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THE PRINCE OF PEACE.

In these days when we are about to celebrate the nativity of the Prince of Peace, let us hope that the time is near when he shall "make wars to cease unto the ends of the earth," and when "no wars nor battle sound" shall be "heard the world around."

Perhaps never before have men been so impressed with the sin, folly and waste of war; and movements are on foot, in the parliaments, senates, congresses, cabinets and councils of men which propose to see that "the common sense of most" shall hold every "fretful realm in awe," and all differences of nations be henceforth settled by an international high court of judicature in justice and equity to all concerned; and the arbitrament of this high court is to be enforced by a majority of the powers involved.

Waiving all other considerations, since the nations of the earth are so commercially interdependent, war, and preparation for war by keeping a strong, modern navy, has come to be too expensive, too great a burden to be borne by any people. Our annual expense of militarism of four hundred and fifty million dollars would pay the annual college expenses of nearly two million young men and women, which is ten times the number now in the five hundred and seventy-five colleges, universities and technological schools in the United States. Five per cent interest on the amount for six minutes would provide two hundred and fifty dollars, or a year's college expenses. Less than seven per cent interest on \$450,000,000 for one year would pay one year's college expenses for a total number of young men and women equal to the total number of men in both the army and the navy, officers, privates and all.

The total present rate cost of militarism in the United States for two and a half years is one billion, one hundred and twenty-five million dollars. Three and a half per cent interest for one year on this amount would be nearly forty million dollars. This interest would pay the college expenses of the total number of young men and women in all the 573 colleges, universities and technological schools in the United States for one year and leave a balance of a million dollars for extra expenses.

Six and two-thirds per cent interest for one year on the cost of a fifteen-million-dollar battleship would pay the total expenses of a four-year college course for the thousand marines on board.

The total value of all gifts and bequests received by all the higher institutions of learning in the United States in the year ending June 30, 1908, was \$14,820,955; that is \$179,000 less than the cost of one first-class battleship of the Dreadnaught type. Five per cent interest on the cost of one Dreadnaught would pay the com-

bined salaries of 1500 country school teachers at \$500 per year; and this battleship's lifetime is only fifteen years, then to the junk heap.

The average annual cost of our army and navy before the Spanish War (1890-1898) was \$51,500,000; the average annual cost for the same for the eight years since the Spanish War is \$185,000,000. The annual yearly increase in the latter period as compared with the former, \$133,000,000, making a total increase in eight years of \$1,072,000,000, or 360 per cent!

This eight years' increase exceeds the National debt by \$158,000,000. It exceeds the entire budget of the United States for 1910. It is twice as much as the estimate of carrying out the deep waterways project. It is three times the estimated cost of the Panama Canal, including purchase from the French company. It is three times the cost of carrying out the whole irrigation program contemplated within a generation. It is sixty for every family in the United States.

It is time to call a halt. Let us have peace!

SOUTHERN METHODIST UNIVERSITY'S TRIUMVIRATE.

The recent conferences gave to Southern Methodist University the most unqualified endorsement and they accepted with but slight variation the plan formulated and sent out by our Educational Commission. This brings about a unity of effort and a solidarity of purpose upon the part of our whole Texas Methodism that speaks volumes of significance for this great institution. It now has the right-of-way throughout this Empire of the Southwest. And we are glad to note that New Mexico and the two Oklahoma conferences have also officially come into this educational comity to help make the Southern Methodist University the great central institution for all this vast domain west of the Mississippi.

As a special movement to make the plans of the University a success, three leading men of our Texas Methodism have been pressed into the active service of the Church and turned loose in Texas to bring things to pass.

Dr. H. A. Boaz, Vice-President of the institution, leads the work. He is trained in matters of this sort, having had years of experience, and he knows how to reach the heads and hearts of men interested in this undertaking.

Rev. L. S. Barton, who has proven himself for four years recently as one of the most successful of our presiding elders, is the second one on the list. He has been especially selected for the work throughout the bounds of the North Texas Conference, and he is already in the field.

Rev. J. T. McClure, a successful city pastor, was chosen for his adaptability to service of this character, and his field will be largely in the Texas Conference and elsewhere as the occasion may call him. It

would be a difficult matter to find three more capable men for this responsible work, and the Church has honored them and enhanced its opportunity by laying hands upon them and bidding them to go forth and accomplish this task.

It is wonderful the way in which these men were constrained to undertake this responsibility. It was not of their choosing. Other and more agreeable fields had open and anxious doors for them. But their loyalty to the Church is the motive which prompted them to obey the call, and to enter this field. Now it behooves the pastors and the people throughout these several conferences to give to them a cordial welcome and a hearty co-operation. They are the especially appointed ambassadors of the Church commissioned to carry out the behest of the kingdom, and every Church door and Church directory ought to be thrown open to them. Give them the right-of-way, for they only have about two years to meet the conditions of the \$200,000 appropriation now offered to us, and they will need every possible aid and opportunity to make these conditions good.

With the co-operation and brotherly helpfulness of the congregations all over Texas, these men will more than meet the expectations of the Church and put Southern Methodist University to the forefront as a vital reality, and its mammoth buildings will soon take shape and form on that beautiful campus now impatiently awaiting their appearance. Therefore, let us give to them the right hand of fellowship and bid them a happy God-speed in their important undertaking. They are our workmen, and they are entitled to our warmest welcome and our most cheerful helpfulness. Let all the brethren look shields with them, and this great institution will be the glory of our common Methodism!

THE PICKLENESS OF HUMAN APPLAUSE.

There is nothing stable in the esteem that people usually hold us. It rarely ever comes to us until we have done something to make us a trifle distinguished. If you go along in the daily routine of life, doing your duty in a faithful way without attracting special attention, the world hardly sees you. Look at the man who has lived in our midst for years in a quiet sort of way and we scarcely thought of him, only as an ordinary man. But he suddenly becomes wealthy, or political fortune throws him into the forefront, or he makes some discovery in natural science, and people begin to open their eyes in wonder, and then we attach to him an importance that we had never dreamed of before. He becomes extraordinary. He rises above the dull tedium of life and we hail him with praise.

But how long does it last! His wealth takes the wings of the morning and flies away; his political fortune turns and he is defeated by some successful rival; an-

other comes into prominence and overshadows his invention or discovery, and he tumbles down as an idol and we forget that he was ever distinguished. Like the morning cloud, popularity drifts away, and he fades from thought and concern. Even one day with Christ, the multitudes were crying, "Hosannah to the Lord, who cometh in the name of David!" but the next day many of the same people cried out, "Crucify him, crucify him!" There is nothing so effery, soot as human applause.

Not so in the esteem of God. He loves us for what we are in Christ, and his love for us never varies. In sickness or in health, in sorrow or in joy, in defeat or in success we are the same to him as long as our faith fails not. There is no trouble too deep but that he goes into it to soothe us, no wound so severe but that he heals it with the balm of his grace, and no persecution so cruel but that he is there to comfort and help us. With his love for us there is neither variableness nor shadow of turning. He is the same yesterday and to-day and forever.

THE TRUE WORK OF THE CHURCH.

Christ had but one object in view when he founded his Church and said that the gates of hell should not prevail against it, and that was the salvation of mankind. We sometimes lose sight of this fact, and seem to think that the only work of the Church is to give us a place to worship on Sunday, hear a good sermon, become thrilled with good music, and greet kindred spirits. All these things are to be desired in the Church, but they are only a part of what the Church is intended to accomplish.

The Church is the place, if we confine the term to the place where we meet to worship, where sinners are to be convicted of sin, penitents converted to God, and the people established in righteousness. We seriously doubt if any public religious service is complete unless some erring one is saved from the power of Satan to the power of God. If the Gospel is the power of God unto the salvation of every one that believeth, then when the Gospel is preached and heard it ought to reach some one who is willing to believe it. It is not enough simply to go through the form of a religious service. Some one ought to be stirred and transformed by its power. In the olden times sinners used to cry out under the appeals of the Gospel and say, "Men and brethren, what must we do to be saved?" But in our day too much time is devoted to drawing and holding those who become attendants upon Church service. It is very rare that the average Church service brings a penitent to the altar, or stirs the people to a sense of going out to seek and to save the lost. The beginning of a great revival at the average Church service in our day would greatly surprise the preacher and the people. Yet the Church service is set for the salvation of lost men and lost women.

The Present Challenge to Methodism

By President R. S. Hyer, LL. D.

The year 1911 has been one of unusual activity in Texas in all matters pertaining to education. Every institution under the control of the State has the largest attendance in its history and in some instances this increase has been remarkable. Public schools, State normals, the Industrial School, A. & M. College and the University of Texas have all grown not only in patronage but also in resources and equipment. Every loyal citizen should feel proud of this forward movement which is rapidly bringing Texas to the first place among the Southern States in all things pertaining to public instruction.

In this forward movement the schools and colleges of the various Churches have had their share. Almost without exception they, too, have grown in a splendid way. At various times students of education have declared that the day is coming when the Church college shall either fail, or pass into the hands of the State, or into the hands of a self-perpetuating non-sectarian Board of Trustees. In the South there has been no tendency along this line. As the State college has grown the Church college has grown also. Some of these have so enlarged their endowment funds as to have passed the danger line, and none of them have become private and "non-sectarian." So far from being ground in Texas the Church college has made such progress that it may be claimed that a new chapter has been written in the history of Christian education.

The highest authority on educational affairs has practically made the declaration that the Church college in Texas is here to stay. The General Board of Education of New York has studied educational conditions in the United States as these have never before been studied. At its office, 157 Liberty Place, New York, can be found the greatest collection of data concerning education to be found anywhere in the world. In expending the income from the great gift of Mr. Rockefeller the established policy of this board is to aid only the colleges and universities which are best established and give most promise of future usefulness. No gift is made to any institution until the Secretary, Dr. Buttrick, has personally inspected its work, and has studied all the conditions that may affect its future. Wise business men that they are, the members of this board are careful to make their investments where they are most certain of the security. They are not simply philanthropists anxious to give Mr. Rockefeller's money to the needy, but wise men who are seeking good investments for their funds for all time.

The two greatest gifts that these gentlemen have made in the South have both been made in Texas, and both have been made to institutions under the control of the Church.

A little more than one year ago the first of these gifts amounting to \$200,000 was made to Baylor University. At its last annual meeting in October this board had on hand \$630,000 for distribution. Of this amount \$200,000 was set apart for Southern Methodist University.

These gifts are always conditioned on the raising of an additional sum, usually from three to four times the amount donated by the board. A further condition is that at least half of the whole amount raised shall be used for endowment—not for paying debts, nor the erection of buildings. The time allowed for securing the subscription of the added amount is eighteen months and not more than five years are allowed for collecting the same. When the entire amount has been subscribed the board makes its payments quarterly on the basis of the amount collected from other sources. More than seven millions of dollars have in this manner been paid to American colleges, and the supplemental funds paid to these colleges from other sources have amounted to more than \$35,000,000. In no instance has there been a failure on the part of any institution to meet in full all of the requirements and to secure every dollar offered by the board.

One can well imagine that the eighteen months in which the supplemental sums are to be subscribed are periods of stress and much anxiety to the officials, alumni, patrons and friends of the colleges which have secured these conditional donations. Here in Texas our Baptist friends have doubtless felt this suspense keenly during the past year. Could they secure the \$400,000 in this year of short crops, low-priced cotton, many pressing demands from other interests of the Church, and in certain communities local needs that had

already taxed the liberality of the Church?

When the time for the great State Convention at Waco came the sum of \$225,000 had been secured after a year of labor. Could that great representative body of 2500 Baptists from all parts of the State be counted upon to give the remaining \$165,000. Nearly every one of them had already subscribed to some great cause of the Church; some to San Marcos Academy, and most of them took part in the \$40,000 subscribed for the Orphans' Home on the night preceding the day set apart for the consideration of the Baylor endowment fund. Dr. Gambrell tells the story of that day practically as follows:

"President Brooks presents his report. There are 829 students actual-

upon Dr. Cranfill rises and sells the shoes for Baylor, also sells the Doctor's hat to Bro. Collier who gives \$500 for it).

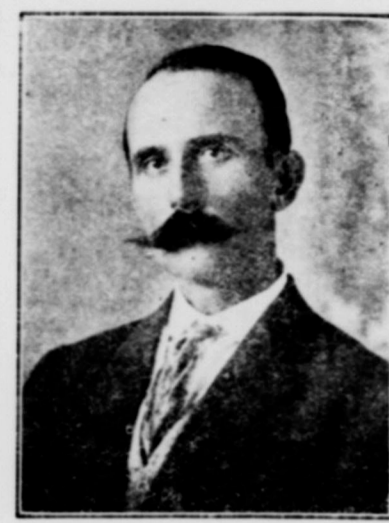
"Whenever there is a slack in the pull Dr. Cranfill comes forward in some such way or with a proposition to be one of ten to give another thousand. In this way he subscribes \$3,500. Bro. W. B. Kendall stands for the last \$5000. Twenty men take the \$20,000 needed to reach the mark. C. D. Fine gives the last of these \$1000 gifts.

"This is distinctly the greatest hour the convention ever saw. It begins a new era for Texas Baptists; an era of progress, an era of vigor, closer unity and larger things. Such an hour will outlast the life of those who were in it."

Thus the Baptists of Texas have written a new chapter in the history of Christian education. The \$600,000 thus added to Baylor forever settles the question of its future.

And now what about the other gift

odist University. Another reason was that he had looked most carefully over the educational situation in Texas and had been deeply impressed with the idea that Dallas, with nearly two millions of people within a radius of one hundred miles, is not only the best location in Texas, but the best unoccupied territory in the United States for a great college. A third reason was the fact that the \$300,000 and 600 acres of land donated by Dallas is the greatest popular gift ever made to found an institution of learning. Individual gifts have been larger, but no popular subscription of this character has ever amounted to so much. Because he was impressed with the fact that Texas Methodists do great things and because he believed Dallas to be the best possible place for such things to be done he said some years since: "Some day a great college is going to be built in Dallas, and you Methodists are the people who should build it." And it was his presentation of the case to



O. B. TURNER, P. C., Kirvin Circuit.

At this time it is well to ask if our Methodists really believe in education, and, if so, what kind of education? It might appear that we believe in education more than our Baptist friends do, for at A. & M. College and at the University of Texas the Methodist students outnumber the Baptists about two to one. But we have not patronized our own colleges as the Baptists have patronized theirs. We are surely and certainly going out of business in things educational unless we enlarge our means to do a bigger business.

The opportunity has now come to do this. It has come to us as it never before came to any Church; as it will not come to us again, if now neglected. Up to the present our colleges have largely been built by our preachers. But this present task is too large for them alone. Laymen must help them with it, and all lift together. They will do this when they fully understand its importance and fully comprehend its significance. It will be said of them as of Israel of old: "They came everyone whose heart stirred him up and everyone whom his spirit made willing, and they brought the Lord's offering to the work," also "the women whose hearts stirred them up in wisdom."

