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A CHRISTMAS HOMILY.

Christmas represents the most significant event in the history of humanity. It brings afresh before our minds the birth and childhood of the Savior of the world. Inasmuch as he came to revolutionize the thought and the religious sentiment of the race, to elevate and inspire the mind and heart of man, to bring the conditions of childhood into happy accord with the best ideals of development and happiness, then Christmas ought to be the happiest day in the year in the homes of the people. The father and the mother and the children ought to come into the closest fellowship with each other, and sunshine and good cheer ought to prevail in the household. In spirit and thought Christ ought to be recognized as present in the home and receive the homage due his Person, his Life, his Teaching. For he represents the best that there is in the individual, the domestic, the social and the National life of the people. To enthrone him is to install purity, love, good-will, peace, harmony and filial affection.

Then, too, our sentiments of gratitude and good cheer ought to extend beyond the circle of home and take in some needy fellow man, or some down-trodden woman, or some neglected and oppressed child. To lift up the fallen, to cheer the faint-hearted, to strengthen the weak, to inspire hope in the despairing and to bind up the bruised is to do what Christ would do in person were he among the children of men today. He can only be here through us and our good deeds. Let's make him glad by doing his will upon earth.

PARTIAL STATISTICS OF OUR FIVE CONFERENCES.

We have gone over the figures partially of our five Annual Conferences and the results show an increase in the progress of our work. We have not had the time to make a comparison with the figures of last year, as the minutes of this year have not yet been printed, but a survey of the status of the Church in several of its departments will be of interest to our readers. So we give the following figures, but these do not include the German Mission Conference, the Mexican Border Conference and that part of Texas west of the Pecos River, which is in the New Mexico Conference. Our calculation only includes the five Annual Conferences, namely: The West Texas, the Northwest Texas, the Central, the North and the Texas Conferences. Our reports show 275,202 members, including the local preachers; infants baptized, 4,691; adults baptized, 14,589; members of the Epworth League, 28,302; Sunday-school officers and teachers, 18,642; Sunday-school scholars, 198,734; paid to superannuate preachers' fund, \$36,761; to foreign missions, \$43,037; domestic missions, \$49,342; for Church extension, \$28,841; houses of worship, 1,911; and these are valued at \$6,064,433.

Only one item in the above list are we dis-

posed to criticise adversely, and that is the number of infants baptized. It stands at 4,691. Evidently our pastors are not doing their duty in this respect. Among our 275,204 members we ought at least to have 40,000 families—yes, 50,000 families—allowing five persons to the family. The births in Methodist families ought to have been, and doubtless were, several times 4,691, to say nothing of a large number of families who are not members of the Church, but have their infants baptized.

What is the matter at this point? Is it possible that our ministers are not preaching to their congregations upon the subject of infant baptism? It looks that way. If so, we want to exhort them to a sense of their duty. If we are in earnest in believing that children born to Christian parents are entitled to the benefits contained in the baptismal covenant, then we can not neglect to preach to our people upon this important subject and look diligently after the duty of bringing our Methodist children into the benefits of this gracious sacrament. Not to do it is to treat with indifference one of the sacred ordinances of the Church and deprive the childhood of the Church of the helpful grace of this sacrament. Our preachers need to renew their efforts in this matter and give heed to their vows as the shepherds of the flock of God.

THE BACKBITING HABIT.

The dog that will come in front of you with his bristles raised and his teeth showing, backed by a low muttering growl, gives you warning of what he intends to do. By his ferocious appearance he serves notice on you to get ready for defense, and you at once prepare for trouble. It becomes a hand to hand encounter, and if you get the worst of it it is not because any advantage has been taken of you, but because your enemy is superior in strength and tactics. But when you are off your guard and thinking of no evil, the dog noiselessly and stealthily sneaks up behind you and grabs you with his vicious mouth and rends your flesh, then you have been taken at a disadvantage and you have been given no show for your safety and self-protection. That sort of a dog is to be infinitely more dreaded than the one that attacks you from the front.

So it is with the habit set forth in the subject at the head of this editorial. The man who has a real or a fancied grievance against you and comes to your face and fairly and impartially tells you what it is, he gives you an opportunity either to explain your side of the matter or to defend yourself from his attacks. But the man who feels aggrieved at you and goes behind your back to air the same in the presence of others and to say ugly things about you, he is the man to be dreaded. He gives you no opportunity to present your side of the matter, or to bring about an amicable settlement of the trouble. He talks about you in

your absence, he unjustly accuses you, he exaggerates your faults, he wrongfully interprets your motives, he poisons the minds of your brethren toward you, and by insinuation, if not by direct charge, he does you all the damage possible. He "backbites" you. He has not the manhood to come to your face and tell you what he thinks of you or your conduct, but blows his bad breath upon you and puts the teeth of his bitter speech into your name and reputation. And if he hears an unbrotherly criticism of you he takes delight in repeating it to others, to your injury and detriment. He is a back-biter!

The man or the woman who forms such a habit is a dangerous factor in the community. They carry the poison of asps under their tongues and they inject it into your name without giving you a chance for your honor or integrity. It sometimes happens that such people seem not to realize the evil of a habit of this kind. They assume an air of innocency, look pleasant when at your face, grasp your hand kindly and smile blandly. But the moment you take your departure you become the subject of their unkind and insinuating remarks. We do not hesitate to say that the backbiter, whether man or woman, is despicable, and that the habit of backbiting is of the devil and devilish. The man or the woman who indulges the spirit of such a habit may lay claim to the Spirit of Christ, but there is no foundation in fact or in morals for any such a claim. The Christ-like Spirit is absolutely foreign to such a habit or practice.

Brother, sister, are you ever guilty of this evil? Do you ever take the name or the reputation of your neighbor in vain and say things about him or her to their backs that you would not dare repeat to their faces? Do you ever take delight in opening your ear to evil reports about others and then, with a relish, spread those reports to the injury of your brother or sister in Christ? Do you ever permit yourself to become the medium through which evil reports find ready and current circulation? If so, you are in about the most contemptible business that ever engaged the time and the talent of the human species. Yes, you are guilty of a sin against others, and if you do not repent of it and get forgiveness God will certainly write it in the book of his remembrance against you.

Our advice is this: If you can not say something good about your neighbors, then hold your peace when their names are mentioned in your presence. If, however, their conduct has been such that to maintain silence concerning them is out of the question, then go to them first of all and state your case and give them an opportunity to state to you their side of the question before you pass your harsh and severe judgments upon their names and reputations. What a world of trouble this course would save hundreds of people were it followed in the Spirit of Christ

Judge William Poindexter's Great Speech as Temporary Chairman of the Recent Prohibition Convention

When Judge William Poindexter took the chair as temporary President of the recent Prohibition Convention at Fort Worth he delivered the following speech to the large audience, and it was cheered to the echo. The daily and weekly papers of the State were officially requested to publish it in full, and we more than gladly comply with the request. It is worthy a place in all the households of Texas. It is great from every standpoint, and it is as true as it is great; and it puts the campaign on the right plane. It is as follows:

The existence and action of this convention presupposes that the next Legislature will submit to the qualified voters of this State for adoption or rejection an amendment to the constitution prohibiting the manufacture or sale of intoxicating liquors within the State, except for sacramental or medical purposes, and thus empower the Legislature to pass a Statewide prohibitory law bearing upon all people alike. Twice has the Democracy of Texas, by a majority vote at the polls and through State conventions, demanded the submission of the amendment. In 1908 a minority of the Legislature defeated the will of the Democracy of the State and repudiated the demand made upon the Legislature for submission, upon the theory that local self-government belongs to the several counties of the State. That is, that the county is the political unit and that the Democracy of the State, at the polls and in convention, can not bind the Democracy of the counties, though such counties participated both in the election and the State convention. In the last primary election we not only carried submission by a majority vote at the polls, but we carried a majority of the representative districts throughout the State and we have the right to assume that the amendment will be submitted.

Local Self-Government.

We have heard much of local self-government in Texas during the last three years and we doubtless will hear much more during the coming prohibition campaign. The liquor traffic and those in its service, knowing that the great principle of local self-government is sacred to every true American heart, have persistently sought to apply this principle to the different counties of the State, with the view, not only of defeating submission, but of defeating State prohibition as well. As applied to counties, this doctrine is the invention of the liquor traffic, designed as a campaign slogan, to deceive and mislead the unthinking and unwary. As applied to counties, it has no foundation in fact, in theory or in principle. It is an attribute of sovereignty and belongs alone to the State and possibly to congressional districts in their relation to Federal questions. Under our complex system of government certain sovereign powers have been delegated and exist in the Federal government; those remaining belong to the State, or to the qualified voters of the State. Every State is required to and must preserve a republican form of government. Subject to this limitation and acting within its reserved sovereign powers, each State is possessed of the attribute of local self-government and is entirely free to adopt its own constitution and pass and enforce its own laws. In our own State, as in every other, the powers of sovereignty intended to be exercised are vested in one of three distinct and separate departments of government: first, in the Legislative; second, in the Judicial; third, in the Executive. None of the powers of either of these departments of government can rightfully be exercised by the other. These powers of government do not belong to counties nor to the people of counties. Counties do not make laws nor construe laws nor execute laws. The State, and the State alone, through one of the departments of government, makes the law, construes the law and executes the law. The second section of the Bill of Rights in our State constitution declares that "All political power is inherent to the people," not in the counties, but in the "people," and "All free governments are founded upon their authority and instituted for their benefit." It further declares that "The faith of the people of Texas stands pledged to the preservation of a republican form of government and subject to this limitation only, they have at all times the inalienable right to alter, reform or abolish their government in such manner as they may think expedient."

This organic provision is a written and continuing guaranty to the people of the State of the right at all times to amend their constitution.

No such right is inherent or guaranteed to the people of any county, except in common with the people of the whole State. Counties are not sovereignties; they are dependencies. They are not masters; they are creatures of the States and therefore servants of the State. The constitution confers on the Legislature the power "to create counties for the convenience of the people." The Legislature has power to attach unorganized counties to organized counties for judicial and other purposes. The constitution of this State declares when counties are organized they are "recognized as legal subdivisions of the State." Construing the constitution, our courts of last resort declare that organized counties are ministerial agents of the State, endowed with such powers only as the Legislature may confer upon them, and that their local affairs are always subject to legislative control. All their officers from constable to county judge are officers of the State, and as such are held amenable to the law of the State for official misconduct. Through their constituted authorities they may make certain improvements and levy certain taxes, but they can do those things only, and levy and collect the amount of tax which the law of the State permits or directs. They are inhibited by the constitution of this State from becoming subscribers to the capital of any private corporation and from making any appropriation or donation to the same. They are not even municipal corporations, they are quasi-corporations. They do not approach within hailing distance of incorporated cities in so far as the right of local self-government is concerned.

Incorporated cities may pass laws; counties can not; incorporated cities may arrest, try and punish the citizen for violation of their laws or ordinances, but no such power exists in the county. The liberty-loving city of San Antonio has in force an ordinance prohibiting, and arrests and punishes men who buy or sell unused railroad tickets without first obtaining the consent of the railroad. Who would dare claim such right or power for any county in Texas? There does not exist enough of the right of local self-government in any county of Texas to enable the people of such county to determine for themselves the geographical center of such county. The constitution of this State declares that the geographical center of the county shall be determined by a certificate from the commissioner of the General Land Office. Under the law, this certificate of the land commissioner is absolutely binding upon the county. County seats may be established by majority vote, but when once established within five miles of the geographical center they can not be removed except by a two-thirds vote of the qualified electors participating in such election. Counties can do absolutely nothing except as directed or permitted by the law of the State. All the reserved rights guaranteed and enumerated in the Bill of Rights, beginning with section 3 and ending with section 29, are rights guaranteed to the citizens of the State, and not to the counties. The election of officers, the levy and collection of taxes, jury service, the discharge of official duty and the enforcement of the law are duties imposed upon the citizenship and officials of counties by the laws of this State, rather than rights conferred. These duties are imperative and from their performance there is no escape. If officers are not elected they may be appointed; if taxes are not levied and collected by local authorities they will be levied and collected under the direction of the State; if officers are criminally derelict in duty they will be prosecuted and punished by the State, and if the law is not enforced by local authority the duty of the executive is plain and the law will be enforced by the State. It ought to be evident to even the superficial mind that under our form of government there can not and does not exist in the counties of this State the right of local self-government. The term has no application to counties, but applies alone to the rights of the State as against the Federal government. The proposition is tersely stated and the principle clearly announced in the first section of the Bill of Rights of our State constitution, in this language: "Texas is a free and independent State, subject only to the constitution of the United States; and the maintenance of our free institutions and the perpetuity of the Union depend upon

the preservation of the right of local self-government unimpaired to all the States." By local self-government is meant the right of the electors of every State to hold their own elections, frame their own State constitutions, pass and enforce their own laws and conduct their internal affairs free from interference or molestation by the Federal government.

Our State constitution, Article XVI, Section 29, provides that "the Legislature shall at its first session enact a law whereby the qualified voters of any county, justice precinct, town or city, by a majority vote from time to time, may determine whether the sale of intoxicating liquors shall be prohibited within the prescribed limits." In construing this provision of the constitution the superior courts of the State limited the power to prohibit to the limits prescribed. So, in 1890, the Legislature submitted to the people, and the people of this State adopted, an amendment to this section of the constitution authorizing commissioners' precincts or groups of precincts, to determine by majority vote whether such liquors shall be sold within such limits. The liquor traffic of this State has waged ceaseless warfare upon every law passed by the Legislature to give effect to this section of the constitution and against every local option election held within this State during the last thirty years.

In the years gone by, in county local option contests, the chief slogan and dogma of the liquor traffic was that each local option precinct was endowed with the right of local self-government and had the right to determine for itself whether liquor should be prohibited within its limits, free from interference by the people in other precincts or other parts of the county, and that county local option was absolutely destructive of this right of local self-government existing in the precincts. When it became apparent that there would be a demand for Statewide prohibition the liquor traffic and its advocates abandoned their first position and assumed the position that local self-government belonged to the counties of the State and that the counties should determine the question of prohibition for themselves and that Statewide prohibition was destructive of this right of local self-government inherent in the counties. The first position was equally as sound as the last, but, unfortunately for them, both positions are unsound and untenable.

It is no "stunt" for the liquor traffic or its advocates to reverse or change their positions. For instance, in the San Antonio convention in 1908 those standing for the liquor traffic opposed the platform demand upon the Legislature for submission upon the ground that the convention, and even the Democracy of the State, were without jurisdiction to bind members of the Legislature by such a demand, for the reason that each member of the Legislature owed his election and allegiance to his own county or district, and not to the Democracy of the State, and this is the theory upon which submission was defeated in the Legislature. In the Galveston convention, held last summer, it is a well known and admitted fact that the advocates of the liquor traffic controlled and dominated, and yet this convention, thus dominated and controlled, reversed the position assumed by those in sympathy with the liquor traffic two years before and instructed the Legislature then in session to adjourn and go home.

Why this change of front in convention and why this reversal of position on the question of local self-government? The answer is plain. In 1908 they were not ready for submission and determined to defeat it, and therefore the Democracy of Texas, in their opinion, was without jurisdiction, both at the polls and in convention, to instruct the incoming Legislature to submit the amendment. In 1910 there was pending before the Legislature the quart law and other anti-saloon bills, to which the liquor traffic and its advocates were opposed and therefore, in their opinion, the Galveston convention had jurisdiction, even without a popular vote of the Democracy, to instruct the Legislature what to do, and hence, as part of the State platform, the convention instructed the Legislature to adjourn and go home.

During the past, and in all struggles for county prohibition, the liquor traffic and its advocates, in order to defeat county prohibition, contended and declared that local self-government was inherent in the precincts and that county prohibition was destructive of this right of local self-

government. Three years ago, in view of approaching agitation for State prohibition, and for the purpose of forestalling public opinion and ultimately defeating State prohibition, they shifted their position and fixed the right of local self-government in the several counties of the State, and during the last three years they have, by all manner of means, sought and yet seek, to deceive and delude the honest people of this State with palpable heresy.

The question has been, and is being, repeatedly asked by the liquor traffic and its advocates: "What right has Johnson County to dictate to Tarrant County whether intoxicating liquors shall be sold and saloons openly run in Tarrant County? What right has a dry county in North Texas to dictate to a wet county in South Texas whether liquor shall be sold and saloons openly run there?" Ah, gentlemen of the convention, here is an exhibition of the cunning of this crafty giant now in the field of Texas politics. The organized liquor traffic of this State knows full well that no one has yet claimed the right of Johnson County to dictate to Tarrant County, nor of a northern dry county to dictate to a southern wet county. No, we are not proposing to dictate to any county nor to any section of the State.

We do propose that the people of Texas shall exercise the inalienable and admitted constitutional right of local self-government to amend their organic law. Who can question this right? We do propose that prohibitionists residing in dry territory shall join those residing in wet territory and vote for the adoption of an amendment to the constitution of this State prohibiting the manufacture and sale of liquor throughout Texas and thus authorize and empower the Legislature to pass a law prohibiting the manufacture and indiscriminate sale of liquor throughout Texas and put an end at once and forever to the eternal strife growing out of the ceaseless efforts of the liquor traffic to dominate elections and thwart the will of the people in local option territory.

We do not claim nor assert the right of one man to dictate to another, nor of one county to dictate to another, but we do claim and assert the right of a majority of the electors of this State to amend the constitution of the State and of the legislative department, acting within constitutional limits, to pass all laws necessary to suppress public evils, to protect public morals, public health and to preserve the peace and happiness of the people of the State. We do declare that the liquor traffic has no right to dictate the policy and politics of Texas.

Liquor Traffic in Politics.

Four years ago the liquor traffic discovered, that the trend of public sentiment in Texas was against it and in favor of Statewide prohibition. It at once determined to make a final stand in the field of State politics. To provide the sinews of war assessments were levied upon the 4000 and more saloons, wholesale liquor houses and breweries of the State. Literary bureaus were inaugurated and learned articles began to appear in the public prints and tons of literature to be scattered abroad, pointing out the evils of prohibition and its inefficiency and ringing the changes on the political unit and local self-government. Councils of learned men were called; advisory and traveling boards were instituted and agencies and sub-agencies were established everywhere in the State. Thus by stealthy steps and insidious, but well planned, methods, it has within the brief space of three years perfected an organization unparalleled in the history and Texas and created and placed within its reach and under its control a fund sufficient to corrupt and debauch the politics of any State upon earth. And now this organized liquor interest throws off its mask, reveals its identity and like a giant springs into the political arena and openly proclaims through the newspapers of Texas that it has an organized army in the field ready for action. My God! is this true? If this be true, what a reflection upon the manhood, the independence and political integrity of those enlisted and enrolled upon its roster.

An army! What does this mean? It means a commander in chief; it means generals and colonels and captains and lieutenants and privates; all moving and acting at the command and under the direction of one mind, drawing commissaries from one source and pay from one common treasury. Be this as it may it is now a matter of common knowledge that this hideous monster has, through the medium of a compact organization,

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backed by a limitless amount of foreign and domestic money, and inspired by the worst motives that could actuate human conduct, seized upon the politics and encompassed within its deadly folds the political life of this State. We have already witnessed some of the displays of its power in this field. We have seen it enter the low and the high places of authority and stamp its will over the will of the people at the polls, in convention and in the Legislature.

We have seen it defy and trample under foot the election laws of this State and assume to control the franchise of free men by the most questionable methods. We have seen it maintain elaborate and costly political headquarters, fill the State with a swarm of political agents and spend hundreds of thousands of dollars in promoting the political fortunes of its chosen candidates. At the end of the campaign we have seen these political headquarters closed and these political agents and managers disappear like so many irresponsible dummies, with no attempt to comply with the law governing the expenditure of money in political campaigns.

We have seen more; we have seen it, flushed with victory and exulting in triumph, turn upon the Legislature, the law-making power of this State, engaged in trying to pass a law to close the saloons of Texas and instruct the Legislature to adjourn and its members to go home like dumb, driven slaves.

Heretofore we have regarded and been forced to contend with the liquor traffic as a great moral and social evil, as the enemy of the home and of the school, the de-baucher of manhood and the debaser of womanhood, as a vulgure, gnawing at the vitals of the public morals of the State; the fruitful progenitor of idleness, pauperism and crime, and as the trained enemy of public justice, the peace and the good order of the State. Heretofore its chief energies and activities have been expended in local elections, in securing friends at court and in the legislative bodies of cities and of the State, and in defeating local prohibition, both at the polls and in the courts of the country. It has always seemed to me, and I grow stronger in the conviction from day to day, that these admitted evils and iniquities are more than sufficient to stir the souls of all good and true men and to arouse their united opposition to a further continuance of the liquor traffic in Texas. But when we remember that this traffic has deliberately added to its train of public evils the crime of placing its filthy hands upon the politics of the State and assumed by the use of domestic and foreign money to dominate her elections, dictate her officers, her policies and to control her destiny, how can any honest, independent, patriotic citizen, whether he be pro or anti, hesitate to join in one

common effort to drive this traffic from the borders of our State and thus destroy this political despotism?

I say political despotism, for such it is, and the worst that ever fastened its foul tentacles upon the electorate of a free people. The foundation of this political despotism is the liquor traffic. Its very breath, its life blood, are drawn from this selfish interest, and its powers of existence depend upon it. Its perpetuity depends upon its own unity and its ability, by one method or another, to divide the opposition in any political contest. Its mission is to continue and protect the liquor traffic in Texas. Its life means the death of honest politics and free government. Its death means honest politics, honest elections, civic righteousness, free government, peace, progress and prosperity. Vote the liquor traffic out and you will destroy this despotism. Let the liquor traffic remain and this despotism will remain. They are one and inseparable and, mark my prediction, mark it well, they will survive or perish together.

The Issue Involved.

The issue involved is not whether the political unit is in the precinct or in the county. The issue is whether sovereignty shall remain with the people or be transferred to the saloons of Texas. The question is: Shall the virtue and intelligence of our people control our elections and internal affairs, or shall they be dominated by the craft, cunning and money of domestic and foreign liquor houses? Shall the fountain and source of political power be preserved in its purity or shall it be polluted, contaminated and poisoned by the touch of the political "blind tiger" and the political bootlegger? Shall we remain a free people or shall we become vassals of a political despotism inspired and sustained by the liquor traffic?

These are the issues directly involved in this contest. Their statement is a direct appeal to the patriotism of every man who loves and lives for his home and his State, who walks in the sunlight of God and earns his bread in the sweat of his brow. The gage of battle has been thrown down and the tocsin of war sounded by the enemy. Let us put behind all bickerings and divisions and in honor accept the challenge and we will win the battle. We can not win with money.

The enemy has the money and all the sinews of war. We want no hired men on guard, nor Hessians in the field. The great mass of our people are honest, upright and patriotic, and love purity in politics and freedom in government. To these we appeal and with their votes we can win. There are thousands of honest men who oppose prohibition on principle, both local and Statewide.

There are thousands of others who believe in the principle of prohibition, but prefer local option as the best

form of prohibition, but the great mass of these will not hesitate in their preference for State prohibition as against a political despotism built upon and sustained by the liquor traffic of Texas. Inspired by one common cause, let us, with clean hands, honest hearts and locked shields go to the people of Texas upon these issues, and victory will be ours.

A SUNDAY MORNING SCENE AT CONFERENCE.

I see in that great congregation old men—care-worn, battle-scarred and decrepit. They seem to be standing just upon the margin of the terrestrial globe, surrounded with a crepuscular light caused by pensile rays from floods of light beyond bursting through nebulous clouds and falling along their pathway.

There is pent up in their hearts rich experiences that have been accumulating for years. They commence to unbosom themselves, and as they open the door of their hearts the unbidden tears steal away and run down their cheeks as predecessors, having crystallized in them rich experiences of well developed Christian characters that rest upon the foundation of a thorough conversion—a knowledge of God and His pardoning love.

