven. He had promised his father years before on his deathbed that he would take care of his mother and sisters, which promise he most faithfully performed. He was a noble son, a kind husband and father, and was good to his brothers and sisters. He was highly esteemed as a citizen, and his good name will remain a sweet memory to his many friends. He was an enthusiastic Mason, which order assisted in the funeral services, with an escort of the Knights Templar. Good-bye, friend Ode, until we overtake you in the supreme lodge above.

W. S. P. McCULLOUGH.

RUSH.—Lela Virginia Adams was born in York county, S. C., September 21, 1861, her parents moving to Washington county, Ark., when she was a girl. February 23, 1882, she was married to G. A. Rush. Brother and Sister Rush came to Texas twenty-two years ago, stopping a few years in Swisher and Hale counties, coming to Lubbock county some years since, where they have lived. Sister Rush was raised up in the Church, uniting with the Presbyterian Church when a small girl. After her marriage she united with the Methodist Church with her husband. To this Church she gave loving, loyal service for nearly thirty years. Her last years were unusually full of suffering; it drew her closer to her Lord. On the morning of October 19, 1910, after expressing herself as being "so tired," her suffering ceased and she went to be with her Lord, and to join her father, mother, daughter, little grandson, other loved scores of friends and the innumerable throng who like herself had come up through much suffering with robes washed white in the blood of the Lamb. She leaves a husband, brother, four children and a host of friends to mourn her going. We trust and pray we may all meet her again some glad, sweet day. Her pastor, BEN HARDY.

ARDIS.—Sister Cora Ardis (nee Dinsmore) was born in Tennessee, January 20, 1870, was converted in Hunt county, Texas, in early girlhood; was married to Julius C. Ardis November, 1895. Sister Ardis fell asleep in Jesus November 17, 1910, and was buried by the writer November 18, 1910. She was a model Christian, a loving wife, a devoted, painstaking mother. She leaves her husband and five little children, with a host of relatives and friends, to mourn her loss. We laid her to rest until the judgment day, in the Ellsboro Cemetery. A host of friends attended the funeral. We mourn our loss, but our loss is her eternal gain. Rest in peace, dear sister, until God shall call you from your sleeping dust. We will meet you in the sweet by-and-bye.

S. D. COOK.

MIMS.—Mary Elizabeth Mims was born in Sumter county, Ala., October 19, 1837; was converted and united with the Methodist Church at ten years of age. In the year 1876 she and her mother moved to Texas with her brother and brothers-in-law, who settled with their families at Wheelock, Robertson county. Many years of her life were spent in teaching school, and all her spare time was devoted to caring for her mother and in aiding her brother's and sister's families in their home duties. In 1890 she came to Franklin with her sister's family, where she remained until May 24, when God called the faithful one to her reward. Brother, nieces, nephews and friends have lost a loving sister, aunt and friend; yes, more, a kind and faithful counselor, and one who had for ten years taken the place of a mother to her sister's orphaned children. Her place can not be filled, and we are lonely. The influence of her sweet, unselfish life remains. She was faithful to God and loved the services of His house, and was never absent when able to attend. Sunday-school work was not dropped until a few months before her last illness; and it was one of the joys of her latter days that all the members of her best class were converted and joined the Church. Great suffering attended the latter days of our loved one, but she was always cheerful. She never ceased to praise God for His goodness. With her Bible and prayer books as daily companions, and the comforting influence of the Holy Spirit upon her heart, she had sweet peace and her soul fed upon God's precious promises. When nearing her last hours, and she had almost ceased to recognize friends and loved ones, her voice was raised in praise to God. Her last words were "Jesus lover of my soul." God grant that we for whom she continually prayed may emulate the pure Christian life of our loved one, and be prepared, as was she, when the summons comes to enter our home above, that home so beautifully described by Paul in I Cor. 5:21: "For we know if our earthly house of this tabernacle were dissolved we have a building of God, an house not made with hands, eternal in the heavens." Her niece,

ARTELLA, MCKINLEY,
Franklin, Texas.

OWENS.—G. A. Owens, son of J. W. and E. J. Owens, was born April 8, 1873, died October 12, 1910—another instance of having to chronicle the sad death of a young man who was taken away by accident. The ways of Providence are mysterious and past finding out, but some day the veil will be lifted, then, dear father and mother, you will know why your son (Dock, as he was familiarly called) was so ruthlessly snatched from your embrace; yet, while your hearts are torn and bleeding, and your eyes are dim from weeping, you have sweet consolation in the hope he gave, in his last hours of making his peace with God, and assuring you, dear mother, that all was well with him, and that he would soon be with his dear little children, who had preceded him to that land of bliss, where there would never be any more separation. Yes, Dock left the sweet assurance of a home in heaven. He warned his brothers, Ed and Love, not to neglect their salvation until their last hours; then he gently laid his head upon his mother's breast and whispered with his dying breath, "Mother, meet me in heaven."

A FRIEND.

HATHAWAY.—Mrs. Louise Hathaway was born in Gibson county, Ind., March 10, 1833, and died at Thalia, Texas, November 16, 1910. She joined the Missionary Baptist Church in Collin county in 1875, and lived a devoted Christian until death. She came from Indiana to Hunt county, Texas, in November, 1842, then to Collin county, and at last, with her husband, came to Foard county and lived with her daughter and son-in-law, W. L. Washburn. She was married to Ed. Hathaway November 10, 1859, and was the mother of eight children, five still living, and thirty-two grandchildren and one great great grandchild, and many relatives and friends, to mourn her loss. She was patient and good in all her afflictions. While many did what they could to relieve her, but we could not keep her when the Father called her home. She leaves the vacant chair and many broken ties of

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love; yet the Lord's will be done. Weep not, dear ones, as those without hope, for if faithful you will meet again. Her friends.

THOS. HANKS.

BASS.—On Friday last our hearts were saddened by the sudden death of little Mattie Pearl Bass. She was born in Athens, Texas, December 22, 1908, and died at Jefferson, Texas, November 25, 1910. She was given to us for only a short time—just long enough to entwine her little life with ours, and while "the Lord giveth and the Lord taketh away," we must try to be submissive to His will. Be comforted, dear ones, in the thought that she has been a pure, innocent flower transplanted in the garden of heaven. Strive to make your own lives as pure as hers. Go to the Lord in this sorrow and he will lift the burden from your hearts, for has He not said, "Come unto me all ye that labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest." She is not dead—the child of our affections—but gone unto that school where she no longer needs our poor protection, and Christ Himself doth rule.

TENNIE MAE BASS.

A LETTER FROM REV. JACKSON B. COX, MEXICO.

I am sure that your readers would like to know something about our work in Mexico, for our Texas Methodists are always interested in the work in this country, and well they may be, for they have invested workers and money. Their Southwestern University alone has sent, first and last, almost forty workers to this field. This has been a very busy and interesting year. In September Bishop Mouzon called a meeting of workers in this city. We had a great time, and I am sure a profitable one.

Of course your readers know that September 16 was the Centennial of Mexican independence. It was a great time. There were representatives from all over the world sent by their government to that Centennial. During the celebration Mexico opened the doors of her National University, the only university in the Republic. It is well that she should celebrate her independence with the opening of a great institution of learning.

Our own Church is slowly but gradually growing. We frequently refer to the slow growth of Mexico, whereas in fact this field has grown more rapidly than any other of our mission fields, with the possible exception of Cuba. At the present we have more than 7000 communicants.

I know that you will be pleased to learn that through the generosity of a

German friend we are now going to open a city mission work here in this city. This German friend has placed to the credit of this mission, and subject to my orders, \$15,000 Mexican money for the expenses of this institution for the next two years, and Mrs. Nellie O'Beirne of San Luis Potosi has been appointed to take charge of this work. It is a medical and milk dispensary, day nursery, etc.

Rev. C. D. Montgomery, who has been with us less than a year, has been forced to return to the Texas Conference because of the health of his wife. Through him, this German brother who has given us the money was put in touch with our work. I was deeply sorry to see Montgomery go, for he was certainly a fine worker.

At present I am having, in addition to my other work, to supply the pulpit of our American congregation in this city. JACKSON B. COX.
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THE WHITE SLAVE TRAFFIC.

It has been some time since I have written an article for one of our great religious journals, the Texas Christian Advocate. Because I have promised many readers of the Advocate, and because it is very necessary, I am writing again on the greatest crime of this continent since its discovery—the white slave trade. It is not my purpose now to write at length or to offer any proofs that there is such a thing in this country as the white slave trade. Everybody knows this who reads the newspapers and magazines. Because one does not know that this horrible traffic exists in Texas and in all the South, is no proof that thousands of Southern girls as pure as the snow are not yearly falling into the clutches of white slave dealers. Four years ago, when I told the people of Chicago that their city was the "clearing house" of the white slave trade, they said that I had falsely represented their city; that I had written and published an imaginary tale that no one would believe; that there was no such thing in Chicago as the white slave traffic. I then reported the matter to Governor Deen. He caused an investigation to be made, which fully confirmed all I had written. The Legislature of Illinois enacted a law making the white slave traffic a felony, the Grand Jury of Cook County indicted over 250 white slave dealers, and many of them are now in the penitentiary. The people of Chicago and many other cities did not know of this traffic four years ago, but they know now. If there are people in Texas who do not know we have this awful traffic in this State to an alarming extent, it is no proof that it does not exist, but it does make the situation the more alarming, because the success of white slave traders depends upon the people not knowing. When the people do know, then these dealers must hunt new fields. Because of laws making this traffic a felony in ten Northern, Northwestern and Eastern States, these traders have left these States and gone elsewhere, and many of

them have come to Texas and other States of the South. You may not know this, and this is the sad and dangerous part of it all. If you know a thief is going to break into your house and steal your goods, you would be on the watch, and he would be caught. If people knew of the white slave trade they would end it speedily. They do not all know, hence this horror of horrors continues, and pure, sweet, innocent and unsuspecting girls by the thousands fall into the clutches of the white slave dealers.