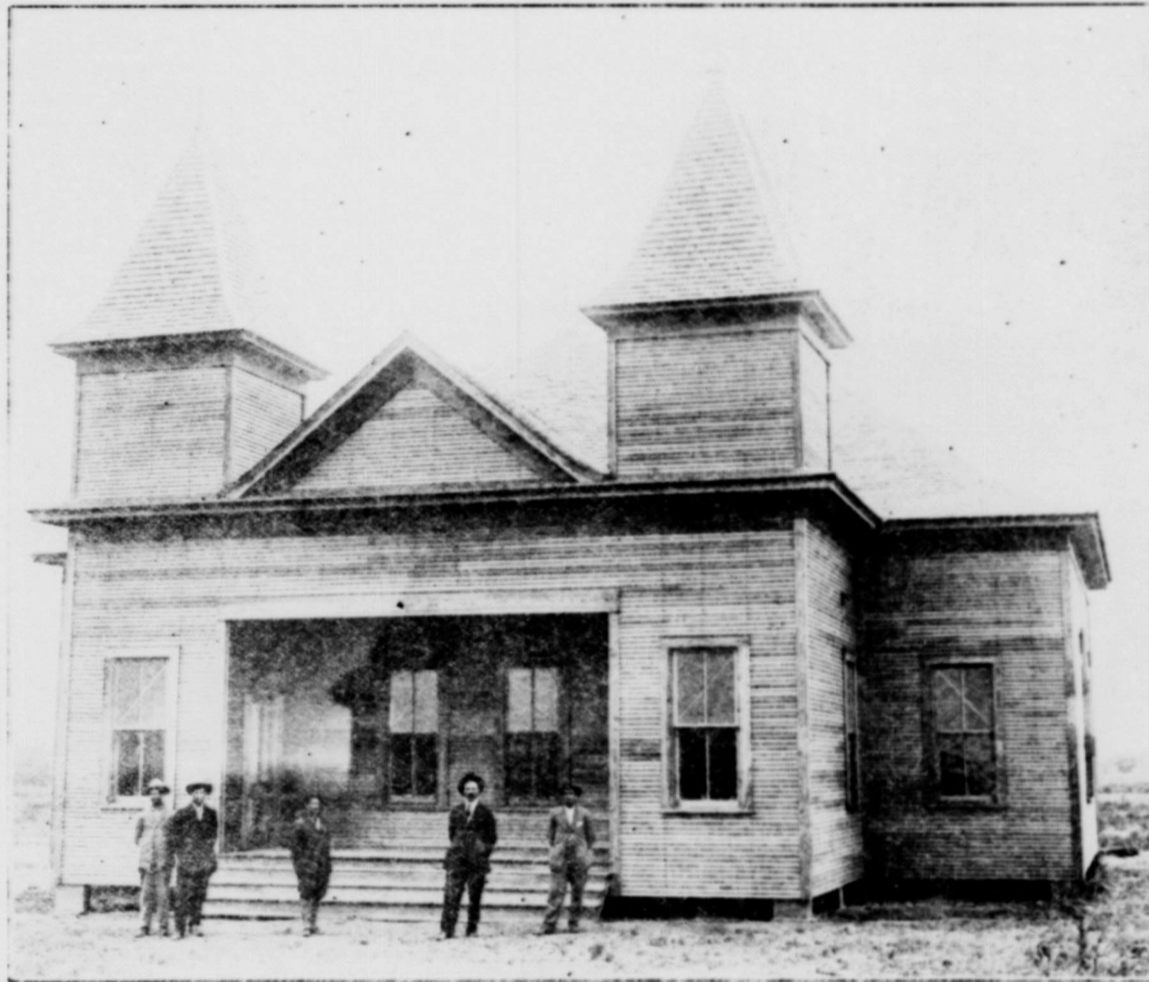
Let every Methodist have a part in this work. The donation may be cash or a pledge to pay a certain sum annually for five years. Join one of the clubs that has been started: 29 to give \$5000 each; 100 to give \$1000; 200 to give \$500. Four have already subscribed to the first, 23 to the second and thirty-four to the third. Let some who are able, do a monumental thing. One great layman, R. S. Munger, of Birmingham, gave \$25,000 on the original subscription from Dallas. Let some Texas laymen imitate his example. As this is being written Dr. Poaz wires me that Mrs. Dora Roberts, of Big Spring, has just made a gift of \$25,000 to Southern Methodist University.

Make a proposition to the Trustees to endow a department in honor of some loved one. Endow scholarships with \$10,000 or departments with \$50,000. There will be under the great dome of the Administration Building many tablets in memory of the honored dead of Methodism; it will become our Westminster. Would you not like to have some part in this great memorial hall? The time for building has come; set your gift as a precious stone in the new walls of our Zion.

A CORRECTION.

In your issue of November 23, 1911, in commenting upon the proceedings and incidents of the late session of the North Texas Conference you say, "Dr. McLean took an appeal from the decision of the Bishop to the College of Bishops." The ruling of the Bishop was that the conference had the right to discontinue a preacher on trial, without passing his character. Be this decision right or wrong—in, or out of harmony with our usual method of procedure—it was not at this point, nor from this decision that I appealed. Elsewhere in your notes you say, "The Bishop's ruling, however, was sustained in the outcome," but further on in this item you say, "Had the original contention remained unaltered, the Doctor would have carried up an appeal to the College of Bishops, but on reconsideration the matter came up in another form and thus ended."

If the decision of the Bishop, as above stated, was formally put to the conference and met its approval, the action escaped my notice. But be this as it may, as above stated, I made no appeal from that decision, which must have come up "under reconsideration of the matter, under another form." This I do not deny, but of it I have no recollection, except that upon reconsideration of the case the motion was made to discontinue



NEW M. E. CHURCH, SOUTH, KIRVIN CIRCUIT.

This view shows Rev. O. B. Turner, P. C., and the Building Committee. Brother Turner is serving his fourth year on this circuit. The name of the circuit was changed at the last Annual Conference from Mexia to Kirvin Circuit. This is in the Corsicana District, Rev. Jno. R. Nelson, P. E.

ly enrolled and now on the campus. He is telling us about the make-up of the student body. "The richer the preacher the less they give." If that is so, we have come to a time for heart-searching, prayer, plain talk and solemn rebuke. Pastor Truett is called to the platform. "I do not think I ever quite so much felt what a single hour might mean to a people. Napoleon told his army that forty centuries looked down upon them from the heights of the pyramids. So all the past looks down on us to-day. The hour of destiny has come to Baylor University."

"Brother Truett reads a letter from Bro. C. C. Slaughter making a subscription of \$50,000. The whole congregation is swept with joy. A new inspiration has come. Brother Collier is speaking. He is an old Baylor student who has already given \$10,000. He gives \$10,000 more. Brother Rowe gives \$2500, making \$5000 for him. Hon. Pat Neff makes a good speech and doubles his subscription. Bro. L. U. Smith gives an additional thousand. Judge Jenkins and other Trustees double their subscriptions. M. H. Wolfe gives \$1000 and H. L. Duke and wife give the same. Brother Woffard and mother, of Cuero, \$1000. What a blessing these Woffards have been to the cause. J. P. Crouch, of McKinney, says he has been attending the convention for thirty years, and this, he thinks, is our most serious hour. He is a Trustee of the sanitarium and under heavy burdens there, but gives \$5000. A telegram is read pledging \$5000, name withheld. Miss Pearl White gives \$500, and several others the same. The crowd remains and \$100 contributions come in faster than they can be read out. Sister Boran gives \$100 cash, and will give \$100 a year so long as she lives, and wants prayer offered that she may live 100 years. It is a strong pull. (When it grows hardest Dr. Gambrell says in a low tone to Dr. Cranfill, 'I would rather sell my shoes than see it fail.' Where-

of \$200,000 by the General Board to a Church school in Texas? What are the Methodists going to do about it? If we could get our people together as the Baptists have done, 2500 of the picked men and women from all over the State, from city, town, village and country home, all giving a whole day to the consideration of our needs, aims and opportunities; if we could have the courage and faith which numbers give, the contagion of splendid example spread throughout the assembled hosts of Methodism, then the task of meeting the conditions of the General Board would be easy. But we Methodists have not learned to do things that way. We can, however, fight in our old armor, keep step to the same old drumbeat and march to victory with our well-tried plan of battle. The Baptists can more easily mobilize their forces, but our soldiers have been trained to keep ranks and stand to their guns even when so isolated that they cannot hear the victorious shouts of their companions in arms. We may not be able to call them together under the shadows of the pyramids and tell them of the centuries looking down upon them, but the word can be passed along the line, "Methodism expects every man to do his duty." That word has already gone forth. The conferences have all made an assessment for the Commission to be used in founding Southern Methodist University. This assessment amounts to about \$20,000, which is equivalent to an endowment of \$100,000 at five per cent. Before Baylor has collected, invested and received interest on her new endowment our Commission of Education will have in hand a sum approximating the amount thus to be realized by Baylor. But it will not count on the General Board's condition. This assessment plan is a great thing. Dr. Buttrick says it is one of the greatest things being done by any Church for education. That is one of the reasons why he asked his board to make a donation to Southern Meth-

odist University. Another reason was that he had looked most carefully over the educational situation in Texas and had been deeply impressed with the idea that Dallas, with nearly two millions of people within a radius of one hundred miles, is not only the best location in Texas, but the best unoccupied territory in the United States for a great college. A third reason was the fact that the \$300,000 and 600 acres of land donated by Dallas is the greatest popular gift ever made to found an institution of learning. Individual gifts have been larger, but no popular subscription of this character has ever amounted to so much. Because he was impressed with the fact that Texas Methodists do great things and because he believed Dallas to be the best possible place for such things to be done he said some years since: "Some day a great college is going to be built in Dallas, and you Methodists are the people who should build it." And it was his presentation of the case to

the General Board of Education that induced them to depart from their established policy of refusing to aid in founding a new educational institution.

The conditions of the gift to Southern Methodist University may not at first appear so liberal as in the case of Baylor. The former must raise \$800,000 to secure \$200,000, while the latter raised only \$400,000 to secure a like sum. But Dallas had given \$300,000 of the required amount. To this add the gift of the board and it will be seen that Methodists are asked to give \$500,000 to complete a million dollars, while the Baptists gave \$400,000 to complete the sum of \$600,000. President Brooks says we ought to get our money more easily than he could secure funds for Baylor, because we have a better proposition. Thus far the results have been most encouraging. In a little more than two months the subscriptions amount to about \$150,000. The conferences have unanimously endorsed the movement and the preachers have responded most liberally. These subscriptions are not promises to collect specific amounts from their congregations but personal notes to be paid out of their small salaries. If our laymen would respond with equal liberality the full amount would soon be in hand.

In addition to the \$150,000 now definitely pledged two conferences have voted unanimously to build dormitories. The North Texas Conference will raise \$125,000 for the first dormitory for men, and the Texas Conference will raise \$100,000 for a Woman's Dormitory.

There are none who oppose this great forward movement, none who say that the Church shall not build strong walls of protection to Christian education; no Sanballat, Tobiah or Gesham the Arabian, none to entice and none to make afraid. It is not the machinations of enemies but the apathy, or overconfidence, of friends that is to be feared.

Our Letter From Georgia

By Rev. Geo. G. Smith

Georgia Conferences.

The two Georgia Conferences are over. Of course, I, who never leave my front door, attended neither, but I had reports from my brethren who were there, and from the newspapers.

The North Georgia

met in St. James Church, Augusta, in this Church before I had been licensed to preach I preached my first sermon. I was then a postal clerk in the city postoffice. Before I was ordained an elder, the days just before the war in 1860 I attended a session of the conference there, so there were very tender appreciations connected with the assembling place of this conference. Dr. Kendall, who had once been pastor of St. John's, was this year pastor of St. James. These two old Augusta Churches had when they were first organized each as leading members respectively

ated list, of which I am one, and so the Bishops had a hard time in making the adjustments. They got through about as well as one could have hoped, and the preachers will, none of them starve, and probably none of them locate, and none of them rebel. Well, none of them will have a tougher time than a young fellow, named Rankin, had some forty years ago on the Tilton Mission. The brethren all report a delightful session. Augusta is a beautiful city at all times, and especially so in November, and its hospitality has the old-time breadth and warmth.

With the coming of the trolley the question of conference entertainment is a settled one. I hear but one verdict from Augusta and that is that the conference gave great satisfaction.

The South Georgia Conference

met in Bainbridge in the extreme southwestern corner of the State, in

fertilizing, very productive, and those who had lumber mills and turpentine stills were often men of fine intelligence and great liberality, and soon the conference began to lead off in especially missionary contributions, so that the South Georgia became the foremost conference in the Church, South, in missionary gifts. Much of this was due to three men: Rev. Dr. Cook, Missionary Secretary; Rev. Dr. Williams, President of the Missionary Board, and the Rev. Geo. W. Matthews, stationed at Thomasville. They have worked untiringly and successfully. The women of this conference, under the leadership of Mrs. Matthews, have been doing wonderful work.

Bishop Morrison presided both at Columbus last year and Bainbridge this year. The conference seems to be much pleased with his presidency, and urged the College of Bishops to send him back for a third term. He is very orthodox, very polite and considerate. The appointments appear in this morning's daily and seem to me to have been very wisely made. We, of the North Georgia, are smaller in territory but larger in population. In one thing the North Georgia goes far beyond its sister conference, and that is in taking care of its superannuates. The South Georgia has been intent on leading in missionaries, but the North Georgia has been led by its laymen intent on caring for its superannuates. Yet the highest amount paid is \$400.

Methodism is a somewhat live wire in Georgia, and comes as high adhering to the old standards as any section of the South.

Macon, Ga.

A STATEMENT.

I arise to a point of personal privilege for the following reason:

My character was arrested at our Texas Conference on a charge of immorality. If the Advocate had stated the crime I am supposed to have committed I would have held my peace.

When a preacher's character is arrested people bulge out their eyes and hold their breath and when a charge of immorality is made they shudder, and the people they have taken into the Church, and those he has led to the Lord shudder. And here is something wrong with the policy or administration of any organization that will allow any man's character to be arrested, especially on a charge of immorality, without the fullest information of all the facts in the case, unless in the case of scandalous conduct.

I have not seen the bill of charges and specifications. All I know about it is as follows:

A man of Lufkin and myself went into business and because things did not go well between us I sold out to him. We tried to invoice the stock and did the best we could under the circumstances. We agreed, all settled. He took my hand and said he was satisfied. He asked if I was, I said, "Yes." He paid me the amount agreed on. I then moved to Upshur County, and after a month or so he wrote me he had found a mistake and demanded me to come down and settle. I did not believe I owed him and did not go. I could not go on account of personal sickness and sickness in my family. He could have just as easily come to see me. The fact of my owing him has never been proved. I have never in my life refused to pay all my debts, and it he could prove (all the facts being given) that I owe him, he should certainly have his pay, the difference between us being a little over \$60. So it is not a matter of drunkenness, or any gross crime, but a question of a small difference in a business transaction and so I stand suspended, discredited and dishonored in the eyes of all who read and hear of this transaction.

I. J. COPPEIDGE.

Coffeetown, Texas.

"Only a nameless man, yet words of hope and faith, fitly spoken, will save your fellows from despair."

She Was Smothering

Rockford, Ala.—Mrs. M. C. Paschal, of this place, says: "I was taken with nervous prostration, and had headache, backache, pains in my right side, and smothering spells. I called in physicians to treat my case, but without relief. Finally, I tried Cardui, and it gave perfect satisfaction. I recommend it to every sick woman." Are you weak, tired, worn-out? Do you suffer from any of the pains peculiar to weak women? Cardui has a record of over fifty years in relieving such troubles, and will certainly benefit you. It prevents those frequent headaches, and keeps you up, out of bed, feeling fresh and happy. Try Cardui.

the brother, which motion prevailed, without any reference to his character. I doubt not the Bishop approved of this disposition of the case, and in this way may be said to have been sustained by the conference.

But at this point no issue was made, and no exception taken, however unusual that method of disposing of such cases. The exception taken was on the day previous and on quite a different issue. Under the question, "Who remain on trial?" the name of A. E. Prince was called, and the Bishop asked, "Is there anything against him?" The presiding elder stated that he had left his charge during the year, without formal leave, but gave as the reason, the illness of his wife and for her better care and treatment he had taken her to friends or relatives in Virginia. Later he wrote back to the Bishop for a transfer to that conference. The Bishop very wisely emphasized the gravity of the offense of a preacher leaving his charge without permission, but in the absence of the brother there were those who took a charitable view of the case and believed he meant no wrong, and most likely was ignorant of the law in the case, and were willing to pass his character, but were not willing to continue him on trial, as it had developed in the consideration of the case that he was not well-adapted to the itineracy.

In taking the vote in his case the Bishop asked, "Will you pass his character and continue him on trial?" remarking that, "The passage of his character would continue him on

trial." At that point, I moved to divide the question, and take the vote first upon the passage of his character, and then upon his continuance on trial. This motion the Bishop ruled out of order, and from this ruling, and no other, I took an appeal, realizing that under the ruling many could not vote as they wished in the case, wanting to pass his character and then discontinue him, but by the ruling were not allowed to divide the question.