They commenced talking, and singing, and shouting, and shaking of hands; and it had the old apostolic ring. Their faces were translucent, whereas, if they had only been transparent, what visions we might have had I know not.

1. These are not illiterate men. Many a one of them is a "Homo multarum literarum." Some of them are the peers of any man. A man may be physically disabled, and yet not be an old fogey. They are not men that have been seeking ease. They are not men who have said, I will not go to any field of labor to which I may be assigned. They never attempted to select their own fields of labor. These men were selected by God. These are the forerunners of civilization—they are the harbingers. To them Methodism owes much. They counted not their own lives dear, but traversed a pathless forest infested by savage tribes and ferocious animals and hissing serpents, in order to preach Jesus to the poor who came here in order to obtain homes. God has always raised up men for any emergency. He never resorted to palaces or kings' houses. He selects men who can and are willing to endure hardships. It took a Joseph to go into Egypt. It required a Moses and a Joshua to deliver Israel. It required men like Potter, Peter Cartwright, and many others I could name, who swam swollen streams, fought Indians, preached under brush arbors, shouted and sang until they made the welkin

ring, battered down the ramparts of the enemy, entered the parapet, and brought as hostages to our Lord and His Christ His enemies.

It took men like Paul, who was ready to die, if necessary. Acts 21:13.

It took men like Hugh Latimer and Nicholas Ridley, who were willing to die at the stake. "Not many wise men after the flesh, not many mighty, not many noble are called." II Cor. 1:26. These heroes were men of courage. These are the men who captured this beautiful land of ours, all bedecked with "tepees," where only the yells of the savage and the screams of the night hawk were heard, and transformed it into a paradise, comparatively, and made this transmutation possible. These are the men who have made it possible for men to enter into fat stations. Those in easy places are only entering into their labors. The old men have thrown the harpoon that has taken effect, and after awhile they will obtain salvage.

I feel like taking off my hat to those old men. I am glad that God is raising up men to take the places of the old men; but, brethren, let us be humble and show our appreciation of those old men, as they stand out in the twilight of two worlds.

EUGENE T. BATES.

Denton, Texas.

TEXAS ADVANCING.

I have been reading Methodist papers since the year 1836. Some of them were issued from London and some from cities in our own land. Thanks to friends, there now lie upon my table the Advocate, published in New York, Cincinnati, Chicago, St. Louis, Nashville, Dallas and other places. But the neatest of all that I have ever seen is the Texas Christian Advocate dated December 8, 1910.

And this from Texas! What a change during my lifetime! Well do I remember a description of Texas as given by Alexander Goss, my school teacher in the thirties of the last century. He had been helping Texans gain their independence.

Tennessee and Texas have ever been closely related, almost like mother and daughter. In years Tennessee is the older; in extent Texas is the greater. Their interests are much the same. Perhaps the people of these two States have a greater fellow-feeling than can be found in any other two States in the Union. They are the only States that come under the letter T. Yet in the list of States Tennessee always come before Texas, "mit a tight squeeze."

As a Tennessean I rejoice in the marvelous development of Texas. Many of my friends have migrated thither and seem delighted with their new homes. Great is Texas now, and still advancing. J. H. BRUNNER. Hiwassee College, Tenn.

What About Brain Food?

This Question Came Up in the Recent Trial for Libel

A "Weekly" printed some criticisms of the claims made for our foods. It evidently did not fancy our reply printed in various newspapers, and brought suit for libel. At the trial some interesting facts came out.

Some of the chemical and medical experts differed widely.

The following facts, however, were quite clearly established:

Analysis of brain by an unquestionable authority, Geoghegan, shows of Mineral Salts, Phosphoric Acid and Potash combined (Phosphate of Potash), 2.91 per cent of the total, 5.33 of all Mineral Salts.

This is over one-half. Beaunis, another authority, shows "Phosphoric Acid combined" and Potash 73.44 per cent from a total of 101.97.

Considerable more than one-half of Phosphate of Potash.

Analysis of Grape-Nuts shows: Potassium and Phosphorus (which join and make Phosphate of Potash) is considerably more than one-half of all the mineral salts in the food.

Dr. Geo. W. Carey an authority on the constituent elements of the body, says: "The gray matter of the brain is controlled entirely by the inorganic cell-salt, Potassium Phosphate (Phosphate of Potash). This salt unites with albumen, and by the addition of oxygen creates nerve fluid or the gray matter of the brain. Of course, there is a trace of other salts and other organic matter in nerve fluid, but Potassium Phosphate is the chief factor, and has the power within itself to attract, by its own law of affinity, all things needed to manufacture the elixir of life."

Further on he says: "The beginning and end of the matter is to supply the lacking principle, and in molecular form, exactly as nature furnishes it in vegetables, fruits and grain. To supply deficiencies—this is the only law of cure."

The natural conclusion is that if Phosphate of Potash is the needed mineral element in brain and you use food which does not contain it, you have brain fog, because its daily loss is not supplied.

On the contrary, if you eat food known to be rich in this element, you place before the life forces that which nature demands for brain-building.

In the trial a sneer was uttered because Mr. Post announced that he had made years of research in this country and some clinics of Europe regarding the effect of the mind on digestion of food.

But we must be patient with those who sneer at facts they know nothing about.

Mind does not work well on a brain that is broken down by lack of nourishment.

A peaceful and evenly poised mind is necessary to good digestion.

Worry, anxiety, fear, hate, etc., etc., directly interfere with or stop the flow of Ptyalin, the digestive juice of the mouth, and also interfere with the flow of the digestive juices of stomach and pancreas.

Therefore the mental state of the individual has much to do (more than suspected) with digestion.

This trial has demonstrated:

That Brain is made of Phosphate of Potash as the principal Mineral Salt, added to albumen and water.

That Grape-Nuts contains that element as more than one-half of all its mineral salts.

A healthy brain is important, if one would "do things" in this world.

A man who sneers at "Mind" sneers at the best and least understood part of himself. That part which some folks believe links us to the Infinite.

Mind asks for a healthy brain upon which to act, and Nature has defined a way to make a healthy brain and renew it day by day as it is used up from work of the previous day.

Nature's way to rebuild is by the use of food which supplies the things required.

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Notes From the Field

Itasen.
This charge has started on a new year. The one just closed has been a good one, and we are hoping and praying for a better one. The orthodox pounding has come, leaving us with gratitude in our hearts and many good things for the table. Our first Quarterly Conference met at the appointed time and Rev. Horace Bishop, presiding elder, was on hand, and his ministry was very much enjoyed by our people. He is about the youngest man for one of his age I ever saw. In a new district, with Hillsboro as the center, Itasen can count on a settled habitation and locate her whereabouts. Victory for Christ is our supreme purpose and desire. Amen and amen.—H. F. Dunn, Dec. 13.

Supernunute at Bangs Pounded.
My home is now at Bangs and my pastor, J. F. Luker. He has things in hand, and is a fine preacher. Well, this old fellow has had a fine pounding. Seventy-five people, led by the pastor, stormed the home Friday night. A fine time socially. Prayer by the pastor and some \$20 worth of goods are only some of the things enjoyed. God bless the donors.—G. W. Harris, Dec. 12.

Hoxton.
From the conference at Wichita Falls we were returned to this charge. We have been kindly received, and while we have not yet received any pounding, many good things have found their way to this parsonage home. I am pleased to have the privilege of serving these good people another year. Our first Quarterly Conference was held last Sunday and Monday. Brother Sweeton was at his post, doing good, efficient work every way. All the stewards were present, manifesting the best of interest. They assessed the salaries at \$921 and paid \$174 of that the second week after conference. All other interests of the Church were carefully looked after. Our Junior League has sent a box of toys to the Orphanage, while some money will soon follow. I hope to have another successful year.—W. J. Bludworth.

Lohn Circuit.
When the appointments were read out at Austin our name was called for Lohn Circuit, and gladly did we come to this field of labor, this being our first pastoral charge. The good people have shown their appreciation for us in many respects. We are still feasting off the good things which were left at the parsonage on our arrival, and the good work continues to go on. Came in from Melvin this afternoon and began to talk about some of those things that we relish so much these winter days. We are praying for this to be a great year. We have a good work and a cultured people to serve, but owing to the drought of last year things are not financially flourishing, though from the report of our Quarterly Conference of December 8 one would not think we were in an entirely stricken district. We have become very much attached to Brother Matthis, our presiding elder, who is a man worthy of praise, and we hope by his kind advice and the help of the Lord to bring Lohn charge to the front in every respect this year.—J. P. Watson, Dec. 12.

Hewitt.
Have made one round on this delightful charge. Our reception has been all that could have been wished. If the many acts of kindness thus far shown us are a mere sample, the enjoyment of the real article will be exuberant, indeed. My seventeen-year-old son is now in a sanitarium at Temple, having undergone a critical operation. Thanks to the nurses, surgeons and to the good Lord, he is rapidly recovering. Some of our people here have rendered us service in this serious and trying matter, which has given them the key to our hearts to hold and use forever. I think I could have found a car load of attendants, going at their own expense, if it had seemed at all necessary. My predecessors, the last of whom was Brother Hendrickson, have wrought well. The work is well organized, a very large per cent of the fathers and mothers are regular attendants at Sunday-school, and the average of attendance at the regular preaching is high. I think the Woman's Foreign Missionary Society in this charge has held the pennant for years, and the work goes on with Sister Marcus,

Sr., as its guiding genius with unabated interest. We have a live Woman's Home Mission Society at Hewitt, with some members at the other points. Our church facilities at Hewitt are very inadequate for this wide-awake and growing congregation. The hopeful feature of this situation is that they seem to realize it. So with their evident enterprise I am sure they will not be long taking the necessary steps to meet their urgent demands. Among other pleasant surprises we have enjoyed since coming here was a visit from a large contingent of our dear friends and former parishioners from Elm Street, Waco. We wish herein to salute the noble and faithful friends, young and old, whom we left on the Abbott charge. May the good Lord enlarge their joys and usefulness alike. Christmas greetings to the Advocate force.—M. A. Turner, Dec. 13.

Disturbers of the Peace!
Will you give me space to tell the public of a little disturbance that took place in Blanket the night of December 7. We understand that the good people of Blanket have the reputation of doing the right thing at the right time, but we claim the right to make public our grievances. My family and I arrived in Blanket December 1 we expected the Methodist people to meet us in a substantial way, this being a time-honored custom; but after listening until 10 p. m. for the coming of such a company as we were wishing to welcome with a spellbinding speech, we retired with a feeling akin to disappointment. Was it possible that our people were unmindful of their duty, or were they ignoring the expectation of the new pastor, or was it a result of hard times? Such questions revolved in our mind. We could not doubt that the Blanket Methodist Episcopal Church, South, was composed of some of the best people in Texas. We had been so informed by our predecessor. And had not our presiding elder discoursed to us about the high-grade Christianity and self-sacrificing devotion of the people? Surely it would have been unparliamentary for me to have thought of doubting the word of the best presiding elder in Southern Methodism, but why the indifference? For the next few days everything was quiet at the parsonage. There were no visitors except two resident pastors, who called to doubt to consult with me. It was the anniversary of our arrival on the mundane shores of time. We drove to the country in search of chickens. Returning home late in the afternoon, weary and almost sick, we retired early and were soon traversing the beautiful field of slumberland and dreaming of crystal seas where "on the bosom of the deep the smile of heaven lay," when suddenly there came a tapping as of some one gently rapping, tapping on my chamber door. "It is some visitor," I muttered, "tapping at my chamber door. Only this and nothing more." I opened my door slightly, when behold, I saw in the starlight a company of men, women and children who demanded immediate entrance. I quietly informed them that owing to the late hour of the night and the unexpectedness of their coming, I was totally unprepared to receive them, and that it would take me an indefinite time to make up my mind. "While I was searching for a lamp and other needed articles the tapping continued. Finally we opened the parlor door and invited them in. "No, we want to go into the dining room," said the disturbers entered with pleasant smiles and words and with handshakes and needed blessings of a material kind, a kind that makes the preacher's table look like that of one's parishioners. Yes, we were disturbed, but in a joyful way. May the blessings of God rest on our disturbers.—Josephus Lee.

Angleton.
A local paper of Angleton prints the following resume of the work of Rev. M. F. Daniel for the past year: Under the pastorate of Rev. M. F. Daniel, whom we are all glad to know has been returned to this charge, the Methodist Episcopal Church, South, has made remarkable progress during the past year. We print here some of the important facts concerning the work of the Church and its auxiliary organizations, which tell their own story of the forward march of the cause in our little city: Members received during year, 25; adults baptized, 2; infants baptized, 13; Sunday-school well attended and raised for various objects, \$616.61. Woman's Home Mission Society raised \$300. Epworth League paid \$37. Expended on church and parsonage, \$6750. Paid presiding elder \$100. Paid for missions, \$277; paid for incidentals, \$129; paid pastor, \$1000. We now have 169 members. Every citizen of Angleton and the country surrounding should feel a sense of gratification in the splendid showing made above. Churches are frequently an index to a town. A prosperous town is generally the home of prosperous Churches. Good schools and good churches are among the strong factors in making a town what it ought to be, and a desirable place to live. People are attracted to towns that are carefully to the educational and religious atmosphere. We are glad to see Angleton a town of unusually good school and Church advantages.

Jayton.
At the late session of the Northwest Texas Conference we were assigned to the Jayton charge and we made haste to reach it, arriving here Thanksgiving Day. Our people were not expecting us at that time, hence no pounding awaited us, but we found a nice new parsonage comfortably furnished, in which to go. The people have received us kindly, and last night about

twenty-five of them "slipped upon the blind side" and gave us a generous pounding. Why, brethren, we have a long table in the dining room, and it was loaded down with eatables until it looked like a swaybacked horse. We are glad we are here, and by the help of God we are determined to make good and win souls to Christ. This is a nice little town of about 600 inhabitants, located on the Stamford and Northwestern Railroad; fine country surrounding it. I regretted much to leave the good people of Gomez charge. I shall always hold them in fond remembrance. May God be pleased to bless them abundantly for kindness extended to us. Those people in the far West are a deserving class, and they are above an average in intellect and morality. The conference sent my baby brother out there to patch up my work, and a fellow wrote me from there that they "at last have a preacher" for which I am glad (for they needed one). Success to the Advocate this year. We are going to solicit subscriptions till we make it a success in our part.—C. E. Jameson, Dec. 16.

Eden.
The first Quarterly Conference for this charge was held here at Eden December 10 and 11. Our new presiding elder, Brother L. C. Matthis, was with us and preached three fine sermons and held our Quarterly Conference. The Bishop made no mistake when he appointed Brother Matthis to this responsible office in our Church. He is not afraid of being religious, even in a Quarterly Conference session, for we had a regular love feast during the session, which was almost a full attendance of the members of the Quarterly Conference, and finances fairly good, considering the close condition of money matters. We are hopeful for the year on this charge.—T. J. Lassetter, L. E., Dec. 16.

Doing Things in Clearendon College.
Our folks here think that the Church at large is interested enough to like to hear a general statement about what we are doing and our plans for the future. We have enrolled to date 212 pupils, with the prospect for a large increase for the second term, which begins January 3. We have planned a summer normal of large proportions, having secured some of the best public school men in the Panhandle to lead in this work. The conference granted us the privilege of having a Summer School of Theology, and we are negotiating with some of the leading lecturers of the country. We hope to make this of special interest to all teachers and laymen in our section. We are going to try to present a bill of fare that no preacher in this conference will feel that he can afford to miss. Our new church adds much to the interest of church service, and is a very valuable asset to the school. During the last two weeks \$29,000 in subscription has been taken in the interest of the school. If \$19,000 more can be secured between now and March 1 and a loan on suitable terms can be made, we will erect a new dormitory and do a lot of other needed improvements during the spring and summer. I hope that those brethren who have been contemplating doing something for the college will come to our assistance at this time while we are making this great forward movement. The pastors and presiding elders throughout the Panhandle, so far as I have ascertained, are getting along nicely, and have the promise of a great year. Let us all pray that this may be the greatest year in the history of Texas Methodism.—Geo. S. Slover.

Karnes City.
At the late session of the West Texas Conference I was appointed by Bishop Atkins to Karnes City. I returned on Tuesday to move from Johnson City, where we had spent two very pleasant years, serving some of the best people in our Methodism. It was sad to say good-bye, but this is something the itinerant often has to do. We had to move about 150 miles. We came through in our buggy; made the trip in four days. We are well pleased with our charge, as the people have been very kind to us. The pounding came in due and ancient form—so many good things to eat, even a Thanksgiving turkey, for which we are thankful. We are very anxious to have a great year in the service of our Lord. We are praying for great revivals. Our first Quarterly Conference convened Wednesday, December 14, at 2 p. m., with our presiding elder, A. L. Scarborough, in the chair. Brother Scarborough presides well. He is so brotherly and kind. Our stewards all seem willing to do the best they can, and, of course, that makes a preacher hopeful. We are determined to give the best service we possibly can. We have organized a Junior League with twelve members, and the prayer-meeting is very well attended. The Sunday-schools are in pretty good working order. Our Woman's Home Mission Society seems to be very enthusiastic. They had a bazaar last week and raised over \$100. We will try to get some subscribers to the Advocate, as we believe it ought to be in the home of every Methodist family. It is one of the best papers in Methodism.—W. A. Hart, Dec. 16.

Cochran Chapel.
After one of the most pleasant years, and, I trust, profitable ones, conference has come and gone. Oh, how good it was to meet in our annual gathering and enjoy the fellowship so sweet! I started last year with two Churches and came out with two full stations. Both places—Maple Avenue and Cochran—have good parsonages. The new year begins well, and everything is moving off fine. The pounding came in due time. I have never seen any truer friendship and loyalty to the Church. If there has been or is now any feeling of discord or dissatisfaction, I have not heard of it. We are expecting a good year. Our machinery is all in good running order. Home Mission Society can't be beaten. Sunday-school, Senior and Junior



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Leagues doing good work. Well, Cochran's Chapel is one of the oldest if not the oldest Church in Dallas County. I am here where I spent my boyhood and young days. Have found many of the old stock; children of the ones who founded the old Church. It is very pleasant, indeed, to spend some of our old days with such splendid surroundings. We feel the hand of Providence is leading us along, and now, with such good help, we hope to make this the very best year of our ministry. Good feelings for all mankind. This one thing I do, forgetting things behind, I press toward the mark for the prize of the high calling, as it is in Christ Jesus our Lord.—J. F. Sherwood.

South Austin.
We are moving along nicely into our second year's work. This is a lovely charge. We are not perfect, but groaning so to be. The W. H. M. Society paid off the debt on the parsonage at their last meeting. The last payment of 1909 was paid the first of this month, at their regular meeting. After completing their business they repaired to the parsonage, where refreshments were served. They had a royal time. The Sunday-school has made wonderful advancements. Congregations are good. Prospects are fine.—J. W. Long.

Hubbard City.
One month of my third year at Hubbard has come and gone. Circumstances were such that my return was almost an assured fact, and we hardly knew of the coming of conference. The old-time pounding has not as yet shown up, but many kind words of welcome have found their way to this preacher's ears, together with expressions of a material kind that have been put into his hands and sent to the parsonage. It looks as if the pounding is coming a little at a time. All these words and acts weigh far more than the equal of their material value in stirring the heart of this pastor to earnest work. Work began December 6 on our \$29,000 brick church, and will continue until complete. Brother E. L. Condon, as Chairman of the Building Committee, together with the personnel of that committee, is sufficient guarantee to those of us who know them that the work will be well done, and as quickly as possible. Brother Condon and his committee are a faithful, true set of laymen. The prospects for a great year in this pastoral charge were never better.—A. E. Carraway.

Atwood.
By the appointment of Bishop Murray at the late session of our Annual Conference we were permitted to spend another year with the good people of Atwood. This is a very pleasant little town in which to live. The people have been very kind to us on our return. Their kind words have been many and their deeds not a few to let us know that our stay is quite agreeable with them. Of course, the pounding came in due time; nice and full, and still it goes on. Fresh meat? Well we have received a nice share. Brother Barton, our presiding elder, was with us December 11 and 12 and held our first Quarterly conference. On Sunday Brother Barton preached two splendid sermons. We have just closed a good year with this people, but as we start upon this new year it is with prayers and expectation that this may be the best we have ever yet known.—W. J. Palmer.

Marble Falls.
We arrived here November 11; found on our arrival at the parsonage an excellent dinner prepared by the good ladies of the W. H. M. Society, some of whom were present to welcome us to our new parsonage home. Found, also, that a pounding had preceded us. There abide evidences of the good work of my faithful predecessor, Brother Wilkes, under whose administration the Church prospered in both material and spiritual things. The Board of Stewards, a most excellent and genial set of Christian gentlemen (as good as any preacher) have placed the pastor's salary at \$1000, paying him monthly. We find the Sunday-school doing splendid work, under the efficient management of that prince of good fellows, Brother Carl Francis (let all his former pastors say amen), with his faithful corps of teachers. The W.

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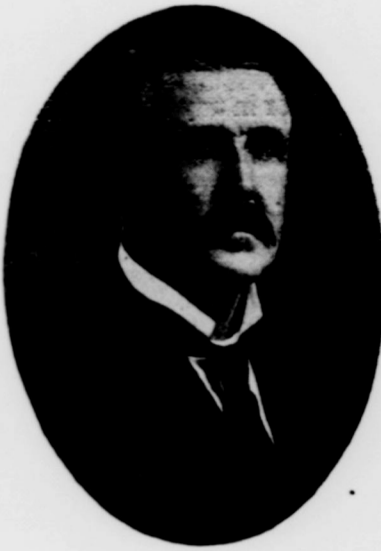
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F. M. Society, with Mrs. W. D. Stewart as President, desires to make this the best year of its history, and with the zeal and enterprise of the President and members, it should be so. The W. H. M. Society, under the Presidency of Mrs. T. M. Gett, has already added to the comfort and convenience of the pastor and his family by placing additional furniture in the parsonage. The society is now planning to put in a cistern, and under the leadership of this good woman, with the co-operation of her faithful band of co-workers, it is safe to prophesy that this society will do a great year's work. This good people are so kindly thoughtful in expressing their appreciation of their pastor's efforts in their behalf that his heart is made strong for service. This fact makes it easy to fall deeply in love with them. Now, let the pastor and people join hand, head and heart to secure a live League, a new church, an additional room or two to our parsonage, and last, but not least of all, an old-time Holy Ghost revival of religion. Then who would not envy this pastor and his people?—N. G. Oment.



REV. C. C. BELL,
Conference Missionary, Texas Conference.

Childress.

Yesterday was a red-letter day with the Methodist Episcopal Church, South, at Childress. The pastor, Rev. G. S. Wyatt, preached on "The Marvelous Doings of God Through the Missionary Operations Backed by the Home Churches." At the close of the sermon he took a collection for missions, taking no subscription for less than \$100, and raised \$1000. Rev. A. T. Culbertson, a supernumerary preacher of the Northwest Texas Conference, gave \$500 for the support of native preachers in Korea. His splendid wife, the daughter of F. M. Sellers, known to every preacher who has had to do with Church work in the Corsicana District, gave \$100; Epworth League, \$100; Junior League, \$100; Sunday-school \$100, and an individual, Childress Station, intends to lead the Northwest Texas Conference this year in her work for the Master.—G. S. Wyatt, Dec. 19.

Texarkana.