I want to tell you the unvarnished truth, and it is this: There is not one red light district in Texas that is not mainly recruited by victims who fall into the traps, nets or snares set by white slave dealers. I want every reader of the Advocate to do three things to help end this State and National disgrace—First, to see or write their State Senator and Representative and get them to agree to work for and vote for a law at the coming session of the Legislature in January, making this traffic a felony in Texas. When one of these scoundrel decoys, snares and traps a pure girl and takes her from home and mother and sells her for a price into a den of infamy, that scoundrel is far worse than the midnight assassin, and should be made to go the rope route. Second, I want you to get up a petition in your neighborhood, petitioning the Legislature to enact such a law. When you have procured all the signatures that you can get, then mail me the petitions and I will take or send all of them together to the Legislature and use them in that way by which the most good can be accomplished. Third, I want you to give a copy of this article to your local paper and request that it be published.

Do not fail to do these things at once. We must end this traffic in Texas and in the whole South. Now, if you do not know or if you are not fully posted, get one of the books which I have written or helped to write, and you will have it all in every detail. If you are not able to pay for a book I will gladly give you one. If you are able, do not ask me to give books to those who are too

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poor to buy them. I have given away thousands of these books, for among the poor and the humble homes is where the white slave dealers get in much of their fearful work.

Finally, whatever I am or have or even may be or have, I lay it all down without reservation at the feet of my fellow countrymen, to be used by them and for them. The rest of this life shall be used in uplifting humanity to a higher, purer, safer and better destiny.

As you may perhaps know, I am now President of Goodnight College, and to it I owe all of my time that is necessary to its best interests. This makes it imperative that I have your help now in this battle against the white slave traffic. I have given already to it four years of my time and over \$4000 in money in investigating and helping to end this worse than a National calamity. I feel that I have a right to ask you to help me now, not for my sake, but for the sake of the daughters, homes and mothers of Texas and the South. If you will help, then write me and tell me that you will.

As for me, I shall live, while I may be permitted to live, for the most and best good that I can do, asking no reward but the sweet consciousness of having served to the best of my ability the people of my country.

D. F. SUTHERLAND.
Goodnight, Texas.

FROM CHINA.

The late session of our conference convened in this city on October 12, with Bishop E. E. Hoss presiding, and after a most delightful session adjourned on the 17th. The attendance was good, the reports were encouraging, and the preachers full of hope.

More than four hundred were baptized and received into the Church during the year. On the Sunday during conference a class of twenty were baptized by Bishop Hoss and received into the Church. Also little Marvin Pilley and two Chinese children were baptized by the Bishop. One preacher was ordained deacon and six ordained elders.

The conference was held in our splendid new church that has just been finished. It is a large building with seating capacity for eight hundred people and greatly adds to our mission plant in this city. The building is of blue brick trimmed with red brick and gray stone and is covered with iron. It is now the largest church we have in the Empire.

At the late session of the conference Bishop Hoss granted me leave to take a furlough home, and I am to embark on November 11, by the steamship Monteagle, one of the ships of the Canadian Pacific Railway Company, and should reach Vancouver about December 2. Mrs. Hendry, with our two younger sons, left China more than a year ago, and is living in Georgetown, where she is making a home for our children while they are preparing for the work of life. My two older children I have not seen for more than five years. Now I have the hope of seeing them all within a few more weeks. Georgetown, Texas, is my destination, and to that point I will go as fast as steam can carry me.

J. L. HENDRY.

Huchow, China, Oct. 21.

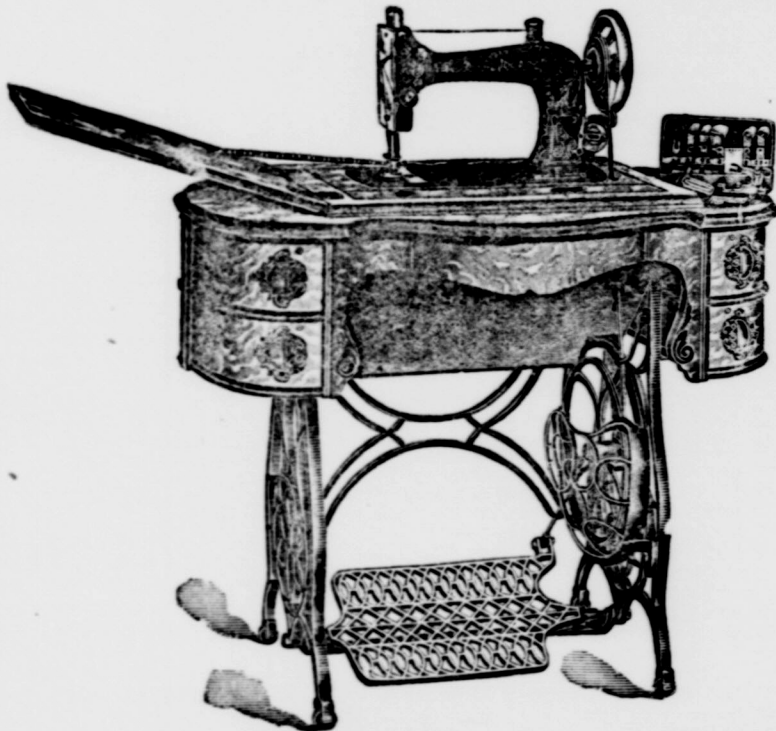
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LET US BE VIOLETS.

Ah, dear little violet,
Lift up your head;
Your are but sleeping,
Surely not dead!
You were so lovely
As I plucked you tonight,
So glorious with fragrance,
A source of delight.

I tucked you with others
Right here on my breast.
You nestled so snugly
While looking your best.
You seemed then an emblem
Of courage and love,
That my faith quickly rose
Like a lovely white dove.

But, though I forgot you,
I struggled to win
The place God assigned me,
And overcame sin;
Now peace has descended,
And I am at ease;
I've striven with courage
My Savior to please.

Now, I turn to you, violet,
Your beauty to see,
For of all of God's flowers
You're dearest to me.
I still crave the comfort
That you can bestow
But your life has gone from me;
Ah, where did it go?

Has our Father recalled you
As a child from its home,
To blossom in glory,
And ne'er more to roam?
Your life was so short,
Yet think of the joy
You given to others—
Not an ounce of alloy.

As a child is so pure,
So perfect, so sweet,
Both flowers and children
Will grow at his feet.
Your lives may be brief
And last but a day,
Let us learn of the violet
And the child at its play.

Whatever conditions
Or short be our days,
Let us shed all the fragrance,
Lift our hearts in his praise;
Help strengthen our brother,
To carry his load,
And follow Christ's footsteps
On the long, narrow road.

So, when we've departed
This life for our rest,
Some sinner we've rescued,
Some sorrowing one, blessed,
As you, little violet,
With your dear, sunny face,
Have shown me the Christ life
And his infinite grace.

We all can be violets,
Though humble they are;
Few can be lilies,
Seen from afar.
Some are like violets,
Their fragrance they shed
When they are withered
And trampled and dead.

Then let us remember,
Wherever we go,
To be violets, not lilies,
That others may know
The joy that I feel
As I lay you away,
Some soul has been saved
From sinning today.

By shedding your beauty
On all who came by
May they call me "dear violet"
When I, too, shall die.
God bless you, dear violet;
You've taught me to live,
And from our abundance
'Tis blessed to give.

MARY B. SANTEE HARRIS,
San Antonio, Texas.

THE TRAGEDY OF NAGGING.

He was the most engaging of boys when I saw him first, a little blue-eyed creature, all smiles and paroxysms of delight whenever he recognized a friend, his hands and feet going, his lips quivering, his whole body vibrant with the joy of his greeting. Everybody's sympathies went out to him at once. People from the big house never met him in his baby carriage without stopping for a moment's play with him, and every day the children brought him flowers and playthings. Whenever I planned a visit to the neighborhood in those days I thought of him, this little Peter Bright with his radiant smiles and his general air of gladness and delight. He seemed to me like one of the blossoms in his father's flower beds, for Bright, his father, was the gardener, an excellent one too, famous for his violets and his roses. Peter, though, was more charming than them all.

In the winter, of course, the big house was closed, and Peter was left

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to his parents. In the spring, when I went back to see him, I found him running about in short petticoats.

"Peter," I cried, holding up a small toy I had brought him.

There was no reply from the little lad, once so joyous and responsive. He was standing now behind his mother's knees wrapped up in her skirts which he had drawn about himself, as my approach, nothing but the back of his head and his shoulders being visible.

"Peter," I cried again. His mother shook her skirts. "Peter's a naughty boy," she said to me, then shook her skirts again. "Peter! Come out and speak to the lady."

Peter, of course, refused to budge. After a while from among his wrappings I discovered an eye peering at me, and supposed the victory won. At my first movement toward him, however—pop—and his face was hidden again and again his mother informed me that "Peter was a naughty boy."

I heard Peter pronounced a naughty boy every day of my visit, several times a day, and every hour in fact, and for everything he did, or did not do, whether it was bumping his curly head against a table, tumbling over a rug, dropping things out of his high chair, or refusing to speak to me. Peter by this time had begun to believe that he must be all the disagreeable things that were said to him. He grew self-conscious, his charm vanished, his spontaneity cooled, and his sweet laughter faded into meek and fateful little apologies of smiles, shy as April sunshine.

Undoubtedly it was only a habit of speech with his mother, this "Peter's a naughty boy" so incessantly repeated, but it marked the limitations of the mother, who in all else was a good woman, caring for her son, keeping him clean and his clothes in order, and who in the bottom of her heart, though she never said it to him or to us, really regarded him as the apple of her eye.

A habit of speech is not unusual among mothers, more's the pity. Some say "don't" so often that they forget to say nothing else. "What's your name?" a little boy was asked. "Charley Don't," he answered without a moment's hesitation.

"Mother!" said a middle-aged woman once to a mother who was eighty. "Mother! Did you know that since I was a child you had never said anything else to me, and for everything and anything I proposed, but 'Don't do that?' Suppose that I had obeyed you, where would we both be now?"

"Don't pay any attention to me, dear, when I say it. It's just a habit with me," answered this loveliest of old ladies, throwing her frail, thin arms around the neck of her daughter.