On the next day the case was reconsidered, and, as stated, on motion the brother was discontinued; no mention being made of his character in the case, the conference ruled that my appeal would be out of order, and further voted to erase all mention of the appeal from the minutes. Thus ends the matter—right or wrong.

As the editor well says, "It was a good-natured contest, no effort at triumph, but truth, the correct method of procedure." At my period of life I may be too content with the old paths, the way we used to do things, and yet it is possible that there may be "a more excellent way."

Let me be regarded as having too "watchful an eye upon the Chair," out of a ministry of fifty-one years, I do not remember ever before to have appealed from the ruling of a Bishop, but would have done so, I hope, if I had thought it necessary. With me, I have no personal interest in the matter, and here it may end, so far as I am concerned.

JNO. H. McLEAN.

Waco, Texas, Nov. 29, 1911.

EVELYN BYRD

By Col. J. R. Cole.

I will tell you of a beautiful character because it will make you better to know her. If there is anything in creation more lovable, more noble, more beautiful than a gentle girl, a pure woman, I have failed to find it among Nature's works.

The eye delights to look upon the beautiful; the ear delights to listen to melody; the heart delights to feel the sweet influences of love; the mind delights in laughing wit and joyous thought; the imagination delights to roam over the universe and live in beautiful pictures; memory delights to pull aside the curtain of the past and gaze upon the landscape of one's youth and recall the dear faces of loved ones in the long ago. All these attributes have been given us for our pleasure and use by our Father that we might cultivate them and become suited for the home of the immortals. And now I will present to you a sweet, lovely character that you may emulate her pure, noble qualities.

Evelyn Byrd, the subject of this sketch, was the daughter of Colonel William Byrd and Lucy Parke. Her mother was the daughter of the Aide-Camp of the great Duke of Marlborough and an ancestor of Martha Washington and the Lee family of Virginia. The home of Colonel Byrd was called "Westover," and was situated on the north bank of the James River in Virginia. He was born in 1674, and died in 1744. He was educated in England, and afterwards occupied many important positions in his native State. He was a man of culture and fine literary taste, and his writings showed much wit and humor and fun. In this beautiful home, where the waters of the James sang songs of the Indian warrior, and murmured the traditions of Pocahontas, where the sunshine of spring made the peach and grape to blush with loveliness, where the hunter's horn echoed over the hills as the galloping steeds pursued the cunning fox, here in the early years of the eighteenth century, Evelyn Byrd, the beautiful, was born and passed her girlhood days.

In her childhood the panorama of Nature—the green fields, the rolling hills, the laughing waters, the flying clouds, the blue heavens, the soft sunshine, the twinkling stars—these were the pictures painted by an Immortal hand for her study and enjoyment.

As she passed on down the years

flowers sprung up along her pathway, the white and the red rose accompanied her footsteps, the honeysuckle tossed its perfume, the red apple, the yellow pear, the luscious peach, the lovely grape, the red cherries, the sweet plums, the bursting chestnut, the walnut, the hazelnut and all the sweet berries of woodland and forest and field administered to her taste and delight. Spring time added her beauties and breezes; summer brought her tasseled and silkened corn, her golden wheat and her singing birds; autumn sent her gentle showers and carpeted the earth with her golden leaves, and winter gathered up the snowflakes and scattered them over sea and land. Then the gallant steed of the young Virginian pranced from mansion to mansion, and the gay cavalier was received with smiles, and the violin and the banjo put music into every heart, brought loving smiles from every face and made the feet keep time to the Virginia reel and the graceful minuet. And the loveliest and sweetest and the dearest of all these was beautiful Evelyn Byrd.

As time passed on, and the sweet girl became a graceful woman she was sent to England to finish her education and to receive the final touches from the brush of learning and art. Such beauty had never adorned the halls of any of the palatial homes of the old country. Such grace and modesty and wit and charms as this Virginia rose presented put the social circles in a whirl and every heart was won and she moved among the most beautiful the uncrowned queen of love and beauty. She was a conqueror in the field of love and old and young, Lord and Lady felt the sweet influences of her charms. Having finished her education and having no more worlds to conquer abroad, she returned to her Virginia home. For a few years she shed the sunshine of her youthful beauty over her native State. For a few years she was the joy and the light of her home and her host of friends, and then she faded, faded, faded away and passed through the pearly gates into the eternal city in her twenty-ninth year.

It was not hers to command armies like another Joan of Arc; it was not hers to march at the head of an invading host like Spain's Isabella; it was not hers to defy imperial empires like Zenobia; it was not hers to guide the ship of State like England's great Queen, but she conquered all with her beauty, she ruled all with her goodness, she was the Queen of Hearts, the monarch of Love. The James still flows from the mountains and rolls its waters into the ocean, while Richmond sits upon her seven hills; the Chesapeake and the Potomac still wash the eastern shore and watch the white sail couriers of commerce across the deep; mighty deeds by mighty men have been performed around "Westover" and the footsteps of the patriot and the invader have pressed the beautiful gardens and retreats where beautiful Evelyn once laughed and sang with the birds, but the sweet influences of her noble, gentle, beautiful life come down through the centuries like an echo of music from the spiritual world and will go on forever.

The Advent of the King

A Christmas Hymn By Marvin Ferree

Come, long-expected Savior, come! Prophets and kings have waited long To see thy day and make thee room And greet thy advent with a song.

Abr'ham rejoiced to see thy day, And seers and holy men of old Gazed through the shadows long and gray To see the promised age of gold.

Star of the long-expected morn, Yea, rather earth's eternal sun! Thy light upon the hills is born, Thy reign of glory is begun.

The silent skies are vocal now; Bright angels in a chorus sing; The Magi at the manger bow, And homage-treasures pay their King.

The shepherds leave the sky-lit field And tinkling flocks, with wonder wild, To see the Prince of Peace revealed, And bow before the Shepherd Child.

Come, Manger King, thy scepter take, Extend from sea to sea thy sway; The rod of the oppressor break, And chase earth's gloom and wrong away.

Give thy good tidings to the poor, The broken-hearted sinner heal; Break open every prison door, Rend every galling gyve of steel.

Lead forth the captive slaves of sin, And cause the blinded eyes to see; The reign of righteousness begin, And give the world true liberty.

The bruised, the weak, have suffered long Through all these sad and waiting years; While giants of successful wrong Have needed not, but mocked their tears.

But thou wilt break the tyrant's chain, And cause the cry of wrong to cease; And thou wilt ease the mourner's pain, And give the wounded conscience peace.

The world heaves now a softer sigh, Caressed beneath thy pierced pain; Hope kindles in its tear-dim'd eye, And all its troubled thoughts grow calm.

For thou hast walked upon our seas, And breathed upon our outspread lands, And so thy breath is on the breeze, Thy flowers adorn the desert sands.

And as thy power and kingdom come, And rule the land and rule the sea, So shall the barren deserts bloom, And earth's millennial glory be.

Thou manger Child, thou infant King, We hail thy lowly, royal birth, And join with heavenly choirs to sing Thy advent to our waiting earth.

We open temple, heart and home, On this thy hallowed natal day, And give thy coming all our room, And all we have to thy kind sway.

James H. Anderson, father of our lamented China missionary, and Jno. H. Mann, father of Dr. Alfred T. Mann. The irreverent young folks said the churches were named St. James for James Anderson and St. Johns for John H. Mann.

Bishop Wilson was to preside, and, true to his habit, he was on hand. He is dangerously near 80 years old, but is a strong wielder as he was at 20, when he began his life-work in the mountains of West Virginia, but the brethren considerably arranged things so Bishop Hoss could be with him from the beginning and stay with him to the end. Bishop Wilson still did his work in the cabinet, and preached on Sunday a phenomenal sermon. Those who heard it said it was almost supernaturally grand and glorious.

There were eight unexpected transfers; there was a large class to be received on trial, and there were thirteen large districts in which nine-tenths of the circuits are what are called hard. The conference had as far as possible unloaded its gum legs and put them on the superannu-

the flourishing little city of Bainbridge. Macon, where I live, is in the South Georgia Conference, and, while I belong to the North Georgia, my family belong to the South Georgia. It is a very large conference, and few in the connection have shown such growth. The territory it covers is largely pine woods, and for many years it was regarded as a barren land, and only fit for the scant pasturage it gave to large herds of small cattle and great flocks of sheep. There was some excellent country in which were some fine cities, but the country was generally sterile and the country very thinly settled. It drew to itself poor people, and it was the prey especially of land speculators, but in the course of the forty years since the conference was organized the whole country has undergone a marvelous change. The pine barrens have been an immense producer of wealth. The turpentine farmer, and the saw-mill man have called for new railways until the State has become netted by their lines. The lands which were considered worthless have been proven to be, with proper

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Notes From the Field

Merkel Station.

By the appointment of the Bishop, and, we trust, the providence of God, we are located for another year in Merkel Station. We have been very cordially received, and now feel very much at home among this good people. Last evening, December 11, 1911, was our first quarterly conference, with Presiding Elder S. A. Barnes in the chair. We frequently hear some of the preachers say, "Oh, Barnes is just one of the boys!" Yes, that is very true, when he is with the boys, he is one of them, but when you get in Quarterly Conference with him you will soon find that he is presiding elder also. Our presiding elder said that our charge made the best showing in its report than any charge had ever made at the first Quarterly Conference in his district since he had been a presiding elder. This preacher claims none of the credit for this, as he has only been on the charge about one month. Merkel has the largest membership of any congregation in the Abilene District, and a prospect to be the leading appointment in the near future. No more intelligent and loyal people can be found anywhere. This preacher realizes that he has no small task before him to hold up the standard raised by such princely men as A. M. Martin, J. M. Sherman and others who have gone before him. But by the help of God and the co-operation of the people we are looking forward to a great year. When we had been on the ground about ten days one evening, as the preacher and his family sat around the grate reading and talking, we were suddenly startled by the sound of many feet in the hallway, and many voices engaged in merry conversation and laughter. The explanation is, "a pounding in the good, old-fashioned way." We have found a handsome list of Advocate readers on the charge, and we hope to increase their number. We wish for the Advocate force and its readers, "A Merry Christmas and A Happy New Year."—H. A. Clements, P. C.

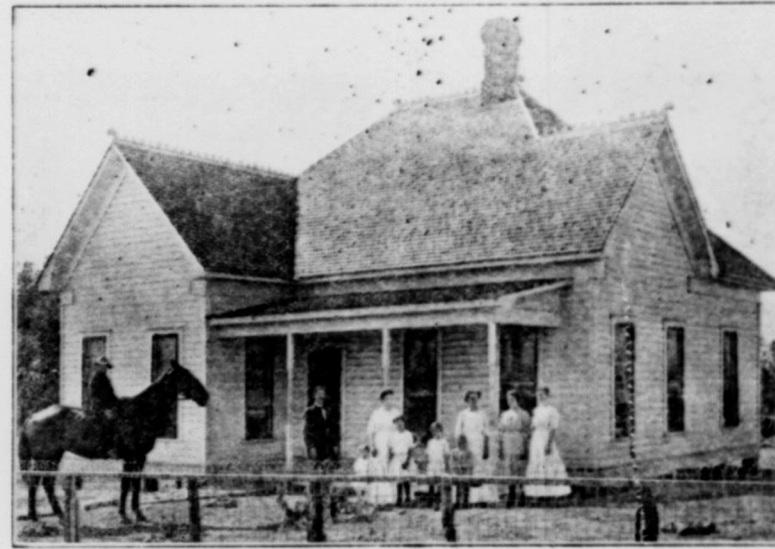
Groom.

The new conference year finds us on the Groom charge. Groom is located on the Rock Island Railroad, east of Amarillo forty miles, and about fifteen or twenty miles west of the Cap Rock. It is an ideal plains country and appears to be in the center of prosperity. Wonderful grain crops of all kinds have been harvested here. Threshing will not be over before March. A splendid people have inhabited this country. They exhibit refinement and culture in their manners and customs, and built palatial homes. In these homes the Methodist preacher is always a welcome guest, while but few of them are members of any Church; there is the least bit of intolerance, or thirst for worldliness. They attend Church services and are attentive there, but few Church workers among them in some places, yet in other places there are ideal Church workers at their posts of duty, and manifesting deep conviction. We are the unworthy successor of Rev. George Bryant, who wrought well in this field. We take up where he left off and hope to continue the good work he faithfully pursued. At present our people are pressed with much of the indebtedness yet on the beautiful \$1000 stone building for worship. The new pews are yet to be paid for, and we are in need of a bell. Also we are in need of two other churches on this charge. And we hope to see advancements along all lines before long ere the year comes to a close. This part of the country was once afflicted with union Sunday-schools, but we are glad to report a change is beginning to take place in some quarters, and the Church school held in higher esteem. It seems to me that any one would rather have a Church school than to let something exist just to have it said that the other crowd is "horned out," and, the truth is, if we can do nothing we will dead-sure let them do nothing! This is a wrong spirit, and I believe it always accompanies a union Sunday-school. There is no sacrifice in a union Sunday-school where union literature is used. It reminds me more of a school of selfishness than one of unselfishness. I had rather attend a school where some sacrifice was made and the surrender of privilege, and I had rather take the advantage of an opportunity to honor and respect some Church that is trying to preach the gospel and save the world. I think it is high time that people were learning to respect each other more in a religious world than engage in something which is a complete disapproval of the Church who has been so faithful all these years in bringing the gospel to a world so much in need of it as ours.

With these remarks we will close by asking you to come and see us at Groom, Texas, and bidding you all a happy Christmas.—L. Jackson.

Bighill.

Conference is over and we are back for our third year's work. The pastor was more than pleased with his return: First, because he believed it was the wishes of the Church; and, second, because this field is ripe unto the harvest. Our reception has been hearty. No man served a better people than the pastor at Bighill. The pastor commenced a meeting at Steels Creek last Sunday and was away when the good people of Bighill came with a rush to pound the preacher, Monday night, November 20. I need not tell you what they



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brought—well, everything good to eat—all of which we thank God for. May the good Spirit in this charge lead us to do great things for our Lord. The new church at Odds is under good way. Odds is to soon have one of the nicest churches anywhere to be found in the country, costing \$2750; then nicely and beautifully seated and all paid for when completed.—W. Vinsant.

Brandon.

On the second Sunday after conference I began my second year on this charge with a meeting at Brandon. Rev. T. N. Lowrey was with me. But many of our people live in the country and the cold wave struck us at the start and stayed with us. Brother Lowrey's preaching and methods are of the right sort. Our people want him again when conditions are more favorable. The outlook on the charge is encouraging. During the meeting the people pounded the parsonage "in the good, old-fashioned way."—J. W. Head.

Hermleigh.

On November 5, 1911, at Plainview, Texas, we were read out for Hermleigh Circuit. We hastened home, which was at Jayton, and began preparations for a move. After a few days of hard work we started across the country with our household goods in a wagon, having a hard time crossing sandy rivers and rough brakes, stalling several times. I often thought of the boy on the plains who helped me out of a tight once when my team could pull no further. After hitching his team on he said, "Parson, when I set in a tight pull I sometimes cuss a little, and, if I do this evening, don't get offended." I replied, "Never mind your explanations, I've got to get out of here." So we pulled out easy enough, and the boy didn't "cuss" either. Well, we are here and happy in service. We left some good, warm friends on the Jayton charge who are true to the cause. They gave us a generous pounding just before Annual Conference, which was the second pounding during the conference year. We regretted very much to leave the Hamlin District, and more especially owing to the fact that Brother Hardy has been our presiding elder ever since we have been preaching as an itinerant. He has been like a brother, or rather a father to us: was ever mindful of our needs and helped us in every way possible. But we are in a new district now, and have a new elder, not new to most of people, but new to us. He is a godly man, full of energy and the love of God. He has just held our first Quarterly Conference for us. He presides with grace and perfectly at home in the chair. His district is in good

shape except the drouth has cut finances a little short. He, as most of you know, is an able preacher. Did you ask if they pounded us? Yes, they began when we got here, and they just kept it up, but last Friday night there came a perfect storm. Then the stewards got off in a corner to caucus about the preacher's salary and about \$800 is promised for his support. After prayer the pounders went home, and we supposed it was over, but on Monday following the Plainview folks made a rush on us with nice things to eat, and we just stood around with our mouths open and grinned. We are glad we are here, and are planning for great things. Our people are loyal and true. God is with us and victory is ours.—C. E. Jameson, P. C., Dec. 6.