We were delighted to have Brother Turrentine fill his old place in our pulpit the Sunday after conference. Our hearts were strangely warmed as he talked to us, telling us how he appreciated our standing by him in the past, and urging us to stand by our new preacher, Brother Kilgore, as we had stood by him. There were few dry eyes as his sermon drew to a close, and when Judge Watlington, in a voice trembling with emotion, presented him, in the name of the Church and its friends, with an elegant chest of silver, suitably engraved, the climax was reached. Later a committee of railroad men presented to this popular preacher a full leather portfolio as a testimonial of their love and esteem. No man was ever more loved by his people than Brother Turrentine, and we commend him and his to the good people of Palestine as worthy of their very best. We bid him Godspeed in his new field of labor. To Brother Kilgore we extend a cordial welcome as our shepherd and friend.—Mrs. F. J. Bumb.

WACO METHODISM.

H. D. Kniekerbocker, Vice-Chairman, occupied the chair in the absence of our presiding elder, who was in the country.

Brother E. Hightower was able to be present after a spell of gripe. His Church is in fine condition. He says he can put his hand on all but about twenty for service any time. Hightower has put Morrow Street in fine shape until it is one of the best appointments in the country.

H. L. Munger preached at Texas Christian University yesterday morning. The people were delighted. He will preach there again next Sunday. There were a number of additions. Munger is going to have a splendid congregation out there soon.

There was a splendid day at Austin Avenue. H. D. has taken those people. The stewards met and assessed his salary at \$4000, and things are moving. There were three conversions and four additions yesterday.

Brother McCain has rented a store house and is preaching twice a Sunday. Success is following.

There was a splendid day at Fifth Street. Two large congregations. There was much interest; three additions. The Lord is leading.

ASHLEY CHAPPELL.

THE EDUCATIONAL COMMISSION.

The following are the names of the Educational Commission recently appointed by the five Texas Conferences, with the conference to which each one belongs and the address of each one:

West Texas Conference.

- Rev. J. E. Harrison, San Antonio.
- Rev. Thos. Gregory, Uvalde.
- J. W. Robbins, Austin.
- C. C. Walsh, San Angelo.

Northwest Texas Conference.

- Rev. J. G. Putman, Stamford.
- Rev. George S. Slover, Clarendon.
- L. G. Hawkins, Vernon.
- T. F. Turner, Amarillo.

Central Texas Conference.

- Rev. Horace Bishop, Hillsboro.
- Rev. John A. Rice, Fort Worth.
- George T. Jester, Corsicana.
- J. K. Parr, Hillsboro.

North Texas Conference.

- Rev. J. M. Peterson, Dallas.
- Rev. C. M. Harless, Dallas.
- M. M. Brooks, Dallas.
- J. W. Blanton, Gainesville.

Texas Conference.

- Rev. James Kilgore, Texarkana.
- Rev. L. B. Elrod, Marshall.
- W. L. Dean, Huntsville.
- J. C. Box, Jacksonville.

The following is the paper adopted by the conferences touching the appointment of the commission and the latitude and duties of the same:

Whereas, The development of the State of Texas and the progress of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South, and

sent by the participating Annual Conferences.

In addition to the above paper, the West Texas and the Texas Conferences adopted the following amendment to the same:

It is hereby expressly stated that we endorse the work which is being done in the Southwestern University at Georgetown, and instruct said Commissioners to make provision for its continuance with the present equipment, and as far as practicable provide for the enlargement of the same in the future.

TO ALL PASTORS IN THE PATRONIZING CONFERENCES OF THE TEXAS CHRISTIAN ADVOCATE:

The Board of Directors of the Sunday League of America desires you to read carefully the statements below.

The Sunday League of America has been in our Discipline for a number of years, by the side of the American Bible Society—the two interdenominational organizations we jointly own with the other leading Protestant faiths. Our General Conference has repeatedly commended the work of the Sunday League of America. The last General Conference, by unanimous vote, took the following action:

From the Report No. 4 of the Committee on Temperance and Other Moral and Social Questions:

First, That never before has humanity so much needed to devote one day in seven to rest and communion with God as in these days of absorption in material affairs, preoccupation with the multiplying sources of worldly employment and social unrest, and at the same time never has the temptation to obliterate the Lord's Day been so great.

Second, That we therefore appreciate and commend the faithful effort of the Sunday League of America to secure in sentiment, in law and in customs the proper observance of this day throughout our great Nation.

Third, That we render our endorsement of the League, and commend its purpose, plan and representatives to the cordial co-operation of all our people.

Fourth, That we note the proposition to erect an administration building in the city of Fort Worth, Texas, partly in the memory of the lamented Bishop Duncanson's service in behalf of the Sabbath, and the request that our Church raise the sum of \$5,000 for the same; and we respectfully ask all our pastors and people to give it such support as their liberal consideration may suggest.

Respectfully submitted,
GEO. R. STUART,
Chairman.
D. P. BROWN,
Secretary.

The directors of the organization appreciate this action. We are seeking to make this a permanent incorporation. To do this we must have property. Therefore, we are raising this year a fund of \$5,000 for an international headquarters. Twenty years ago and more we have paid house rent for our General Manager and office rent, and sometimes storage for our literature and belongings. In this building will be set apart a suite of room for our General Manager and his family, for an office, and rooms for storage. The rest of the building will be rented for good purposes. With the opening of next year our work will extend from Alaska to Patagonia, from the West Indies to the Philippines; hence our General Manager's headquarters at the logical center of this territory, and from it our work is to radiate in all directions. This money is being raised from all the co-operating denominations. The General Conference seemed to feel that one-tenth of the amount would be no more than the share of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South. After the action of the General Conference above quoted, the question arose, How shall we get the money? The committee appointed to look after this headquarters, now what we want is prompt and harmonious action. If every Church will do something the thing can be done.

Since this headquarters is to be put in our territory, the people of the North feel that they ought not to do it. Now, we have a plan, which, if you pastors will take hold, will bring results, and at once. Please consider:

First, Make January 8 Sunday League Day. On that morning let every pastor preach on this subject. No matter what the situation, it will not hurt to give a genuine deliverance on the Sabbath question. At that time our Sunday reform measures for Texas will be before the Legislature, and your sermon will awaken interest in them.

Second, Tell of the work of the Sunday League of America these many years.

Third, Read the action of the General Conference cited above.

Fourth, State that the Sunday League of America belongs to our Church as much as does the American Bible Society.

Fifth, That the Sunday League of America has never before in all the years asked our Church for a general collection or assessment.

Sixth, Now it does solicit our help to establish itself on a property basis, so it may live into the centuries, and do work from Alaska to Patagonia, and the West Indies to the Philippines.

Seventh, It wants the money now, and expects Southern Methodism to take its interest at once into her heart.

Eighth, Explain that every person who gives \$10 or more will have his name on the list that will hang in Memorial Hall.

Ninth, That every Church which contributes \$10 or more will have its name and that of its pastor placed on the same list.

Tenth, That all smaller amounts will be credited to the respective con-

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ferences, so that every penny contributed by our Church will appear in permanent form on this memorial.

Eleventh, Do not be afraid to take a good collection, for if more than \$5000 should be raised from the whole Church we will return the surplus. All we want is the sum suggested by the General Conference.

Twelfth, Do not apologize to your people for doing this, but tell them that they ought to esteem it a great privilege to take part in this work.

Thirteenth, Send in the result of your effort, with check to Sunday League of America, Fort Worth, Texas, by January 10, 1911, if possible. There are many reasons for this request:

First, Whatever the M. E. Church, South, pays in by January 15 will be duplicated from another source. Don't you want to help to "provoke others unto good works?"

Second, Our General Manager begins a Northern tour on January 20, and we want him to be able to say that the M. E. Church, South, has deemed the promise of the General Conference. It will have a fine effect.

We are asking all the conferences to make January 8 Sunday League Day. Brothers, it is within your power to do this, and to do it in one grand effort and to say to all the country that our Church is not to be considered slow or indifferent in this great work and at this important time.

THE COMMITTEE.

ATTENTION!

Members of the Central and Northwest Texas Conference Brotherhoods:

Dear Brethren—Both the Northwest Texas and the Central Texas Conference Brotherhoods during their late annual meetings unanimously adopted a resolution setting apart the first Sunday in January as Brotherhood Day. The plan proposed is for every preacher in the two conferences, at the opening or close of the 11 o'clock service, to make a strong talk on the purpose and work of the Brotherhood, and then solicit names of non-beneficiary members. Pastors having more than one Church are requested to present this matter at their different appointments consecutively, beginning with the first Sunday in January. Names, together with postoffices, will be forwarded to Rev. M. S. Hotchkiss, Secretary Central Texas Conference Brotherhood, Waco, Texas, or Rev. C. Bruce Meador, Secretary Northwest Texas Conference Brotherhood, Haskell, Texas, owing to the conference in which parties may reside. Non-beneficiary members agree to pay one dollar mortuary fee on the death of a beneficiary member. They are charged no initiation fee.

If every preacher who is vitally interested will do his part, this simultaneous effort will result in the Brotherhood being able to pay at least \$1000 on each call. The calls last year averaged about \$680.

Since the organization of the Brotherhood seventeen years ago the Treasurer has paid to the families of our deceased brethren \$25,000. This money was received in hours of distress, when sorely needed to defray funeral expenses, settle debts and make a beginning at housekeeping upon vacating the parsonage.

Brethren, the appeal is for a pull together and a strong pull, to increase the amount going to the widows and orphans.

Respectfully,
JOHN R. NELSON,
President;
M. S. HOTCHKISS,
Secretary,
Central Texas Conference Brotherhood,
J. M. SHERMAN,
President;
C. BRUCE MEADOR,
Secretary,
Northwest Texas Conference Brotherhood.

SUNDAY SCHOOL ITEMS

REV. V. A. GODBEY, Editor, San Antonio, Texas.

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

NOTES BY STATE PRESIDENT.

That Birthday Offering.

When Texas lets a little State like Oklahoma get ahead of her in any work of the Church it is time something was being said and done. According to the figures printed in the Church Extension Year Book for 1910 the birthday offerings for all the Texas Sunday-schools for 1909 was only \$130.84 and for the old Northwest Texas Conference which was by far the largest in Texas the offering was just \$7.70. As the latter was the conference wherein State President was Chairman of the Sunday-school Board he does not evade responsibility for this meager and unworthy showing. But the point is that during the same year the Sunday-schools in our lusty young neighbor named Oklahoma reported for birthday offerings \$1299.28. Let it be repeated that the purpose of the birthday offering is to establish a Church Extension Sunday-school Loan Fund, which shall be used to aid in the building of such churches as are to be equipped with modern Sunday-school rooms and appliances. And it is to be administered strictly as a loan fund, no part of it being wasted in donations, so that every penny placed in the birthday jar will continue its own efficiency by the interest it draws so long as there is need of church building. Surely this plan will commend itself to our Sunday-school folks at first glance, and those schools that have not been operating the plan will send to Dr. McMurry for birthday jars and full information at once.

But the above figures do not represent the full amount of the birthday offerings of our Texas Methodist Sunday-schools. State President knows of instances where the offering is taken but diverted to temperance work and other causes. Now, while temperance work is good, the first obligation of Methodists is to support the institutions of our own Church, and it is suggested that where birthday offerings are made pastors and superintendents look into the matter and ascertain if those offerings are taking the course prescribed by the authorities of our Church. Write to Dr. W. F. McMurry, Louisville, Kentucky, and he will send you a birthday jar and full instructions as to how to operate the plan.

THE STATE SUNDAY-SCHOOL CONFERENCE.

The Executive Committee of the State Sunday-school Conference is making good progress in the program for 1911. Profiting by experience we intend to make this conference more helpful to our workers than any former conference. It is our opinion that what our Sunday-school workers need most is instruction. They are willing to work if they knew what to do and how to get at it. We shall try to supply this need. Dr. Chas. D. Bulla will be there to tell us all about the Wesley Adult Class Movement. Dr. E. H. Rawlings will fully explain the missionary policy of our own Church, with special reference to that part of it which relates to the Sunday-school. Miss Frayser and Miss Godbey will conduct an institute for primary workers. Some competent persons give special instruction in the work of the Junior and Intermediate Departments. Some successful Sunday-school pastor will conduct a round table for Sunday-school pastors. And even the presiding elders will have a chance to counsel together concerning their relation to the Sunday-school

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work and what they can do to promote it. We do not believe that any other gathering can be so helpful to Methodist workers as a gathering where Methodist people get together and discuss their own problems, many of which grow out of our own peculiar system of government. With this conviction upon us we intend to make our State Conference for 1911 well worth attending, and we rely upon the interest of our Methodist people to justify our effort. The place is Dallas and the time the second week in April, 1911.

THE MAGAZINE FOR 1911.

A number of important changes are to be made in the Magazine for 1911: **Lesson Treatment.**—Bishop Candler, who has for four years furnished "The Lesson Applied," will conduct an exegetical department under the heading, "The Lesson Expounded and Applied." Dr. J. H. Stevenson, of Vanderbilt University, one of the foremost Old Testament scholars of America, will give the lesson setting and explain the Hebraisms, Orientalisms, and historic allusions. Dr. O. E. Brown will continue to write "The Lesson with the Adult Class," and Mr. E. E. French the "Superintendent's Program." Miss Margaret Slattery, of Boston, an author and teacher of high repute, will conduct a department for teachers of the intermediate and senior grades. "The Lesson with the Juniors" will be conducted by the writer of Junior Lessons.

The Workers' Council.—A new department under this title will take the place of the "Workers' Corner." The purpose of this department will be to give our schools the benefit of the council of a number of distinguished specialists in various departments of Sunday-school work. The names of these specialists will appear permanently in connection with the department. Each member of the council undertakes to write at least one somewhat extensive article during the year on some topic relating to the Sunday-school. These longer discussions will be used among the general contributions and not in the section devoted to the Council. In addition, the members of the Council agree to contribute brief paragraphs on practical Sunday-school topics and to give written answers to questions referred to them by the editor. These paragraphs will be signed with the initials of their respective writers. Questions to be considered by members of the Council must be sent to the editor, who, if they seem proper and important, will see that they are referred to the appropriate persons.

The following have been engaged to serve on the Council:

- Franklin McElfresh, Ph. D., D. D., Superintendent of Teacher-Training, International Sunday-School Association.
- George Albert Coe, Ph. D., LL. D., Professor of Practical Theology, Union Theological Seminary.
- Herman H. Horne, Ph. D., Professor of Pedagogy, University of New York.
- Charles H. Farnsworth, Professor of Music, Teachers' College, Columbia University.
- Jacob Richard Street, Ph. D., Dean of Teachers' College, Syracuse University.
- Joseph Clark, D. D., Secretary of Ohio State Sunday-School Association.
- Mr. Frank L. Brown, Superintendent of Sunday-School, Bushwick Avenue Methodist Episcopal Church, Brooklyn.
- Dr. H. W. Brodbeck, Superintendent of Sunday-School, First Methodist Episcopal Church, Los Angeles, Cal.
- Prof. H. B. Carre, Vanderbilt University.
- President Andrew Sledd, Ph. D., Southern University.
- Mr. John R. Pepper, Superintendent of the Sunday-School of First Methodist Church, Memphis, Tenn.
- Rev. James E. Diekey, D. D., President of Emory College.
- Rev. V. A. Godbey, D. D., Sunday-School Secretary, West Texas Conference.

Miss Josephine L. Baldwin, Mrs. J. Woodbridge Farnes, Miss Frances W. Penielson, Rev. E. Morris Ferguson, Mrs. A. A. Lamoreaux, Rev. Milton S. Littlefield, Prof. Edward P. St. John, Ph. D., Rev. C. O. Judkins, D. D., and Miss Marion Thomas.

Parents' Department.—After all that may be said in favor of other agencies, it is apparent that the home must ever remain the most important factor in

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the work of moral and religious education. We have long held the conviction that the Sunday-school might greatly enlarge its usefulness by allying itself more vitally with the home. This closer union and co-operation we are trying to bring about in part through the Home Department Quarterly. But in addition to this, we have arranged for a special "Parents' Department" in the Magazine. This department will be conducted by Prof. Edward P. St. John, author of the series of articles on child study closing with this issue, and will contain a practical lesson for each Sunday. The idea is to form in the Sunday-school a parents' class for the special study of problems that relate to the management and training of children.

Special Contributions.—Besides the contributions by the members of the "Workers' Council," of which we have already made mention, we will publish during the year a series of short articles by Amos R. Wells, suggesting ways of dealing with pupils whose peculiarities present puzzling problems to the teacher, a series by Miss Slattery on various aspects of the teacher's work in the class, and a series by Rev. H. H. Meyer giving an account of his observations of methods of religious education in Germany. This program gives promise of a rare feast for our pastors and Sunday-school teachers, every one of whom should be a reader of the Magazine.

THE PRESIDING ELDER AND THE SUNDAY-SCHOOL.

In our Church in Texas there are about fifty presiding elders. These men are in a position to take a broad outlook upon the work of the Church, and through the peculiar relation which they sustain to the Churches and the pastors are able to plan, and organize and inspire as no other men in the Church can do. Let us appreciate the fact that the character of the office of the presiding elder puts upon him many weighty responsibilities. He must be constantly looking in many directions. He must be a many-sided man. He has numerous irons in the fire at any given time, the burning of any one of which would mean disaster. What marvel then if some presiding elders have not taken the Sunday-school into their plans as fully as its importance demands.

The Sunday-school sustains a vital relation to all the interests of the Church. It is doing more to enlighten our people concerning missions and to develop the practice of systematic giving than any other agency in the Church. And it is becoming increasingly evident that it is to be the greatest source of the Church's future growth. May the time never come when we shall cease to evangelize the unsaved adult. But it is so much easier and more profitable to keep the innocent child in the Father's house than to hunt up and win back the prodigal that it is plain to see that an investment in the childhood of the Church will yield the largest returns of any investment. This being true, every thoughtful presiding elder will take a deep interest in the Sunday-schools of his district. But when a man must be in so many places and attend to so many things what Sunday-school work can he do?

1. He can have an intelligent notion of what a good up-to-date Sunday-school should be and ascertain in the Quarterly Conferences whether the schools of his district measure up to the correct standards and make such suggestions to pastors and superintendents as the circumstances demand.
2. He can hold the District Institute as provided for in our Discipline, using the talent which may be found in his district and any other obtainable help that may serve to enlighten and enthuse his people with the Sunday-school idea.
3. He can teach the Official Boards of his district not to treat the Sunday-school as a separate institution from the Church, but as an integral part of the Church—not to regard it as a step-child to be worked for the benefit of the other institutions of the Church, but as the tenderest and most promising child in the home.
4. The presiding elder can give variety to his preaching by discussing now and then the relation of children to the Church and its obligation to train them for Christ.
5. Just now there is great need

that the presiding elder know much concerning the adult movement, which is fraught with so many possibilities of good and yet, wrongly handled, is capable of causing no end of trouble. Blessed is the presiding elder who will see to it right away that Wesley Adult Bible Classes are formed if possible in every charge in his district.

6. And lastly, let the presiding elder have some acquaintance with the latest books on Sunday-school teaching and management so that he can tell inquirers what to buy and read.

And let the pastors and superintendents provoke their presiding elders to an active interest in the Sunday-school by counseling with them concerning its work and problems. Let him see that in the Sunday-school work of his district he is needed, and my word for it he will respond nobly to the call for help.

E. HIGHTOWER.

MUST CUT OUT THE CIGARETTE HABIT.

The Santa Fe Railway has sent a notice to its officials throughout the system that the company does not care to have continued in its employ those persons who are persistent users of cigarettes.

Commencing this month, the traveling officers of the Santa Fe will keep their eyes open for the "yellow fingers," and all those captured in the act will be warned to either cut out the little white "pills" or cut out their association with one of the greatest railroad systems in the world.

Since Dec. 1 several employes along the lines of the Santa Fe have been discharged. If they were in doubt of the reason of their discharge they were informed that the "sign of the yellow fingers" was enough to warrant their relief from duty.

The young men of the Santa Fe who use cigarettes at this time have a chance to hold their positions by giving them up. The officials realize that the cigarette habit is one that can not be cured in a single night, and they have offered every chance to good employes whose minds have not been clouded by the "sticks."

The ground upon which this radical step has been taken by the railroad is that the continual use of the cigarette clouds the mind of the smoker, saps his physical strength and makes him unfit for the work that the railroad desires of him. The company asserts that no young man addicted to this habit will be able to serve the railroad to the benefit of the company and to the safety of the public.—Galveston Tribune.

WONDERED WHY

Found the Answer Was "Coffee."

Many pale, sickly persons wonder for years why they have to suffer so, and eventually discover that the drug—caffeine—in coffee is the main cause of the trouble.

"I was always very fond of coffee and drank it every day. I never had much flesh and often wondered why I was always so pale, thin and weak. About five years ago my health completely broke down and I was confined to my bed. My stomach was in such condition that I could hardly take sufficient nourishment to sustain life.

"During this time I was drinking coffee, didn't think I could do without it.

"After awhile I came to the conclusion that coffee was hurting me, and decided to give it up and try Postum. I didn't like the taste of it at first, but when it was made right—boiled until dark and rich—I soon became very fond of it.

"In one week I began to feel better. I could eat more and sleep better. My sick headaches were less frequent, and within five months I looked and felt like a new being, headache spells entirely gone.

"My health continued to improve and today I am well and strong, weigh 148 pounds. I attribute my present health to the life-giving qualities of Postum."

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

Ever read the above letter? A new one appears from time to time. They are genuine, true, and full of human interest.

Our Letter From Georgia

By Rev. Geo. G. Smith

I find among my old papers a letter I wrote some time ago to the Southern Christian Advocate. The good editor found my manuscript cost him so much trouble to decipher that I have ceased to trouble him except very occasionally. I get no pay for my scribbling and yet I continue, as Dr. Wells says, to "do my stunts." Perhaps, if I were to say the desire to escape oblivion before I depart hence may unconsciously influence me, I might tell truly what I am hardly willing to admit.

I am like many old men, somewhat inclined to be garrulous, but I can only talk with my pen, for I rarely see any of my brethren. They are so busy that they have little time for a mere social visit. So I furnish my own stationery and pay my own postage and talk through the Advocate.

This has been a year of bereavement to me. I have lost so many friends that I am getting very lonely. I have been rather ubiquitous, and the world has been very kind to me, and my heart has had a place for many friends, and this year there has been a sad break in the circle.

The last loss was that of Senator Clay. I have been his guest, and was sincerely his friend; and his sudden departure was a surprise and a shock. From a poor plow boy in Cobb County, by force of his own merit and by the aid of that noble friend of mankind, J. H. Brunner and Hiwassee College, he rose step by step to be a Senator. He was of spotless character, a Methodist who gave lustre to the name. Married to a lovely Christian woman, his home was the home of all preachers. His influence was all for good, and he deserved the place he held and the lofty tributes paid to him. I had just written a letter of condolence to his wife when my eye fell on this old article, which I send as a part of my Georgia letter.

I thank the editor for his kind words. We old men find it very hard to give up. Dear Brother Chreitzberg, when he could no longer preach, continued to write, and dear Dr. Carlisle never seemed to any of us to get old. His last pencilings were as vigorous as those of his earlier years. But that grand old man, Abel Chreitzberg, the embodiment of common sense, and that great philosopher of the Piedmont who had no peer, and we of fewer gifts, were on a somewhat different footing. As for me, I appear somewhat self-assertive, but I am really self-distrustful. I am always afraid of making blunders, and am often pained to know that I have made them. I have been, in these letters, clinging close to the word as I believe Paul writes it. Paul spake truly when he said he had received these things by revelation. Poor Pascal used to say: "The silence of these infinites terrifies me." We may be very confident and yet be very wrong.