Yes! The very loveliest and sweetest of all old ladies, I insist, for who else among them has ever been so ready to confess her "Don't do that," as nothing but an unbecoming habit of speech? Peter's mother though young and wholesome, with nothing to do but allow the sweetness and beauty of her son's rare nature to unfold itself, would have found it no easy matter to confess her pet formula about "Peter's being a naughty boy," as only a habit of speech—a bad habit, too, one of the worst of which she could have been guilty, helping Peter to be naughty indeed, and creating in him so painful a sense of self-consciousness that he could never be natural again before me.

Peter is now a lad of nineteen, ill at ease before the people in the big house, avoiding them whenever he can, hiding behind stone walls and hedges when he sees them coming, so that by hiding he can escape the agony of having to take off his hat in good-morning. He feels, of course, every distinction drawn between him and the sons of his father's employer, and no wonder, since, as he says, he grew up with them. Yet an unfortunate early training ruined his manners, robbed him of his powers of address, and forced all the sweetness of his nature to express itself within the narrow limitations of an inferiority which an engendered self-consciousness made for him. None of it was necessary. Peter might have been

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brought up to take a place with the best of men. The opportunity was there. In this country of ours nobody denies to anyone else the privilege of rising in the social scale. If we are kept down, it is because we keep ourselves down; others, more prosperous, do not keep us, and cannot be blamed for our failures to rise.

When a child is taught to be polite to a visitor, to take off its hat, to answer when spoken to—taught to do all this and many other things because consideration for others should govern his conduct toward them—then the virtues of consideration and kindness become in reality an integral part of the nature of that child. When these virtues have become integral parts, then they are unconsciously exercised, like the spring of a soldier to the word of command.

Who can deny that a child so reared takes a better place in life, and that he is made a contribution to the joy of those about him, not a drag upon their faith and patience? And after all, do not we who are older owe this to the children whom we rear—that we make it easy for them to express their best?

Peter lost his first chance when he was called a naughty boy for hiding in my presence instead of being told to thank me for the plaything I had brought.—From "The Joy of Life."

THE MACHINE WITHOUT THREAD

"I like to sew where there is no thread in the machine, it runs so easily," said a little girl one day.

A good many people, I think, are pretty fond of running their machines without thread.

When I hear a boy talking very largely of the grand things he would do, if he only could, and if things and circumstances were only different, and then neglecting every daily duty, and avoiding work and lessons, I think he is running his machine without any thread.

When I see a girl very sweet and pleasant abroad, ready to do anything for a stranger, and cross and disagreeable in her home, she, too, is running her machine without any thread.

Ah! This sewing without a thread is very easy, indeed, and the life machine will make a great buzzing, but labor, time and force will in the end be far worse than lost.—Friend for Boys and Girls.

MILLY'S CROSS AND CIRCLE DIARY.

I don't see why you want to tag every time Eva and I are together. "Two's company, three's a crowd," Milly Graham flashed out, casting an angry glance at the unwelcome little girl who, in this instance, made the crowd.

"I didn't know you didn't want me," Annie Dean replied with quivering lips, as she turned away quickly to hide her tear-filled eyes.

"I'm so sorry you spoke like that," Eva Goodell remonstrated. "Annie is a real nice girl."

"We don't want fourth-graders around with us all the time," Milly persisted crossly.

"But she is—as old as we are," declared Eva.

"If she can't keep up in her studies with girls of her own age she ought not to expect them to associate with her," snapped Milly.

"It isn't Annie's fault," explained

Eva. "She was sick a long, long time, and so got behind. I heard her teacher telling Miss Warren the other day that Annie was way ahead of her class now, and that she would probably be able to skip into the class with us next year."

At that moment the ringing of the school bell put an end to the controversy, but Milly, when she thought the matter over, began to feel decidedly ashamed of herself. It is not pleasant to remember that one has cruelly hurt the feelings of another person.

That night, after supper, her little sister Amy said pleadingly: "Oh, Milly, I do wish you'd help me with my sums. I can't seem to make them come right. I get a different answer every time I count."

"I can't be bothered with you now," Milly replied with a scowl. "I've my own examples to do. Sums are easy. You ought to be able to do them by yourself all right. When I was back in sums I didn't have any big sister to help me."

Amy bent her curly head over her slate in silence. She was getting so that she did not often seek help of any sort from Milly.

"I remember when I was a little girl and first began to do sums, I found them dreadfully hard," grandma, who was busy mending stockings, said reminiscently.

"I didn't mean to be cross with Amy," Milly said soberly, "only she always asks me to do things when I want to do something else. Oh, dear, I do wish my tongue wasn't so quick to say hateful, unkind things!"

"There must be cross, unkind thoughts and feelings before the tongue can say cross, unkind words," grandma said meaningly.

Milly blushed.

"I've tried and tried not to get cross, but some way I can't help it," she complained.

"When I was your age I got into the habit of often being cross, too," grandma said quietly. "It is not an easy habit to overcome."

Milly opened her eyes in wonder, for grandma was the very pleasantest person she had ever known.

"But I began to keep a cross and circle diary," grandma continued, "and that helped me a great deal."

"Oh, please tell me about it," Milly begged eagerly. "I never heard of that kind of a diary before."

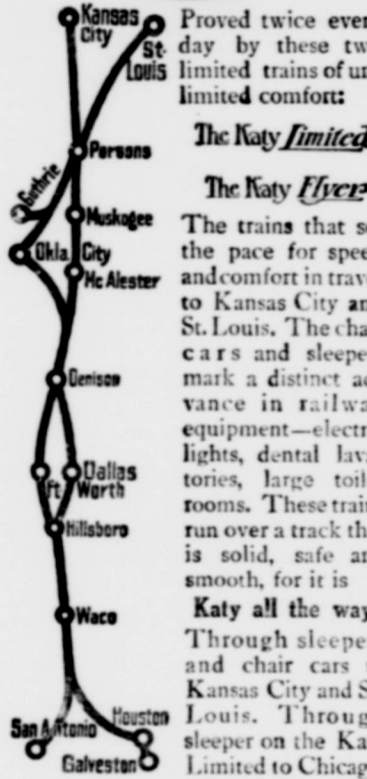
"No," said grandma with a laugh. "I don't suppose you ever did. You see, I made it up myself. Of course, we all ought to do right because it is right, but sometimes a little reminder helps. Every day I set down in a little notebook a cross for every cross thing I said and a circle for every kind thing."

"But why did you use a cross and a circle?" inquired Milly with interest.

"It would take too long to write it all

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out," grandma explained. "Besides, anyone could have read it, while no one knew what the cross and circle signs meant but myself. The cross is an easy mark to make, and I couldn't easily forget that it represented cross words to me. I used the circle because the influence of a kind word may be unending, just as a circle is without end."

"I believe I'll try keeping a cross and circle diary myself," announced Milly.

The very next day Milly hunted up a small notebook and began keeping her odd diary.

But at the end of four days she began to feel quite discouraged, for there were many crosses set down for each day but as yet no circles.

"I can't stand being all crosses any longer," Milly told herself. "I've just got to do something to make a circle on purpose. The cross words just seem to happen, but I shouldn't wonder if the kind words needed helping until one gets into the habit of saying them."

That afternoon May Owen, a new scholar whom the other girls had not seemed inclined to receive as one of themselves because of her shyness and reserve, came to school wearing a very pretty new necklace.

At recess Milly stepped up to her and said, with a propitiating smile, "What a lovely necklace you have, May."

"Isn't it!" May returned, her eyes shining with pleasure at being spoken to in this informal way. "It's my birthday, and aunt gave it to me for my birthday present."

"Oh, girls," Milly called out impulsively to a number of the other girls who were approaching. "What do you think! It's May's birthday. Can't we do a little something after school to celebrate?"

"I should think we ought to," declared Eva, who was with the other girls. "What do you say, girls? Wouldn't it be nice to all go to the woods for wild flowers? Suppose we

ask Miss Warren to go too. She could tell us all about the flowers we find. Wouldn't you enjoy going, May?"

"I should enjoy it very much," May said eagerly. She had been so lonely that it seemed too good to be true that the girls were showing themselves friendly, for they had all agreed with Eva that it would be nice to celebrate May's birthday by going to the woods.

That night Milly had several circles to her credit in the diary.

"May is really very pleasant to know," Milly thought. "She isn't stiff or stuck up as we thought she was. Now all the girls are friendly with her, and she seems so pleased. And to think it all came about from such a little thing as my noticing her necklace. Well, after this I shall keep on trying to say kind things."

Of course it was hard work to always remember not to say cross things, and often there were no kind words for Milly to record in her diary, but, in spite of mistakes, the crosses steadily diminished in number and the circles increased.

"I'm awfully glad I began my cross and circle diary," Milly told grandma one day. "One is so much happier after saying kind things to people than after saying cross things."—The Interior.

KEEP AT THE WELL EYE.

Nine persons out of every ten, with a cinder or any other foreign substance in the eye, will instantly begin to rub it with one hand while hunting for a handkerchief with the other. This is all wrong. The right way is not to rub the eye with the cinder in it, but to rub the other as vigorously as you like.

A few months ago I was riding on the engine of a fast express, says a traveler. The engineer threw open the front window of the cab, and I caught a cinder in my eye which gave me intense pain. I began to rub the eye desperately, when the engineer called to me:

"Let that eye alone, and rub the other one." Thinking he was chaffing me, I only rubbed the harder.

"I know the doctors think they know it all; but they don't, and if you will let that eye alone and work on the other one you will soon have the cinder out," shouted the engineer.

I did as he directed, and soon felt the cinder down near the inner canthus, and made ready to take it out.

"Let it alone and keep at the well eye," again shouted the engineer.

I did so for a minute longer, and then, looking into a small glass the engineer handed me, I saw the offender on my cheek. I have tried it many times since, always with success.—The Interior.

KATE AND JOE.

Do you know a nice girl named Kate, who lives uptown in New York? I do. And I know her brother Joe. Every summer, Kate and Joe leave the city and go to visit their aunt, who lives in a big house in the country. And on pleasant days their aunt lets them go into the village near by to get the letters at the postoffice.