Lott.

Well, conference has come and gone, and I am on the ground of my new charge. After four years of very, very pleasant stay with the noble peo-

mattress, also a brand-new cookstove. We were highly appreciative of their unsolicited interests as to our needs and such promptness in meeting same. But this is not all. We have observed another thing concerning these good ladies for which all women have not the reputation—keeping a secret. They quietly planned what they call a surprise service, and a surprise, indeed, it was. It was had at night of our first Sunday at Kerens. We had a fairly well-attended service at the eleven o'clock hour, considering the fact that there were services at all the other Churches. I had announced service as common at the 7:30 hour. To my surprise I heard that the Presbyterian pastor and his flock were to be with us. When the time came he and his folks were not only there, but also the Baptist pastor and his congregation, with many others that hardly ever attend Church. I appreciated their coming to worship with us. After a very delightful service I began as common with opening song, prayer, Scripture lesson, etc., to place for announcements when I was told that Brother Gay, the Presbyterian preacher, wished to make an announcement. I gave him the floor. He turned and said to me that he was the presiding elder of this occasion, and that I may pigeon-hole that sermon for the present. He took from his pocket a paper and read a bill of nine-charges against me: First, that I had come to their town without being solicited; proposing to claim all the rights of citizenship; second, that I had come claiming to be clothed with authority to preach the gospel; third, that I claimed the right of admission into the homes of the good people of the town; fourth, to instruct the children in spiritual things; fifth, to marry people; sixth, to visit the sick and bury the dead, etc. He asked me if I pled guilty? Of course I did. During the prosecution a man arose and moved the indictment be quashed. The motion received a second and carried. Mrs. Ella Nobles, President of the Home Mission Society, then read a splendid paper of welcome to their pastor and family in behalf of the society. The pastors and others gave hearty words of welcome, and suggestions as to how preachers should be treated. The program was interspersed with violin duets, quartettes and solos. My soul drunk in the melody and fellowship of the occasion. Though it was gotten up quietly and arrangements for carrying it out kept secret, for awhile they had some of us guessing—yet it was a great service. It closed by having us come to the front, and, while the congregation sang that grand old hymn, "Blest Be the Tie that Binds Our Hearts in Christian Love," all the people gave us a hearty handshake of welcome. Being unable to fully express our appreciation for such a cordial reception, we expect to try to let our service for the year help tell how we are pleased at being on among them, and thus try in a more substantial way to show how we appreciate kindness. We find that our field is large and helpers are few, but we feel that, with the Lord's help, we can have a great year. A pleasant Christmas to the Advocate force!—Z. L. Howell.

Luling.

This is just to let you know that we are in the midst of a great meeting at Luling. Rev. W. G. Callahan, of Luling, is doing the preaching, and he is doing it well. He preaches the old-time gospel with power. The Church is revived and sinners are converted under such preaching.—W. W. Nunn, P. C.

Dalhart.

We have had a most cordial, warm-hearted reception by these good people. Last week we were agreeably surprised by a regular Methodist pounding. In many ways already the people have expressed their love and appreciation. Hence we expect a great year in spiritual things. Our congregations are large and our Sunday-school is flourishing. We have a large choir. So everything points to a great year. The stewards met promptly and assessed pastor's salary at \$1200. Our first Quarterly Conference was held last week. Brother Kiker is a great presiding elder. He is deservedly popular up here. We have great difficulties to overcome in this part of the State, but victory is ours. For God is with us to bless and to save.—J. W. Mayne, P. C., Dec. 10.

Weatherford Circuit.

Having finished my first round on the Weatherford Circuit am now ready to start again. Will say we have much to encourage. Three appointments were added to the four of last year which now makes seven appointments with six houses of worship of our own; attentive congregations; a hearty reception at every place; a large, capable and responsive Board of Stewards who have provided well in the assessments for their pas-

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tor; what more could we wish for to begin with except a life, on our part, of complete consecration and wholly given to God and the service of the Church. For this we must daily crave and pray. It is God only that giveth the increase.—C. F. Kiker, Dec. 13.

Petersburg Mission.

We are getting along splendidly on our new work. Last Friday night we were greatly surprised by a party of good people of Petersburg. They pounded this preacher's home with many good things to eat, for which we are thankful.—W. H. Carr, P. C., Dec. 1.

New Boston.

Bishop Mouzon sent us from Hughes Springs to New Boston and DeKalb. We arrived at New Boston last Friday morning and the people received us kindly. We were strangers and they took us in. We had only been in the parsonage about thirty minutes when the pounding came in due and ancient form.—A. T. Walker, Dec. 11.

Beattie.

Brother Lindsey, our presiding elder, came down Thanksgiving day and dedicated our church. We all think he is a good man and a fine preacher. Our pastor, Rev. O. A. Morton, was also with us and preached in the afternoon. All the people are well-pleased with him. May the grand old Advocate wave and never waver.—Clarice Clark, Dec. 9.

Sweetwater Station.

Have been at work one month. Congregations as large on Sunday morning as our old church, 32x60 feet, will accommodate. From 150 to 200 in Sunday-school. Could have many more if we had room. From 20 to 45 in prayer-meeting. Expect it to double.

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HONEY, NATURE'S NERVE TONIC

HONEY is one of Nature's best and purest foods, consisting only of vegetable products, such as sugar of grape, gum and manna, along with mucilage extractive matter, a little wax and acid. Honey and sugar-cane molasses were the chief sweetenings before sugar became so cheap and commonly used; it would be much better for humanity if they used **MORE OF NATURE'S SWEETS** and less of the artificial product.

Common sugar is responsible for sour stomach, indigestion and dyspepsia; it can not be assimilated until it is changed into grape sugar; many of the modern up to date stomachs of the present day and time are not equal to converting it to such. Honey manufactured in the bee's laboratory is easily assimilated, and, taken in moderate quantities is very nutritious. Being also a laxative, an aperient and a demulcent, it causes the stomach, kidneys and intestines no extra labor in digesting.

By fermentation sugar is converted into alcohol, and hence forms the basis of those substances which are used for making intoxicating liquors, and is not incorrectly classed as a narcotic. It is admitted to be one of the fiercest of nerve stimulants, but not so with honey which the busy bee so industriously makes; his secret process renders it pure and wholesome. Gathered from nature's garden and containing the purest sweets of the vegetable and fruit kingdom, one of the remarkable properties of the plant is the power with which they are endowed in selecting their food. The course of any common element can be treated in this manner, first from plants, thence in the tissues of the animal which feeds on these plants.

Honey is very nutritious, and is especially rich in fat-forming materials, possessing flesh-forming ingredients, while ordinary sugar contains no life-sustaining substances.

In all hale and hearty folks the nerves are invariably sheathed and must be properly nourished. There are two important factors in life which may be said to regulate it, namely the blood and the nerves. In normal conditions they work in perfect harmony, acting and reacting upon each other, each being the complement of the other. Healthy blood makes healthy nerves, and healthy nerves stimulate the blood-making process and its general circulation.

In nourishing the body and keeping the nerves healthy and well sheathed in fats, we must remember that something can not be constructed out of nothing, and should try to place in our diet nutritious foods that have the least evil effects upon our digestive organs. Honey is a fat producing food, yet lacks the heat-producing power that meats, starches and commercially manufactured sugars possess, having a soothing and admirable effect upon the mucous membranes of the stomach and intestines.

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THE CONFERENCE OF CHAIRMEN.

The annual meeting of the Chairmen and Field Secretaries of Conference Sunday-school Boards will be held in First Church, New Orleans, La., Jan. 11 to 14. All Chairmen of Conference Boards and all Field Secretaries are ex-officio members of this body. The last two meetings were fruitful of good results to the administrative work of our Conference Sunday-school Boards, and not only drew the workers closer together, but also gave them a better understanding of the work and difficulties of the General Board and of the editor of our Sunday-school literature. It is hoped that there may be a full attendance of members at New Orleans.

IN THE CORSICANA DISTRICT.

Dr. John R. Nelson, with the Field Secretary of the Central Texas Conference, Prof. J. E. Blair, and other workers, will make a thorough campaign for Sunday-schools in the Corsicana District in the month of January. Following are the places and dates where institutes will be held:

Tupelo, December 29 to 31; Bazette, December 31 and January 2, skipping January 1; Jones Chapel, January 3 and 4; New Hope, January 5 and 6; Mexia, January 7 and 8; Forrest Glade, January 8 and 9; Wortham, January 10 and 11; Pleasant Grove, January 12 and 13; Dawson, January 14 and 15; Mt. Zion, January 15 and 16; Barry, January 17 and 18; Horn Hill, January 19 and 20; Groesbeck, January 21 and 22; Steele's Creek, January 22 and 23; District Institute, Corsicana, January 25 to 28. At each place there will be dinner on the ground each day of the institute. The membership in these institutes will consist of all pastors, officers and teachers and one delegate for each ten members of a Sunday-school to be appointed by the superintendent. Of course, everybody is invited and urged to attend. Programs will be announced by Dr. Nelson later, but the workers will try to help solve the problems that grow out of the local conditions that must be faced right where the institutes are held. The time will not be spent discussing theories and methods that can be applied only in large and well-equipped schools. Most of the work in this district is done in country Churches, and there is where it is planned to render assistance. Dr. Nelson will announce his program later.

Small schools are entitled to at least five delegates to these institutes, and Churches where there are no schools are requested to send representatives.

WHY CHILDREN DO NOT ATTEND CHURCH.

In our towns and cities, where it is possible for children to walk home after Sunday-school, few of them stay to Church. There may be Churches where this statement would not be true, but they are not numerous. Pastors, superintendents and teachers note and lament the fact, but have not found a remedy for the condition. For every fact there is an adequate explanation.

Why do not Sunday-school scholars stay to Church? One reason is that their parents do not attend Church; another is that parents do not attend Sunday-school. When a boy goes to Sunday-school and his father goes to Church the boy is doing as well as his father, and the father of the average boy is his standard of excellence. Then many Sunday-school scholars are the children of fathers and mothers who are kept away from Church by Sunday work or by family and household duties, or who stay away from sheer indifference. Naturally, the children of such parents think lightly of the preaching service. Under such conditions children contract the habit of going home before the Church service while still very young, and in too many cases finally tire of the Sunday-school, and so are lost to the Church altogether. But there are many cases where the children do not love to go to Church because the Church service holds no interest for them. The average service is planned for the adult. The sermon, the hymns and even the prayers are arranged, selected or offered with the needs of grown people in view. Everything about the service is foreign to the child's mode of thought. He does not understand the preaching, is not encouraged to take part in the singing, and even the prayers have

reference to things beyond his circle of interest.

Some children do go to Church because they are made to go. Perhaps that is better for them than not to go at all. But often compulsory Church attendance provokes the child to wrath, and Paul tells us not to do that. The method of the great teacher is better. He set the child in the midst. If the sermons were prepared and the services arranged with the children in mind, if parents and teachers and pastors tried harder to understand the mind and heart of the child and adapt their work to his condition, it might not be so hard to induce children to attend Church. One thing is certain, we shall not obtain the best possible results in training our children while we ignore the needs of childhood, even though we take a switch and compel them to attend everything from the Sunday-school to the Church Conference. Unless religion is made attractive to them they will never be won to the Church, nor to Christ.

QUALITY MORE IMPORTANT THAN QUANTITY.

A recent writer on the Sunday-school calls attention to the tenacity with which the sensuous worship of the Roman Catholic Church grips its devotees. Granted. But it is pertinent to inquire what effect does this kind of worship have upon character and life? Is the Church which is most popular of necessity the Church that is doing most to save men and realize the kingdom of God in the world? Measuring success by emotional interest and by numbers solely is to set up a false and hurtful standard. David was soundly rebuked on one occasion for numbering Israel. In this day when all sorts of expedients are being used to induce people to attend Sunday-school and Church the fact needs to be emphasized that the quality of work a Church is doing means more for the kingdom of God than the number who attend its services. Getting scholars to Sunday-school is one thing, but training people for the kingdom and service of God is a different matter. Two questions should constantly concern Sunday-school workers: First, are we using all proper means to induce people to attend Sunday-school, and, second, what are we doing for those who come? We say, "All proper means." For we have seen questionable expedients used to increase Sunday-school attendance. While the editor was a pastor he heard of some scholars who were teasing their parents to allow them to change to the school of another denomination. On looking for the reason he found that the school in question was offering a ticket to a moving picture show of questionable repute to every new scholar. Some children changed schools long enough to get the tickets and then returned to their own schools or left Sunday-school altogether. Such methods are productive of many evils. For one thing they teach children that it is proper to go to Church for hire and lead them into dishonesty. In another case where there was a contest to see which school in a certain town could muster the largest attendance on a given day one pastor invited all the schools of his denomination for miles around to join him for that day. Of course, he won the contest, but what of the effect of his methods upon the children? And what did the community at large think of the moral integrity of the pastor? All such methods cheapen the Sunday-school and foster wrong ideas of Christian character and service. A better way, and the only way that will bring lasting good results, is to make appeal after appeal to old and young based upon their own religious needs and prompted by love, and to follow up these appeals patiently and with loving interest until results are secured. When scholars are brought into Sunday-school the work and responsibility are only begun. And it is not always the largest and most self-lauded school that is doing most that is worth while. To win scholars to the Sunday-school and then fail to bring them to Christ and train them for his service is to enact the part of the barren fig tree.

THE EDITOR'S BOOK SHELF.

"The Point of Contact," by Patterson DuBois. This book was first published about fifteen years ago, but as it deals with certain fundamental principles in the training of children it is a book for all time and the date of its publication cannot greatly affect its merits. It is a book for primary workers and relates to the child under eight. In the beginning of his preface Prof. DuBois says, "The child-mind is a castle that can be taken neither by stealth nor by storm. But there is a natural way of approach and a gate of easy entry always open to him who knows how to

find it." The headings of the chapters convey a fair idea of the contents of the book. They are, "The General Principle," "The Plane of Experience," "Applying the Principle," "Missing the Point" and "The Lesson Material." The general principle enunciated is that, "We must begin where we find the child." Which is another way of saying that we must teach by apperception. And apperception is conveying unknown truth to the mind through the medium of truth that is known. It was the method of the Master in the parables, but children see what they see and know what they know from a viewpoint different to that of the adult. Hence our author says, "The general principle, then, is that in the child's instruction we must begin at his point of contact with objective or external life, as he sees it." And this is what he means by the "plane of experience." It is conveying a knowledge of the truth through objects and deeds with which the child is familiar. This means that if young children are to be really taught their environment and previous training must be kept in mind. "Investigations conducted under the direction of President Hall upon large numbers of Boston school children just after they had entered the lowest grade of the primary school, say at six years old, revealed that thirty-five per cent had never seen the country; 29 per cent did not know where milk came from; 55 per cent did not know that wooden things were made of trees; 47 per cent never saw a pig; 13 to 18 per cent did not know where their cheek, forehead or throat, was, and fever yet knew elbow, wrist, ribs, etc. What idea can the 18 per cent who thought a cow no larger than its picture get from all instruction about hide, horns, milk?" To try to instruct such a lot of children with illustrations taken from the experience on the farm would be as futile as to tell a child who had never left a Western ranch about trolley cars, paved streets and vauvets. Enlarging on this point our author says, "Jesus went to the people at their point of contact, and, though a carpenter, he never drew a figure from his own calling, but always from theirs."