I was reading this morning Paul's chapter on the resurrection. It takes about a page the size of this to write all that had been told him. When reduced to its last statement, it is that Jesus rose from the dead, therefore there is a life for us after death. He said much more, and much that only very confident men can explain; but he says in the great future, when we are clothed and mortality is swallowed up in life, there are to be great differences between what is here and now, and what shall be then. We shall be spiritual. Who can tell what that means? When a dying body, which needs to be constantly protected and cared for that the inevitable end may be deferred, shall at last give way to a life in which we shall be free from all this life-long struggling, when the flesh will no more lust against the Spirit, but when we shall be like Him who has redeemed us; when there shall be no corruption, no weakness; when this mortal shall put on immortality. It is purely a truth of revelation. It is very evident that no human eye hath seen nor human tongue hath told of that life beyond, save as God

Better Than Spanking

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

has revealed it. The other worldling has made men heroes, and when misused has made, as Mohammedism was, awful fanatics. When it is received as God revealed, it is the crowning blessing of life.

I sit here in my invalid chair and look out on the beauties of God and thank God I live. I had a neighbor who died last year, who suffered tortures with rheumatism, and I thank God for death. I have a gentle friend over seventy-five, a feeble woman whose husband of eighty left her a year ago, born to wealth, brought up in luxury, petted from her childhood; now in her old age she is feeble and poor and harassed by cares. To one such how sweet the thought of another life! For over seventy years I have been surrounded by foes, perplexed by unanswered and unanswerable questions; how glorious the thought that in a little while I shall know and rest.

Once dear old Daniel Curry, a ruggedly honest man, awaked from sleep with a bright smile of a happy peace. One said to him: "Doctor, you seem quite happy." "Yes, yes; I have had such a dream." "What was it?" "I dreamed I was at the judgment. I saw my record, and it was fearful; I was filled with fear. Just then I saw my Lord; I knew him. He walked to the recording angel and said: 'I will answer for Daniel Curry,' and I woke."

I was in the humble home of a dear old preacher. We had a season of great joy. His face was beaming. He said: "George, I am going crazy. I know it." "I don't know what I did say then, but I say now: 'Religion is all Christ said it was, and I have got it.' His prediction was too true. The mind gave way, the shadows gathered, but in the new life all was found again. I know it can be but a few years at most when the curtain shall be lifted and I shall see. May God in mercy keep me for that hour.

Give joy or grief, give ease or pain,
Take life or friends away;
But let me find them all again
In that eternal day.

THE YOUNG PREACHER'S QUALIFICATION.

I am neither writer nor fighter. Nor do I think myself competent to answer the argument of experienced men. But I shall say a few words in defense of the young preachers, and in part I shall answer Uncle Isham's article in the Advocate of October 29 on the education of the young preachers.

I do believe that the young men ought to be educated, if possible, for the work whereto God hath called them. But to draw the line on them and say, "You must be college men," is a demand without reason. God has said, Go and preach the Gospel; and no man has any right to say, You shall not go. Moreover, consistency is one of the brightest jewels that ever decked human law and order; and it seems to me that if the young men must be college men, on demand of the Church—as Uncle Isham would have it—that in order to be consistent, the Church would have to help them attain it, or else crush the jewel and stop the clock. And this would shut out many good and useful men from the ministry. But if Uncle Isham could say, "We the Southern Methodist Church want these young men qualified, and we the station preachers will pay 10 per cent of our salaries annually to see that they are educated," then he might be at least consistent. We have hundreds of young men who are working hard, doing all sorts of manual labor, trying to get a college education, who have to quit school without finishing for lack of means. They work for their board and go in debt for other expenses until they can go no farther and have to quit school and then they supply a charge—which is usually a small mission—and which often gets them deeper in debt, and then they join the conference, that being the only thing left for them to do. And suppose all members of the conference were like your Uncle Isham? Then they would be rejected and would be compelled to go back home and seek other employment. Thus in a very few years we would be crying for more preachers, for we could not fill half the vacancies caused by such demands, and most all the rural charges would fall into the hands of other denominations. Again, we are living in a day of education, it is true, and we need more of it than ever before in the history of our Church. But do we need less consecration? I trow not. May we not in our swift career make rash demands that would dis-

Married Misery

People often rely on nature unaided to correct evil but it doesn't. One aim of *corrective medicine* should be to do away with married unhappiness. At the bottom of a deal of misery is found lack of cheerful yielding. Mean selfishness is as surely due to ill-health as famine is to failure. Ungovernable temper—a third fault—is largely the outcome of *stomach disorder*.

All these causes disappear when stomach and liver are keyed to a finely balanced tone. The first sign of on-coming Biliousness, Indigestion or Headache, should suggest old Dr. Pierce's Golden Medical Discovery. No other known medicine contains so complete a curving-power for disordered stomach and torpid liver—'Twill avert many a conflict between man and woman.

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credit God's holy call for workers in His vineyard? I think we could. But God forbid that we should do it!

God forbid that the day shall ever come when a good education shall be the only requirement for ministerial qualifications.

But, on the other hand, may we, as a Church, regard most highly of all a divine call from God as the pre-eminent prerequisite to the preaching of the Gospel? May we not do less studying but more praying—

Not less light we need,
But more pure hearts indeed.
Not weaker lamps to burn,
But more pure milk to churn."

Let us feed the flock of God on pure milk instead of spoiled meat, and they will have better health, and will not become dyspeptics. Yours for a strong ministry and a healthy membership.
SAM H. ADAMS.
Rotan, Texas.

FASHIONABLE DRINKING.

One of the most hopeful signs for the future is the fact that to drink is becoming among the best people to be bad form.

Men are just as bad or as eager to follow fashion as the giddiest girl in the land, and drinking in high life has made many drunkards among those who robbed wife and children in order to "treat."

With many writers the aristocracy of Virginia was supposed to keep a sideboard stocked with liquors like a saloon, and the gush of the same class of writers about the fine old gentlemen of Kentucky, always with a nigger and a mint julep present, has made thousands think it was the thing to do to drink whenever opportunity offered, and to generously offer to others the chance to make fools of themselves.

The novelist and the society writer tell us about the select clubs of London or New York, where champagne, Scotch whisky, brandy, etc., are always in evidence; and the poor men like me think that it is good form—an imitation of high society—to go to the only club we have—the saloon—so generously provided by the State and the breweries, and there go up to the bar, put on style and grow rich while we make liberal donations to the breweries (how do you spell it?) of the money belonging to our wives and children.

Now, Doctor, if you and other leaders in the prohibition cause can get us all to know and understand the truth, you will have accomplished a marvelous good for the prohibition cause. And the truth is that the Kentucky Colonel and his mint julep is a myth and a slander. Kentucky is almost a prohibition State, and one might visit a hundred stately homes and meet a thousand old-time Kentuckians and never be offered a drop of liquor or hear of the storied julep. And in the exclusive clubs of New York, while strong drinks may be had if desired, there is an iron-clad rule, never violated, that no member of the club shall invite another to drink or offer to furnish drinks. That pernicious habit is left to the sa-

loons and the class of men who visit them. And in the best society, so-called, there is a growing tendency to discourage the use of liquors, even in moderate quantities and it is now decidedly bad taste and bad form to habitually drink, even at home. The higher-class magazines have lately published articles showing that among the wealthy and society class the use of liquors is steadily diminishing, and it has ceased to be fashionable to drink to excess or maintain a saloon in the dining room or library. Make it bad form to drink. Make it unfashionable. Let the man who visits and patronizes the bar stand on exactly the same footing as the man who dispenses the liquor and you will rob the saloon of more than half its strength in Texas.
THOMAS A. POPE.

REV. DAVID STARR.

Rev. David E. Starr, formerly of Georgia, died in Sherman, Texas, November 19, 1910, aged 75 years. He was converted when ten years old, was licensed to preach and joined the Georgia Conference in 1857, and traveled seven years. I knew him well and loved him. We were both members of the same conference.

The war broke his conference connection and swept him out into the army. He was a good soldier.

He never re-entered the conference, but was a steadfast, able and faithful local preacher all these years.

In 1867 he married Miss Amelia W. Heidt in Savannah, Ga. This union was a happy one and blessed with six children, five of whom, with their mother, survive him.

When I came to Sherman seventeen years ago, I found him settled here, a well-respected and useful preacher. He ripened like a shock of corn, and his last years were his best.

In his 76th year, like Abraham of old, my brother "gave up the ghost and died, a good man and full of years and was gathered to his people."

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Editorial Birdshot

Men who withhold from God do not enjoy religion.

When Elijah's faith ran high it brought down fire.

When we sin against our fellow man we sin against God and the judgment day will have the unrepented act recorded against us.

APPRECIATIVE WORDS

Houston, Texas, Dec. 11.
 The Christmas edition is fine! The old "Texas" has no close second anywhere in Methodism. She is bigger and better than ever before.
 R. C. GEORGE.

Hewitt, Texas.
 Christmas greetings to the Advocate force. Your Christmas number is a stroke of genius, indeed. It proves that L. Blaylock is no dry tree, for even in his old age he still brings forth fruit.
 M. A. TURNER.

Beaumont, Texas.
 You gave us a fine issue December 8. The appointments of all the conferences in one issue was a fine thing.
 D. H. HOTCHKISS.

Texline, Texas.
 Please accept thanks for the beautiful Christmas edition and for the editorial on "The Advent of Christ Among Men."
 THOS. HANKS, Pastor.

Vernon, Texas.
 Your Christmas edition is great. I congratulate you.
 A. L. MOORE.

Weatherford, Texas.
 The Advocate is always excellent, but the Christmas number is "ahead of time" and far excellent in appearance.
 T. F. TEMPLE.

Holland, Texas.
 I feel like complimenting you on the Christmas number of the Advocate. I have filed it away, first, for its neat and beautiful appearance; second, because it contains the appointments of all the Texas conferences. The Advocate is mighty good reading.
 W. A. POTTEET.

The Texas Christian Advocate (one of State Press' favorites) came out with an attractive Christmas issue December 8. It had a snow scene on the first page and an editorial on the third page that were worth a year's subscription. Particularly was the Christ editorial worthy of attention. People who know Dr. Rankin only as a politician do not really know him at all. And a better acquaintance with him would be profitable to them. Still, State Press thinks the Doctor was wrong last year when he referred to the apostles as ignorant men. We tried to correct him at the time, but he was indisposed to admit anything except State Press' unfitness for teaching.—Dallas News.

LET US HELP BROTHER WHITEHEAD.

Rev. J. D. Whitehead, of the Trenton charge, has been very nearly to death's door with a case of malignant blood poison. He injured his hand with a nail soon after conference. Nothing was thought of it at the time, but in a few days blood poison set in and his arm was fearfully swollen up to his body. It was a desperate case and all hope of his life was practically despaired of for a day or two. But good medical attention and the good Lord arrested the progress of the malady and he is slightly improved. It is now hoped that he will recover. But he will be slow getting up, and it will be some time before he will be able to attend to his work. In the meantime he has had, and will have, heavy expense. Would it not be a good time to help him out a little? Financially, Brother Whitehead is not a man of means. He is a poor man. A dollar or so from the brethren will not oppress them, and we have reason to know that it will be a great blessing to him at this time. Let us in the North Texas Conference, as preachers and people, throw in a mite and send it directly to him at Trenton. We are writing these lines advisedly and know personally that such an act upon our part will be of great help to him in this time of affliction.

FROM SUNRISE TO SUNSET.

The above is the title to a fresh, new book of reminiscence, written and published by Rev. Frank Richardson, D. D., of the Holston Conference. He is familiarly known as Uncle Frank by the preachers and laymen of that section, and a truer man has never lived. We have known him since our boyhood and more than once we have served under him as our presiding elder. He is a product of the Holston mountains and a veritable son of nature. He was educated in the long ago at Emory and Henry College, and he has been a member of the Holston Conference for more than fifty years. He is now past his four score years, but his eye is undimmed and his natural force not much abated. He is still in the active work of an itinerant minister. This rare and unique volume is a rich treat. We read much of it as it was published as a serial in the Midland Methodist and now that it is in book form we prize it highly. It is well worth the while of members of the Church to read it, for it has much in it that will entertain, amuse and instruct; and we most heartily commend it to our young ministers. They will find in it things not usually put into books, but all of it is out of the experience of one of the finest and most successful ministers in our Church. Our House at Nashville and Dallas carries it, and no more striking volume of the sort in years has been put upon our shelves for sale.

A TRIBUTE TO AN OLD FRIEND.

Recently Rev. T. J. Simmons, a most worthy local preacher, died at his home in Denton, and the departure of such a man is worthy of more than a passing notice. In fact, I would not be true to my own feelings or to the good man himself were I not to pay a tribute to his memory.

In 1872 I was traveling my first circuit, a small one, located in Gordon and Whitfield Counties, Georgia. It was a small affair and I had to walk it mostly. Among the best helps and friends of that early day, was Rev. T. J. Simmons. He lived within its bounds and his house was one of my homes. He and his family loved me and never failed to minister to me. I depended upon him to marry my young people and to baptize the infants and the adults of my charge, for I was unordained. He also assisted me much

in the pulpit and especially in revival meetings. He worked hard to support his family and would ride miles after night and on Sunday to fill appointments. He was a good preacher; had a genial disposition, a brotherly heart, a good mind, a fine voice and a pleasing address in the pulpit. He was one of the best local preachers I ever knew. He had a well developed sense of humor and his company was always pleasant and agreeable to young people and old people.

Such was his efficiency that he was often employed as a supply on charges in that conference, and his work was a success. Had he entered the conference in his young manhood and given himself entirely to the work of the ministry he would have been a remarkable figure in any conference, for he was possessed of more than ordinary gifts and graces as a preacher. But he saw fit to remain in the local ranks all his life, and in that sphere he was eminently useful.

Several years ago he moved with his family to Sherman, Texas, and afterward to Denton, where he spent the rest of his life. There he lived and labored, and there he finally died and went to his reward. How tender is my recollection of Brother Simmons! He stood by me when my only brother died in the long ago. Also when my only sister passed away he was there; and when my sainted mother breathed her last he was with me to comfort me, and he spoke the last words over the dust of these loved ones when their remains were laid away to await the resurrection of the just. Can I ever forget him? Never, no never! He leaves several children to mourn his departure, his good wife having preceded him to the better land some few years ago. His remains were taken to Pilot Point and placed beside hers. May the sod rest gently upon his grave while his disembodied spirit rests in the bosom of the Savior!

G. C. R.

A GREAT DAY FOR METHODISM IN HOUSTON.

Last Sunday was one of the greatest days ever celebrated by the Methodists of Houston. It was the occasion of opening the new First Methodist Church, which is the successor to the old Shearn Memorial Church. The latter was sold some time ago and the new one projected on Main Street. It is now completed and the cost of the lot, the building and its furnishings is estimated at \$250,000, and it is the most magnificent edifice in the State, if not in the entire Southwest. Dr. W. F. Packard is the pastor and he has labored diligently to bring about its completion, and there it stands a wonder to the people of Houston.

Last Sunday morning was the day set apart to open the building for the first time for worship. It was packed with something like 3000 people, and Bishop Edwin D. Mouzon was the preacher for the occasion. The Daily Post devoted much of its Monday space to the services and gave a good account of the sermon. It reported the discourse to be one of the greatest ever heard in the city; also the music, specially prepared, was exquisite. All the Methodists of the city gave way for this one service and it was an immense affair. At the close of the sermon by Bishop Mouzon a collection was taken and something over \$21,000 was secured. This brings the debt of the whole plant down to about \$50,000, and this the congregation will be amply able to handle.

In the afternoon there was an interdenominational service in the church, and the other pastors in the city took part. It was a delightful service. At night Rev. J. W. Moore, one of the former pastors of the Church, preached to another large audience, and this brought one of the happiest days for the Houston Methodists to a close. We

congratulate Dr. Packard, his congregation and the Methodists of Houston generally upon the completion of such a house of worship. With St. Paul's elegant structure, which is a close second to First Church, surely Houston Methodism is doing things on a large scale. Long may they flourish as a factor in the religious development of the Bayou City.

SUPERANNUATES AND CLERGY RAILWAY PERMITS.

We are reminded of the fact that in the clergy permit railway blanks for the year 1911 there is no provision for superannuates and supernumeraries who are not regularly employed on pastoral charges. So we called up one of the railway officials who is supposed to keep posted in such matters and asked the explanation. He gave it as follows: Old ministers who are not in charge of regular work are not included in the clergy permit concession, but whenever they have occasion to make trips over roads to conferences or on other ministerial duty, they can apply to their nearest railway agent for special clergy trip transportation tickets, and the agent in turn will send the application to the headquarters of such road and the trip ticket at half rate will be furnished. So while the present arrangement will prove a trifle inconvenient to the old ministers, nevertheless the roads have not cut them off, but adopted this other provision in their behalf. We give the above explanation because we are being asked for it by a number of these superannuate brethren.

DEATH OF MISS ELLA SHAW.

Again death has entered the home of Mr. and Mrs. William Shaw, of this city, and another of their loved ones has been transferred to the home beyond. Last Monday Miss Ella Shaw passed away, the third one to join the ranks of the blest within the past few years. For several years she had been sorely afflicted, and this very fact brought her into the closest sympathy of her father and mother and a large class of relatives and friends. She was a saintly young woman and most lovable in her disposition. Every instinct of her pure nature was religious and long suffering had prepared her for the happy change—happy to her, but sad and sorrowful for those she has left behind. The Advocate extends deepest sympathy to her afflicted family, and we indulge the prayer that the good Father above will comfort and sustain them in their pathetic bereavement.

NOTES AND COMMENTS

The two North Carolina papers have appointed commissioners and given them authority to inaugurate negotiations looking toward the consolidation of their two conference organs. It is no special business of ours, but we commend the wisdom of their movement and wish for it speedy success. That great State can make one great paper with much more ease than it can make two. Do like Texas and concentrate all the forces of the State Methodism on one good paper.

We notice that our brilliant young friend, George Waverly Briggs, Jr., long connected with the San Antonio Express, has taken charge of the editorial and business management of the Austin Statesman, and that this paper will be under his supervision. He is one of the most sparkling and fair-minded journalists in the State, and the Austin plant is to be congratulated upon securing his partnership with its business. We do not hesitate to say that for the past two years the Statesman has been no special credit to the capital city or to the intelligent and moral people of that section. But now that a real newspaper man has charge

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of it we doubt not its improvement will be marked and plausible. There is no reason why the good people of Austin and its vicinity should not have a first-class daily—one whose news service and moral tone are in keeping with their intelligence and piety; and now that Waverly Briggs is in charge we feel sure that their needs and deserts will be properly met. Waverly Briggs is the nephew of Rev. George Waverly Briggs, once the editor of the Advocate.

After all, the newspaper reports to contrary notwithstanding, the late Mrs. Mary Baker Eddy, founder and conservator of Christian Science, did leave considerable money to her son, his children, her adopted son and several other beneficiaries. However, the bulk of her great fortune was bequeathed to the Church founded by her genius and ability. Her fortune came to her largely through her book, Science and Health—A Key to the Scriptures—and other numerous writings. During her life she was liberal with her means, and in no sense can she be said to have been a woman of penurious nature. In various ways and to various humane institutions she opened her hand and scattered much of her annual income, and now in death it all goes largely to sustain the work set upon foot by her life-work.

Governor Elect Colquitt did a gallant act when he appointed Mrs. Cone Johnson, of Tyler, and wife of one of his competitors in the recent campaign for Governor, as one of the Regents of the School of Industrial Arts at Denton. She is one of the leading women of the State, brilliant, devoted and highly capable. She is eminently qualified for the position, and Governor Colquitt has honored himself and the State in honoring this gifted daughter of Texas. And it is nothing to her discredit that she is a devout member of the Methodist Church and true to its traditions and service. We congratulate Mr. Colquitt and the State upon the appointment of Mrs. Johnson to this responsible and important position.

Major Lesesne, of the Galveston-Dallas News, did that paper honor and the Church a great service in his work for those papers among the conferences. He took in all five of them, and every morning during the progress of their sessions the people of the State were given a good idea of what transpired in their proceedings. There is nothing sensational in his style of reporting. He is true to the facts and writes them in such a way as to make them readable. And we also want to commend Miss Dial, daughter of Hon. R. C. Dial, of Clarendon, for her faithful reports of the Northwest and North Texas

Conferences for the Amarillo and Wichita papers. She did her work well.

Bishop R. G. Waterhouse spent a Sunday, a few days ago, in San Antonio, and preached Sunday morning for the Government Hill congregation and at night in Travis Park Church. Bishop Waterhouse has determined to locate permanently, so the papers say, in Los Angeles, where it is further said, the citizens of that city have presented him a handsome home. But for the present winter his family will remain in San Antonio. We are glad that Bishop Waterhouse will reside on the Pacific Slope, for one of our Bishops is needed out there if we are to hold that section of our great country. So far we have had no permanent residence for a Bishop out that way, and the determination of Bishop Waterhouse is wise and highly commendable.

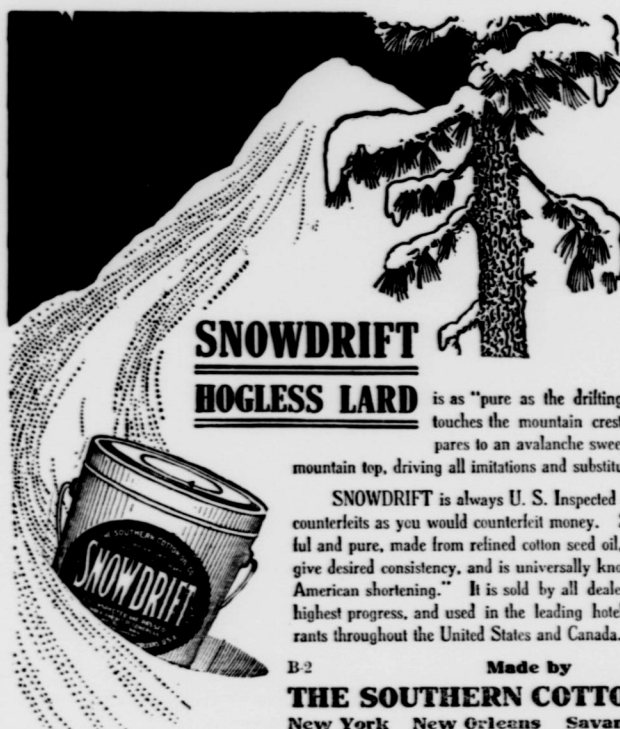
Mrs. A. M. Ireland, widow of the late Governor Ireland, and one of the noblest women of Texas, and a Methodist in every fiber of her refined nature, has not been in good health for several months. So her grandson, Ireland Graves, of Austin, a most estimable gentleman, has prevailed upon her to relinquish her old home in Seguin and go to Austin to make her home with him, and she has consented to the arrangement. So her residence from this time forward will be in the capital city. We rejoice in her long life of usefulness, for we number her among the best friends the Advocate has ever had, and we pray that the rest of her days may continue bright, and may she find light awaiting her at the eventide.

BISHOP MOUZON IN MISSISSIPPI.

We are not surprised to note from the New Orleans Christian Advocate that Bishop Mouzon made a fine impression on the Mississippians. We quote the following from the above paper:

"Bishop Mouzon made a profound impression at the recent session of the Mississippi Conference. So smoothly did the business move along under his guidance that the most astute observer could not detect the slightest indication that a 'prentice hand' was upon the helm. As a presiding officer he already ranks with the best. He is dignified, firm and positive, but at the same time courteous, considerate and impartial. He has an accurate knowledge of parliamentary law, and adheres strictly to it in conducting business. His personal appearance is remarkably striking. He is tall, slender and somewhat angular in form, and has a classic and most expressive countenance. His voice is clear and deep-toned, his enunciation distinct, and he is a speaker of unusual impressiveness. His morning talks to the conference were spiritual, suggestive and at times illuminating. Those who heard the entire series were loud in their praise of the Bishop as an expositor of the Scriptures. His sermon on Sunday was a notable deliverance, and from beginning to end completely held the attention of the great audience assembled to hear it. It fully met expectation, frequently evoking hearty amens from the brethren.