They start early and walk through the fields and pretty lanes. Joe is not so big as Kate, but that is not his fault. He grows just as fast as he can, but as Kate is three years older than Joe he can not catch up with her. But he tells Kate that he is a boy anyway, and he can take good care of her. So, sometimes, when they start down the lane, she takes his arm just as if he were a big man, and then Joe feels very proud.

One day, when Kate and Joe were going to the village, they saw a dog who was barking at a very little girl. Joe came on just in time to say, in a very loud voice, "Stop, sir!" and the dog crawled away. Joe thought it was because he was a boy, but the real reason was that the dog saw a man coming with a whip in his hand.

Next, they saw another dog, and what do you think he was doing? Jumping after a butterfly! But the butterfly did not care one bit. He flew around and around the dog, just keeping out of his reach, until the dog was tired out.

"Joe," said Kate, who thought she would teach her brother something, "that butterfly will turn to a worm some day."

"Pooh," said Joe, "just as if I didn't

know that. Now, see me catch him in my hat!"

But Joe didn't catch him at all. For the butterfly flew away, and left Joe sprawling on the ground. The bright wings shook as if the butterfly was laughing at Kate and Joe. They made a very funny mistake when they thought the butterfly would turn to a worm. The worms change, but not the butterflies. First, the worm slowly hides himself away in a soft covering, which he makes for himself, until it looks like a little bundle. Then in time the bundle bursts open and out comes a butterfly.

When Joe picked himself up that day, he rubbed his knees, and what did he see but another dog. It was a great pet, and belonged to a little girl whom Kate and Joe did not know. It was white and small and its tail curled naturally, Joe said. The dog would not leave the little girl at all, and barked if Joe or Kate came near. But the little girl smiled at them sweetly, and Kate said: "What a pretty pair of pets they are!"

"These must be dog-days," said Joe, as they walked on, and Kate said she thought so, too.—St. Nicholas.

MARY ANN FINDS A PET.

It was noisy and dirty where Mary Ann lived. The big trains thundered past every hour of the day and rattled the windows.

But there was the tunnel. Not forty feet from Mary Ann's front gate it opened its great mouth and Mary Ann was never tired of watching it swallow the great trains.

At the other end of the tunnel was the country. Mary Ann had never seen the country but she knew all about it for that was where her mother had lived when she was a little girl. "O, child! If we get your father into the country!" Mary Ann's mother would often say and then she would sigh and look up from her work at the clouds of smoke pouring from the chimneys of the factory where her father worked.

Mary Ann knew why her mother sighed. The doctor said it was the smoke which made her father's face so white.

One hot day in summer she was swinging on the front gate eating a radish. She took small bites to make it last as long as possible and stopped now and then to lean out over the gate.

Suddenly Mary Ann heard a pitiful little whine. She looked and listened. She heard it again and this time she saw that it came from a dirty, woolly little bundle of hair that lay quivering on the track. She called excitedly to her mother and they picked up the poor little bundle which they found to be a little dirty white dog with big brown eyes.

"Run for some water, Mary Ann," said her mother, putting the dog down on the tiny porch.

"Look, mamma," exclaimed Mary Ann. "He has a shiny collar on and it has writing on it."

Her mother looked and read it. "Wiggles," that must be his name.

"Dear Wiggles," murmured Mary Ann, patting his head softly.

When Mary Ann's father came home that night he said Wiggles' home was just the other side of the tunnel and he would take him home on the next train; Mary Ann might go, too. Mary Ann caught her breath. To go through the tunnel and see the really truly country! It was all like a wonderful dream.

Mary Ann cannot remember just what happened next, but she remembers that she was walking by her father's side, the dog clasped tightly in her arms, when a little girl in a white dress came flying toward them and Wiggles gave a bound from Mary Ann's arms into those of the little girl. And the little girl's father shook hands with Mary Ann's father and then Mary Ann and Wiggles and the little girl sat down on the grass.

And what do you think happened then? The little girl's father found that the factory smoke was making Mary Ann's father ill and he asked him to bring Mary Ann and her mother and live in a little cottage covered with roses and take care of the lawn and big stable.

And so he did. The first night that Mary Ann was tucked into bed in the new home she murmured happily, "An' 'twas all account of Wiggles."—The Congregationalist.

An Endless Chain of Sickness.

There are upwards of one million deaths each year in the United States. In 99% of cases the people who die are less than sixty-five years old. The evils that are due to disease can be escaped just in proportion as the conditions and habits that bring on disease become more widely understood.

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The physicians and surgeons employed are among the most experienced and skillful in the country, men who have made these diseases their life study, and whose highest ambition is to excel in their treatment.

How well they have succeeded may be judged from the fact that their practice embraces cases from every State and Territory of the Union as well as from foreign lands. Many thousands are annually treated, either through correspondence or at Dr. Pierce's Institution. It is an old adage that, "Experience makes perfect," and the skilled specialists in this field of practice cure thousands of cases which have been abandoned as incurable by general practitioners.

One of the most wonderful electrical appliances is the X-ray used at the Institute which may be used both in the treatment of various diseases and in the diagnosis of many obscure conditions. With its aid the interior of the human body is no longer the sealed book it has been heretofore. Abnormal states of the bones, gall stones, stone in the bladder or in the kidneys, are shown plainly by what are known as X-ray photographs. Internal tumors, and the enlargement of the deep-seated organs, are also discovered by this means and in the diagnosis of tuberculosis of the lungs this agent has proven a most valuable aid. When applied to some of the less fatal chronic ailments of germ origin it has proven very effective as a curative agent.

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WHY I AM A METHODIST.

By Rev. F. G. Cox,
Pastor of the M. E. Church, South,
Dexter, N. M.

From the fact that I was formerly a Baptist minister and educated in a Baptist school, but at the Annual Conference held at Artesia, N. M., October 6, this year, and joined the Methodist Church, since which time I have been asked by many, "Why are you a Methodist?" in the outset I desire to say I was raised on "Methodist milk."

My mother was a Methodist, known as a vigorous Church worker. About her cluster memories sweet and sacred. To her prayers and teachings and dying words I owe the action I took at Artesia, New Mexico.

It was Methodist teachings that stayed my feet thus far through life. If I shall have any "crown of rejoicing" in that celestial city it will be in answer to her prayers and teachings, and not my college training.

But there are other reasons of no less consideration.

In the past three years I have been thrown in contact with Methodist Churches and Methodist preachers more frequently than Baptists; and in the six years since I left school I have learned a few things.

For three years I was employed as an evangelist in the North, returning to this State July 1, 1908. Things were different, I found, than in the North. The brethren were not so liberal. Preachers were hired to entertain rather than to preach for conversions.

I was made to ask myself the question: Where does the converting power of the Church lie? I wonder if it is in the pulpit now solely. I believe it should be jointly in both. If it is in the pulpit, then the organization and administration of our Churches should be entirely unlike what they should be if it existed outside of the pulpit.

Then, said I, when the proper foundation is found I can build my building; not before.

So I began to look about for foundation material. I was without a place to preach, "a shepherd without a flock."

I wrote Bishop Key and he sent me to Kenedy, Texas, where I filled the unexpired time of L. D. Thompson.

During the four months there I read the life of John Wesley, which opened my eyes to Methodism.

Now, brethren, there can be no doubt that not many years ago the pulpit did nearly represent the entire converting energies of the Church. It represented the human agency in every revival. Every one so regarded it. But a change came. The situation and condition of the Church were modified, and I will give you in brief the history of these changes, that you may the better understand why, after investigation, I came back to my mother's faith and my childhood's food.

We all know that in the beginning of Christianity every disciple became an agent to convert others; every convert was not merely in name but in fact and practice a preacher of the faith. The letters which Paul from time to time addressed to the Churches prove this. They abound with directions and exhortations to the workers. His epistles, urging active effort and individual devotion to the Master, were read to all Churches and received by the members, personally addressed to each one. James took the same view. The great aim of apostolic effort seemed to be to make workers; enlist agents in the service for Christ. The early preachers of the faith never labored to build up hierarchy, a caste, a priesthood, in which should be lodged all power. They strove to make every member active, constant in season and out of season, to win souls. Personal activity was the basis upon which the early Church was founded. This was the Gibraltar of that faith which felt itself to be invincible and destined to rule the world.

Each Church had a Bishop, and the very name implied a body of laborers under him; an active, earnest, helpful lay element; men and women who had work to do, and over whom the preacher was installed. This was the idea. For centuries it was universally held and complied with. The

pastors directed and the Churches worked.

Then came pride and priestly assumption and ambition to rule. These invaded the Churches, took possession of the clergy, and in order that a priesthood might be built up in whom should be lodged all power, and who should represent all activity, the lay element was suppressed. At last the Church surrendered. Song and prayer and exhortation and labor ceased in her membership.

Then came the Dark Ages—a dark level of spiritual lapse and stagnation, without even a ripple of activity to denote the existence of life or impulse. Rome, under this influence, emerged stronger, more cruel, more tyrannous than ever. Beneath and around the feet of her Pontiff every spiritual function of the Church, every activity, lay chained, slaves to her will.

No hymn, no prayer, no exhortation was heard, save such as were chanted by the order of her priests. Then Luther, raised and inspired of God, arose. The Reformation came, and partial liberty was the result.

Yes, partial liberty only; freedom from Rome, but not freedom to work; freedom for the ministry, but not freedom for the laymen. They were still held in a thralldom beside which tyranny of man is as nothing—the thralldom of custom, the slavery of precedent.

As it is with women now, or rather has been heretofore, the lay element of the Church had been educated into silence. A priest had rebelled against Rome and given liberty to the pulpits, but no layman was found to rebel against the pulpit and give liberty to the pews. The Reformation was thus radically incomplete. Only one part of the Church was emancipated and restored to the primitive liberty. The Reformation in Germany left the Church a great way below the position in which Paul left it.

At last came Wesley, a greater than Luther. True, it was not the Pope he opposed; but he did oppose and make war upon the same spirit of assumption of power in the ministry; the same exclusiveness that made the papacy a curse to man and a hindrance to the Church.

When Methodism arose the Pauline Churches were reproduced in history. Every man's mouth was opened; the membership found their voices, and praise and prayer and exhortation sounded once more in the assembly of the saints. The Pauline liberty was practiced, and the Phoebes and Dorcas were permitted to have ecclesiastical existence and mention.