Illustrating the difference between the action of the mind of a child and that of an adult our author quotes, "A child's use of symbolism is a totally different one. He explains one thing by another thing. He makes a chair represent a train of cars, his father's cane a horse. He would never put the cane for something he did not understand." Our author concludes, "It is not only the starting point, then, that must be within the child's range of experience, but it is the whole teaching which proceeds step by step from it." This leads to the "lessor material." Prof. DuBois was one of the first to contend that the plan of the same lesson for all grades of the Sunday-school was not the natural nor logical method, and could not possibly produce the best results. Discussing the adaptation of the uniform lessons to all classes he says, "Such adaptation as one often sees is a misnomer. It results in a nominal instruction, but not real teaching of the essential truth involved in the assigned text." Every real teacher has felt the force of this difficulty. The Graded Lesson System is an attempt to find a remedy.

Summing up, Prof. DuBois says, "Beginning where we find the pupil, then, we must take a few near at hand points in the child's experience—objects or activities in the home, in nature, parental and filial relations, etc. These must be combined or thought into a simple, easily conceived whole. In short, teaching is enabling another to restate the truth in the terms of his own life."

Some writers on primary work have simply tried to provide crutches to keep inexperienced and incompetent primary workers from falling down. But the work of Prof. DuBois is a well-wrought effort to enable primary workers to stand alone and do their work efficiently, by giving them certain solid principles upon which to plant their feet. The development of these principles calls for much honest work, but the woman or man who is afraid of work ought to be ashamed to pose as a teacher of little children. If we were going to choose a single book for any primary worker it would certainly be this book.

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THE MESSAGE OF CHRISTMAS.

The very peace which steals over our spirit bears witness to the truth of the Christmas message, "God with us." For such peace is not an artificial sentiment or a mere relaxation. It comes to us as we rise above the murky darkness of the actual into

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the clear sunlight of the ideal and in the fact of Christ the guarantee that the ideal is real and shall be fulfilled for all mankind. The love made manifest in Bethlehem is the stay of faith and the inspiration of hope. Christmas links together an unique event with spiritual satisfaction and world-embracing hope. Not one of these elements can be suppressed, however difficult it may be to include them all in a complete philosophy of religion. The fact of Christmas stands out in august and lonely majesty. The spiritual glory of Christ shines with a splendor before which even the wonder of his nativity pales into insignificance. It is impossible to naturalize Christ. He belongs to another realm than that of our frailty, selfishness, and sin. If his divinity be disputed all else is distorted and thrown into confusion. The supreme evidence of things hoped for, can be found alone in God "manifest in the flesh." The attempt to efface the distinction between him and ordinary men is a fundamental error which destroys the whole fabric of religious truth, whether the attempt take the form of belittling him or of exalting him.—The Methodist Times.

CHRISTMAS IN NATURE.

Going through the woods, the softness of my tread upon the mossy ground and among the brown leaves enhanced the Christmas sacredness by which I felt surrounded. As the whitened stems environed me, I thought how the Founder of the time had never raised his benignant hand, save to bless and heal, except in the case of one unconscious tree. By Cobham Hall, I came to the village, and the churchyard where the dead had been quietly buried in the "sure and certain hope," which Christmas-time inspired. What children could I see play, and not be loving of, recalling who had loved them? No garden that I passed was out of unison with the day, for I remembered that the tomb was in a garden, and that "she, supposing him to be the gardener," had said: "Sir, if thou have borne him hence, tell me where thou hast laid him, and I will take him away." In time, the distant river with the ships came full in view.

and with it pictures of the poor fishermen, mending their nets, who rose and followed him—of the teaching of the people from a ship pushed off a little way from shore, by reason of the multitude—of a majestic figure walking on the water, in the loneliness of the night. My very shadow on the ground was eloquent of Christmas; for did not the people lay their sick where the mere shadows of the men who had heard and seen him might fall as they passed along?—Charles Dickens.

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A BOY WHO OBEYED ORDERS.

It was on a wet, cold October evening that a boy trudged wearily into the seaport town of Chatham, England, a bundle on his shoulders. He was covered with mud, and from under the long black locks that fell on his forehead two big eyes stared out at the world and his thin cheeks were pinched with cold and wet with rain. He met a sailor as he entered the town outskirts, and stopping him, said:

"If you please, which way to the docks?"

The sailor directed him, and he went forward, down the narrow streets, till he came to the water-side. There he wandered around for a time without anyone, for it was supper-time; but presently he came upon an old man, and asked:

"Are those ships out there war-ships?"

"Aye," replied the man, "they be sure enough, lad! Be ye a-goin' to the wars?" And he grinned.

"Yes, but I don't know how to get on board," said the puzzled boy. "Where do their boats land?"

"Right here," and the old man waved his pipe at the landing-stage before them. "See, you is one a-comin' now."

Sure enough, a boat was rowing swiftly in. It drew up to the landing stage and an officer stepped out. The boy approached the officer, and touching his cap, said:

"Please, sir, can you tell me how to get on board the frigate *Raisonnable*?"

The officer looked down, and staring at the thin, pale face with its big eyes and firm mouth, replied:

"Why, that is my ship. But what do you want on board of her?"

"Please, sir, I want to join. Her commander, Captain Suckling, is my uncle, and I want to report to him."

The officer looked again at the boy. "Well, in that case, I can take you aboard when I return. But you look cold and hungry, my lad; have you had supper?"

"No, sir; I left home early this morning, and have not eaten anything since."

"Bless 'em! Here, you have reported to me; I am a Lieutenant on board, and so come up and have something to eat with me. Why didn't you stop in town as you came?"

"Well, you see, sir," replied the boy, "I promised father that I would come straight to the ship and report for duty, without stopping in town, so I couldn't very well."

"Good boy!" cried the officer. "If you obey orders as well in the navy, you should get on capitally. What is your name?"

"Horatio Nelson, sir."

And the man who, as a boy, had learned to obey orders unflinchingly, later became the great sea hero of England, Horatio Nelson. — *Boyd's World.*

THE CRICKET AND THE LION.

One day the lion was out walking in the woods. As he was stepping near an old rotten log, he heard a tiny voice say: "Oh, please don't step there. That's my house, and with one step more you will destroy it."

The lion looked down and saw a little cricket sitting on a log. He roared: "And it is you, weak little creature, that dares tell me where to step? Don't you know I am the king of beasts?"

"You may be the king of beasts, but I am the king of my house; and I don't want you to break it down, king or no king."

The lion was amazed at such daring.

"Don't you know, you little weak-

ling, that I could smash you and your little house and all your relatives with one blow of my paw?"

"I may be weak, but I have a cousin no bigger than I who can master you in a fight."

"Oho! O, O!" laughed the lion. "Well, little boaster, you have that cousin here to-morrow, and if he does not master me I'll crush you and your house and your cousin all together."

The next day the lion came back to the same spot and roared: "Now, boaster, bring on your valiant cousin!"

Pretty soon he heard a buzzing near his ear. Then he felt a stinging. "O! O!" he cried. "Get out of my ear!"

But the cricket's cousin, the mosquito kept on singing and stinging. With every sting the lion roared louder and scratched his ear and jumped around. But the mosquito kept on singing and stinging. The cricket sat on the log and looked on.

At last he said: "Mr. Lion, are you satisfied to leave my house alone?"

"Yes, anything, anything," roared the lion, "if you will only get your cousin out of my ear!"

So the cricket called the mosquito off, and then the lion went away and never bothered them any more.— *Good Housekeeping.*

THE WRONG BUTTON.

"Dear me!" said Janet. "I buttoned just one button wrong, and that makes all the rest go wrong!" And she tugged and fretted as if the poor button were at fault for her trouble.

"Patience, patience, my dear," said mamma. "The next time look out for the first wrong button, then you will keep all the rest right. And," added mamma, "look out for the first wrong deed of any kind. Another and another is sure to follow."

Janet remembered how, one day not long ago, she struck Baby Alice. That was the first wrong deed. Then she denied having done it. That was another. Then she was unhappy and cross all day because she had told a lie. What a long list of buttons fastened wrong just because one was wrong!—*Picture World.*

WHY POPCORN POPS.

Why does popcorn pop? The Department of Agriculture answers the question, which was propounded to it by a small boy. Popcorn pops by reason of the volatilization of the oil contained in the kernel by heat. Field corn does not pop because the outer portion of the kernel is more porous, permitting the escape of the oil as it volatilizes; while in the case of popcorn a great pressure is developed in the kernel by the confined oil, and the kernel is suddenly exploded and turned wrong side out.— *Boston Herald.*

REMINISCENCES—NO. 6.

By Rev. W. J. Joyce.

Bro. A. K. Hinkle, long since dead, was on the Dallas Circuit, and brought my case before the Church, and in the regular way I received license to preach. J. B. Tullis, presiding elder; W. H. Hughes, of Dallas, and about twelve other preachers were present. How should I ever get through? But I did, through the means of a strenuous debate. I had read the historical parts of the Bible very carefully, and when the young presiding elder, duly impressed with the solemn—to me—occasion, said, "Brother Joyce, what is the first doctrine taught in the Bible?"

I scratched my head when it did not itch, and said, "The fall of man."

The elder said, "Does not Moses teach that there is a God?"

I said, "No, sir; Moses took the existence of God for granted."

Then the fun began. The elder and some of the preachers maintained that the existence of God was taught, and about half of all the members took my side. I was on "rising ground and pleading terms," but did not use the pleading privilege, for that was all the questions the elder asked me.

I was triumphantly passed and recommended to the Annual Conference for admission on trial, and was admitted at Paris, Texas, Bishop Paine presiding, in 1856. Conference was about three months off when I received license to preach. I began at once, and had to begin at last, before my mother, brothers and sisters, and old neighbors. Mother cried, but others said "stuff," or ought to have said it. It might have been worship without idolatry, for as some wit has said of an unusual production, "There was nothing in heaven

above, nor on the earth beneath, like it."

I preached every Sunday until conference came on, without the slightest notice from God. It appeared to me, God seemed to turn his face away. Oh, if he would only look at me! I did not expect a smiling face; only a look. Need not be a look of approval—only a look.

The look came at last, and came with a beaming smile—the light of his countenance. It was when I preached my first sermon on my first circuit—Hickory Grove, Harrison Circuit, East Texas Conference. O blessed day! Can I ever forget it. And he is smiling still. I have never had a heart trouble since that day.

Not one of my nine children ever put me to trouble; never lost a child. Of twenty grandchildren never lost one. The mother of my children is with me still, in fine health, smoothing with her loving, gentle hand my quickly-rising Irish temper.

But you resist God and see how you come out. Moses had to fly from the serpent, and it never did prove harmless to him till he took it by the tail. Jonah cried to God, and was heard, but by his own confession, he was howling in hell at the time.

Bishop Marvin told me once that he never had the hard experience that some preachers say they had, when he began his ministry. I said, "Yes, you told me just now that you felt your call to the ministry when a mere youth; that you expected to preach as soon as you became old enough. Your will was paralized with God's will, and parallels never cross. If you had resisted like Moses and Jonah did you would have caught it, too, old fellow."

A man is not only disastrously unwise, but he is a consummate fool, to resist the will of God in any way. I have had plenty of mental and physical work to do in my long life, but I have had soul rest. And the hard labor of the past has become a pleasant remembrance in the present.

On my way to the Harrison Circuit, to which Bro. Frank Stovall and I were appointed, he the preacher in charge, I the junior, we stopped to pass the Sabbath at Brother Frank's home, near which our road ran. Of course we must have preaching. Bro. Dave Stovall preached at 11 o'clock, and Frank exhorted after him, as the custom in those days was. He began his exhortation by saying, "If I understood the preacher—" and went on



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with a very good talk. I was to preach in the afternoon, and W. J. Popham, Frank's stepson, who had just been licensed, was to close for me. Ahem! My text was the parable of the Sower. I was very lavish of the barley that day, and—finally—"sat down to the delight of all." (Modern manner of reporting the visiting preacher.) And what do you think? Sweet William Popham followed me like Frank followed Dave. "If I understood the preacher," my Lord! I bit my lip almost to the blood as I went on with my private exclamation, "If you did, you are out of sight, ahead of the preacher; did the preacher understand himself?" I went out behind the barn and spent the evening in a vain attempt to water with my tears the seed I had so recklessly sown. Billy Popham found me. "O Brother Joyce," he said, "I wouldn't take on so about a failure. Called it a failure to my face! I thought, 'Old fellow, if you knew what a mess you made of it, you would be bellowing around this lot, too.' That blessed failure—for it was one of my greatest blessings—any preacher will understand—has been remembered fifty-four years—laughingly remembered. See what fools we can be about a present calamity. The only comment I heard on the effort of that evening, besides Willie Popham's, was, 'That fellow is no preacher, nor ever will be.' Xenophon-like I was on the retreat, but saved, like he did, my forces for a more successful fight at another time.

The next Sunday I preached my first sermon on my first circuit, as I have already stated. The Hon. William Blaylock, of the Thirtieth Legislature, of which I was Chaplain, heard it. But he was but a child then, and heard like a child. He de-

veloped into one of the most useful and painstaking Legislators the State ever had, and one of my dearest friends of the House. He is perhaps the only survivor of that congregation of over fifty-four years ago.

While on the Harrison Circuit I made the home of Rev. William B. Hill my headquarters. I had no "study," did not need one. I lived amongst my people and studied for sermons in real life, as well as from books—besides I kept my solemn vow to visit the people.

Billy Hill was the most popular local preacher I ever saw. He gave me great help in my start. He entered the Confederate service, early in the conflict. He was soon killed in battle, leaving to mourn him his wife and children.

The usual ups and downs of an itinerant life here follows.

A PRETTY EVENT.

One of the prettiest weddings of the winter occurred last Thursday evening at the Fort Worth Broadway Presbyterian Church when Mr. James Walkup and Miss Grace Davenport were married. Miss Sarah Talty, Mrs. J. B. Waskom, Jr., and Mr. James Hines, all of Dallas, were in the bridal party. Mr. Walkup is the only son of Rev. J. A. Walkup, who has been an active member of the Northwest Texas Conference for thirty-five years. He is a prominent druggist, and has a large circle of friends, who wish for him a long, happy life. Miss Davenport is a talented musician, and has also made a host of friends by her lovable disposition. They were the recipients of a number of beautiful gifts. After a month's tour of Old Mexico they will be at home at 725 Hemphill Street, Fort Worth.

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Jeff Davis County went dry last week in a local option election, and this gives to us 172 dry counties in Texas. Inch by inch we are taking joints off the spine of this whiskey demon, but it is a slow process. It will not be many years until we will deal him a blow between the eyes and end the whole business. In the meantime we will do what we can with local option, and thus curtail the influence of the old monster. We so crippled him last July that he is waddling in his movements in a most grotesque manner. Nothing but death will ever permanently dispose of him. On with the battle!

The editor of the Texas Advocate is frequently asked by his young friends in schools and colleges for information regarding public questions of the day to be used in debates. We are glad to refer all such inquirers to the Bureau of Information on Public Questions, Vanderbilt University, where they have on file more or less comprehensive discussions in brief form of nearly all the prominent questions likely to be chosen for subjects of debate. These briefs have been prepared under the general direction of Prof. A. M. Harris, of the Department of Public Speaking, and copies will be furnished to all those who desire for the mere cost of copying. There is no other charge. Address: Bureau of Information on Public Questions, Vanderbilt University, Nashville, Tenn.

In our last issue was printed the obituary of the late Rev. S. D. Waddill, father of Rev. A. W. Waddill, of the Northwest Texas Conference. He was a striking character in the Panhandle country, and one of the most devoted and useful members of our local preacher fraternity. For some years in earlier life he did effective work as a supply, and was always acceptable and successful in the pulpit and the pastorate. The life of such a man is the salt of the earth and a blessing to the community where he lives.

The great mine disaster in Briceville, Tennessee, touched many households in its death list. We notice among them the death of John Duff, and it turns out that he was a nephew by marriage of Bishop James Atkins. His wife is the niece of the Bishop. Scores and scores perished in the explosion and weeping and lamentation are heard in many households.

We worshipped with Rev. J. K. Porter and his good people at the Oak Lawn Church last Sunday morning. They are doing things out there. Not only are they holding their congregation and Sunday-school, and adding to

both, but they have the foundation of a handsome new church already in and waiting for the walls, and the bricks for the structure are on the ground. When completed, it will compare with our best city churches, and become one of our leading city appointments. Brother Porter is doing a fine work and he has the confidence and co-operation of his people.