"In the cabinet Bishop Mouzon is reported to have been painstakingly brotherly and perfectly frank with his counselors. His appointments gave general satisfaction. Indeed, we have no hesitancy in saying that in the person of this young chief pastor Texas has given to the general Church a man who is destined to become a great Bishop, and if providence shall spare his life and preserve his health he will doubtless play a leading part in the affairs of Southern Methodism for many years to come. So far as we are able to judge, he has every qualification for his high office—a brilliant intellect, a tender, sympathetic heart, personal piety, a sound and discriminating judgment, a dignified and manly bearing, uncommon preaching gifts and administrative ability far above ordinary. The conference by a unanimous vote petitioned the Episcopal College to return him for another year. This was not a mere pleasing formality, but a genuine expression of esteem and



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PERSONALS

Rev. John R. Rice, D. D., of First Church, Fort Worth, is now installed and hard at work. His people are delighted with him, and the Board of Stewards has assessed his salary at \$5000, the largest salary paid to any Methodist pastor in Texas.

The St. Louis Advocate says: "Rev. George M. Gibson evidently likes the Texans and the Texans like him. The Dallas Methodists will be delighted with him as both preacher and pastor." If the St. Louis Advocate will change the tense of its verb from the future to the present, it will henceforth express the situation in Dallas perfectly.

Bishop Thomas Bowman, of the Methodist Episcopal Church, is still living and quite active for a man in his ninety-third year. The Bishops of his Church recently visited him in a body and paid reverence to a man in every way worthy of their devotion.

Judge M. M. Brooks, formerly of the Court of Criminal Appeals, is now living the life of a private citizen in Dallas, with a lucrative law practice. He is happy in his present relation. He holds his Church membership at Grace, and is a member of the Official Board. No man in Texas rendered better service to the public morals of Texas than did Judge Brooks during his occupancy of the bench.

Bishop Hoss has returned from the Orient, and recently he did some fine preaching in St. Louis. According to the St. Louis Advocate his visit to that city was a deep spiritual uplift to the preachers and the people.

Rev. George W. Owens is still indisposed. He has been out of danger for some months, but his illness still lingers with him. He is not able to work or to even look after his correspondence. But he is in a peaceful state of mind, and has committed himself wholly into the hands of God.

Rev. J. M. Peterson, presiding elder of the Dallas District, has entered upon his third year with zeal and enthusiasm. He has his plans already outlined for the coming year, and he is expecting large results.

Rev. J. T. McClure, of South Ervay Street Church, was recently elected President of the Dallas Pastors' Association—a merited compliment to one of our able and worthy men.

Rev. J. B. Parr, of Dundee, was out hunting Methodists on his charge. He "winged" one and brought him down as a subscriber to the Advocate, and says, "I will take another hunt."

Rev. C. F. Smith, of Atlanta, Texas, was a pleasant caller at the Advocate office last week. He begins his second year at that charge with bright prospects. Having served for several years on districts prior to his present appointment has not in the least diminished Brother Smith's usefulness in pastoral work.

Judge Henry G. King, of Grace Church, was elected Chairman of the Board of Stewards for the ensuing conference year. He is a veteran in Church work, and is always found at his post of duty. He was brought up that way, and he sticks to his training.

We are delighted to announce the improved condition of Captain Epps G. Knight, of this city. We were all thrown into a spirit of depression at the session of the North Texas Conference by a telegram to the effect that he was in a dying condition, and for days there was no hope for his recovery. But good medical treat-

ment and a gracious providence have put him on the road to recovery, and a wide circle of friends is greatly rejoiced. He is one of the best men in Dallas.

Rev. Chas. U. McLarty, of Mineola, arranged a beautiful program for a missionary rally at his church, which occurred just before the session of the Texas Conference. It was great, and much good was accomplished on the occasion. Some fine addresses were made and good results followed. Brother McLarty did so well at that appointment last year that he was returned to it this year.

Rev. L. S. Barton, of the Decatur District, is inaugurating effective plans for the coming year. He is a live presiding elder, and his successful work has brought this new district to a high degree of efficiency. He is one of the strong men of the conference.

Rev. Jerome Duncan, of the Fort Worth District, writes us that all his preachers are at their posts of duty, and that the work starts off well. He holds an important position in the Central Texas Conference, but he is equal to its demands, and we look for a year of continued progress in that district.

Rev. G. E. Cameron, who was transferred by Bishop Murrah to the Louisiana Conference, has been stationed at First Church, Shreveport. This is one of the leading appointments in that conference, and Brother Cameron will prove equal to the task of meeting the responsibilities of the charge. He is strong, active and persistent in his methods of work.

Rev. I. E. Wood has made a fine beginning at Fairland, this city. The people have received him kindly, and he has a bright prospect for a prosperous year.

BOOK NOTICES.

"The revelation of Present Experience," by Edmund Montgomery, and published by Sherman, French & Company, is a learned little volume of less than one hundred pages, but it is packed full of rich thought. It deals with the results of human experience in connection with scientific investigations, but it does not lose sight of the religious element in man.

Book of Discipline of the M. E. Church, South, and published by our House. This is the long delayed new Book of Discipline, as revised and containing the changes made in the law of the Church by the last General Conference.

"The Garden of Gray Lodge," by Charlotte W. Hazlewood, and published by Sherman, French & Company, Boston. This is also a book of poems, and it is a description of a real American garden, remarkable for situation upon a height overlooking the sea, with its flowers, fruits, inhabitants and the wonderful forces of nature affecting it.

"The Fundamentals: A Testimony to the Truth," by Two Laymen, and published by the Testimony Company, Chicago. This is the third volume of a series of booklets being issued on this subject. The publication is in the interest of evangelical truth from a thoroughly religious standpoint, treating such subjects as "The Inspiration of the Bible," "The Moral Glory of Christ," "God in Christ Revealing the Fatherhood," "The Testimony of Experience," etc. These little volumes are real contributions to evangelical literature.

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WAS JUDAS RESPONSIBLE?

Article No. 2.

I don't know why it happened, but it crept into my former article as a preliminary setting that the Passover was observed by Jesus and the apostles at Bethany on Tuesday before the crucifixion on Friday. I will state now that I saw this in twenty minutes in my own mind after I had mailed the manuscript to the Advocate. I apologize right here and now for this break, for if I am to convince you that Judas was wrong at heart from the beginning I must first get your confidence, and in order to get your confidence I must convince you that I am no Bible warper.

So much for a trifle. Now a good friend of mine reminds me that I have taken an un-Methodistic position. What should that matter if I prove it to be the true position?

And what was my position? Viz.: That Judas' heart had never been completely changed from evil to righteousness, and that Jesus knew he was a thief and a devil, even when Mary anointed his feet with the precious ointment. Let reason speak:

When Jesus called Nathaniel he said of him what he did not say of any of the other apostles: "Behold an Israelite, indeed, in whom there is no guile." Now, this seems pretty good proof that none of the other apostles he had called were free from guile when he called them. You cannot possibly be so inconsistent as to say that Jesus said this of Nathaniel merely because he may have taken a special fancy to him. Jesus was not impulsive, and he had often to caution Peter against his impulsiveness, showing that true discipleship and impulsiveness could not mix any more than oil and water.

So we find already that there was doubtless somewhat of guile in all except Nathaniel, when called by Jesus. Can you name any passage of Scripture showing where these twelve apostles were quickened into life and understanding prior to the crucifixion?

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But he gave them power to cast out devils!" you scream at me. Is it more miraculous to grant a devil power to heal diseases—and "devils" here are synonymous—than to grant a devil the power to cause diseases, as in the case of Satan and Job? You certainly would not take the position that casting out devils meant the saving of souls, for God Almighty alone has ever or shall ever possess that power and attribute.

"But did Jesus intend for Judas to betray him?" you ask. I say: No. We as mortals morally shape our own intentions and wills, and God foresaw that Judas was going to betray Christ, but God's foreknowledge did not cause Judas to be evil at heart. I pity any man who does not possess enough insight to comprehend this simple truth. "One day is as a thousand years, and a thousand years as one day, with God."

"But * * * Judas, by transgression, fell," you say? Because of his determination upon sin, evil intent, and greed God lost patience with him, seeing that he had accepted the bribe to betray the only possible Redeemer of fallen man, and he gave him the sop, and the devil took complete control of him. Could anything be plainer, brother? Accepted the bribe, transgression, and fell from a probationary state to an eternal state of remorse. I say probationary state, for that was exactly the case. Even our beloved Bishop Candler says that Jesus permitted Judas to follow him, along with the other apostles, after he knew what Jesus was bent upon doing, in order that Judas might have full force of Jesus companionship to influence him to repent of the intent of his heart. And then, seeing that he would not repent and undo matters, Jesus finally warns him that he is to be altogether without excuse. And right here is where I get my proof that Judas was responsible.

The lesson in Judas to this world is that God calls every man, but that it is only those who yield completely to the Holy Spirit that get to heaven. The fact that Jesus called the weakest of vessels—Judas—proves that he still calls all men, and this within itself is lesson enough, it seems to me.

Summary: I have shown that of the twelve only Nathaniel was declared free from guile; have shown that the apostles could not have been regenerated in heart and understanding until after the crucifixion and the receiving of the Holy Ghost; have shown that the twelve were all in a probationary state prior to the treason of Judas; that then Judas fell from his probationary state into eternal remorse; that the remaining eleven of the apostles remained in the probationary state till Jesus came to them in the person of the Holy Ghost, and that then, and only then, could they enjoy and comprehend the nature of Christ's kingdom and teachings.

If I have been unreasonable, please show me.

CLINT C. REYNOLDS, Fairlie, Texas.

A CALL TO THE PRESIDING ELDERS AND LAY LEADERS OF THE WEST TEXAS CONFERENCE.

The presiding elders, the Conference Lay Leader and the District Lay Leaders are urgently requested to meet in Travis Park Methodist Church, San Antonio, Texas, December 29, 1910, to discuss matters of vital interest to the Church.

A. J. WEEKS, S. H. C. BURGIN, P. E., A. L. SCARBOROUGH, P. E., S. B. BEALL, P. E.

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RESOLUTIONS OF RESPECT.

The following resolutions were adopted by the Woman's Home Mission Society of Seminole, Texas, in memory of Miss Lou Myrtle Lane, who died at her home at Cisco, Texas, December 5, 1910.

Whereas, For several months prior to her death this society enjoyed the Christian association of this dear girl, she being an honored member while in our midst, we feel keenly the loss of a dear friend and comrade; therefore be it

Resolved, 1. That we bow in meek submission to the will of our Father in heaven, who doeth all things well, and we pray him to sanctify such sorrow as this to our good and teach us to say: Thy will be done.

2. We extend to the bereaved ones our deepest sympathy, and commend them to the keeping of the Father, in whose love they may find abiding peace.

3. That these resolutions be recorded in our minutes, and a copy be sent to the Texas Christian Advocate.

MRS. CHARLEY TRIMBLE, MRS. J. W. BYRD, MRS. T. A. ROBERTSON, Committee.

TO THE PASTORS OF THE CENTRAL TEXAS CONFERENCE.

Dear Brethren: The following is a partial list of the treasurers of the respective Conference Boards: Treasurer Board of Missions, J. H. Wiseman, Blooming Grove; treasurer Board of Church Extension, E. B. Chenoweth, Bartlett; Sunday-School Board, R. F. Brown, Comanche; Joint Board of Finance, J. M. Robertson, Meridian. The various treasurers will forward receipts in duplicate to remitter, remitter will detach, retaining the card addressed to him, and forward duplicate to S. B. Sawyers, secretary Auditing Committee, Foreston, Texas.

M. A. TURNER, Chairman Auditing Committee.

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NOTICE PREACHERS OF THE NORTHWEST TEXAS CONFERENCE.

I have sent a certified copy of the appointments to Mr. J. E. Hannegan, and you may refer to this in your business with him. A. L. MOORE.

CHANGE OF ADDRESS.

The postoffice address of Rev. Thos. Hanks is Texline, Texas, instead of Margaret, Texas, as the appointments read. THOS. HANKS.

NORTH TEXAS CONFERENCE

Bonham District—First Round.

- Bailey Cir., at B., Jan. 28, 29. Randolph Cir., at R., Feb. 4, 5. Petty and White Rock, at W. R., Feb. 11, 12. Brookston and High, at H., Feb. 18, 19. Trenton Cir., at Marvin, Feb. 25, 26. Direct Mis. at Ticer Town, March 4, 5. Ravenna Mis., at R., March 11, 12. J. B. GOBER, P. E.

Bowie District—First Round.

- Crafton Cir., at Park S., Dec. 10, 11. Blue Grove Cir., at B. G., Dec. 17, 18. Bellevue Sta., Dec. 19. Montague and Dye Md., at M., Dec. 21. Sunset Cir., at S., Dec. 25, 26. Bowie Sta., Dec. 28. Bonita, at Pr. View, Dec. 31. Post Oak, at P. O., Jan. 7, 8. Newport Mis., at Truce, Jan. 9. Nocona Cir., at Pr. Mound, Jan. 14, 15. Nocona Cir., at Jan. 15, 16. Archer City Sta., Jan. 18. Dundee Mis., at Eagle Bend, Jan. 21, 22. Archer Mis., Jan. 19. Holliday Mis., at Allendale, Jan. 23. Iowa Park Cir., Jan. 27-29. Electra Mis., Jan. 29, 30. Henrietta Mis., at Willow Spr., Feb. 3-5. Henrietta Sta., Feb. 5, 6. Byers Cir., at Byers, Feb. 10-12. Wichita Falls Sta., Feb. 13. Burk Burnett, Feb. 25, 26. Bowie Mis., March 4, 5. JOHN E. ROACH, P. E.

Dallas District—First Round.

- Grace, 11 a. m., Dec. 25. Oak Cliff, 7:30 p. m., Dec. 25. West Dallas and Fairland, at W. D., Dec. 31, Jan. 1. District Stewards' meeting at Publishing House, 2 p. m., Jan. 3. Maple Ave., Jan. 7, 8. Oak Lawn, 7:30 p. m., Jan. 8. Hutchins and Wilmer, at W., Jan. 14, 15. First Church, 11 a. m., Jan. 22. Trinity, 7:30 p. m., Jan. 22. Irving Cir., at I., Jan. 28, 29. Oak Cliff, 7:30 p. m., Jan. 29. Cedar Hill and Duncanville, at C. H., Feb. 4, 5. Ervay, 11 a. m., Feb. 12. Grace, 7:30 p. m., Feb. 12. Lancaster, Feb. 18, 19. Cochran, Feb. 25, 26. First Church, 11 a. m., Feb. 26. Wheatland, March 4, 5. Trinity, 7:30 p. m., March 5. J. M. PETERSON, P. E.

Gainesville District—First Round.

- Woodbine, at W., Dec. 24, 25. Dexter, at Walnut Bend, Dec. 31, Jan. 1. Hollinsville and Tloga, at T., Jan. 7, 8. Wesley and Bethel, at B., Jan. 14, 15. Sanger, at S., Jan. 15, 16. Denton, Jan. 22, 23. Era and Spring Creek, at E., Jan. 28, 29. Valley View, Jan. 29, 30. Myra and Good, at H., Feb. 4, 5. Rosston, at R., Feb. 5, 6. Aubrey, at A., Feb. 11, 12. St. Jo, at S. J., Feb. 18, 19. Marysville, at Spring Hill, Feb. 25, 26. E. H. CASEY, P. E.

Paris District—First Round.

- Hogwell Mis., at B., Dec. 24, 25. Blossom and Sylvan, at S., Dec. 25, 26. Detroit Cir., at Halesboro, Dec. 31, Jan. 1.

- Pattonville Cir., at P., Jan. 1, 2. Woodland and Kanawha, at W., Jan. 7, 8. Detroit Cir., at D., Jan. 8, 9. Rosalie Cir., at R., Jan. 14, 15. Annona Cir., at A., Jan. 21, 22. White Rock and Williams Chapel, at W. R., Jan. 28, 29. Avery Mis., at A., Feb. 4, 5. Emberson Cir., at Bethel, Feb. 11, 12. Paris Cir., at Reed's Chapel, Feb. 18, 19. Bonham Street, Feb. 18, 19. Centenary, Feb. 25, 26. Lamar Ave., Feb. 25, 27. JNO. M. SWEETON, P. E.

Greenville District—First Round.

- Greenville Mis., at Concord, Dec. 31, Jan. 1. Lee Street Sta., Jan. 1, 2. Leonard and Orange Grove, at L., Jan. 7, 8. Commerce Mis., at Center Chapel, Jan. 14, 15. Commerce Sta., Jan. 15, 16. Celeste Mis., at Kingston, Jan. 21, 22. Celeste and Lane, at C., Jan. 22, 23. Fairlie and Wesley Chapel, at W. C., Jan. 28, 29. Wolfe Cir. Sta., Jan. 29, 30. Loneoak Mis., at Twin Oaks, Feb. 4, 5. Loneoak Sta., Feb. 5, 6. Merit Cir., at Merit, Feb. 11, 12. Floyd and Caddo Mills, at F., Feb. 18, 19. Wesley Sta., Feb. 24, 25. Kavanaugh Sta., Feb. 25, 26. R. G. MOOD, P. E.

McKinney District—First Round.

- McKinney, 11 a. m., Dec. 25. South McKinney, 7:30 p. m., Dec. 28. Prosper, at P., 11 a. m., Dec. 30-Jan. 1. Frisco, at F., 7:30 p. m., Jan. 1. Weston, at W., 11 a. m., Jan. 7, 8. Selina, 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. CHAS. A. SPRAGINS, P. E.

Deatur District—First Round.

- Rhame, at R., Dec. 24. Deatur 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. Deatur Mis., at Bluff, 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. L. S. BARTON, P. E.

Sherman District—First Round.

- Van Alstyne, Dec. 25. Pilot Grove, at P. G., Dec. 31, Jan. 1. Whitewright, Jan. 1, 2. Bells, Jan. 7, 8. Waples Memorial, Jan. 15. Trinity and Messenger, at T., Jan. 15, 16. Pottsboro and Preston, at Pottsboro, Jan. 21, 22. Denison Mis., at Harless Chapel, Jan. 22, 23. Sadler and Gordonville, at S., Jan. 28, 29. Whitesboro, Feb. 5. Southmayd Cir., at Kendall, Feb. 11, 12. A. L. ANDREWS, P. E.

Sulphur Springs District—First Round.

- Sulphur Springs Sta., Dec. 25. Mount Vernon Cir., at Holmes Chapel, Dec. 31, Jan. 1. Lake Creek Cir., at Enloe, Jan. 7, 8. Cooper Sta., Jan. 8, 9. Riley Springs Cir., at Shook's Chapel, Jan. 14, 15. Yowell Cir., at Moss Chapel, Jan. 21, 22. Klondike Cir., at Good's Chapel, Jan. 22, 23. Hazansport Mis., at Lavada, Jan. 28, 29. Sulphur Bluff Cir., at Nelta, Feb. 4, 5. Weaver and Saltville, at Mahony, Feb. 11, 12. Brashear, at Shirley, Feb. 18, 19. Winsboro Sta., Feb. 25, 26. Como Cir., at Como, Feb. 26, 27. Purley Cir., at Harmony, March 4, 5. W. D. MOUNTCASTLE, P. E.

Terrell District—First Round.

- Forney, Dec. 25, 26. Fate Cir., Dec. 31, Jan. 1. Royce, Jan. 1, 2. Rockwall, Jan. 7, 8. Garland, Jan. 8, 9. Mahank, Jan. 14, 15. Elmo, Jan. 21, 22. College Mound, Dec. 28, 29. Crandall and Seago, Feb. 4, 5. Kemp, Feb. 11, 12. Shisholm, Feb. 18, 19. Terrell, Feb. 19, 20. M. L. HAMILTON, P. E.

Weatherford District—First Round.

- Weatherford, First Church, Dec. 23-25. Pauster, at P., Dec. 27. Millsap, at Brock, Dec. 29. Strawn, at S., Dec. 30, 31. Thurber, at T., Jan. 1, 2. Gordon, at G., Jan. 3. Santo, at Brazos, Jan. 4. Graford, Jan. 7, 8. Whitt, at W., Jan. 10. Mineral Wells, Jan. 14, 15. Graham Cir., at Henry's Chapel, Jan. 21, 22. Graham Sta., Jan. 22, 23. Ellasville, at E., Jan. 24. Loving Cir., at L., Jan. 25. Farmer Cir., at F., Jan. 26. Newcastle, at N., Jan. 27. Olney, Jan. 28, 29. JAS. CAMPBELL, P. E.

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Abilene District—First Round.

- First Church, Dec. 25. Tenth Street, Dec. 25, 26. St. Paul, Jan. 1-4. Baird, Jan. 7, 8. Clyde, at Potosi, Jan. 14, 15. Hawley, at Truby, Jan. 21, 22. Anson, Jan. 22, 23. Merkel, Jan. 28, 29. Tye, at Tye, Jan. 29, 30. Trent, at Trent, Feb. 4, 5. Caps, at Caps, Feb. 11, 12. Denton, at Denton, Feb. 18, 19. GUS BARNES, P. E.

Stanford District—First Round.

- Lone Star, 11 a. m., Jan. 23. Weinert, 11 a. m., Jan. 25. Seymour, Jan. 28, 29.

Romartan, Jan. 29, 20. Goree, Feb. 4, 5. Stamford, St. John's, Feb. 12. Stamford, Ward Memorial and Leuders, Feb. 19. Avoca, 11 a. m., Feb. 15. J. G. PUTMAN, P. E.

Colorado District—First Round. Dec. 23-25, Colorado Sta. Dec. 29-Jan. 1, Camp Springs, at C. S. Jan. 6-8, Dunn, at Dunn. Jan. 13-15, Fluvanna, at F. Jan. 20-22, Dermot, at Bethel. Jan. 27-29, Snyder Sta. Jan. 30-Feb. 2, Sweetwater Mis., all points. Feb. 3-5, Blackwell, at B. Feb. 10-12, Hylton, at H. Feb. 17-19, Westbrook, at W. Feb. 24-26, Iatan, at Cuthbert. SIMMONS SHAW, P. E.

Plainview District—First Round. Lubbock Mis., Dec. 24. Lubbock Sta., Dec. 25, 26. Plainview Mis., Dec. 29. Dimmitt, at D., Dec. 31, Jan. 1. Kress, at K., Jan. 4. Happy, at H., Jan. 6. Silverton, at S., Jan. 8, 9. Turkey, at T., Jan. 11. Matador, Jan. 14, 15. Atton, at A., Jan. 17. Hale Center, Jan. 21, 22. Barton, at B., Jan. 23. Plainview Sta., Jan. 28, 29. J. T. HICKS, P. E.

Vernon District—First Round. Vernon Mis., Dec. 23. Vernon Sta., Dec. 24, 25. Tolbert Cir., Dec. 31, Jan. 1. Quanah Sta., Jan. 7, 8. Paducah Mis., Jan. 13. Paducah Sta., Jan. 14, 15. Estelline Cir., Jan. 21, 22. J. G. MILLER, P. E.

Amarillo District—First Round. Panhandle and Pampa, at Panhandle, Dec. 24. Ochiltree, at O., Jan. 1, 2. Hansford, at H., Jan. 3, 4. Wildorado, Jan. 7, 8. O. P. KIKER, P. E.

Clarendon District—First Round. Clarendon, Dec. 25, 26. Wellington Sta., Dec. 31, Jan. 1. Wellington Cir., Jan. 2. Quail, Jan. 4. Shamrock, Jan. 6. Wheeler, Jan. 8. Canadian, Jan. 14, 15. Cataline, Jan. 16. Miami, Jan. 18. Goodnight, Jan. 21, 22. Hedley, Jan. 28, 29. J. W. STORY, P. E.