Do you still ask why I am a Methodist? Then let me say:

Because John Wesley and those co-laborers, by their determination and sanctification, gave to the membership of the Churches what the Reformation of Luther gave to the ministry—liberty to speak and work as the spirit of God moved them, and the preacher to preach as the Spirit gives him utterance; the day of dictation should be over.

You can trace the great success of Methodism to the fact that it has duplicated the Pauline energy in the organization of their Churches. It has had but one motto—the utilization of all spiritual forces. If a man could pray or sing or exhort, he has been allowed to do it. If a saint chanced to be of the female gender it did not consign her to the limbo of non-entities and gag her mouth with a perverted and misapplied text of Scripture; it gave her full permission to serve her Master as he by nature and grace had qualified her. It has found a place for every man and a man for every place. This is the whole philosophy of the success of Methodism. It has been courageous; it has not been afraid of change, of innovation. It has not been afraid of new methods. She has not been ashamed of her itinerant ministry, which has been so much emphasized by her many.

These are the reasons why I am a Methodist, and may the Lord who raised her up and entered her like a wedge under the iron-like band of prejudice and ecclesiastical tyranny preserve her from the pride and slothfulness that have blunted the edge and destroyed the usefulness of many.

If any one desires to know where this movement began in Wesley, and which has lifted and propelled the Church as the incoming wave lifts

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and heaves a ship; if he will stop he can easily ascertain. Its logical conclusion, and to which the next generation will come, is this: That every converted person, white or black, male or female, has the inalienable right to serve God and man in whatever way the Author of being and the God of all grace has made possible. Voice and heart and hand shall speak and labor and beat as the Spirit shall quicken them, unhindered by any. That is what we are coming to; that is the shore toward which the current sets. On it, when reached, the Church will stand in that wide liberty to love and work which she enjoyed in her early prime.

Swift be the coming of that day! There is one other reason why I am a Methodist:

In my former relation there was a feeling that no one was to be admitted to the Church unless they were sure he or she would "sustain himself" or "run well." If a weak, wavering, ill-instructed convert applied for admission, the point was raised that "he will not hold out"—they said this of me—and he was voted up or down, as the chances for or against this supposition balanced the scale. I said: Brethren, I do not like this way of treating such cases. That the "weak in the faith" were to be received, it is evident Paul never doubted, for he gave directions how they were to be received. I love to think of the Church as a refuge for the pursued, a shelter to which they can run when chased by passion and appetite; yea, a shelter of guardian hands and loving hearts. The Church is a fold where the weak and sick lambs find warmth and protection; where those who have wandered on the mountains of their sins and bear the marks of the wolf on their throats come panting and stained with blood and have their wounds dressed and healed.

I have no idea I shall ever be disgraced because I have made the change, or rather because I have "gone back home." I am ready to incur whatever risk there lies in doing one's duty. What cannot hurt his followers God will see shall not hurt his Church.

The conditions of membership in this Church are the scriptural conditions—repentance and faith. The sacramental table is not ours; it is the Lord's; he spreads it, not we; he invites you to it, not we; he imposes the terms, not we. You who have repented of your sins, you who trust in the Lord Jesus as your Redeemer, you are his children, his followers, his invited guests, weak or strong, stable or fickle, warm or cold, a child of many years or only of a day, the table and the feast are for you; and no human authority can rightfully keep you from it.

Somewhere ahead of us is a day of moral victory and universal peace. By and by we shall all come and stand around the throne. Then I hope and expect to see written around this majestic throne in lines of living light these words:

"The Church of the Living God." Until then I expect to serve and work to this end in the most consensual way.

"PROOF OF THE PUDDING."

The Every-Member Canvass Approved by Results.

By R. B. Eleazer.

That the every-member canvass is the most effective means of increasing missionary giving and, indeed, of financing the Church's work in general, has been abundantly proved in

multitudes of cases. The figures, published not long since, showing that in twenty-one Southern cities the amount contributed to foreign missions was almost doubled last year as the result of the canvass, were a sufficient testimony to the efficacy of this plan; but new evidences are coming in constantly, some of which are briefly given below. The following are typical illustrations of the success of the plan in some of the Methodist Churches where it was given a fair trial:

Matthewson Street Church, Providence, R. I., gave last year, \$732; this year, \$1700. Number giving last year, 210; number giving this year, 500.

Calvary Church, Washington, increased from \$237 to \$414, and the number of givers from 59 to 80.

Mount Vernon Church, Baltimore, increased from \$488 to \$838, and the number of givers from 100 to 240.

Elm Park Church, Scranton, from \$285 to \$3359; number of givers from 250 to 400.

First Church, Syracuse, from \$295 to \$599; number of givers from 75 to 130.

Plymouth Church, Buffalo, from \$1575 to \$2500.

Richmond Avenue, Buffalo, from \$1794 to \$4790.

Grace Church, Dayton, from \$828 to \$1656.

First Church, Chattanooga, from \$375 to \$1600.

The 1600 per cent increase of our own Church in Parkersburg, W. Va., is still fresh in mind.

The Methodist Churches of Houston increased their missionary giving from \$2300 to more than \$10,000 as the result of the canvass. In other Churches the results are equally striking. The Southern Presbyterian Church of Huntsville made a canvass in one day last spring. Eighty-five per cent of its members subscribed on a weekly basis, the total amounting to \$2150—an average of \$10 per member.

In the Delaware Baptist Church of Syracuse, N. Y., a committee of laymen conducted a canvass, reached and enlisted more than two-thirds of the members and increased the contributions of the Church from \$470 to \$1400. These are but few of the many such cases that might be cited.

Now, as to the result of greater missionary giving on the other financial interests of the Church. When more is given to missions, does it mean that other departments will suffer in consequence? Our Southern Presbyterian brethren have studied this question carefully, and their experience shows the following results:

Out of 362 Churches in 13 synods that gave more last year to foreign missions, 267, or 76 per cent, gave more also to home causes, and 58 per cent gave more to congregational expenses as well. No decrease is reported in any case. Instead of cutting down the revenues of other departments, we are convinced that an access of missionary interest will in every case result in a deepening of the feeling of Christian stewardship and in greater liberality toward home causes as well. No pastor need be afraid of the every-member canvass. If properly conducted it will not only greatly increase the missionary giving of his Church, but it will make all his financial burdens easier.

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THE TEXAS CONFERENCE.

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conference without controversy, and this disposed of the question.

In the absence of Bishop Murrah at the afternoon session, Rev. W. F. Packard, D. D., presided. Rev. E. W. Solomon conducted the opening service. Dr. J. H. McLean at the morning session spoke in the interest of the orphanage and was given a close hearing. The Sunday observance committee reported and the Rev. R. C. Armstrong spoke of the work being done to accomplish Sunday legislation. He is the State superintendent of the Sunday League of America, and he is doing heroic service in the interest of a better Sunday and for the enforcement of our present Sunday laws.

The Committee on Books and Periodicals made their report. Among other things, the Texas Advocate was fully endorsed and highly commended. The editor and publishers were well spoken of, and he was given a cordial hearing. Dr. McLean spoke of the work being done by the Historical Quarterly and commended it to the conference. A number of the brethren spoke on different phases of the report. Dr. Alexander, the old man eloquent, spoke in high terms of the Advocate. Dr. Solomon and Dr. Adams emphasized the claims of the Quarterly Review. W. W. Graham did likewise. The report was enthusiastically accepted. The honored name of the late Brother D. H. Abernathy was referred to the committee on memoirs. He was long a lay member of the conference, and no man was more loved by all the brethren.

The report on temperance was a strong indictment of the saloon and pledged anew the opposition of the conference to it as the most baneful institution in our American life. Dr. J. W. Moore spoke powerfully in support of the report, and pointed out how that influence would be exerted from headquarters of the liquor forces to keep the preachers out of the State campaign.

The report on the laymen's movement was a well prepared document,

and it pointed out how the pastors and presiding elders can help the laymen in their work. It was read by Thomas Swope.

We left Galveston after the afternoon session and did not return. So we are not able to give items from personal observation. We learn from the daily papers that Sunday was a great day in the Island City. A fine lovefeast was held at the Central Church, with Rev. H. M. Sears in charge. It was a mellow and a deeply spiritual service and greatly enjoyed by a large multitude. At 11 o'clock Bishop Murrah preached to an immense congregation and it is said to have been one of the ablest discourses heard in Galveston for years. Following this sermon, he ordained a class of Deacons. In the afternoon a most interesting memorial service was conducted. At night Rev. Sam R. Hay preached a marvelously popular sermon to a large congregation. Following it Bishop Murrah ordained the elders. At the other Protestant Churches, our ministers were gener-

ally used and the Galveston News gave excerpts from a number of the sermons. All in all, Galveston had a red letter day in the way of religious services.

Monday morning the conference began its last session with a desire to get through and hear the appointments. Reports came in fast and they were disposed of with but little speech-making. Soon the calendar was cleaned up, and the Bishop, after a few appropriate remarks, read the appointments and the preachers soon scattered to find their trains and make their way to their several fields.

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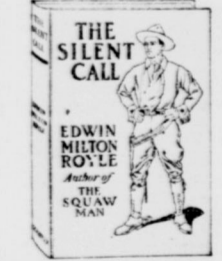
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W. H. M. SOCIETY, BAIRD, TEXAS.

Our Woman's Home Mission Society has done fine work in the last two quarters, and I feel that a report will be encouraging to our own members as well as others.

We have thirty-five members. Nine have joined in the last six months. Our Week of Prayer was well attended, and all leaders prepared the work. In fact, all did their parts intelligently and well.

Our report follows: Membership dues, \$16.15; Brigade, \$2.14; Conference Expense Fund, \$2.25; conference pledge, \$2; offering from Week of Prayer, \$12.55; entertainment proceeds, \$17.76; from sale of cook books, \$210.30; Mite Box Fund, 73c; assistance to needy, \$10; subscribers to Our Homes, 11; present to our pastor's wife, \$10.