Rev. Sam R. Hay has entered upon this year at St. Paul's, Houston, with every indication of continued success. He is a good leader, and he has back of him some of the best and wisest heads in that city, and their material interests are well-organized and working out well. They have a great church plant, a large congregation, and a wonderful future. And Brother Hay is the man to lead them and make the most out of their royal opportunity. The congregation has immense possibilities and when these are fully developed St. Paul will be one of the dominating forces in the Methodism of Texas.

Rev. Cornelius Pugsley has made a fine beginning in his pastorate at Terrell, and he has been most cordially received by that community. He is one of our most successful pastors and an admirable preacher, and he has the habit of making his work a good success. He knows the road that leads to the hearts of his people, and he knows how to give them meat needful to their spiritual lives and characters.

Rev. J. B. Turrentine, of the Navasota District, has made a fine beginning in his new field. He has already surveyed the situation, thrown out his plans, and he is now marshaling his forces for an aggressive campaign. In a private note he tells us that he is going to undertake large things for the Advocate, and see that it has the right of way in the homes of the people. He did this while pastor, and now that he is presiding elder he will do it on a larger scale.

Rev. W. J. Johnson has already pitched his tent on the field at Beaumont and he is adjusting himself to the situation. Beaumont has forged to the front with magic strides within the last few years. Its improvements are a marvel, and they are of a permanent and progressive nature. Our Methodism there is virile, and handles much material wealth. They have a phenomenal church plant, and among them are many of the best and most devoted people in our Texas Methodism. And they have the pastor and the preacher to help them do great things for Christ. Brother Johnson believes in the extension of the kingdom, and he is connectional in spirit. Therefore, under his administration, we are expecting large things of Beaumont Methodism.

Rev. J. W. Hill, our "Gulliver," has already planted himself at Wichita Falls, and his people have received him with open arms. We have but one Hill and Wichita Falls is the beneficiary of his pastorate. When he was last in that section as a pastor it was away back in Indian days, and he had some experiences with them. But he stood his ground, and now after many long years he is back to find the savages all gone and upon the spot of their happy hunting ground there is a flourishing city and one of the strongest Church organizations in the conference. A man who dealt successfully with the Indians, ought to do phenomenal things with the inhabitants of the present Wichita Falls.

Read Dr. Hyer's communication in this issue of the Advocate. It is the product of one of our brainiest laymen, a man in the forefront of our great educational forward movement, and one who sizes up the situation and presents it in a masterful manner. His words are words of wis-

The Advocate's Christmas Greeting (In Acrostic)

All is but lip wisdom which wants experience.—South. Much time is necessary to know people thoroughly.—Ben Jonson. Entertain honor with humility, and poverty with patience.—Piemont. Real glory springs from the silent conquest of ourselves.—Carlyle. Right thought kept well in mind, no evil thing can enter there.—Buddha. You should forgive many things in others, but nothing in yourself.—Ansonious. Confidence is a plant of slow growth in an aged bosom.—Catham. He that is much flattered soon learns to flatter himself.—Johnson. Repentance often finds too late to wound us is to harden.—Butler. If your love raises and exalts you, you are safe.—Gail Hamilton. Search others for their virtues, thyself for thy faults.—Proverb. The noblest spur unto the sons of fame is thirst of honor.—John Hall. Marriage is a feast where the grace is sometimes better than the dinner.—Colton. A good woman is the loveliest flower that blooms under heaven.—Thackeray. Suspiciousness is as great an enemy to wisdom as too much credulity.—Fuller. Adversity borrows its sharpest sting from our impatience.—Hume. Never assume to yourselves qualities which you do not possess.—Brodie. Death is the dropping of the flower that the fruit may swell.—Becher. Hospitality is one of the first Christian duties.—Goldsmith. A man convinced against his will is of the same opinion still.—Butler. Premature consolation is but the remembrance of sorrow.—Goldsmith. Painful it is to be misunderstood and undervalued by those we love.—Hyperion. Youth is eminently the fittest season for establishing habits of industry.—Parr. Nothing but sin can draw us away from God.—Henry Ward Beecher. Excellence is never granted to man but as the reward of labor.—Reynolds. What mortal in the world without inward calling but would be miserable?—Goethe. Young men soon give and soon forget affronts; old age is slow in both.—Addison. Every action, good or bad, which we do has its corresponding reward.—F. W. Hume. Allow no man to be so familiar with you as to praise you to your face.—Steele. Revenge, at first though sweet, bitter ere long, back on itself recoils.—Milton. The greatest facts, without discretion, may be fatal to the owner.—Hume. Human laws may debase Christianity, but never can improve it.—Hall. Envy withers at another's joy and hates that excellence it cannot reach.—Thomson. A man should keep his friendship in constant repair.—Johnson. Disproportioned friendships ever terminate in disgust.—Goldsmith. Virtue commands its happiness of every outward object independent.—Francis. Oft expectation fails and most oft there where most it promises.—Shakespeare. Common sense is the gift of heaven; enough of it is genius.—Ben Jonson. A good education is the best legacy we can leave to our children.—Collier. The four cardinal virtues are prudence, fortitude, temperance and justice.—Paley. Education begins the gentleman, but reading, good company and reflection must finish him.—Locke.

dom, and the position he now occupies entitles him to a conscientious reading when he addresses himself to our Methodism. We have no man in our Church to-day entrusted with larger responsibilities and from whom we are justly expecting more than Dr. R. S. Hyer. Let us give to him our earnest prayer, our best helpful endeavor, and he will do things on a stupendous scale for Texas Methodism.

THE GIFT OF MRS. DORA ROBERTS.

The gift of Mrs. Dora Roberts, of Big Spring, of \$25,000 to Southern Methodist University was a graceful and praiseworthy act. And it was generous and noble. It is about one-eighth of her entire estate, and it represents Christian purpose and consecration. Her husband was a devout member of the Church, and so were her father and mother, and in memory of them this gift is made to found perpetually a Roberts' professorship in the University. She has a grateful memory of their piety and worth, and this is a splendid tribute to them by one who loves and reveres them. Thus in their name, through this eminently good woman, this donation is to go on continually blessing young men and young women. They did not live in vain, and though dead they are still active in the permanent work of the Church.

LIFE SKETCH AND SERMONS OF BISHOP WARD.

We have before us this beautiful volume, prepared by Bishop E. D. Mouzon, and issued from the press of our Publishing House. It is styled "The Conquering Forces of the Kingdom," and the name is most appropriate.

The first sixty pages of the book are devoted, by Bishop Mouzon, to a pen-sketch of Bishop Ward, telling of his ancestry, his birth, early childhood, and the providential paths along which he was led into the Christian ministry, and his work as a minister, as the friend of education, as a leader in the work of missions, and as a Bishop in the Methodist Episcopal Church, South. It presents to the public an insight into the life of Bishop Ward that is of priceless value, and it brings out qualities and traits and ancestral history not so generally known, even to those who knew Bishop Ward best. In these matters, Bishop Mouzon has rendered the Church a great service.

Bishop Ward was one of the most modest men we ever knew. He rarely ever spoke of himself and of his

family history. He dwelt on things that engaged his thought at the present time, problems of interest to-day, of duties and responsibilities pressing upon his heart as a preacher and an official in the Church of God. As to himself, that was a matter upon which he had but little to say. Hence this sketch of his life is a revelation of a most delightful and attractive character, even to many of his closest friends. It is well that such facts have been thus put into permanent and printed form in this volume, for they will long continue to be an inspiration to worthy young men battling with the conflicts of life.

The rest of the volume is devoted to fourteen of the Bishop's sermons selected from a large collection of them left by himself. He wrote nearly all of his sermons carefully and completely, and when he was through with them they were the finished products of the best effort that was capable of giving to them. Bishop Mouzon tells us that he might have selected many others, for he chose these as they are best adapted to the purpose for which they were delivered. While they are good reading for all classes of religious people, yet they are dedicated especially to the young preachers of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South whom he loved, and in them "He being dead, yet speaketh."

Outside of the mere fact that Bishop Ward prepared and preached these sermons, they possess intrinsic value and exceptional merit of their own as sermonic productions. If the name of their sainted author were not given in the book, and it stood out as a book of sermons only, the critical student of a thoughtful and religious mind would pronounce them most excellent and worthy of a place in literature of this sort. But these sermons plus the man as we knew and appreciated him make the volume of great value to the preachers and people of our Church. And we do not hesitate to say that no Methodist library, however voluminous or however scant, will be henceforth an approximately complete library without the addition of this volume. Bishop Mouzon has brought the Church under obligation to him for the excellent work done in the preparation and presentation of this splendid book to the reading Methodist public.

THEY WANT SECOND-HAND SONG BOOKS.

In a letter from Rev. C. D. Montgomery, of Mexico City, he writes us that the Mary Keener School in that city is needing song books, at least two hundred copies, and he is anxious for any of the Church people who have books of this sort to spare, to send them to him, such as "Revival Praises," etc. His address is "Za Roma, 41-1, Mexico City." This is a small request and easily complied with, and we trust that a number of our congregations will respond. And it would be a great thing if some religiously disposed person would buy the book new and ship them. If not, then let the readers send the second-hand books.

BISHOP ALEXANDER GARRETT'S RECORD.

Bishop Garrett, of the diocese of the Protestant Episcopal Church, for Dallas, formerly called North Texas diocese, passed his thirty-eight anniversary of service as Bishop last Tuesday, and a resume of his work for that period appeared in the Daily News the next morning. When he began his work he had only three little wooden church houses in all his territory. He has seen his churches grow in his 40,000 square miles of territory to forty-two in numbers, and

The Christmas issue is a beauty. J. BUNA JONES, Georgetown, Texas.

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his present number of communicants in said territory is 4000, with property valued at nearly three-quarters of a million dollars. He is now in his eightieth year and hale and hearty.

We do not wish to appear invidious in comparisons, but in Dallas alone we have nearly 4000 communicants, and in the neighborhood of two million of dollars worth of property. In the same territory covered by the Bishop's diocese we have more than 75,000 communicants and over two hundred ministers and church buildings to correspond. And yet we began our work here about the time the Bishop's Church began theirs—at least we had but little the start of them in Church enterprise. And yet, we do not think that we have done as much as we ought to have done under the circumstances. Nevertheless, we rejoice in what seems to be the prosperity of the Protestant Episcopal Church in this diocese covered by the Bishop's administration.

From the New Orleans Advocate we clip the following:

"The administration of the affairs of Louisiana Methodism by Bishop Mouzon, both before and during the Annual Conference, has been characterized by wise insight and judicious action. He is a good parliamentarian and maintained admirable order throughout the sessions of the conference. His morning talks were fresh, suggestive and helpful, and his sermons on Sunday was pronounced a great utterance by competent judges. We doubt if anyone could have given us a more discriminating and satisfactory list of appointments. It is our conviction that the presidency of this capable Chief Pastor will tend to give a forward impulse to Methodism throughout the State.

Your Christmas Number is splendid! To anyone interested in Church affairs this number is worth the annual subscription price.
C. E. LINDSEY,
Cisco, Texas.

GOING SOME.

The Texas Christian Advocate issues its Christmas Number with 32 pages and an illuminated cover, three pages of which contain full page advertisements, and the entire issue shows that the advertising manager has been busy. It is well-filled with reading matter applicable to the season of Christmastide, and is on the whole a very commendable production of the printer's art.—The Commercial Union, Chicago.

CHRISTMAS!

To Our Ministers of Texas.

What better time to take an offering for our Mission Training School in Dallas than Sunday, December 24, the day before we celebrate the advent of our Lord?

The results of eighteen years of 1400 girls saved and 650 infants cared for and adopted into Christian homes "speak like angels trumpet-tongued" for this Christlike work.

Texas ought to make a special offering for the Home in our midst standing for righteousness.

The splendid new buildings are completed, furnished and equipped, but we have large financial obligations to meet. Each charge will want to claim a share in the reward, and what the women have done will only count for themselves.

Redeem the time and help us brethren, remembering the blessings you induce your people to give will return to bless them. "With what measure ye mete, it shall be measured to you again." MRS. W. H. JOHNSON,
Financial Secretary.

PERSONALS

Rev. Charles P. Martin is making a good start on his second year at Byers, and his plans are all matured for a successful campaign. He is one of our best Advocate workers also.

We regret to say that Uncle Dick Thompson has been quite under the weather for the past few weeks, but we are glad to know that he is some better at this writing.

Rev. R. B. Moreland, of Bridgeport, was to see us this week. He is hopeful of a fine year in his charge, and he is already hard at work, notwithstanding the severe trial through which he and his children have recently passed in the death of Sister Moreland.

Rev. L. S. Barton, Commissioner of Education for North Texas Conference, is anxious that his address be known to those interested in his work, as well as others. Address him care Southern Methodist University, Dallas, Texas.

Rev. Sam G. Thompson, of Missouri Avenue, Fort Worth, paid us a pleasant visit this week. He is moving off successfully in his new field of labor, and is much encouraged with the prospect.

Dr. W. D. Jones, son-in-law of the publisher of the Advocate, who recently underwent an operation for appendicitis, we are glad to note has about entirely recovered and is back at his office.

Col. and Mrs. J. R. Cole, of this city, have issued invitations to the marriage of their daughter, Nora, to Mr. Rufus W. Skinner, the event to take place the third day of January, 1912.

Rev. R. C. Armstrong, of Fort Worth, made us a pleasant visit this week. He stays young with the passing years and does his full quota of work. He has recently had a fine time hunting amid the snows of Oklahoma.

In a note from Rev. C. B. Smith, of Caps, he tells us of the recent death of his venerable father at Midlothian. He was far advanced in life, had been a member of our Church for more than fifty years, and he and his good wife had been living happily together for fifty-three years. He was one of the best men in all that section. He has gone to a sure reward.

Rev. J. E. Morgan, of Falfurrias, writes us that Mr. Ed Lassater, of that place, did splendid service in helping to carry Brooks County for local option, notwithstanding the fact that he was an anti-State-wider. Good for him, though he is the exception to the rule. Usually the men who fought State-wide prohibition and pretended to be for local option, fight local option just as vigorously as they do State-wide prohibition. We are glad to note this honorable exception.

"THE SICK-A-BED LADY" AND ITS COMPANION LITERATURE.

By Rev. J. B. Cranfill.

When "Molly Make-Believe" appeared it met with such cordial and instant favor that it became one of the very best selling books of any year. Its author, Miss Eleanor Hollowell Abbott, had given to the reading public a number of short stories before, but none of her literary productions had held the spice and charm of "Molly Make-Believe."

There are a few American stories extant that are in a class all to themselves, and, strange to say, all of them written by women. The first of the series was "Mrs. Wiggs of the Cabbage Patch," by Mrs. Alice Hegan Rice, of Louisville, Kentucky. This was speedily followed by "Lovey Mary" by the same author. Nothing superior to these excellent stories had appeared since Edward Eggleston's "Hoosier School-Master." These Alice Hegan Rice books were so sweet and so engaging in their style and diction that the reader not only felt that he could write a book like these, if turned footloose, but he felt that he was almost compelled to undertake the task.

There is another woman writer who deserves to class with Mrs. Alice Hegan Rice, Miss Eleanor Hollowell Abbott and Edward Eggleston, and that is Mrs. Corra Harris, of Nashville, Tenn. I never shall forget my first literary acquaintance with Mrs.

Harris. Her husband at that time was itinerant pastor of the Methodist Church at Young Harris, Georgia, an obscure country place in the mountains of North Georgia, over against the North Carolina line and nesting in an escarpment of the Blue Ridge Mountains.

Mrs. Harris was doing much writing at that time for The Independent, and as time and opportunity allowed I was also writing for that publication. The Independent had but recently published from my pen, "The Story of a Stampede," "The Story of a Mob," and several other articles. Mrs. Harris wrote for The Independent a discussion about that time entitled "The Southern White Man." It was bright and scintillating, as all her matter is, but feeling that she had done the Southern white man an injustice, I wrote a reply for The Independent, and that was how our acquaintance started. Stretching over a period of years we carried on a desultory correspondence.