Big Springs District—First Round. Lamesa Sta., Dec. 31, Jan. 1. Lamesa Mis., Jan. 1, 2. Gail, Jan. 7, 8. Post City, Jan. 14, 15. Coahoma, Jan. 21, 22. Blythe, Jan. 28, 29. Soash, Feb. 4, 5. Stanton Sta., Feb. 11, 12. Stanton Cir., Feb. 12, 13. Big Springs, Feb. 19, 20. Seminole, Feb. 26, 27. J. E. STEPHENS, P. E.

Hamlin District—First Round. Royston, at R., Dec. 24, 25. Pinkerton, at P., Dec. 31, Jan. 1. Rule Sta., Jan. 1, p. m., Jan. 2, a. m. Sagerton, 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. Peacock, at P., p. m., Jan. 17 a. m., Jan. 18. Aspermont, Jan. 21, 22. Vera, Jan. 28, 29. G. S. HARDY, P. E.

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Waco District—First Round. Hewitt, Dec. 24, 25. Bell's Hill, Dec. 25, 26. Whitney, Jan. 1. West, Jan. 7, 8. Bosqueville, Jan. 14, 15. China Springs, Jan. 15, 16. Bruceville, Jan. 21, 22. Lorena, Jan. 28, 29. North Sixth Street, Jan. 29, 30. Aquilla, Feb. 4, 5. Mount Calm, Feb. 11, 12. W. B. ANDREWS, P. E.

Gatesville District—First Round. Gatesville Sta., Dec. 25, 26. Crawford, at C., Dec. 31, Jan. 1. Clifton, Jan. 1, 2. Turnersville, at T., Jan. 7, 8. Oglesby, at O., Jan. 14, 15. Evant, at Slater, Jan. 21, 22. Valley Mills, at V. M., Jan. 28, 29. McGregor, 2 p. m., Jan. 30. Nolanville, at N., Feb. 4, 5. Jonesboro, at Levita, Feb. 11, 12. Fair and Lanham, at F., Feb. 18, 19. Hamilton Cir., at Leesville, Feb. 25, 26. Hamilton Sta., Feb. 26, 27. S. J. VAUGHAN, P. E.

Dublin District—First Round. 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 Sta., Jan. 7, 8. DeLeon Cir., at Ross' Chapel, Jan. 9. 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.

Fort Worth District—First Round. Weatherford Street, 7:30 p. m., Dec. 14. Riverside, 7:30 Dec. 15. Handley and Brooklyn Heights, 7:30 p. m., Dec. 19. Missouri Ave., 7:30 p. m., Dec. 20. McKinley Ave., 7:30 p. m., Dec. 22. Glenwood, 7:30 p. m., Dec. 27. Diamond Hill and Harwell Chapel, at D. H., 7:30 p. m., Dec. 29. Kennedale, Dec. 31, Jan. 1. Boulevard, 7:30 p. m., Jan. 3. First Church, 7:30 p. m., Jan. 5. Smithfield, Jan. 7, 8.

Polytechnic, 7:30 p. m., Jan. 10. Mulkey Memorial, 7:30 p. m., Jan. 11. Central, 7:30 p. m., Jan. 12. Grapevine, Jan. 14, 15. District Stewards will meet at First Church Wednesday, December 28th, at 2 p. m. JEROME DUNCAN, P. E.

Brownwood District—First Round. Brownwood, Dec. 25, 26. Glencove Cir., at Novice, Dec. 30. Coleman Sta., Dec. 31, Jan. 1. Coleman Cir., at Junction, Jan. 1, 2. Winchell Cir., at W., Jan. 4. Santa Anna Sta., Jan. 7, 8. Bangs Cir., at Bangs, Jan. 8, 9. Ballinger Sta., Jan. 14, 15. Norton Cir., at Maverick, Jan. 16. Robert Lee Cir., at R. L., Jan. 18. Eronte Cir., at Chadbourne, Jan. 20. Wingate and Pumphrey, at W., Jan. 21, 22. Winters Sta., Jan. 22, 23. J. A. WHITEHURST, P. E.

Cisco District—First Round. Scranton, Dec. 23. Cisco Mis., Dec. 25, 26. Cisco Sta., Jan. 1, 2. J. SAM BARCUS, P. E.

Waxahachie District—First Round. 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. Bardwell, at B., Jan. 21, 22. Forrester, 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.

Georgetown District—First Round. Georgetown, Dec. 24, 25. Florence at Mount Horeb, at F., Dec. 29-Jan. 1. Troy, at T., Jan. 7, 8. Temple Sta., Jan. 10. Salado, at S., Jan. 14, 15. Hutto, at Round Rock, Jan. 17. Belton Cir., at Midway, Jan. 21, 22. Temple, Seventh Street, Jan. 22, 23. Rogers Mis., Jan. 28, 29. Rogers Sta., Jan. 29, 30. Taylor Sta., Feb. 4, 5. Belton Sta., Feb. 11, 12. W. H. VAUGHAN, P. E.

Corsicana District—First Round. Barry Cir., at B., Dec. 24, 25. Corsicana, Eleventh Ave., evening, Dec. 25. Chatfield Cir., at Tupelo, Dec. 31, Jan. 1. Rice Sta., evening, Jan. 1; 10 a. m., Jan. 2. Corsicana Cir., at Pleasant Grove, Jan. 7, and evening, Jan. 8. Corsicana Sta., morning, Jan. 8. Wortham and Thornton, at W., Jan. 14, 15. Richland Cir., at R., evening, Jan. 15; 11 a. m., Jan. 16. Horn Hill Cir., at Forest Glade, Jan. 21, 22. Mexia Sta., morning, Jan. 22. Mexia Cir., at Cotton Gin, evening, Jan. 22; 11 a. m., Jan. 23. Kerens Cir., at K., Jan. 28, 29. JOHN R. NELSON, P. E.

Cleburne District—First Round. Joshua, at J., Dec. 31, Jan. 1. Lillian, Jan. 3. Granbury Mis., Jan. 7, 8. Granbury Sta., Jan. 8, 9. Brazos Ave., Cleburne, Jan. 11. Godley, at Bono, Jan. 14, 15. Anglin St., Cleburne, 7:30 p. m., Jan. 18. Glenrosa Mis., at George Creek, Jan. 21, 22. Grenrose Sta., Jan. 22, 23. Cresson, at C., Jan. 28, 29. Main St., Cleburne, 7:30 p. m., Jan. 31. Burleson, at Everman, Feb. 4, 5. Alvarado, Feb. 11, 12. Morgan and Kopperl, at M., Feb. 18, 19. Walnut Springs, Feb. 19, 20. Grandview, Feb. 25, 26. W. A. SMITH, P. E.

Hillsboro District—First Round. Hillsboro, First Church, at F. C., Jan. 1, 2. Hillsboro, Line St., at L. S., evening, Jan. 1. Irene, at I., Jan. 7, 8. Brandon, at Mertens, Jan. 8, 9. Covington, Jan. 14, 15. Loveless, Jan. 15, 16. Peoria, Jan. 21, 22. Abbott, Jan. 22, 23. Penelope, Jan. 28, 29. Kirk, at Kirk, Feb. 4, 5. The District Stewards will please meet at the First Methodist Church in Hillsboro at 2 p. m., Tuesday, December 20, 1910. HORACE BISHOP, P. E.

TEXAS CONFERENCE

Beaumont District—First Round. Nederland, Jan. 1. Orange, Jan. 8. Burkeville, Jan. 11. Buna (Call Mis.), Jan. 14, 15. Amelia (Port Bolivar and A.), Jan. 18. Warren, Jan. 21, 22. Silsbee, Jan. 25. Port Arthur, Jan. 26. Sour Lake, Jan. 28, 29. Wallisville, Feb. 1. Jasper Sta., Feb. 4, 5. Ryerly, C. G. (Jasper Mis.), Feb. 4, 5. Saratoga, Feb. 11, 12. Kirbyville, Feb. 14. Brookeland, Feb. 15. Kountze, Feb. 18, 19. Dayton, Feb. 22. Liberty, Feb. 23. Woodville, Feb. 25, 26. D. H. HOTCHKISS, P. E.

Marshall District—First Round. First Church, Marshall, a. m., Dec. 18. Jefferson, p. m., Dec. 18. North Marshall, Dec. 25. Rosewood, at Marvin's Chapel, Dec. 21, Jan. 1. First Church, conference, Jan. 4. Jefferson, conference, Jan. 5. Bettie, at Simpsonville, Jan. 7, 8. Gilmer, Jan. 8, 9. Beckville, Jan. 14. Longview, a. m., Jan. 15. Kilgore, Jan. 15, 16. Kellyville, at Moore's Chapel, Jan. 21. Elysian Fields, at Bethany, Jan. 22, 23. North Marshall, conference, Jan. 25. Hallville, at Summerfield, Jan. 28, 29. Longview, conference, p. m., Jan. 30. Henderson Sta., Feb. 3, 5. Church Hill, at C. H., Feb. 4, 5. Henderson Cir., at Carlisle, Feb. 11, 12.

Harrison, at Scottsville, Feb. 18, 19. Harleton, at Ashland, Feb. 25, 26. The District Stewards' meeting will be held at First Church, Marshall, in the pastor's study, on Thursday, December 29, at 2 p. m. sharp. The trustees of the district parsonage will meet at the same time and place, and a full attendance is very desirable. The Pastors' Conference and Missionary Institute will be held at Kilgore beginning Monday evening, January 16, with an address by the Rev. A. J. Weeks, Superintendent of Home Missions for Texas and New Mexico. The meeting will last two days, and every pastor in the district is expected to be present. H. T. CUNNINGHAM, P. E.

Brenham District—First Round. Dec. 25, 26, Brenham. Dec. 30, Jan. 1, Bellville, at B. Jan. 7, 8, Seely, at S. Jan. 7, 8, Thorndale, at T. Jan. 9, Rockdale. Jan. 14, 15, Hempstead. Jan. 15, 16, Chappell Hill. Jan. 21, 22, Lane City, at L. C. Jan. 22, 23, Wharton. Jan. 29, Van Vleet, at V. V. Jan. 29, 30, Bay City. Feb. 4, 5, Waller, at New Hope. Feb. 11, 12, Richmond. Feb. 12, 13, Rosenberg, at R. Feb. 14, 15, Fulshear, at Brookshire. Feb. 18, 19, Caldwell. Feb. 19, 20, Caldwell Mis., at Lyons. March 1, Somerville. A. A. WAGNON, P. E.

Jacksonville District—First Round. Alto Sta., Dec. 30; preaching Sunday evening. Alto Cir., at Cold Springs, Dec. 31, Jan. 1. Sacul, at S., Jan. 7, 8. Caro and Cushing, at Caro, at night, Jan. 8. Troup and Overton, at T., Jan. 14, 15. Bullard, Jan. 18. Malakoff, at M., Jan. 21, 22. Athens, Jan. 23. Larue, Jan. 25. Elkhart, at E., Jan. 28, 29. Grace Church, Palestine, at night, Jan. 29. Eustace, at E., Feb. 4, 5. Jacksonville Sta., Feb. 6. Jacksonville Cir., at Dailville, Feb. 11, 12. Mount Selman, at M. S., Feb. 15. Kelys, at K., Feb. 18, 19. Rusk, at night, Feb. 19. Frankston, at F., Feb. 25, 26. Centenary, Palestine, March 1. Neches, at N., March 2. Brushy Creek, at B. C., March 4, 5. J. T. SMITH, P. E.

Marlin District—First Round. Davilla, at Minerva, Dec. 24, 25. Hearne and Remond, at H., Dec. 25, 26. Petteway, at Boon's Prairie, Dec. 31, Jan. 1. Durango, at D., Jan. 7, 8. Loft and Chilton, at L., Jan. 8, 9. Marlin, Jan. 11. Kosse, at K., Jan. 14, 15. Calvert, Jan. 15, 16. Centerville, at Redland, Jan. 21, 22. Iola, at Normangee, Jan. 22, 23. Fairfield, at F., Jan. 28, 29. Teague, Jan. 29, 30. Travis, at T., Feb. 4, 5. Rosebud, Feb. 5, 6. Franklin, Feb. 11, 12. Jewett, at J., Feb. 12, 13. Wheelock, at Edge, Feb. 18, 19. Maysfield, at M., Feb. 25, 26. I. F. BETTS, P. E.

Navasota District—First Round. Conroe, Dec. 31, Jan. 1. Magnolia Cir., at Tomball, Jan. 4. Montgomery Cir., at M., Jan. 7, 8. San Jacinto Cir., at Mary's Chapel, Jan. 11. Anderson Cir., at A., Jan. 14, 15. Cold Springs Cir., at C. S., Jan. 18. Shepherd and Cleveland, at C., Jan. 21, 22. Crockett Mis., at Wesley's Chapel, Jan. 25. Augusta Cir., at A., Jan. 28, 29. Grapeland and Lovelady, at G., Jan. 30. Crockett, Jan. 31. Oakhurst Cir., at Dodge, Feb. 1. Bryan, Feb. 5, 6. Navasota, Feb. 8, 9. Huntsville, Feb. 11, 12. Willis Cir., at W., Feb. 14. Madisonville Sta., Feb. 18, 19. Madisonville Mis., at M., Feb. 18, 19. Groveton, Feb. 25, 26. Willard Cir., at Carmona, Feb. 27. Trinity and Onalaska, at O., March 1. Bryan Cir., at Millican, March 4, 5. The District Stewards will meet at Conroe at 2 p. m., December 28. Let every steward be present. We begin the new conference year with bright prospects for a very successful year and I call upon every preacher and layman to enter upon the work of the year with the fixed purpose to do his best to this end. F. M. BOYLES, P. E.

Tyler District—First Round. Big Sandy, at B. S., Jan. 1, 2. Willis Point Cir., at Palmer Gr., Jan. 7, 8. Colfax, at Antioch, Jan. 14, 15. Canton, at C., Jan. 21, 22. Edgewood, at Small, Jan. 22, 23. Edom, at E., Jan. 28, 29. Murchison, at Shady Gr., Jan. 29, 30. Emory, at E., Feb. 4, 5. Alba, at A., Feb. 5, 6. Mt. Sylvan, at Harris Chapel, Feb. 11, 12. Lindale, Feb. 12, 13. Tyler Cir., at Liberty Hill, Feb. 18, 19. Mineola, Feb. 20. Willis Point Sta., Feb. 21. Grand Sallie, Feb. 22. Cradock Street, Feb. 23. Whitehouse, at Flint, Feb. 25, 26. Marvin Church, Feb. 27. C. B. GARRETT, P. E.

WEST TEXAS CONFERENCE

Austin District—First Round. Flatonia, at F., Dec. 31, Jan. 1. West Point, at W. P., Jan. 1, 2. Cedar Park, at C. P., Jan. 7. South Austin, at S. A., Jan. 8, 9. Ward Memorial, at Austin, Jan. 10. Manchaca, at M., Jan. 14, 15. First Church, at Austin, Jan. 16. University Church, Austin, Jan. 17. St. Luke's and Walnut, at S. L., Jan. 21, 22. NAT B. READ, P. E.

Cuero District—First Round. Cuero, Dec. 24, 25. El Campo, Dec. 31, Jan. 1. Port O'Connor, Jan. 3. Lavernia, Jan. 7, 8. Stockdale, Jan. 9. Pandora, Jan. 10. Leesville, at Bebe, Jan. 14, 15. Nixon, Jan. 16. Smiley, Jan. 17. Shiner, Jan. 24. Yoakum, Jan. 28, 29. Hope, at Williamsburg, Jan. 30. JOHN M. ALEXANDER, P. E.

Llano District—First Round. Cherokee, at Valley Springs, night, Dec. 21. San Saba Cir., Jan. 7, 8. San Saba Sta., Jan. 9. Richland Springs, Jan. 10. Fredonia Cir., at F., Jan. 21, 22. Mason, Jan. 24. J. D. SCOTT, P. E.

San Angelo District—First Round. Paint Rock, Jan. 1. Sherwood, Jan. 7, 8. Ozona, Jan. 10. Sonora, Jan. 13. Eldorado, Jan. 14, 15. Sterling City, Jan. 18. Garden City, Jan. 21, 22. Midland, Jan. 28, 29. Water Valley, Feb. 4, 5. L. C. MATTHIS, P. E.

San Antonio District—First Round. South Heights, Jan. 1. McKinley Ave., Jan. 1. San Antonio Cir., at Oak Island, Jan. 7. West End, Jan. 15. S. H. C. BURGIN, P. E.

San Marcos District—First Round. Gonzales Mis., at Gonzales, 7 p. m., Dec. 24. Gonzales Sta., Dec. 25, 26. Luling Cir., at L., Dec. 21, Jan. 1. Dripping Springs Cir., at D. S., Jan. 3, 9. Buda Cir., at Buda, Jan. 15, 16. Lockhart Sta., Jan. 22, 23. Waelder and Thompsonville, at T., Jan. 29, 30. San Marcos Sta., Feb. 6, 7. W. H. R. RIGGS, P. E.

Uvalde District—First Round. Uvalde Sta., Dec. 25, 26. Sabinal Sta., Dec. 31, Jan. 1. Utopia Sta., Jan. 7, 8. Uvalde Cir., at Batesville, Jan. 11, 12. Del Rio Sta., Jan. 15, 16. Carrizo and Asherton, at C., Jan. 18. Eagle Pass Sta., Jan. 21, 22. Rock Springs, at R. S., Jan. 25. Crystal City Sta., Jan. 28, 29. S. B. BEALL, P. E.

NEW MEXICO CONFERENCE

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

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

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

Clovis District—Second Round. Melrose, Jan. 7, 8. Cantara, at Perry, Jan. 14, 15. Texico, Jan. 21, 22. District Institute, Portales, Jan. 27-29. Clovis, Feb. 4, 5. Blacktower, at Bethany, Feb. 11, 12. Boaz, at Macy, Feb. 18, 19. Elida, at Union, Feb. 25, 26. Portales, March 1. Causey, March 4, 5. Monument, at —, March 11, 12. Knowles, at Lovington, March 18, 19. King, at Murphy's, March 25, 26. J. RUSH GOODLOE, P. E. Portales, N. M.

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THE WOMAN'S DEPARTMENT

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

W. H. M. SOCIETY NORTHWEST TEXAS CONFERENCE.

Report of Conference Treasurer for quarter ending December 15, 1910.

Receipts.	
Dues	\$620.30
General Fund	129.50
Week of Prayer	520.42
Expense	45.90
Minutes	40.90
B. R.	7.02
B. M. B.	14.59
Brigade	8.69
Deaconess Sch.	19.45
S. Genl. and D. H.	4.00
Shares in Dallas Home	117.00
Thurber	15.00
Yashti Home	5.00
Denton Dormitory	50.00
Relief Fund	24.75
Life Members	25.00
Half of Dues for Gen. Treas.	640.23
Total Receipts	\$2287.75
In Bank Sept. 15	196.29
Total Received	\$2484.04

Disbursements.	
By check to Gen. Treas.	\$1355.27
By check to Denton Dormitory	50.00
Dallas Home	121.00
Deaconess Sch.	50.00
Thurber	15.00
Expense	71.25
Total Disbursements	\$1662.52
Cash Received	\$2484.04
Cash paid out	\$1662.52

Amt. on hand Dec. 15, 1910. \$821.52

This amount in bank itemized:

Conf. half of dues	\$640.23
Deaconess school	178.10
Expense	3.19
Total	\$821.52
50 per cent dues in Gen. Treas.	\$310.15
Total cash on hand	\$1131.67

Local Work.

Local supplies	\$777.39
Needy	90.50
Parsonages	2303.08
Churches	761.20
Total local work	\$3932.17
Total Conn. Work	\$2287.75
Grand Total	\$6219.92

Reports by Districts.

Abilene	\$213.12
Colorado	253.75
Clarendon	288.91
Plainview	315.39
Vernon	261.40
Stamford	291.75
New Aux. not yet located in any district	23.20
General Treas.	640.23
Total Receipts	\$2287.75

I close the books for the third quarter, thankful indeed that the report is as good as it is. We hope, however, for this quarter that extra efforts will be made to make every collection full. I am so sorry that so many women do not feel or seem to feel the necessity for paying the \$1 per member or the free will offering as it is to be called now.

The hard times are no excuse. If we wanted the \$1 for something that we very much desired most of us would get it. I am fearful that this has not been brought before our women or many of them would have paid it. I know this to be true in some cases.

Sister, this beautiful, glad Christmas time, spend one dollar less on your own loved ones who have plenty and to spare, and turn that \$1 over to the Lord to be used by him on those who are less fortunate than yourself. You will be giving to Him, who nineteen hundred and ten years ago gave the only thing He had—His life, not especially for those for whom he cared, but for those who did not care for Him. Won't you do this for Him?

May you find happiness, joy and peace in the coming New Year. Your Treasurer. MRS. D. L. STEPHENS.

Anson, Texas.

I hope all auxiliaries who belong to the Central Texas Conference will hereafter report to Mrs. N. S. Hill, Waco. Collecting your money orders and sending her my private check makes a good deal of trouble which could be avoided if the treasurers would report correctly.

SAN ANTONIO MISSION HOME AND TRAINING SCHOOL.

Report for Quarter Ending November 30, 1910.

Travis Park, San Antonio, cash	\$30.00
South Heights, cash	3.00
McKinley Avenue, cash	3.00
Prospect Hill, cash	3.00
Sinton, cash	3.00
Pearsall, cash	6.30
Beeville, cash	4.95
Total	\$53.25

Boxes.

Batesville	\$15.75
Brownsville	10.00
Pearsall	21.00
Travis Park	17.50
Ozona	20.00
Lampasas	30.00
Lockhart	18.50
Columbus	15.00
Hondo	26.00
Total	\$173.75
Grand total	\$227.50

Waco Orphanage.

Lockhart, box	\$27.45
Lampasas, two boxes	60.00
Pearsall, children societies	17.15
Total	\$104.60
Pearsall, cash	3.30
Grand total	\$107.90

I would call the auxiliaries' attention to two points this quarter. First, do not send boxes to me. They should be sent to San Antonio Mission Home and Training School, 223 S. San Saba Street. Report boxes, also report money to me. Of course they know the money is always to be sent to the Conference Treasurer, though I sometimes get the money. Second, is the valuation. The reporting was better this quarter, but the boxes are valued too highly. Yes, now that we do have the "Continual Rummage Sale" for the Mexicans we can in time utilize most everything sent, but sometimes it is an old waist that in its palmy days may have been bought for \$5 or \$6, after many weeks and even months, a Mexican may pay 15 or 20 cents for it; but often a box is made up of such things and valued high.

Let's all read the "First Church's Xmas barrel" in December Home Journal. Most every box that I have examined or had described to me could easily have the value halved or even "thirded." I believe it is something worth remembering. Value your boxes, then report one half the value. Now this is no money loss to the auxiliary, but it does not look well for the home to be always asking for money when it looks to the public they are continually receiving such valuable boxes. Once more let all things be clean that are sent.

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A WORTHY CALL.

Most of the old settlers of this part of the State remember Rev. Elisha Trimble as one of the pioneer settlers of this country. He preached as a local preacher of the Methodist Church over this country more than forty years ago, and assisted in organizing many of the Churches in the early days, when but few people lived in this country, and when it required great effort and much travel to get from one preaching place to another. Brother Trimble had four sons, three of whom died in the ministry of the Methodist Church. "Father Trimble," as he was called, died a few years ago at the advanced age of a little more than ninety years, and died without means. His body now rests in the Riverside Cemetery at Iredell, without even an humble slab to mark the place where he sleeps.

We think that a man who had preached as long and as faithfully as he had done and who helped to plant the standard of the gospel in this country, deserves to be remembered in a more substantial way. I think it but proper and just that a monument be erected at his grave, and one that will do honor to his memory. I therefore make this call for contributions to erect a monument at his grave, and hope that one hundred per-

sons will respond with one dollar each, or more if they will, to be used for this purpose. All contributions will be duly acknowledged. Send contributions to the undersigned.