WOMAN'S HOME MISSIONARY SOCIETY OF THE M. E. CHURCH, SOUTH.

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Three prohibition campaigns in our town came in between to draw on time, strength, patience and enthusiasm, and as the First M. E. Church, South, was headquarters for all women's and most men's meetings, the women of our Church felt more or less as hostesses and were present and working at these meetings, and up to the hour of victory, praying, or serving coffee, or standing on the lines, as duty demanded.

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We are now planning for the new year and for our course of study for the new year and hope to issue a Year Book or Calendar.

MRS. W. T. SPENCER,
Literature and Press Supt.
Marshall, Texas.

FROM BASTROP, TEXAS.

Three days of the Week of Prayer were observed by the Woman's Foreign Missionary Society of the M. E. Church, Bastrop, Texas, and it was indeed a season of gladness and spiritual uplift to all who attended. A very pleasing feature of these series of meetings was the attendance of members from other denominations, showing the sweet spirit of unity and harmony in Christian work. "If I be lifted up said He I will draw all men unto me," and the very spirit of each service seemed to be to get a clearer vision of duty to God and to our fellow man. As we grow in love to Him it is manifest in deeds of love to man. The programs for the meetings were prepared by the efficient and enthusiastic President, Mrs. B. D. Orgain, and proved so interesting and full of information. All subjects assigned were well rendered and showed thoughtful and careful preparation. The parts given by the dear children were excellent and they, too, felt it a privilege to take part in God's work. "I am come to do the will of God" seemed to be the key-thought of all present. Christ is counting on me to do all I can. At the close of the meeting the President made a beautiful and effective talk and thanked the ladies for having put aside their many home duties to attend these series of prayer services. May the good impulses and the feeling for greater service abide with us.

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To do away with this objection, it was decided at the last board meeting in Nashville (in May of this year) to, instead, ask each conference to pledge a certain amount about equivalent to the \$1.00 extra, to be prorated among the auxiliaries according to membership.

Our North Texas Conference So-

ciety, in its last annual meeting at Commerce, pledged \$1000. This takes the place of the \$1.00 per member conference pledge for connectional work. Let each auxiliary take pledges from members and let each member pledge something. If you can't quite reach the \$1.00, give what you can, and let some other member more fortunate than yourself give over the \$1.00, so that your auxiliary will fully pay your pro rata of the pledge. If any have paid in the \$1.00 already, it can be counted on the pledge. Then, what has not been secured can be made up in other ways, so as to pay your pledge in full and make your auxiliary ideal.

Do not wait later than December to make your arrangements for securing your part of the conference pledge, and pay it in as early as convenient. Those who pledge can pay all at once, weekly, monthly or quarterly. Your auxiliary treasurer should keep a list of names and amounts pledged, and times of payment.

We earnestly request that each woman in the work will make a special effort to see that her auxiliary pledge is paid. Don't give according to the way the other woman pays, but according as God has prospered you. "Bring ye all the tithes into the storehouse and prove me now herewith," saith the Lord of Hosts, "and I will pour you out a blessing that there shall not be room to receive it." So abundantly has the dear Lord poured out His blessings on our Home Mission Institutions that more money is absolutely necessary to meet their various needs. Don't forget that you must hold your Week of Prayer and give an offering if you would be counted "ideal."

Let me insist that you send me your quarterly report not later than December 10. Lovingly and prayerfully,

MRS. FRANK BENNETT,
Conference Treasurer
Pottsboro, Texas.

FROM COLORADO, TEXAS.

The Foreign and Home Missionary Societies of Colorado held their Week of Prayer jointly the second week in November. The Sunday previous posters in various parts of the Church announced the services and invited the ladies to attend. Monday the Foreign Mission posters, pictures and charts were put up and a splendid program rendered. Papers upon the Evangelization of the World in this Generation, Achievements of the First Generation of Christians, Achievements of the Modern Church were read, together with articles upon Recruiting and Training Agencies, Facilities at the Disposal of the Church and a class conducted by Mrs. Shaw, our presiding elder's wife. Her questions fastened the truth in our minds in a way never to be forgotten. Tuesday the ladies prayer-meeting, which meets upon this day were invited to join with us and a large crowd assembled. Bible responses to missionary questions were given by all. Mrs. Shaw conducted her class again and gave some drawings. She is a very fine artist. A leaflet was read upon the Needs of the Work, and a number of short articles given to show how the different missionary heroes were won. This was followed by a missionary experience meeting, which kept us until dark and still there were experiences untold. On Wednesday the religions of the various heathen countries were compared with that of Christianity in papers and talks. The pictures of our home missionaries and the charts and posters upon interesting subjects were added to the other adornments of the church.

Thursday and Friday the home schools, and our work here at home was especially stressed. A question box on both days proved most interesting. The claims of Ruth Hargrove Institute were put forward both days as strongly as possible by the Press Reporter. The District Secretary made a stirring appeal for new members, urging the membership committee to continue their work of getting members and subscribers for Our Homes. Several members were gotten in both societies.

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orations of autumn leaves and flowers, the orchestra was invited to assist the choir, which prepared some new songs. Mrs. Shaw presided at the morning service, the Bible lesson was the missionary questions answered by the congregation. A paper on why I believe in missions was given. A fine paper upon the work of the Baptist missionaries was read by a lady from that Church. A big dollar with steamers attached was used as a chart to show what we give relatively to missions, gum, candy, tobacco and liquors. Two beautiful poems were illustrated by Mrs. Shaw. In the evening Mrs. Lyon, our minister's wife presided. One of the best papers given during the week, the achievements of the first generation of Christians, was read. Then Searritt and Ruth Hargrove and the need of raising our part of the pledge money was impressed upon the congregation. And a collection taken which added considerably to the pledge, raised during the week. Other poems were illustrated by Mrs. Shaw, who always fills the house with eager spectators when she draws. Some beautiful music was given by the orchestra, and we felt sure we were enjoyed; for the people who attended in the morning were all back again at night bringing some one with them. Our pastor said he heard of our service at conference, so we are evidently noted. We are in earnest to make this the best year of both societies, and are working not for glory, but for His sake who has made us His witnesses.

MRS. J. G. MERRITT,
Press Reporter.

Since the annual meeting of the W. H. M. S. of Central Texas Conference at Waxahachie there has been some changes in our officers. Since the death of dear Sister L. B. Cobb we have been without a district secretary for Corsicana District. Sister C. H. Buchanan, who goes to Mexia, has been appointed to fill Sister Cobb's place. The vacancy made by removing Sister Buchanan from the Waco District is filled by Sister R. L. Abbott of Waco, who becomes district secretary of Waco District. Sister Charles Smith of McGregor resigned the office of first vice president because of bad health, and Sister J. R. Milam of Waco becomes our first vice president. For these new officers I wish to bespeak your help and hearty co-operation, and though they have not had an even start, I feel sure that with your aid these wide-awake, consecrated women will do much. I feel I must call to your minds, dear sisters, our reading course. Our Mrs. Sullenberger is doing some fine work; write

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Solid Gold Waist Sets (3 pins to set), of floral designs set with Beroque pearls.....	5.00
Solid Gold Bar or Handy Pins, plain Roman finish, \$1.99; larger ones in plain, \$2.99 and.....	2.50
Solid Gold Bar Pins, set with 1 pearl.....	4.50
Solid Gold Bar Pins, set with Beroque pearls and topaz.....	8.50
Solid Gold Cuff Pins, in plain and fancy styles, per pair, \$1.00; same size pins, set with 3 imitation pearls.....	1.50
Solid Gold Cuff Pins, inlaid with blue enamel in floral designs.....	2.25
Solid Gold Cuff Pins, set with pearls and engraved, \$10.99; fancy all pearl set.....	12.00
Solid Gold Hat Pins, with steel stems in plain signets.....	1.00
Fancy Signets, \$5.59; and other fancy designs.....	3.50
Solid Gold Scarf Pins, plain signets, Roman or English finish, \$1.99; heavier signets, \$1.75 up to.....	5.00
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Solid Gold Coral Cameo Scarf Pins.....	5.00
Pearl Sets, Scarf Pins, in solid gold, \$3.75, \$5.00 and.....	10.00
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Ribbon Fobs, with solid gold buckles.....	3.25
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MRS. E. H. WYNNE,
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PROGRAM

OF THE MIDWINTER BIBLE AND MISSIONARY CONFERENCE AT THE METHODIST TRAINING SCHOOL, NASHVILLE, TENNESSEE, DECEMBER 28, 1910, TO JANUARY 5, 1911—DR. W. W. PINSON, CHAIRMAN.

Wednesday, December 28, 1910.
7:30 p. m.—The Aim and Spirit of the Institute, Dr. W. W. Pinson; 8:15 p. m.—A Survey of Our Missionary Fields and Resources, Bishop W. R. Lambuth.

Thursday, December 29.
9:00 a. m.—Bible Study, Dr. O. E. Brown; 10:00 a. m. The Missionary Education of the Children, Dr. E. B. Chappell; 11:00 a. m. The Missionary Education of the Young People, Dr. F. S. Parker; 5:00 p. m. Vesper Service, Dr. J. S. French; 7:30 p. m. The Leadership of the Pastor in Mission-

ary Education, Dr. E. H. Rawlings; 8:30 p. m. What is Religious Education, Dr. H. F. Cope, of Chicago.

Friday, December 30.

9:00 a. m. Bible Study, Dr. O. E. Brown; 10:00 a. m. The American Missions of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South, Dr. J. M. Moore; 11:00 a. m. Organizing a City for Character Purposes, Dr. H. F. Cope; 5:00 p. m. Vesper Service, Dr. James I. Vance; 7:30 p. m. An Illustrated Address on the Conservation of American Childhood, Dr. A. J. McKelway, of Washington, D. C.; 8:30 p. m. Address, Dr. Walter Rauschenbusch, of Rochester, New York.

Saturday, December 31.