This bright author has recently given to the public two remarkably clever books, "The Circuit-Rider's Wife," and "Eve's Second Husband." In the work of Miss Abbott and Mrs. Harris there is a unique style that is not found in any other current literature. I have never known but one other who was so highly gifted with this catchy, gripping, pungent diction as these two women possess. The man was the late W. C. Brann, who, looked at from any standpoint, used his great talents to sorry purpose and he finally yielded up his life in a useless duel.

I never shall forget what Mike Connolly, long-time editor of the Memphis Commercial-Appeal, said to me some years ago about Brann when I spent a day with him in Memphis. Shortly before Brann's tragic end, he lectured in the Memphis opera house with \$1 admission price, and the building was crowded to its utmost seating and standing room capacity. Connolly told me that after the lecture had ended and after Brann was tendered ovation after ovation, he and Brann, who, in years past, for a time held adjoining desks on the Galveston News, went out to take a midnight lunch together, as was their wont in former days. Connolly, who is one of the biggest-hearted fellows in the world and one of the most cultured editorial writers that ever illumined Southern journalism, told me that he said to Brann: "You are now in the height of a transcendent career. Now that you have reached this pinnacle of fame you should abandon your present style of journalism, treat people decently and live a different life." Brann's reply was a sneer. The result we all know. The fact remains, however, that he was master of the English tongue, and there has risen no man in these ends of the earth who was able to invest his literary productions with the tang and sarcasm that characterized Brann's editorial deliverances. It is an interesting fact that his son and namesake has recently entered the Presbyterian ministry at Lawton, Oklahoma. I wish him well.

Eleanor Hollowell Abbott in the "Sick-A-Bed Lady" and in "Molly Make-Believe," shows many of the characteristics possessed by Mrs. Harris and W. C. Brann. There is an engaging sweetness in her work that is lacking in the writings of the two great writers I have named. It was once said of a great son of Texas who visited the National Editorial Association that, "He looks like some member of everybody's family." This is literally true of Eleanor Hollowell Abbott. After perusing her original, happy, chatty and charming stories, the reader feels that he knows Miss Abbott, and that if he should meet her it would be entirely proper for him to call her by her name, extend his hand and at once sit down to a confidential tete-a-tete.

The psychology of literature is an unexplored field. No one can successfully analyze the factors that enter into a successful book, or that give zest and success to any author's work. When I read the literary productions of the authors to whom I have referred, I am not only entertained and charmed by their remarkable literary gifts, but I am amazed at the range of their vocabulary, the prehensile nature of their style and diction and the naive manner in which they co-ordinate their plots and sentences. These things are in fact God-given, just as the ability to spell and capitalize and punctuate is inherent, and while they may be learned from books no one is master of them who is not "native and to the manner born."

Now that the holidays are near I earnestly urge all of the readers of this review to go book-shopping and to literally load their friends and loved ones down with the "Sick-A-Bed Lady," "Molly Make-Believe," "The Circuit-Rider's Wife," "Eve's Second Husband," "Mrs. Wiggs of the Cabbage Patch" and "The Lady of the Decoration." If you will give

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And what shall I say of the blessings of private prayer? It is by prayer we know that in the darkest hours we are not solitary nor unfriended; that we know God as a living God, whose activity is not exhausted by the phenomena of the physical world. Prayer is the very breath of the religion which transforms us, so that we "go on from strength to strength" daily self-surpassed. If we were made to gain the divine likeness, that end can only be reached through divine communion. We could not have attained it by ourselves alone, even if we had not fallen. Every advance of man's is made by contact with that which is higher than himself. Human affection cannot endure in solitude, and is it credible that the love of God can survive, still less grow, without intercourse? We dissemble our faith in the unseen, and forthwith we fall under the thrall of a material tyranny; we acknowledge it, and the fountains of great deeds are opened, and we are strengthened by a response which we had not dared to hope for.

Prayer helps us to "live in the world as in a holy temple of God." It lays open to the soul that which is of him, far beneath the miserable disguises in which selfish passion has clothed the creation which he framed for himself. It is a consecration of life fresh every morning with the grace of new resolves; fresh every evening with the chastened strains of sober thanksgiving.

Prayer keeps vigorous within us, in spite of every disappointment and of every failure to highest feelings and our noblest endeavors; it sustains our ideal, and arrays it in a fresh beauty. Every time when we truly pray we touch heaven and draw new strength from its infinite treasures. He who has learned to commune with God becomes able to see him everywhere. Prayer preserves in us a sense of the due proportion of things. Prayer places us, with all our surroundings, in the light of the eternal. It calms little jealousies; it subdues mean passions. When we pray for another we fix our attention on his capacity to serve God truly, and set forward the cause to which our lives are given. We cannot, then, think of him without hope; still less can we disparage or injure him.—B. F. Westcott.

LETTER FROM KOREA.

Kaijo (Songdo), Korea, November 11, 1911.

Dear Texas Friends: Sometime has passed since I left Texas to join the party of missionaries at San Francisco, who were coming to Korea. It was with regret that we said good-bye to our friends, but with joyful expectations we looked forward to the time when we should reach Korea. Our expectations were fully realized when on the morning of September 14 we looked out upon the shores of the "land of the morning calm," at Fusan. Soon we were going ashore, and there we were given a hearty welcome to Korea by a number of the missionaries of our Church. In a short while we were comfortably seated in a modern railway train and passing up the long mountain valleys towards Seoul, arriving there that night. Korea is indeed a beautiful land, and the beauty of the mountains is a never-ending source of pleasure to me and still more interesting are the Koreans who live in small villages and cities, nesting at the foot of the mountains and down in the valleys.

It is needless for me to say that I am glad I came to Korea, for I am indeed grateful to God that he has given me the privilege to work for a people so eager to hear and accept the gospel.

All the reports I had heard concerning the large crowds who attend Church services were fully verified the first Sunday morning that I went to Church in Seoul. I arrived in time for Sunday-school and found about three hundred women and girls, sitting on raised mats, arranged in

classes. They were reciting the lesson with seemingly great interest. They all remained for the preaching services, and the way they sang and their attentiveness to the sermon, and the spirit of worship that was manifested, continue to be an inspiration to me. If you could have seen the joy that shone in their faces as they worshipped that Sabbath morning, it would have made your heart glad and would have fully repaid you for all your efforts in their behalf.

After learning that I was appointed to Songdo, I was very anxious to visit my new home. I was pleasantly surprised to find such a large mission station, and to find Holston Institute a large, flourishing school, comfortably housed in a three-story gray stone building. Three years ago there were only thirty-four girls and three teachers, and now there are one hundred and twenty-five and twelve teachers. That evening at prayer service I was given a hearty welcome to the school by the girls, and they all said that they were so grateful to God that I had come. I visited chapel the next morning, and as I looked into those one hundred and twenty-five bright, attractive faces, and saw there the wonderful possibilities of these lives already given to Christ, I felt like this was a wonderful opportunity that one might covet. The classroom work is progressing nicely under the direction of its efficient and faithful principal, Miss Ellasue Wagner.

At the Annual Conference it was decided that all the new missionaries would stay in Seoul for six month's language study.

Everywhere I see opportunities to do work for the Master, but there is no one to do it. Truly the harvest is great in Korea, but the laborers are few. Will you not pray the Lord of the harvest that he will send out more laborers to help establish his kingdom in this land?

Trusting that your interest in Korea may continue, and that many may be enrolled in Christ's service through your efforts, I am,

Yours in his service,
LILLIE M. REED.

MARRIED.

Neece-Bovey.—On December 13, 1911, in the County Clerk's office, Fort Worth, Texas, Mr. A. C. Neece and Mrs. Georgia Bovey, Rev. Thos. Reece officiating.

Clouch-Roberts.—On December 9, in the County Clerk's office, Fort Worth, Texas, Mr. Luther Clouch and Miss Bertha Roberts, Rev. Thos. Reece officiating.

Jones-Smith.—At the residence of the bride's father, Polytechnic, Texas, November 29, 1911, Mr. Sam B. Jones, of Waurika, Okla., and Miss Ethel B. Smith, Rev. I. Z. T. Morris officiating.

McCombs-Gardner.—At the home of the bride's mother, in Fisher County, Texas, November 26, 1911, Mr. F. D. McCombs and Miss Dollie R. Gardner, Rev. I. N. Anderson officiating.

Deshazer-Brown.—At the home of the bride's parents, near Camp Springs, in Scurry County, Texas, December 13, 1911, Mr. E. L. Deshazer and Miss Maude Brown, Rev. I. N. Anderson officiating.

Crumbie-White.—At the Methodist parsonage, Loraine, Texas, December 10, 1911, Mr. W. A. Crumbie and Miss Clutie White, Rev. J. W. Smith officiating.

Prestridge-Selke.—At the bride's home, near Martin's Mill, Van Zandt County, Nov. 30, 1911, at 11:30 a. m., Mr. Earl Prestridge and Miss Verbie Selks, all of Martin's Mill community, Rev. Frank Everitt officiating.

Capps-Gill.—At the home of Rev. J. O. Jordan, Thornton, Tex., Mr. Tommy Capps and Miss Della Gill, Rev. J. O. Jordan officiating.

Cheerfulness is also an excellent wearing quality. It has been called the fair weather of the heart.—Smiles.

There is no jewel in the world so valuable as a chaste and virtuous woman.—Cervantes.

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A TEXAS ITINERARY.—IV.

By Dr. F. S. Parker, General
League Secretary.

The extent of the territory to which the Northwest Texas Conference ministers is disproportionate to the numerical strength of the body and its missionary resources. More and more (craving pardon for a play on the name of the Department Secretary) we are impressed by the wisdom of our Church in constituting the Home Department of the Board of Missions. Great opportunities have been lost to the Church because to a large extent each conference has been left to look after the missionary territory within its own bounds, while the demands for home mission work have usually been in the inverse of the strength of the conferences. The need and the supply have been found in different regions. What the Home Department of the Board of Missions is doing is the bringing of the resources to the place of need. For a generation the Board of Church Extension has been doing this in one form of mission work—namely, providing houses of worship. Now the Board of Missions through its Home Department is aiding the conferences to maintain the gospel ministry in their home mission territory. The work is thus better organized, more intensive, and in the way of greater development than ever.

What has been done by our Methodism in times past is a marvel. The itinerant preachers, almost without provision for their material necessities, have always been with the van of the Westward moving line of civilization in America. They have borne the burden and endured the privation of the gospel pioneers. Thus a type of heroic sainthood has been developed, but it has not been among those who failed to sustain these pioneers of the cross in America. It is our privilege by means of our gifts for home missions now to share their honors and by self-denial to enter into their spirit of heroism.

How greatly do we need an Epworth League Field Secretary to work this great Western Texas field in co-operation with our pastors. But few years pass before the results of Epworth League work are manifest in increased power among the laymen of the Churches. Sooner than the effects of the Sunday-school teaching the results of attention given to the training of young people for service are manifest. While we are waiting for the ten years to pass during which a generation of Sunday-school scholars become a powerful factor in the congregation the young people available already may be actually harnessed for service and put in training while doing the work.

The south wind blew and the frozen black earth had become mud when we set out southward for San Angelo. As usual, the train was behind time; but our journey began yet more inauspiciously through the zeal of the ticket agent, who sold us a ticket all the way over the Santa Fe roads, requiring an all-night stopover in Sweetwater and a third more mileage than over the Orient, which makes close connections and goes straight from

Sweetwater to San Angelo. Maybe we shall collect for the unused coupons which the timely discovery of the ticket agent's guile left on our hands; certainly we will hereafter closely inspect railroad tickets before leaving the office window.

Inauspiciously begun, our journey to San Angelo ended by an arrival "on time," the first experience of this kind during this trip. A deputation from the Leagues was awaiting us despite the lateness of the hour, and our kind host and hostess, Dr. Boyd Cornick and his wife, were up to receive us.

What a change from the Panhandle to this characteristic territory of West Central Texas! Of course, we are aware that the balmy breezes do not always blow, and that there must be exceptions to the health-giving qualities of the atmosphere. Indeed, it began to drizzle Sunday morning and so reduced the congregation that we were assured that, bad weather being exceptional, people are thrown out of their usual ways by its least appearance. Just so. In Portland and Seattle we were assured that rain has absolutely no effect upon a congregation. Provided with raincoats and overshoes, the inhabitants go as they will regardless of weeping heavens and streaming sidewalks, the latter sometimes not dry for six weeks or two months at a time. Thus it is that we are confounded not by inevitable limitations, but by our inflexibility of habit and our fixed expectations.

However, the Sunday afternoon meeting was good, the attendance large, and the spirit fine. Scarcely can one find throughout the Church a more spiritual, intelligent and influential chapter than that of First Church, Los Angeles, and that of Chadbourne Street is, according to age and opportunity, developing rapidly on similar lines. The pastors, Rev. Will T. Renfro and Rev. J. S. Franks, are earnest believers in the League, as their predecessors have been; hence what we find of strength and religious cultivation among their young people.

Monday morning Brother Renfro conveyed us over the city in a touring car, lent by the President of the First Church League, and we greatly enjoyed the beautiful residences, business buildings, and churches, expressing for the most part excellent taste in conforming the architectural types with the coloring and large features of the landscape. Mission types are popular. How sensitive must have been the aesthetic sense of the Jesuit builders, by whom an architecture so expressive of the repose, the expanse, the neutrality of tint, and the sense of unity and simple harmony was created. God made all his works harmonious. Men succeed in the same way when they listen for God's voice in the sounds of nature; they build their houses congruously with the natural environment when they see God in stars and flowers and rocks and trees and read a beauty in skies and the purple tints of the distant hills. It is almost a sin to violate the sense of beauty. How barely, then, do some architects escape!

En route for Polytechnic, a suburb of Fort Worth, so named for Polytechnic College there located, we fell in with a number of Central Texas Conference ministers, and at breakfast in Fort Worth met Bishop Atkins and others, among them Dr. Jerome Duncan, by whom we were speedily guided to the hospitable "eldergar," where, with Dr. Campbell, Brother Lindsay, and Brother Armstrong, and later Brother Putnam on a visit to his former conference, we were guests during the conference session.

The Epworth League Anniversary had been appointed for Tuesday evening. Another rainy day experience. The big Polytechnic Church, capable of seating eighteen hundred, with an elongated dome that easily wakens an echo, occupied by a scant hundred, did not afford the best conditions for arousing enthusiasm. But the meeting was a success in spite of adverse conditions. Rainy day meetings we have learned to appreciate as extraordinary opportunities. The opening address was by the President of the Fort Worth City Union. The relations of the League to the Sunday-school were admirably defined and discussed by Rev. Ernest L. Lloyd. The editor of the Era followed. Deeming the Tuesday meeting a disadvantageous occasion, the Committee on Public Worship gave the League Wednesday afternoon also, and a good audience of the ministers then gave hearing to the editor's message.

At Central Texas the League Board was already well organized and ready to take up the plans of the Epworth League Board for the district campaign and the collection of the ten-

cent assessment. Mr. Ragsdale, President of the State League, was present, as any one might have inferred from the beautiful pictures of Epworth that hung in the vestibule, giving views of the Assembly, its buildings, its wondrous surf, its host of bathers, its Bible and mission classes. The Central Texas Board is heartily and fully committed to Epworth and join in the plan for the mid-year meeting of the Conference Boards with the General Board next summer.

From Fort Worth to Dallas one may go by trolley or steam railroad, the trolley being preferred by most passengers. Arrived in Dallas, we first made our way to the Publishing House, a perfect gem of a building, furnished in mission style throughout with consistent taste. Mr. L. W. Bailey, the Treasurer of the City Union, and, as soon as he learned of our arrival, Mr. Gus W. Thomasson, took us in charge. Passing through the bookstore, we found Miss Capers giving final touches to the copy for the program of a Monday evening banquet to be given at Grace Church.