W. V. JONES.
Iredell, Texas.

A CALL FOR SUNDAY-SCHOOL WORKERS.

The Central Executive Committee last month inaugurated a campaign to reach one million Sunday-school members by March 1.

Our last triennial report to the International Sunday-School Convention at Louisville, in 1908, showed 6800 Sunday-schools and 503,500 members in Texas.

We do not know at the present time just how many there are now enrolled, but believe it will reach 650,000 or 700,000.

We believe the one million can be easily reached and brought into the Sunday-school with a united, concerted effort upon the part of all Sunday-school workers throughout the State.

Four of the State Methodist Conferences and the Baptist State Convention have unanimously indorsed the plan, as they have met since it was inaugurated.

At the meeting held in Fort Worth, December 8, it was decided to call a more definite conference of the leaders to meet on Thursday morning, December 22, at 10 o'clock, in the rooms of the Texas Sunday-School Association, 408 Flateau Building, Dallas, Texas.

The time is short and the work to be done is imperative. We need the counsel of the leaders.

Please make every point to be present, as the success of this campaign means much for the Kingdom. Yours for one million.

ROBT. H. COLEMAN,
State President.

J. T. McCLURE,
Central Chairman.

W. N. WIGGINS,
General Secretary.

Dallas, Texas.

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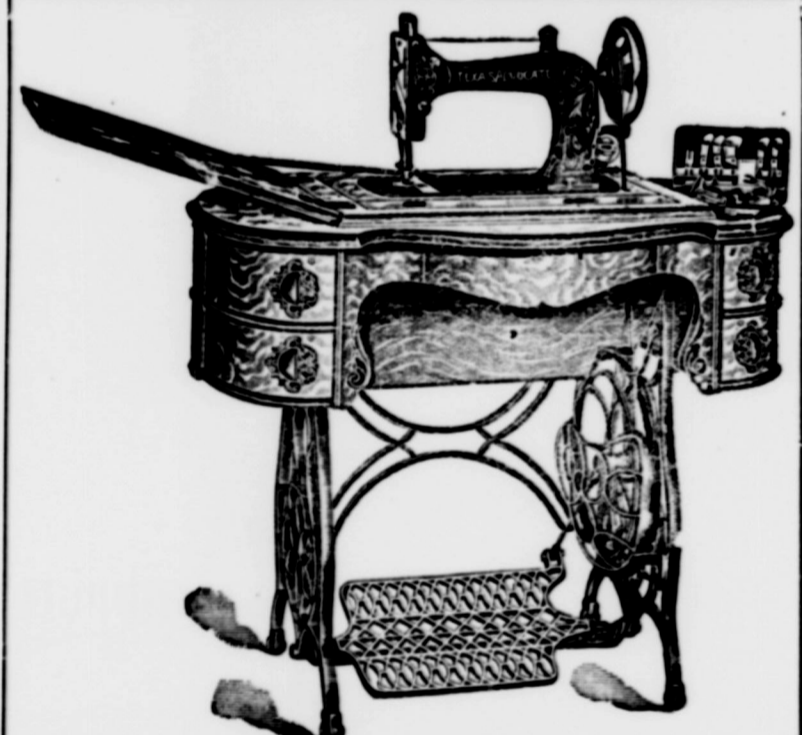
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North Texas Female College and Kidd-Key Conservatory

SHERMAN, TEXAS.

VIOLIN DEPARTMENT

The Violin Classes at Kidd-Conservatory are doing some exceptionally fine work this season. Miss Fern Hobson, of Sherman, one of Mr. Venth's most advanced pupils, studies at present Bach's celebrated Celloconna and the Concerto by Bruch. Miss Helen Harvey has just finished the Concerto in D by Mozart. Miss Berenice Carleton, at Bonham, studies Leonard's Fantasia Militaire. Miss Mattie Caldwell, from Corpus Christi, plays Scene de Ballet by De Beriot. Miss Gladys Wellford has just begun the Spanish Dance by Rellfeld. Miss Juanita Scharff, from Groesbeck, works at the 7th Air by De Beriot. Miss Mary Dell Biggs, of Sherman, has David's Concerto, and Miss Ruth Henry, of Denison, one of Sarasabe's Spanish Dances. The composition class which Mr. Venth introduced into the regular schedule this season has made most astonishing progress. The following young ladies have finished compositions: Miss Henrietta Gremmell—Duet for two Violins and Piano. Miss Fern Hobson—Barcarolle for Piano. Miss Helen Harvey—Chanson d'Amour for Piano. Miss Marian Cassell—Romanze for Piano. Mr. Joe Winn—Toccata for Piano.

This is a most remarkable showing for three months' work. The college orchestra has added to the pleasure of several entertainments and is always in demand. The spirit of friendly rivalry between the pupils adds greatly to their steady progress, and there is no doubt that this season will be one of the most successful in this department. C. V.

L. A. Kidd-Key, President.

Rev. E. Spurlock, Bus. Mgr

A "TRAVELING" PREACHER TRAVELING.

Wayside Notes and Sketches En Route from Dalhart to Snyder.

By J. Winford Hunt.

Whither?

To begin with, I had one of a Dalhart land man's booster maps in my pocket, and having settled comfortably in the car seat I drew out the little pocket folder and first traced the route I should have to travel to reach Snyder, and then began to study the names of the various Texas towns and their population. It was interesting to note that Dalhart has 6000 inhabitants and a little disconcerting to find that Snyder was accredited with but 650, but I recovered from my chagrin in time to eat a very fine lunch the good women of the W. H. M. Society had fixed for me from that magnificent Thanksgiving repast, and to ponder deeply a real estate man's chances for heaven. As this is a very great and serious subject, I was aroused from my profound reverie at twenty minutes after midnight by the brakeman yelling "Chillicothe!" and tumbled from the train and into a hotel bus with several fellow travelers.

Three Lucky Snorts.

When we gathered around the hotel register and had duly scrawled our names, mine host blandly informed us that all the beds were taken, and but three cots left. Would we take a cot? He turned to the largest and most important looking one of us, anxiously in the sport of disgust from that worthy and his point-blank refusal to even entertain the notion relieved me considerably, as there were but three cots and six men. If two others would just snort now, my star would be in the ascendant while I journeyed onward. Sure enough, two distinct and withering snorts followed as the hotel keeper rubbed his hands and looked appealingly upon us. There was a fourth snort, but it was of little interest to a man already fixed for the night. The light of acquiescence in my eyes brought the hotel man my way instantly with a very relieved expression of face, and I was shown to my humble couch in the corridor. How often in former years, when the wind and sleet and rain incased my slicker in ice as I sat humped in my saddle, or drove fiercely upon the leaky tarpaulin over my head, where I shivered in sodden blankets, would that cot and warm corridor have been a heaven-sent boon! Snort? Not I. I curled up and slept the sleep of the contented man till the breakfast smells awoke me to the realization that another day had dawned upon the world.

The dirt around Chillicothe is so red it might well have been named "Adam." In fact, the first two syllables of the name Chillicothe are very suggestive, as it is. Chillicothe is the point where the Orient crosses the Fort Worth and Denver. A drummer told me that before the coming of the Orient the arrival of two men at one time in Chillicothe caused a profound sensation, but now hotel room is at a

premium with the arrival of every train. It is a thriving town of 2000 or 2500 people.

Methodist Preachers.

That the Methodist preacher is ubiquitous is commonly accepted without argument. I found Brother Wadley, who, like myself, was put on the toboggan at the Clarendon conference, looking dreamily toward Amarillo and wondering when his household goods would arrive. As the Fort Worth and Denver oracle was silent on that point, I accompanied him to his little parsonage, where Mrs. Wadley and the children had established light house-keeping. Here in a few moments the telephone rang and Brother Hicks, the new presiding elder of the Plainview District, notified us of his arrival at Chillicothe en route to Plainview with his car. We went down town immediately and renewed his acquaintance. At 12:20 I took the Orient train for Sweetwater, on the Texas and Pacific. The Orient makes no pretensions to fastidiousness, but it rolls on right along through red hills and desolate wastes of broken country, sparsely covered with soapweed and mesquite, puffing in and out of little towns more or less dilapidated, that one wonders where they get their support.

Little Old Towns.

Did you ever make a study of little old towns? It is interesting. They, like races, have some common characteristics. Each has its leading citizen; you can know that by the big house on the hill. He owns half the business and half the men in the place. He is the most sought, respected and often the best hated man in the country. Each has its long-haired lawyer, its giggling girl who meets every train—there is usually a pair of her—and its preacher, who is somewhat of an oracle, enshrined in hearts that beat as loyally under gingham and cotton-ade as under silk and broadcloth. Another characteristic of the average little town is the big court house and little school and church buildings. Hundreds for religion and education, thousands for legal procedure; dimes to save and educate the boys, dollars to send them to the penitentiary. Many of these towns, however, were the exception, having fine school and elegant church buildings.

The Brave and the Fair.

As the train roared out of one of these little towns, the hilarious drummer at my right, who was regaling his fellow passengers with yarns and tricks, suddenly began to sing a love song. His inspiration was a slip of a girl, eighteen or thereabouts, in a spotless gingham gown and sun bonnet, who sat demurely in a buggy at the depot until her bearded father leaped from the train, clasped her to his heart and drove away with her. Every little town has its pretty girl—one of those sweet and dainty creatures, reminding one of rare blossoms, whose coming is like spring, with cheeks like Aurora and eyes like dreamy skies; in form a sylph, in soul a saint. Such was the sire of the buggy. A tender note was in the drummer's voice, a soft light in his eye. No doubt the brief appearance of this fair girl had brought a vision of his heart's affinity, or perhaps it was a common tribute of a manly heart to fair womanhood, Adam and Eve six thousand years removed amid the bowers of an Eden of dreams and fancies. The song he sang was that exquisite old-time lover's favorite, "Sweet Adaline." I forgot the dust and smoke and cinders; I was translated into the past and lived again a wonderful hour, when driving swiftly in the keen December night, a fair-haired girl sang it to me in a voice as sweet as flutes of angels, while the trail cloud is lands of the sky, white and filmy, floated aimlessly in the illimitable deeps above us, the round moon bathed the earth in poetic splendor and fairy sprites danced on prairies frosty white, clashing their sonorous cymbals that exalted their souls as they drew straight through the gate of dreams to the wonderful land of Heart's Desire.

"Tobaccoists."

Just about here the drummer's voice cracked. At first I thought it was emotion, but discovered it was simply tobacco smoke. The car was atog with it. I was in the smoker, because there wasn't room for me in the other car. Nearly every other man present was a confirmed and enthusiastic "tobaccoist." A German with a strong and ancient pipe fired choking volleys in the drummer's face, a yellow-fingered, watery-eyed youth puffed at his right, a man with a long, black cigar blew stifling rings at his left, various descriptions of censors gave forth their microbatonic aromas at his back. He faltered, choked down, and drew a meercbaum, loaded it and joined the multitude. Sweet Adaline and I rudely parted company, and I stuck my head out of the window for a dusty breath of God's fresh air.

I have heard much of the poetic paradise of the open grate, a reverie and a pipe. It all sounds very beautiful until you get to windward of the nicotinee poet. One of the curses of Texas is the almost universal use of tobacco.

Flat, Flatter, Flattest.

A flat voice crying, "Fresh salted peanuts?" drew my head back into the car and I contemplated His Excellency the news agent and knick-knack vendor. His speech did not "bowray" him. His voice was flat, his face was flat, his cap was flat, his face was flat and expressionless, his eye was paled, weak and watery—daddy flatter, flattest. I admired his complete absorption in his business. War, politics, trade (all smoke-dried) were talked around him, but he wagged on down the aisle pressing his cheap, stale wares on unwary purchasers. I became deeply interested in his perspicacity and artfulness. Victim after victim fell, and after each conscienceless sale his flat voice took up the monotonous cry: "Fresh salted peanuts; candies of all kinds!"

Where It Has Rained.

When we reached Knox City I felt like getting off, for I had found a place where it had rained, not only in the memory of the oldest inhabitant, but quite recently. The youngest talking child could speak with pardonable

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pride of "when I saw it rain." The town editor could truthfully grow eloquent and verbose over the great down-pour, and the land agent could sweep the dust and cobwebs from his den and invite the homeseeker to a reasonable land, where there was "much water."

Mexicanos.

Mexicans on the way to the seat of war sometimes heard the train roar, were for Diaz, some against him. They did not seem belligerent, but fraternized with each other in perfect content and answered the questions and jibes of their American fellow passengers, in low gutturals, headshakes and smiles, or smoked in apparent oblivion, looking dreamily across the mesquite flats. Who can fathom the greaser mind? I didn't try it. I turned my attention to a scheme to irrigate some of the rivers in this country so they would have water in them.

Talk about irrigation—here is a great chance for a West Texas Congressman to immortalize himself. Future generations can tell their children of how he found the rivers parched and dry and left them flowing with water. Think of it! The thought is so engaging that I am loath to continue my resemblance to a dictionary, and change the subject again.

Forests of stunted mesquite cover Jones, Haskell and other counties traversed from Knox to Sweetwater. The soil is dark and rich looking, and the crops of this section seem to have been superior for a dry year. Rocky ridges and mounds, their ruggedness relieved with growth of shamery and scrub evergreen, break the landscape. This is rapidly becoming the land of cotton. Great bales of it were on nearly every railroad platform, and many growers were seen driving into the towns we sped through with their sheep wagon beds filled with the snowy product.

A Prohibition Argument.

A prohibition argument between the flat-headed news agent and the "Cher-nan-American Ziltzen" brought me around to the one live question of the hour in Texas. This much of the argument I remember:

"Well, I drinks it ven I vants it, and vaves it alone already. A man ish a fool who can't let it alone in time."

"Well, but the prohibitionist would say you were a fool to drink it at all."

"Oh, vell now!"

Score one for my flat sharp.

Snyder, Which Is "It."

We reached Sweetwater after dark, so I couldn't tell much about the appearance of the place, except that it was in a hill country. You have time to get supper at the cafe and transfer your baggage to the T. and P. depot before that train arrives from Abilene. At 8 o'clock you roll out for Roscoe, eight miles west, and there spend the night at a good hotel. At 9 o'clock the next morning the Roscoe, Snyder and Pacific will take you on board for Snyder, thirty miles north, where I arrived at 12 noon, and was received by my old-time friends, Mr. and Mrs. D. N. Price, and several of the Official Board of Snyder Methodist Church.

Snyder is about the same size as Dalhart—i. e., 3000—with much better residences and public buildings. It is an older town than Dalhart, and is considered the best town of this section as Dalhart is of its section. The main line of the Santa Fe, known as the "Coleman Cut-off," will be operating four passenger trains a day north and south through here by April 1 the track being completed to within forty miles of us on the north and thirty-five miles of us on the south, and, as the great Santa Fe is doing the work, it is being rushed daily. The track-laying gangs will meet here some time in December, here by April 1 the track being the best in Texas. Snyder's future is thus assured, and, as it is situated in the best farming belt of this part of Texas, the country around the town

LOST.

At the last session of the Texas Conference, at Galveston, I gave to the Committee on District Conference Records the record of the Martin District, and the same was misplaced by them. The record was endorsed on back "Calvert District." Finder express to me at Cameron and oblige, JEFF T. KEMP.

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REVIVALIST.

I would like to engage some revival work for this winter. I can lead in their work, do personal work or preach. If you wish reference, write my presiding elder, S. J. Vaughan, at Gatesville, Texas. E. P. GILMORE, Coppertown Cove, Texas.

is thickly settled. The streets are crowded daily with farm wagons loaded with produce. I shall never forget the pleasant stay of two years in Dalhart, and the many friendships formed and kindnesses shown, and I am very pleasantly situated here, in one of the best towns and finest parsonages in Texas.

CENTRAL TEXAS CONFERENCE

Dear Brethren—Rev. I. N. Reeves, a member of the Central Texas Conference Brotherhood, died at his home in Carbon, Texas, December 13, 1910. Your mortuary fee of \$2.00 is now due and should be in the Secretary's hands before January 1, 1911, when this call expires. The largest fee ever paid was J. S. Tunell, \$625. If every beneficiary and non-beneficiary pays on this call it will reach \$800. This will help shelter the aged widow in her declining years. M. S. HOTCHKISS, Secretary Central Texas Conference Brotherhood, Waco, Texas, Dec. 21, 1910.

EVANGELISTIC NOTICE.

Having been appointed Financial Agent of Chappell Hill Female College at the last session of the Texas Conference, I will be able to give my time to evangelistic service, and will promptly answer all communications from Texarkana, Texas. IRVIN B. MANLY, Texarkana, Texas.

READY TO HELP.

I am anxious to do evangelistic work this year. I must preach. Any of the brethren who can use me, please write me at Iowa, Park, Texas. C. C. DAVIS.

POSTOFFICE ADDRESSES.

Rev. C. M. Shuffler, Clarendon, Tex. Rev. E. M. Myers, Newton, Texas. Rev. R. E. Porter, Krum, Texas. Rev. I. B. Manly, Texarkana, Texas. Rev. Geo. Smallwood, Wellington, Texas.

I made a ten-minute talk for the Advocate and got seven subscribers. Strawn, Texas. J. M. BO-ND.

Lot moved into Sodom for social advantages to the ruin of his home.

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FREDERICK HENRY AUSTIN.

For more than twenty years Mr. Austin and I were warm personal friends. I knew him better than anyone ever knew him, except members of his immediate family. For reasons mutually understood he opened his heart freely and fully to me, and many a heart-to-heart talk revealed the soul of the deeply sincere man. More than once I was with him under circumstances that try the souls of men, and I always found him true to the core. He was a sick man nearly all of his life and possessed of an unusually highly-wrought nervous temperament, which often put him at a disadvantage. But always, everywhere and under all circumstances the true man, the loyal citizen, the Christian gentleman was in evidence. He was born at Brandon, Rankin County, Miss., November 26, 1844, and died at Belton, Bell County, Texas, October 30, 1910. Between these two dates he more than sixty-six years of joy and sorrow, trial and triumph, victory and defeat, and the whole was crowned with a peaceful death and by every token of a glorious ascension. When a boy, only seventeen years old, he enlisted in the Confederate Army and served until near the close of the war. The tax of military life proved too severe for him, and he returned to his home broken in health and almost a physical wreck. He never fully regained his health, but, being possessed of an indomitable will and of tireless energy, he never gave up until just a few days before the end came. He was a man of rigidly systematic and orderly habits. Whatever he did he did it in a careful and painstaking way. Honesty, sobriety, industry, economy and Christian liberality were among the finer traits of his character. A pastor could have no truer friend than Henry Austin. When he was a steward in the Church, which he was for many years, he gave the duties of that office precedence over everything else, his own private business not excepted. A careful, systematic study of the Bible made him one of the most efficient Sunday-school teachers I ever knew. This was a work in which he took great delight, and the Sunday morning never found him before his class unprepared. He was an intelligent and loyal Methodist and responded to every call of his Church. Faultless he was not, and no one knew it better than himself. But his faults, whatever they may have been, were not of the heart. I loved him as I have never loved but few men, and I had his fullest confidence and love in return. It so happened in the providence of God that I conducted the funeral of his father, his mother and his daughter, Miss Mabel, an only child, and lastly, and at his own request, I conducted his funeral, assisted by his pastor, Brother S. J. Rucker, and others. He was a good man and true, and he has gone to enjoy the good man's reward. His good wife remains, the only living member of their immediate family, but not a solitary mourner. Brothers and many friends realize their loss and weep with her. But she is the saddest and the loneliest of all, and she it is who has my deepest and sincerest sympathy.

C. R. WRIGHT.

LAKE.—J. J. Lake was born in South Carolina September 12, 1829, and departed this life October 19, 1910, near Indian Gap, Hamilton County, Texas, at the home of his son, E. F. Lake. Brother J. J. Lake professed religion in early life and joined the Methodist Episcopal Church, South, and lived a consistent Christian life. He joined the Confederate Army and served four years, but never lost sight of his faith in Christ. He leaves four children and a host of grandchildren to mourn their loss. All who knew him loved him. His children never heard him use an ugly word. He said that he was only waiting for the summons to come for him to come up higher. He, like Paul, had fought a good fight, and kept the faith; hence was not afraid to go hence. He was often heard to sing, "O when shall I see Jesus?" There was a large crowd at the funeral, which was held in the church at Indian Gap. His remains were laid to rest in the Indian Gap Cemetery to await the resurrection morn. Will say to loved ones: Weep not as those who have no hope. Grandpa is not dead, but sleepeth. Some sweet day you will meet him again where there will be no more sad good-byes. May the God that kept grandpa keep you and gather you to the haven of rest.

D. Q. OWEN, L. P.

BURGHIER.—Aunt Jane Burghier, as she was familiarly called, was born September 29, 1847. She was converted and joined the Methodist Episcopal Church, South, at the age of thirteen; was married to E. E. Burghier May 7, 1868, and fell on sleep July 19, 1910. This is a brief history of one of God's noble workmen. All who knew her loved and appreciated her. For years she was one of the most faithful and efficient Sunday-school teachers, and always held up the hands of her pastor while he was in the thickest of the battle. She kept young in spirit by her constant love and association with the young life of her Church. We all miss her, but if we live as faithful to duty as she did we will meet to part no more. Her body was laid to rest by the side of her husband in the Forest Hill Cemetery in the presence of a large company of friends and relatives. Her pastor,

R. L. ELY.

WYLIE.—Judson Carlock Wylie, oldest child of Tapley and Mrs. M. E. Wylie (now Mrs. M. E. Jones, of Pittsburg, Texas), was born in the State of Arkansas, March 21, 1859, and died at Mineola, Texas, December 8, 1910. He was reared on a farm near Pittsburg. His education was obtained in the country schools, and one year was spent at Burleson College (now Baylor University). Early in life he entered the mercantile business and successfully followed it at Pittsburg, Wylie, McKinney, Greenville, Emory and Mineola. He was married to Miss Victoria Holman at Jefferson, Texas. They were the proud parents of three children, namely, Mrs. S. C. Jones, Dallas; H. H. Wylie, junior, member of the firm of J. C. Wylie Company, of Mineola, and Miss Mauritta Wylie. All those mentioned above survive him, together with two brothers and a sister. Brother Wylie had been in a wretched state of health for two years or more. All that loving hands, skilled physicians and change of location could do was done in a vain effort to woo back the departed health. It would not return, but successfully evaded their grasp. He was aware of his approaching dissolution, but was unafraid, for he knew in whom he placed his trust. When the final summons came he leaned his head on the bosom of his once crumpled, but now risen and reigning Lord and fell asleep as peacefully and peacefully as a little child that falls asleep in its mother's arms. His father died when he was about eleven years of age. He was converted when in his fourteenth year and united with the Methodist Church. Like many other young men he grew cold religiously, but was most happily reclaimed in a great meeting conducted at Pittsburg by Rev. J. W. Hill. He never thereafter turned back, but pressed onward upward. He sought to glorify God and let his light shine. He loved his Church and sought to advance her interests every way. He served as superintendent and steward several times; was always ready to contribute liberally his money to the support of the ministry and the benevolences of the Church. He was the warm supporter of the preacher and his safe counselor. His life literally illustrated the words of Paul: "Not slothful in business, fervent in spirit, serving the Lord." When permitted by the state of his health he was always present at the services of the Church. It was a real denial for him to be absent. When on his bed of illness he would request his attendants to raise the windows next to the church, that he might hear the sweet songs of Zion. He has gone to join a better choir, even that choir that dispatched their best singers on the morning of the day to sing to the lowly shepherds watching their flocks by night on Judean hills the sweetest song earth ever heard: "On earth peace and good will toward men." He was a successful business man. By diligence, courtesy and fair dealing he won customers and retained them, and obtained a good rating in the mercantile world. He was a powerful force in any community for civic righteousness. There was no dodging or evasion of any public questions. There was nothing of the compromising character in his nature. He knew where he stood, and all others knew where to find him. He was an enterprising citizen, and every progressive movement found in him a warm friend. He was an ideal home. He was a good provider, a loving and considerate husband and a proud, indulgent father. But he is gone! Our loss is his eternal gain. There was no need for him to pause and cleanse his feet before standing in the presence of his God. May he clasp hands with all of his loved ones some sweet day in a land that is fairer than day.