9:00 a. m. Bible Study, Dr. O. E. Brown; 10:00 a. m. The Laymen's Movement in Southern Methodism, Dr. C. F. Field; 11:00 a. m. The Efficient Layman, Dr. H. F. Cope; 5:00 p. m. Vesper Service, Dr. Stonewall Anderson; 7:30 p. m. The Significance of the Edinburgh Conference, Dr. W. W. Pinson; 8:30 p. m. Address, Dr. Walter Rauschenbusch; 11:00 to 12:00 p. m. Watch Night Prayer Service, Rev. C. A. Waterfield.

Sunday, January 1, 1911.

11:00 a. m. Address, Dr. Walter Rauschenbusch; 3:00 p. m. Church Federation as an Aid to the Evangelization of the World, Dr. Ira Landrith; 7:30 p. m. Address, Dr. Walter Rauschenbusch.

Monday, January 2.

9:00 a. m. Bible Study, Dr. O. E. Brown; 10:00 a. m. Our Share of the World Field—What We Are Doing and What We Should Do, Dr. Ed. F. Cook; 11:00 a. m. The Missionary Work of Southern Methodist Women, Miss Belle H. Bennett; 5:00 p. m. Vesper Service, Dr. W. F. Tillett; 7:30 p. m. An Illustrated Address on City Mis-

sions, Prof. A. M. Trawick; 8:30 p. m. The Ministerial Leadership Demanded for Our Times, Dr. Gross Alexander.

Tuesday, January 3.

9:00 a. m. Bible Study, Dr. O. E. Brown; 10:00 a. m. Conditions as I saw Them in Africa, Dr. J. O. Reavis; 11:00 a. m. The Mission of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South, to the Negro, Dr. J. D. Hammond; 5:00 p. m. Vesper Service, Dr. G. H. Detwiler; 7:30 p. m. Evangelism, Rev. George R. Stuart.

Wednesday, January 4.

9:00 a. m. Bible Study, Dr. O. E. Brown; 10:00 a. m. Our Brazil Mission, Bishop W. R. Lambuth; 11:00 a. m. Address, Bishop W. A. Quayle; 5:00 p. m. Vesper Service, Bishop Collins Denny; 7:30 p. m. Address, Bishop W. A. Quayle.

Thursday, January 5.

9:00 a. m. Bible Study, Dr. O. E. Brown; 10:00 a. m. The Growth and Outlook of Christianity in the Orient, Bishop E. E. Hoss; 11:00 a. m. Address, Bishop W. A. Quayle.

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sonary officers attend: The Missionary Secretaries, the Presidents and Secretaries of Conference Boards and the Conference and District Lay Leaders. In other other words, this conference is to be a Council of War and all missionary leaders and workers throughout the Church are eligible for membership and are urged to be present.

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AN INDORSEMENT.

I wish to express my heartiest indorsement of Brother D. F. Sutherland's article in the Advocate of November 10, concerning intercollegiate football. I do not believe this game should be allowed in our schools.

J. M. ARMSTRONG,
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THE CHRISTMAS DINNER. In spite of the fact that the word "dyspepsia" means literally "bad cook," it will not be fair for many to lay the blame on the cook if they begin the Christmas dinner with little appetite and end it with distress or nausea. It may not be fair for any to do that—but it is hope so for the sake of the cook. The disease dyspepsia indicates a bad stomach, that is, a weak stomach, rather than a bad cook, and for a weak stomach there is nothing else equal to Hood's Sarsaparilla. It gives the stomach vigor and tone, cures dyspepsia, creates appetite and makes eating the pleasure it should be.

Dublin District—First Round. Dublin Sta., Dec. 10, 11. Harbin, at Green's Creek, Dec. 15. Stephenville Cir., at Midway, Dec. 17. Stephenville Sta., Dec. 18, 19. Hico Sta., Dec. 24, 25. Comanche Sta., Dec. 31, Jan. 1. Comanche Cir., at Midway, Jan. 2. Gustine and Energy, Jan. 3. Harmony Mis., Jan. 4. DeLeon Cir., at Ross' Chapel, Jan. 5. Bunyan, at Corinth, Jan. 12. Gorman Sta., Jan. 14, 15. Huckabay, at H., Jan. 18. Iredell, Jan. 21, 22. Duffau, Jan. 23. Carlton, Jan. 24. Tolar and Lipan, at T., Jan. 28, 29. Bluffdale, Jan. 30. Proctor, at Riverside, Feb. 1, 2. Purvis, at P., Feb. 3. M. K. LITTLE, P. E.

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FORT WORTH METHODIST PASTORS' ASSOCIATION.

The Fort Worth Pastors' Association met November 28, with Rev. S. R. Hay in the chair. About the only item of business was the election of officers for the ensuing year, as follows: Rev. Jerome Duncan, President; Rev. Ed R. Wallace, Vice-President, and Rev. H. M. Long, Secretary.

The first regular meeting was held December 5, with the new presiding elder in the chair. With that ease and promptness which is characteristic of Bro. Duncan, he took up the work where the retiring President had left it and it was scarcely noticeable that a change had been made. So much for our great system and the spirit of the men who succeed each other in the work.

The personnel of the association had undergone great change. About two-thirds of the present pastoral membership are new men in the city. But they come recognizing that their predecessors had wrought well and they are a happy, hopeful, earnest body of men who will bring things to pass during the year.

H. W. Knickerbocker, Central—Congregations large at both services. Received twenty-two new members since conference. Preaching a series of sermons on "The Beatitudes." Making a whirlwind campaign to have ten thousand people to give one dollar each, as a Christmas offering to the New Church.

W. B. Vaughn, Diamond Hill—Have rented a parsonage and will live among the people. Congregations have been very good. Rev. J. A. Old delivered a splendid sermon on Temperance. The outlook is good.

J. C. Mimms, Missouri Avenue—Had two great congregations. The Sunday-school has filled the church and an overflow is provided for in the parsonage. Had two hundred and fifty at Senior League. Had public installation of the Board of Stewards and the officers of all the departments. Sacramental service.

Rev. G. W. Eichelberger preached at the evening hour, in the interest of the Anti-Saloon League. Made an offering of \$40 to his work.

Ed R. Wallace, Boulevard—Morning service to Anti-Saloon League. Preaching a series of sermons on, "What think ye of Christ." Received four new members. If the new presiding

elder will make good the pledges of the old will make a New Years offering of the Boulevard Church free of debt.

D. A. McGuire, Weatherford Street—Dr. Fielder, of the Fort Worth University, preached a very strong sermon at 11 o'clock in the interest of the Anti-Saloon League. Received twelve new members since conference. Have had a royal reception; been pounded and a liberal amount already paid on the salary. Hope to pay a \$1200 debt by January 1, and do something else immediately thereafter. Prospects very bright for a great year.

J. E. Crawford, McKinley Avenue—Have been very graciously received; old-fashioned pounding; new furniture placed in the parsonage; many tokens of kindness.

Henry Stanford, Handley—Congregations have been increasing. Baptized a baby and received two new members.

H. M. Long, Polytechnic—Congregations very fine. Installed the Board of Stewards. Received twelve new members since conference. Had Sacramental Service. Prospects fine for the best year of the four. Begin revival meeting Wednesday evening with Rev. D. L. Coale.

J. T. Bloodworth, of the Children's Aid Society—Preached at Arlington and represented the work; found the people there responsive and willing to aid in the undertaking. Bro. Bloodworth was recently appointed by Bishop Atkins to aid Bro. Morris in his great and good work, and it is to be hoped that our preachers and people will open the way for him to present to them this special benevolence, which has meant so much to so many orphan children and to so many childless homes.

Dr. H. A. Boaz was at Clarendon and took a collection for a new dormitory for the Clarendon College, raising more than \$17,000.

Rev. J. L. Green, Secretary of the United Charities for the city, was present and made a full statement of the relation of the Churches to his work.

J. Shepherd, President of the Sunday-school Union of the city Methodism, made an earnest appeal for the co-operation of the pastors in his work.

If optimism and strong purpose and fraternal feeling count as essentials in a worthy work, there is no reason why the incoming year may not be

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Greenville District—First Round.

(Corrected) Quinlan Cir., at Q. Dec. 10, 11. Campbell and Jones-Bethel, at C, Dec. 17, 18. Greenville Mis., at Concord, Dec. 31, Jan. 1. Lee Street Sta., Jan. 1, 2. Leonard and Orange Grove, at L, Jan. 7, 8.

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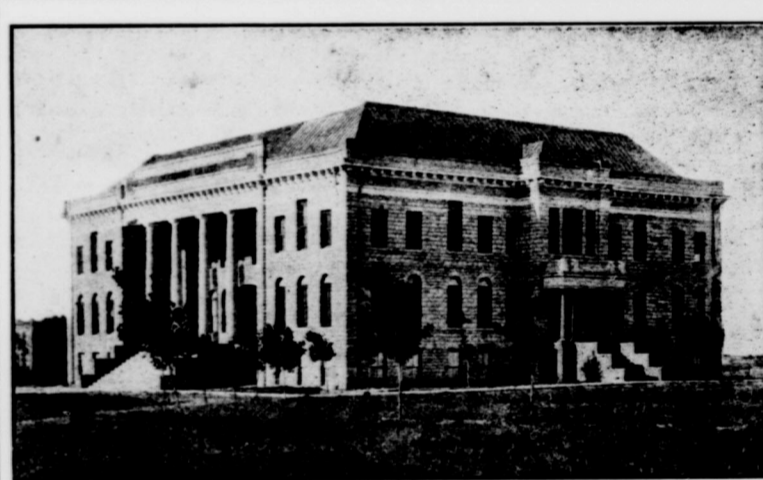
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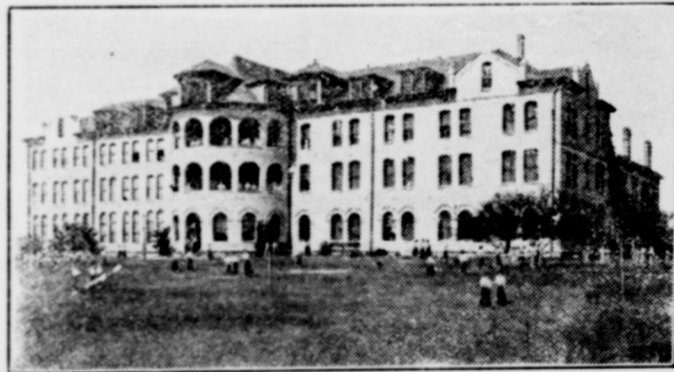
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**SOME CORRECTIONS IN THE WEST
TEXAS CONFERENCE JOURNAL.**

The editor, better than anyone else, knows how many errors creep into the conference minutes between the time the pastor begins to make out his report and the time the last copy goes into the mail bag. It seems the harder one tries to eliminate them the more there are of them. Errors occur in the recent issue of the Journal. I have found one or two and the brethren have been kind enough to show me some others. There are not as many in the Journal as there are in the statistical reports of the pastors. No matter who makes the error, the editor is charged with it. Somebody must be blamed. It is easy to blame him. He is good-natured and doesn't mind it.