CHAS. U. McCLARTY, Pastor.

EVANS.—James Elijah Evans, son of Elijah and Mrs. E. Evans, was born in Angelina County, Texas, December 21, 1887, and departed this life May 24, 1910, at the home of his parents, who, with many loved ones and friends, are left with lonely and sad hearts because he has gone from them. He was converted and joined the Methodist Church at about ten years of age. He was intelligent, studious, deeply pious and devoted to his Church, to his loved ones and to his Lord. He was a fine character as I have ever known. A more correct young man I have never met. His memory is like the precious ointment whose fragrance will linger forever. He died in the full triumph of the Christian faith, and his pure spirit is with his Lord. His remains were laid away to await the resurrection of the just. Will all the loved ones be sure to meet him over there? Good-bye, Jimmie, till we meet again.

I. J. COPPEDGE, Keltys, Texas.

ROBBINS.—Sarah J. Long, daughter of Captain Richard B. and Nancy J. Long, was born in Nacogdoches County, Texas, April 5, 1851. The family removed to Smith County, locating near Tyler, when Sarah was but five months old. A year later the family removed to Tyler, where the next thirty years and more of her life were spent. Twelve of these years were spent in the Charnwood Institute, a Baptist School and one of Tyler's oldest and best institutions of learning. Prof. J. T. Hand, the President, was to the Baptist Church in Texas what W. R. McKenzie was to the Methodist Church in those days. Under Prof. Hand's consecrated presidency Miss Long prosecuted her studies for twelve years. During these years she was led to Christ and joined the Baptist Church. At the age of twenty-six, then an accomplished young woman, she was married to John W. Robbins, of her city, from that happy October day in 1877 till the day of her going away. November 15, 1910, she was his cherished companion, sharing his toils and his successes, making his home as nearly a heaven on earth as it is possible for an earthly home to be. Sister Robbins joined the Methodist Church with her husband within a month after her marriage. To Brother and Sister Robbins were born seven children, two dying in infancy. Johnnie Bell (now Mrs. W. E. Parker), Brown, Leonard, Horace and Walter, all of Austin, shared with their father the crushing blow of the sudden taking away on the 15th of November,

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1910. The entire family has been led into the Methodist Church. To her task as wife and mother Sister Robbins brought all the Christian graces of a noble womanhood and the trained mind of one who had studied long and well. To her noble task she brought the priceless heritage of a fine family name and noble character. She inherited the sterling traits of a noble father and mother. A more gentle, a nobler, sweeter type of Christian womanhood this writer has never known. May her Savior to the very end be the Savior of the devoted ones who are left behind. W. D. BRADFIELD, Austin, Texas.

KELHAM.—Samuel Isaac Kelham was born of Christian parentage in the State of Arkansas October 18, 1835. In his infancy his parents moved with him to Texas. At the age of thirteen years he professed faith in Christ and joined the Church, of which he lived a worthy member until death. His earlier education was in the public schools, and later he attended Southwestern University. During a vacation and while at work at a gin on his father's farm he accidentally lost a lower limb, which made a cripple of him for life. Undismayed by this affliction, he addressed himself to the responsibilities of citizenship, and as surveyor, ranchman, classifier of State lands under appointment of the Governor and finally as chief deputy under Sheriff Lindsey, of Bexar County, displayed all the elements of true Christian manhood. He was a man of high sense of honor, strong convictions and a courage which was unshaken by severest trials. He had no patience with sham or fraud in the religious, business or political practices of men. A close student of current literature, he was well informed on all the important issues of the day, and he could always be counted on to espouse the cause of righteousness and equity. Brother Kelham was never married. His health failed while in the office as chief deputy of Bexar County, and for several months he made a desperate fight for his life. Failing to get relief from absolute rest, he went West among his dear friends, with the hope of being benefited. Realizing that his earthly race must soon be run, he returned to Moore, Texas, where, in the home of his aged mother and loved ones, he might spend his last days on earth. On October 7, 1910, with perfect faith in Christ and resignation to the will of God, he breathed his last. His remains were carried to San Antonio and laid to rest beside his sainted father. He leaves a mother, five sisters and seven brothers to mourn his departure. A good man has gone, but we shall see him again. Peace to his ashes! J. E. BUCK.

TO THE PRESIDING ELDERS AND PASTORS OF THE WEST TEXAS CONFERENCE.

I desire to call your attention to a state of affairs that need attention at once. In 1909 this conference collected for foreign missions \$6852, and for domestic missions \$928. In 1910 we collected for foreign missions \$6054, and for domestic missions \$9663. You will see that last year we fell about \$800 on foreign and \$265 on domestic missions. This is nearly \$1000 in one year, and still there was an increase of membership of 2358. We lacked \$137 of collecting as much for domestic missions as we paid out to the men on the field, and had it not been that we brought over a small surplus, some one would have failed to get all his money. The presiding elders called for \$2000 more than the Board of Missions appropriated, and we appropriated \$587 more than the rules of the board would allow; but the needs of the fields were so great that we thought we could presume on the faithfulness of the preachers to make up this deficit.

Now, the proposition is this, that if we would be as well off as we were two years ago we will have to raise this year \$500 more than we did the last conference year; and I mean this only in the department of home and conference missions. If the Board of Missions had adhered to its rule strictly the appropriations would have been only \$9663 for 1911, but as it is, we appropriated, exclusive of the Bohemian missionary, \$10,250.

Pastors, will you not at once go to work to make up this deficit? Our pa-

per must be worth face value, and you must help to make it so.

Then, again, please remember that if we pay our assessment for this year we will have to raise \$3776 more than we did in 1910, for our assessment has been increased that much. There comes to us from the General Board at Nashville an increase of \$2643 over last year's assessment from them; and this, added to a necessary increase from the Conference Board, and \$350 for the port mission, makes a total of \$19,493 for foreign and domestic missions.

Now, brethren, if we meet this obligation we will have to bestir ourselves as we have not done before in all our history. We have led all Southern Methodism, except a few conferences in the West, in a per capita payment on missions, and we must keep up our place still. Twenty thousand dollars should be a minimum for our 1911 payments. Will you help make it come to pass?

There is due the men in the field on the first day of February, 1911, \$2812. They will need every dollar of that money when it comes due. Will you not send to C. C. Walsh, San Angelo, Texas, your domestic mission money next week? It would be a fine way to celebrate Christmas by collecting all your money on missions that day. What could express your sense of gratitude and love for the Christ more than making an offering to His cause in sending the Gospel to all the world? Again, let me beg of you, send in this money now before it is all spent on our own gratification in the Christmas times.

C. W. GODWIN, Secretary of the Conference Board of Missions, West Texas Conference, Alice, Texas.

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DECISIVE BATTLES.

San Jacinto.

This terrific fight took place on the banks of the San Jacinto River, about 18 miles southeast of the city of Houston, Texas, April 21, 1836. For many days the Texas army under Sam Houston had been retreating, but the retreat was only a military coup de tat for the purpose of drawing on the enemy. The Texas army numbered exactly 783 men, while the Mexican army numbered 1600. The Mexican were completely routed and Santa Anna was captured. The battle was one of the world's decisive contests because upon it depended the final independence of Texas. Through the influence of the women of Texas this battle ground belongs to the State and will be preserved and beautified in memory of the victory.

THE LAST VETERAN OF 1812.

To Hiram Cronk belongs the distinction of being the last man to go hence out of those who enlisted in the war of 1812. He was born in 1800, and was therefore but 12 years old when the war began. But he entered it as an attendant, then drummer boy. He died at Dunn Brook, N. Y. in 1905. He was therefore 105 years old.

SUGGESTIONS IN PUNCTUATION.

Few persons have a definite and accurate working idea of the science of punctuation. Like spelling, it may not be a very great accomplishment, but the lack of it is a great deficiency. It is impossible here to enter into a discussion of the whole system. But enough may be said to direct the reader so that he need not very far go amiss. First, what is the purpose of punctuation? Evidently, to help make the meaning of words clear. There are many "marks" used, and they may be learned from almost any book on reading or composition. But the three or four leading marks will be sufficient



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to keep the writer out of all grave errors. The comma, the semicolon, the period and the question mark are the most important. Let it be understood that the comma separates the smaller divisions of sentences, but do not use it unless it is necessary. There are divisions of sentences that need no punctuation. The semicolon divides the larger sections of sentences, and the period comes at the close of every complete sentence. Of course the question mark comes after every interrogative sentence. No boy or girl need be ignorant of a general system of punctuation. Every newspaper gives abundant chance to observe. Newspapers are not always models of punctuation, but in the main they serve as safe guides. Books and magazines are in reach of every child in America. Cultivate the habit of observing how the various marks are used, and you will soon acquire an accurate and reliable knowledge of the art that will keep you free from serious mistakes.

A LESSON IN PUNCTUATION.

Suppose we write, without any punctuation marks, the following: Woman without her man is a brute. Now, read the sentence. What is its meaning? Does it mean that woman is a brute or that man is a brute? Or that either is a brute? There is no way to tell unless we know the punctuation. No, let us apply some marks and observe the meaning as it clears up: "Woman, without her man, is a brute." But is this the meaning? Let us try again: "Woman! Without her, man is a brute." How changed the meanings. This affords a good illustration of the need of sensible punctuation. There is nothing difficult in mastering the rules of ordinary punctuation. Volumes have been written on the subject, but close observation in your own reading will teach you much.

HOW TO ACQUIRE A VOCABULARY.

It is claimed that the majority of people do not employ over 500 words all told. It is certain that among some of the mining people of England the average is not over one hundred words. Soul poverty is indicated in a narrow vocabulary. Briefly, you may enlarge your vocabulary by seeking the meaning in the dictionary of every new word you find, and of using that word sufficiently often to make it part of your stock and store. When you begin to read, keep a dictionary close by. Consult it every time a new word appears. Look at its meaning carefully. Look at its history as far as it may be given in the dictionary. Apply the word wherever just occasion admits. It would be pedantry, however, to go about injecting new words, and especially pompous words, into the most ordinary conversation. Nevertheless occasions come, when we do not look for them, and it is well to have your words ready. Again, observe the speech of good talkers, both in public and in private. Make their expressions your own without becoming a mere copyist. Adapt them to your uses, not to theirs. Again, write little sketches on purpose to employ the new words met with. A good habit is to keep a little note book or books in which to set down the new words and their meanings briefly, and often look over the lists. There is no easy way to do anything great in the way of human achievement. You must be willing to work if you want to talk well. Again, if you wish to talk well, words alone will not carry you all the way. You must have something for the words to convey. In other words you must think. Let your mind be active, gather in new thoughts as well as new words, and by diligent application as herein indicated you will make marvelous progress.

PRAISE AND CONSECRATION.

"I slept and dreamed that life was beauty;
I awoke and found that life was duty."

Through the lessons learned in the school of experience this truth is quite plainly revealed to us: that the path of duty seldom leads us through the rose gardens of pleasure.

I did not accept this important place on your program, this afternoon, because of any pleasure I expected to derive from it, or because of any ability I thought I possessed to cope with the beautiful subject; for there is not one among you who shrinks more than I, from assuming the position of

leader, or who feels their inability more than I do. I accepted it because, as a member of this great Church of ours, and as a member of this devout body of women, I feel that it is my duty to do, in my humble way, if it be possible, whatever may be required of me.

A great English General once said to his soldiers, just before going into a famous battle, "England expects every man to do his duty." His words proved an inspiration. The smouldering fires of patriotism were fanned into flame. The soldiers' hearts were filled with renewed love for home and country. They fought as they had never fought before. The battle was won; success and victory crowned their efforts.

God is our General. When we became members of His Church, we enlisted as His soldiers, and entered the greatest battle ever fought by man—the battle for God and right. In His divine Word He has said to us, that He expects every one of us to do our duty. His word, His promises, should be to us an inspiration. Our hearts should be filled with love for Him. We should take care that we each do our duty, in this great battle for God and the right. If we do this, He has assured us that victory and success will crown our efforts.

This beautiful lesson today is one we should apply unto ourselves, and through its teachings we should strive to be better women and better Church members.

When God created this beautiful world it was not for our comfort and our pleasure alone, but to carry out His own divine purpose. He has put here everything necessary for our health and our happiness, everything to sustain life, everything to educate the heart and the mind up to higher ideals and loftier purposes. He created us and breathed into us the breath of life. He has given to us bodies, minds, hearts, souls, but to us He has not given all these for our own pleasure alone, or that we may follow our own sweet will, but that we may do His will. I believe that when God created this world everything put there was for a purpose. I believe when God created us it was for a purpose. I believe we each have a mission to fulfill while here, but the trouble with most of us is we do not try to find out what God would have us do.

Instead we seek pleasure, success and happiness in our own way, and our way is seldom God's way. God's way is for us to give freely and willingly to His cause, our wisdom, our work, our substance. Our way is to give of all of these sparingly, if we give at all, while we use the greater part of all He has blessed us with for our own selfish pleasure. Is it any wonder, then, that our Churches and our Church members are not accomplishing what they should? We need to get out of our hearts self-love, and to get into our hearts more love for God. If we were more sincere, more earnest, more consecrated to His service our influence would be felt, and the Christian religion would become an irresistible power, everywhere. Christ's consecration resulted in doing. If we would be like Christ we must keep busy; we must do the things that are worth while; we must do the things He would have us do; things that are noble and good. We must care for the needy, the helpless, the poor and the sick. This was His work while here on earth, and he has left it as a heritage to us. We must love our neighbor as we love ourselves, even as He has loved us. Do we all do this? I fear not. In these things, too, we do our own way, not God's way. Love thy neighbor as we love ourselves. If we did this what a wonderful change would take place in all of the affairs of life. Numerous burdens would be lifted from stooped and tired shoulders, weary limbs would be rested, the naked would be clothed, the hungry would be fed, the timid and weak would be strengthened and encouraged, broken hearts would be healed, the sorrowing would be comforted, gloom would give way to sunshine, happiness would be everywhere, and this old world would again become almost a Garden of Eden.

Let us keep in mind the beautiful truths revealed in this lesson today, and love and praise God more, and prove our love by our work, for He has said, "Not everyone that saith, Lord, Lord, shall enter the kingdom of heaven, but he that doeth the will of my Father which is in heaven."

(The foregoing paper was written by Mrs. H. C. Shropshire and read during the Week of Prayer.—Ed.)

A CORRECTION.

Rev. T. N. Lowery, of Merkel, did not take regular work, as some have thought, but will continue to give his entire time to the evangelistic work. Any one desiring help will make no mistake in securing Brother Lowery.

A New Cure For Rupture.

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There is no safety in depending upon a truss of any kind. Every man who has suffered the agonies of a strangulated hernia undoubtedly thought himself safe until the very hour of death. Both the rupture and the truss keep up a mental strain, and induce nervous debility and various organic weaknesses of the kidneys, bladder and associate organs. There is no longer any need of wearing these clumsy, awkward, chafing old trusses that, at best, give only partial relief, but never cure; often inflicting great injury, and inducing inflammation and strangulation from which many die annually.

If any one should doubt the above statement, they have only to write the Institute, and they will receive a pamphlet, giving the names of a number of people to whom they can write and verify this statement. A chronic disease which may baffle the skill of the general practitioner may yet be permanently cured by the physician who has made one line of disease a specialty. It would be just as absurd for a professor in a medical college presuming to lecture on all subjects as for the one physician to presume to understand the nature and cure of every disease.

That is why Dr. R. V. Pierce established the Invalids' Hotel and Surgical Institute many years ago—with a full staff of Physicians and Surgeons—who though educated to practice in all departments of medicine are here assigned to a special department only—to which each specialist devotes his entire time, study and attention.

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"A delightful sense of the humorous pervaded the lecture. Instructive to a high degree, charming, because of its fine descriptions as well as inspiring in its patriotic effusions, it was a production that did honor to the ingenious and intellectual author."—Der Mission-friend, J. A. G. Rabe, Editor, San Antonio, Texas.

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"It so happened that I was one of the lucky ones to hear you lecture November 25, on 'The Kuklux as I Knew Them.' As an interesting and educative lecture I have never heard its equal."—J. J. Burdin, New Orleans, La.

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bined, seem to me to be of great value. There are passages and incidents that thrill.—Rev. J. W. Mills, P. E., San Augustine District.

"It ought to be heard all over the South. I never enjoyed a more delightful evening."—L. Blaylock, Publisher of Texas Christian Advocate.

"I heartily commend it to all."—W. E. Hawkins, Sunday-school Field Secretary of North Texas Conference.

"I made a special trip to Galveston to hear the lecture and am glad I did."—Tom C. Swope, President Houston City Epworth League Union.

"The lecture is one of the highest merit and I count any person or community fortunate who may have the pleasure of hearing it."—J. W. Maden, Crockett, Texas (ex-Secretary of State).

"I am persuaded that your lecture, presented, as you present it, without passion or prejudice, will be of incalculable benefit to our young people."—Rev. Thomas Gregory, Uvalde, Texas.

"The lecture by Dr. J. E. Harrison on 'The Kuklux as I Knew Them,' I consider one of the best I have heard."—Rev. S. H. C. Burgin, P. E., San Antonio District.

His description of the relation between masters and slaves was a tender recital. His vigorous words upon the cruelty of war were thrilling. His portrayal of the Kuklux was dramatic.—Dr. Chas. A. Bulla, Nashville, Tenn.

The net proceeds of this lecture will be devoted to Epworth Encampment, January, February and March of 1911 will be given to this cause. Let those wishing to have it delivered write J. E. Harrison, San Antonio, Texas.

FROM BROTHER SHERMAN.

The Northwest Texas Conference, which recently convened in Clarendon, Texas, was a great occasion from more viewpoints than one.

In all of the history of our great Church, never was a conference launched under more favorable conditions, and with greater enthusiasm.

This conference is composed largely of young and middle-aged men. They stand ready for any task, to do or die, that the Kingdom of their divine Lord may be advanced.

The spirit of the conference was brotherly. Hope and good cheer seem to be in every heart.

We closed the conference year with six districts. We begin the new year with nine. In the face of a scourging drought over a large part of the territory we had a net increase in Church membership of over six thousand members.

Many of the brethren left their charges without the salaries being paid in full, but they came with re-

ports of conversions and accessions to the Church that made them for the time forget their hardships and trials. Some few could not get to conference.

Four new men were placed in the presiding eldership—Story, Stephens, Kiker and Hicks. Everyone of them will make good, and will bring up reports next fall that shall prove the wisdom of their appointments.

Far southwest of our present home we left a prince at the head of things in the Abilene district. He has a noble band of co-workers with him, and the Lord's cause will still prosper in their hands.

We have been on the ground at Hereford since the first Sunday after the Annual Conference closed. It was our pleasure to have Rev. J. W. Story, the former pastor, with us on that day, and he preached for us at the evening service, to the comfort and pleasure of all. Story is a success anywhere you put him, and under trial proves to be pure gold.

Our people have received us kindly, but we were not strangers to each other. This scribe had gone in and out before them four consecutive years in another relationship. They are good folks and are not for trade.

The first Quarterly Conference will convene next Saturday. Our "beloved," the "Onward Pushing Kiker," will be on hand. He has already complimented us by visiting our town and community. His visit we shall look to with pleasure and profit. Every preacher in his district, with good will and cheer, expect to justify Kiker next fall in saying, "A good year, Bishop."

We very much need rain in this country. Much depends upon the snow this winter and the rain next spring and summer. We have a great future if we get rain: A church to build, people to be looked after, Sunday-school, Leagues, Woman's Societies, etc. Have received three members to date.

There was a storm at the parsonage on Friday night, but not a cloud to be seen. There were many sunny faces and kindly hearts with encouraging words, and we were left bruised somewhat, but our powers of endurance had already been tested. We earnestly pray God's richest blessings upon the people and look for victory.

J. M. SHERMAN.

PHOENIX, ARIZONA.

After a full swing of the pendulum, extending from Anson, Texas, to Hollywood, Cal., where we filled out the unexpired term of the former pastor, Rev. J. O. Borders, and a partial swing backward, reaching to Phoenix, Ariz., we find ourselves located in the parsonage and in charge of our Central Church in Phoenix, Ariz.

This is a beautiful city of about 20,000 souls, situated in the heart of the Salt River Valley, the capital of the Territory of Arizona. This entire valley has been transformed from a desert into an oasis through the completion of the Roosevelt dam. There is water in great abundance for the entire valley, and it has already been proven to be one of the finest fruit sections of the United States. The oranges from this section are the finest flavor-d, and always bring the highest prices when shipped to the Eastern markets.

The peach, pear, apricot, fig, grape and plum all do well here, and the market is excellent.

One of the most interesting sights to a Texas man is the large ostrich farm, with more than two thousand fine birds on it. These ostriches thrive on the alfalfa farms.

Phoenix is a rapidly growing city. We have here the conveniences of a much larger city, such as electric street cars, gas, sewer connections and the very finest water system. While the water for irrigation comes from the river, the drinking water comes from deep wells, and there is an abundant supply of the finest water. There are many handsome residences and splendid churches.

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Rev. J. E. Crutehfield is the popular presiding elder of this district, now serving his fourth year in that capacity. He possesses an earnestness and faith which inspire confidence in all the people. The work throughout the district is hard and trying, and in many places unstable, owing to the moving population in the mining and rural districts, but there has been a wonderful advance throughout the entire district during the past three or four years.

We find a number of Texas people here. Among others is Rev. Thomas R. Stewart, a local preacher in our Church. He moved to Texas in 1855, was converted and joined the Church the same year. He has been a constant reader of the Texas Christian Advocate from its beginning, and still enjoys it very much. He is now ninety-one years old and totally blind, but is frequently at his place at public worship, especially the Wednesday night prayer-meeting.

Thousands of visitors come here each winter—many of them sick—to enjoy and receive the benefits to be derived from the delightful climate. Our Church is seeking to give these all needed assistance. If any reader of the Advocate knows of any coming here and will send their name and address to the undersigned at 615 North Fourth Street, we will seek to bring to them the sympathetic interest of our Church.

The future of our Church here looks hopeful, and we are expecting this to be a gracious year.

If any of our Texas Methodists are seeking for a delightful winter climate, I am sure you would do well to investigate Phoenix, Arizona, which is, without doubt, one of the finest winter climates in the United States. We extend a special invitation to the editor to come out and see for himself.

THOMAS S. BARCUS.

PREACHERS ORGANIZE.

According to previous arrangement the presiding elders and District Lay Leaders of Brownwood, Cisco, Dublin and Weatherford Districts of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South, met here December 12 at the Cisco district parsonage and organized by electing Dr. James Campbell Chairman and T. F. Temple Secretary and Treasurer.

After a statement of the object of the meeting by J. A. Whitehurst and some preliminary remarks by Rev. M. K. Little, Rev. Sam Barcus and others, Rev. J. A. Higgs, of Polytechnic Station, Fort Worth, Texas, was employed as Missionary Evangelist for said districts, with authority to at once begin operations in the several districts by co-operating with the several pastors in conducting revival meetings, visiting and working up the neglected places throughout their respective territories; to preach the gospel, to take collections and awaken greater interest in the Laymen's Missionary Movement. His salary and expenses are to be paid by the several districts interested.

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