Travis Park Church has an error in table No. 2. The pastor reported, "Enrolled in Sunday-schools, 1258." The tables in the Journal do not show the "1," so it reads 258. This is especially unfortunate as the same error was made by the Statistical Secretary, so the San Antonio District does not get credit for that 1900 scholars, neither does the conference. The Book Editor has been asked to make this correction in the General Minutes.

Travis Park Church raised as a special for missions \$1000. This is not shown to her individual credit, although the district is given credit for it as is the conference also. Only one Church raised more—the Church at San Marcos, raised \$1050, which is shown the same way. Several other Churches raised specials also.

This column and the one on superannuates' endowment fund were omitted for the reason that the printer could not get the whole table on the page.

One line of type is reversed in table No. 3 on the Beville District totals. The recapitulation table, however, corrects that. J. H. GROSECLOSE.

HOMELESS CHILDREN.

Rev. J. T. Bloodworth's Work.
To the Members of the Annual Conferences in Texas:
Owing to sickness I was prevented from attending any of the Annual Conferences except two days each, at the

West and Northwest Texas Conferences.

You have noticed, I presume, in the list of appointments in the Central Texas Conference that Rev. J. T. Bloodworth was appointed as field secretary on the Children's Homes Society, and that I was appointed superintendent.

For a number of years we have felt the necessity of having a person to visit the children in their homes where they have been placed by the society, for there lies our great responsibility, that of placing a suitable child in a suitable home.

There are but very few people but what can get up good testimonials as being a suitable person to receive a child, especially from their relatives, friends or even pastors, and my observation is that there is nothing more hurtful to our work than the indiscriminate placing of children in private families in Texas.

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My work as superintendent will have to be done in my office at home. I thank the brethren, from the Bishops down, or up, as you may go, for the great help they have rendered me in organizing and saving the many dependent children which we have in the past. My heart is still in the work and will be till I die.

Brother Bloodworth's address is Rev. J. T. Bloodworth, Station A, Fort Worth, Texas.

Again thanking the brethren for their words of sympathy in my present sickness, and asking the prayers of you all for us in our work, I remain, your brother,
I. Z. T. MORRIS,
State Superintendent.

Waxahachie District—First Round.

- Arlington, Dec. 10, 11.
- Midford, at M., Dec. 17, 18.
- Italy, Dec. 18, 19.
- Waxahachie, Dec. 20.
- Ferris, at F., Dec. 31, Jan. 1.
- Palmer, at P., Jan. 1, 2.
- Ennis, Jan. 2.
- Ovilla, at O., Jan. 7, 8.
- Midlothian, Jan. 8, 9.
- Venus, at V., Jan. 14, 15.
- Maypearl, at M., Jan. 15, 16.
- Hardwell, at H., Jan. 21, 22.
- Porreton, at Nash, Jan. 28, 29.
- Red Oak, at Chappell Hill, Feb. 4, 5.
- Britton, at B., Feb. 5, 6.
- Bethel, Feb. 11, 12.

T. S. ARMSTRONG, P. E.

McKinney District—First Round.

- Allen, 11 a. m., Dec. 11.
- Richardson, 7:30 p. m., Dec. 11.
- Princeton, 11 a. m., Dec. 18.
- Farmersville, 7:30 p. m., Dec. 18.
- McKinney, 11 a. m., Dec. 25.
- South McKinney, 7:30 p. m., Dec. 28.
- Prosper, at P., 11 a. m., Dec. 30-Jan. 1.
- Prisco, at P., 7:30 p. m., Jan. 1.
- Weston, at W., 11 a. m., Jan. 7, 8.
- Selma, 7:30 p. m., Jan. 8.
- Josephine, at J., 11 a. m., Jan. 14, 15.
- Nevada, 7:30 p. m., Jan. 15.
- Blue Ridge, at Verona, Jan. 21, 22.
- Copeville, at C., Jan. 28, 29.
- Wylie, at W., 11 a. m., Feb. 4, 5.
- Farmers' Branch, at F. B., 7:30 p. m., Feb. 5.

The District Stewards and pastors will please meet in the church at McKinney at 1:30 p. m., December 31.
CHAS. A. SPRAGINS, P. E.

Stamford District—First Round.

- Munday, Dec. 10, 11.
- Albany, 7:30 p. m., Dec. 15.
- Throckmorton, Dec. 17, 18.
- Haskell Sta., Jan. 1.
- Tuxedo, Jan. 7, 8.
- Haskell Mis., Jan. 14, 15.
- Spring Creek, Jan. 21, 22.
- Lone Star, 11 a. m., Jan. 23.
- Weinert, 11 a. m., Jan. 25.
- Seymour, Jan. 28, 29.
- Bonarton, Jan. 29, 30.
- Goree, Feb. 4, 5.
- Stamford, St. John's, Feb. 12.
- Stamford, Ward Memorial and Leaders, Feb. 19.
- Avoca, 11 a. m., Feb. 15.

Delegates to the District Conference will be elected this round. Let the pastors and officials begin the new year's work in earnest, and begin at once.
J. G. PUTMAN, P. E.

Hamlin District—First Round.

- Hamlin Sta., Dec. 5, 6.
- McCauley, at M., Dec. 10, 11.
- Sylvester, at S., Dec. 14.
- Rotan Mis., at Mt. View, Dec. 17, 18.
- Rotan Sta., Dec. 18, p. m., Dec. 19.

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- Rule Sta., Jan. 1, p. m., Jan. 2, a. m.
- Sageston, at S., Jan. 4.
- Rochester, at Carney, Jan. 7, 8 a. m.
- Knox City, p. m., Jan. 8, a. m., Jan. 9.
- Spur Sta., Jan. 14, 15.
- Jayton, at J., p. m., Jan. 16, a. m., Jan. 17.
- Peaseck, at P., p. m., Jan. 17, a. m., Jan. 18.
- Aspermont, Jan. 21, 22.
- Vera, Jan. 28, 29.

Decatur District—First Round.

- Decatur Sta., Dec. 4, 5.
- Alvord Sta., Dec. 10, 11.
- Oakdale Cir., at Barton's Chapel, Dec. 17, 18.
- Jacksboro Sta., Dec. 18, 19.
- Bryson Cir., at Bryson, Dec. 19.
- Bridgeport, 7 p. m., Dec. 20.
- Rhame, at R., Dec. 24.
- Decatur Cir., at Oliver Creek, Dec. 25, 26.
- Paradise Cir., at P., Dec. 31, Jan. 1.
- Boyd and Garvin, at B., Jan. 1, 2.
- Argyle Cir., at A., Jan. 7, 8.
- Ponder and Krum, at K., Jan. 8, 9.
- Justin and Roanoke, at J., Jan. 14, 15.
- Decatur Mis., at Bluet, Jan. 15, 16.
- Willow Point, at W. P., Jan. 21, 22.
- Chico Sta., Jan. 22, 23.
- Chico Cir., at Pleasant Grove, Jan. 23.
- Greenwood, at G., Jan. 28, 29.

Attention is called to the following paragraphs of the Discipline:
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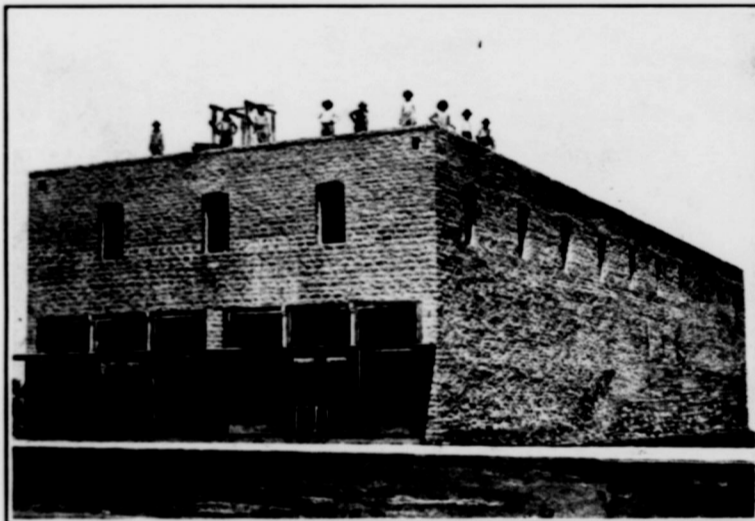
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No matter how thirsty you are, or how tired you are, or how particular you are, you'll like Coca-Cola because it hits that dry spot—relieves fatigue and tickles the palate all the way down.

The Columbus Laboratories' Analysis of Coca-Cola

Chicago, April 15, 1907

We beg leave to report to you the result of analysis of Coca-Cola. We purchased in the open market an original package of one gallon of Coca-Cola. The contents of this jug were submitted to a very careful and exhaustive analysis for cocaine and alcohol, and we failed to find any trace of either. Caffeine was found to the extent of 2 of one per cent. The amount of caffeine contained in one ounce of Coca-Cola used for making one glass of the prepared drink, is less than one-half that is contained in a cup of coffee of average strength.

Very respectfully submitted.

THE COLUMBUS LABORATORIES,

Per J. A. Wesener

This means that Coca-Cola contains less than one-half as much caffeine as coffee or tea. Now you have been drinking one or both of these home beverages, tea or coffee, all your life. You've found them wholesome and actually beneficial in seeing you through the day's work. Just remember and quote these actual facts in case you hear ignorant or malicious criticism of Coca-Cola.

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