Sunday morning at Trinity with Rev. New Harris, Sunday evening with a house full of Leaguers chiefly of Trinity, but including a number of representatives of other Leagues in the city, Monday noon at luncheon with the First Church Leaguers at the Southland Hotel, and Monday evening at the banquet with Grace Church Leaguers at Grace Church—this gives the barest outline of our Dallas program. The Men and Religion Movement was on and at its climax in Dallas. Sunday afternoon we heard Mr. Charles Stelzel address a mass meeting which filled the opera house on "Will the Churches of Dallas Make Good?" Monday evening the annual laymen's banquet given the ministers on the eve of conference required the presence of the pastors. Hence the League meetings were not the sole attractions of the season. But they suffered nothing of abatement of interest or enthusiasm. Dallas has had more to do with the planning and building of Epworth-by-the-Sea than any other city, and Dallas Leaguers have been numerous at every Encampment. Here we have a fine example of the reflex value of Christian activity. The League gives no one occasion to ask questions or to indulge in criticisms here. It is a demonstration many times multiplied in the pure, strong, intelligent lives of the young men and women who under God's blessing are a guarantee of the continuance and growth of our Church in this great and growing city.

Dallas bids fair soon to become a center of Southern Methodism, not second even to Nashville. With our Publishing House, the Southern Methodist University, our great and growing Churches, with a population as virile and resourceful as that of Atlanta, and commercial prospects scarcely surpassed, this growing Texas city may be destined to be to our present Church center at Nashville what Antioch was to Jerusalem.

Surprises in the way of meeting people such as one experiences chiefly in New York awaited us in Dallas. Entering the postoffice one morning, we met our old friend, Mr. W. G. Wadley, formerly of Shreveport; a kinsman chased us breathlessly to the Publishing House; a dear friend of old Louisiana days whom we had not seen for many years came and sat beside us in the League meeting Sunday evening; and others whose presence in Dallas was unsuspected we had the pleasure of greeting. Is this city a mecca, or is anything happening to bring so many people from so many places hither? Good that the League is strong and active. May it make a full proof of its ministry to the stranger!

Dallas, Tex., Nov. 14.

A FEW WORDS IN APPRECIATION OF THE MINISTERS OF THE NORTH TEXAS CON- FERENCE.

As an Epworth Leaguer I was an interested visitor at the memorial service held on Sunday afternoon of the Gainesville conference. Those attending the service heard many sincere and beautiful expressions by pastors and laymen of the highest appreciation of the noble service rendered the Church by those who had gone on just before during the year. Among this number were those who rendered valuable help to the cause of the Epworth League in its embryonic state and assisted in nurturing it until the Epworth League is to-day a factor in the history of the conference.

This Sabbath day as an Epworth League member I would offer you who are in the living present a few words of heartfelt appreciation of the abundant labors given by the ministers, our shepherds and shepherdess, to the growth and enlargement of the Epworth League in the borders of the conference. Your counsel during the

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week and the words of wisdom and love on the Lord's day have been the means of helping us to grow in the knowledge and faith of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. Our ever-ready interest and helping hands have guided us in sunshine and stormy weather. Your ever-ready sympathy in the griefs and trials which sometimes overshadow our pathway is one of our strongest and largest assets. Through you we can often see a momentary likeness of the Christ, and we would pattern our lives by yours in order that we may run with assurance the race that is set before us and to win heaven in the sweet by and by.

One of the ablest ministers in point of service of our conference week is none other than the Texas Christian Advocate. To its editor and publisher we give sincere thanks for the excellent material filling every issue and the fine typographical work of the printer.

The coming conference to be held in Terrell, June, 1912, will mark the close of two decades of conference organization and it is to you ministers we Epworth Leaguers owe a great debt of gratitude. As Epworth Leaguers we rejoice over all the good we have accomplished through your inspiration, and as we place the laurel crowns upon your brows we kindly ask a continuance of abiding interest in our work to enlarge Christ's earthly kingdom.

A CONFERENCE OFFICER.

"AND THEN COMES THE FIRE- WORKS."

Any one who doubts that these are Christmas times might read the Texas Christian Advocate. Sulphuric smells, popping of bombs and torpedoes, the crack of small arms and the occasional snap of cap pistol abound. The reason is, things are warm. My dear friends over at Nashville seem not to have appreciated my kind suggestions of November 9. They have hauled out their gattling guns, rubbed up their swords and marched forth to slay the enemy of the Lord's anointed. They are somewhat agitated. It is war to the hilt. The froth arising therefrom doth make men tremble.

In the meantime, as fast as the articles appear in the Advocate, I am sending a list of the following questions to the writers, which questions embrace the ideas at issue:

1. Do you, in the face of present day scientific facts, accept as literally true the Biblical account of creation?
2. Were the books whose authorship is ascribed to Moses really written by him or do the facts point to a later period as the time of their origin?
3. Do you consider the account of the plagues and miracles immediately preceding the exit of the Israelites, their journeyings and the miraculous things attending to be sane and to be taken as literally true?
4. Do you consider the parting of

the waters before Israel and the falling of the walls of Jericho to have been wholly miraculous or were they the result of natural phenomena?

5. Does historic research warrant, to your mind, the statement that the Book of Ruth is to be taken as real biography, or, is the book rather a historic novel? Did Daniel enter a real den with real lions therein and spend the night with them? Was Jonah swallowed by a real whale? Are the calamities and later good fortune accredited to have happened to Job literally true?

6. Are there any books in our present Bible, to your mind, that should not be within a work that is supposed to be divinely inspired?

7. Do you consider the Bible orderly and well-arranged?

8. How many Isaiahs do you think there were?

9. Should the Book of John be embraced among the gospels, according to your way of thinking?

10. Were all the writers of the present Bible divinely inspired, as you see it?

11. Is there any language in the Bible that you think should not be read in an audience of both sexes?

I am forwarding these questions so as to be sure that it is the love for "the dear cause" and not a personal interest that is inspiring the pieces of lead that are coming my way. When the smoke has cleared away, the yelling ceased, the tearing of hair and the frothing of mouth subsided, then I shall have a few more words to say. Yea, when the fowls have ceased to tear the flesh, the carcasses will arise as best it can and the valley of dead bones will resound with life once more. Until that time, please do not interpret my silence as the stillness of death. I am very much alive. I am busy building a new church to the tune of \$70,000 for the next session of the Central Texas Conference, preaching to an average of 800 people twice a Sunday, conducting a prayer-meeting of over 100, looking after 1000 members and collecting a few dots on the side. The dots will be forthcoming at the proper moment.

R. P. SHULER.

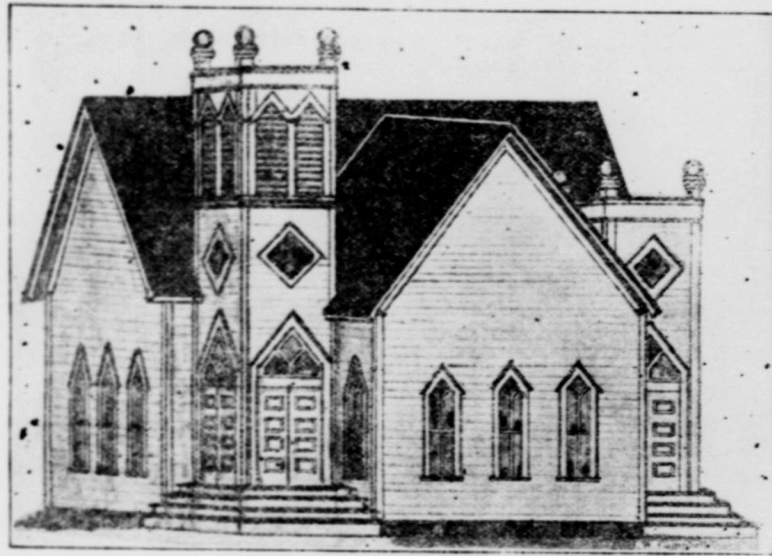
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KENNEY METHODIST CHURCH.

Copy of Pen Drawing Made by Rev. I. W. Campbell, the Pastor and Architect.

The above church building is nearing completion at Kenney, Texas, a town of less than 300 inhabitants and entirely settled by German people. The building will seat comfortably twice the actual residents of Kenney. The auditorium being 32x44 feet, with an adjoining primary room 15x28 feet opening into same, two vestibules, octagon ceiling and bowl floor. The pastor planned the building throughout and made the architectural drawings and specifications adapting to available labor and material and with his experience buying lumber and material, we have a building modern in every way and the cost considerably reduced. The building is on concrete foundation, diagonally storm-sheeted bracing the building and securing the roof and foundation so that it is as indistructible as a frame building can be made, and recognized as the most substantially constructed frame house in Austin County. The floor plan for circular pews, two aisles leading from (two) four-door vestibules to altar, perfectly lighted and ventilated, minimum insurance fines and deeded to trustees of M. E. Church, South.

Less than two years ago Bro. Campbell after courting a personal acquaintance with these people announced a week's series of sermons and against stout opposition of the Lutheran preacher gained access to the hearts of the people and crowds filled the school house at every service and afterwards made an urgent appeal for regular services and sent representatives to Annual Conference assuring a hearty support secured regular services. This year Methodist sentiment has so grown that at our protracted services on Sunday the house was twice full and increased attendance at regular services. And now \$1800 has been secured on the new building including the value of the lot and not a citizen solicited has refused to contribute the amount asked for by the pastor and no subscription has been made for less than \$12.00 and many twice this amount. Bro. Campbell has not only built us the most modern church in the county but has wrought a work unifying the people for Methodism far beyond our brightest hopes or expectations, and if carried on in some tolerable degree we have the German people for Methodism and for Christ. Here, where twenty-five years ago, we gave up the field to the German tongue and the Lutheran Church, to-day never was a field more promising.

Bro. Campbell served this charge three years. During his stay with us he gained the confidence and respect of every one, not only Church members, but others. I have been living here among the Germans for 60 years and know whereof I speak. There are fifteen German families here to one American—all good law-abiding citizens.

J. E. LANDES,
Steward for 20 years, Bellville Circuit.

Eastward Around the World

THE CITY OF IRKUTSK IN THE HEART OF SIBERIA

By DR. W. B. PALMORE--Article Twenty-one

The police are few, escaped convicts and ticket-of-leave men many. In Irkutsk, and all towns east of it, the stranger should not walk after dark. If a carriage cannot be got, as is often the case, the only way is to tramp noisily along the planked walk. Be careful in making crossings, and do not stop, or the immense mongrel mastiffs, turned loose into the streets as guards, will attack. To walk in the middle of the road is to court attack from the garroters, with which Siberia abounds.—Bradshaw's Through Routes to the Chief Cities of the World, latest edition, 1907, under "Irkutsk."

Corroborating this quotation from Bradshaw, but giving more minute particulars, writes William Oliver Greener as follows: "Siberian towns, even capitals like Tomsk, Irkutsk and Kharbaroesk, are squalid, mean and unkept. The streets are badly illuminated, and after dark are roamed by great yard-dogs—mastiffs and other fierce brutes—which are trained to take little or no attention of the few pedestrians who tramp noisily along the sidewalks, but approach and commence to attack if one hesitates but so long as necessary to determine whether to turn to right or left. The dogs of Constantinople are lapdogs in comparison to these savage mongrels turned loose in all Siberian towns and villages after dark. Crime is prevalent in all Siberian towns; murders, assaults, outrages, and burglary are the common forms.

Garroting

is the usual device of the footpad. With a short stick or a noose of twine, he approaches his victim stealthily from the rear, slips the cord over his head, and strangles the man, woman or child, who is unable to utter a cry. Then he strips the body

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 to-day 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 difficulty by day or night.

we felt the need of here. The timid householder opens his window and fires a shot before going to bed, just to inform prowlers there are firearms in the house.

At one end of the large dining-room of our Central Hotel was a stage. After decent bedtime this dining-room, we were told, is turned into a hall of revelry, amusement and frolic. Fortunately our bedroom was too remote to be disturbed by the revelers, even in the wee small hours of the morning. The people of the city move with a good deal more energy and vim than in Russia. The place reminded us somewhat of Johannesburg in South Africa. They are evidently copying some of the worst phases of

American Life.

The manager of the hotel asked if we could suggest or send him a book from which he could learn the art of "American mixed drinks!" The hotel porters and many of the workmen on all sides are ex-convicts. The intellectual people of the city are political exiles. But for the fact that they cannot return to Russia, they lead the same life as any other resident. This kind of population has grown to such an extent out in this broad expanse, where they have room to think, without the fear of banishment, that it will not be surprising that by the close, if not the noon of this twentieth century, that Siberia will have some form of liberal government, if not a Republic.

When a man is banished from Russia his wife can claim divorce by right. Should she prefer to follow her husband the Government will pay the passage of herself and children to the town where the prison is situated. As far as possible the prison finds work for the women in sewing and washing. A married convict who behaves himself is allowed to work outside the prison and live with his family, provided he reports daily and pays a certain portion of his wages.

Siberia is a difficult country for a convict to escape from, especially in the winter, because everybody may be called on by the police to show his passport. About the only way to escape is to kill a peasant and get his passport. Unless they have a passport arrest is certain. In that case they remain dumb. They will neither give their names nor say where they came from. There is no direct or positive evidence that they are escaped prisoners, and, although all efforts are made to identify them, and often successfully, quite a large number gain their liberty after a few months, because it is impossible to keep a man in prison on suspicion of being a runaway, however well founded the suspicion may be.

Marcus Lorenzo Taft

was told by the Lutheran minister of Irkutsk of a great fraud perpetrated here. During the Russo-Japanese war a corporal named Nassill Sytoheva, of the Two Hundred and Eighty-fifth Infantry, deserted his regiment on a Manchurian battlefield and fled to Irkutsk. Pretending to be so seriously wounded that he could not walk, he was ordered to the military hospital at Irkutsk. He had his head and legs wrapped around with bandages. Disguised in this style, he had his photograph taken with a Sister of Charity at his side administering medicine. On several nights he was detected walking stealthily about in the dimly lighted room. About this time, 1905, a great religious festival occurred, commemorating the centennial of the burial of Saint Innocent. Availing himself of this event, this renegade managed to have himself conveyed to the monastery, where he kissed the bones of Saint Innocent. Instantly his strength returned, so he threw away his crutches!

The nurses and doctors who were cognizant of his knavery in the hospital made loud and frequent protests against his misrepresentations, but apparently to no avail. Furnished with funds, this runaway succeeded in having himself sent to St. Petersburg, where he was granted a private audience with the Czar. He presented to his majesty the affidavit of the monks of the Monastery of Saint Innocent, affirming his miraculous cure through the efficacy of the bones of their favorite saint. After the imperial sanction, these monks had printed thousands of leaflets, narrating the incident, which were scattered broadcast. One of these was shown us. The nurses at the hospital—many of whom belonged to the upper classes of Irkutsk, who had loyally volunteered their services during the war—were amazed at the credulity of so many of their cultured associates, who could swallow whole such an imposition with as much avidity as the ignorant, gullible rabble.

This almost boundless domain of Siberia was secured to Russia by

Jermak, Yermak, or Irmak, as his name is variously spelled. For awhile he was as reckless a pirate or robber as was Tarrifa on the Medi-

terranean, from whose name comes our word Tariff.

Yermak developed into a robber on a large scale. About the same time that Pizarro was conquering Peru and Cortez, Mexico, for the Spanish crown, Yermak by a similar style of outlawry was conquering Siberia for Russia. Ivan the Terrible rewarded Yermak with a costly cuirass, which proved his doom. At an unguarded moment his enemies attacked his forces. He tried to escape by swimming across the Irish River, but the weight of his imperial chain-armor pulled him under the waters, never to rise again. He was made a hero by the Russian people, and a saint by the orthodox Russian Church.

Mukden, Manchuria.

THE BOATHIAN CLASS.

The Boathian Class of the Sunday-school of the M. E. Church, South, McCaulley, Texas, held its semi-annual election of officers a few evenings ago, and the following officers were elected:

President, Mr. John Wilson; Vice-President, Mr. Ira Jackson; Secretary, Miss Leslie Frances; Treasurer, Mr. John Harris.

Then three standing committees—membership, devotional and social—of three members each, were appointed; after which the business of the regular monthly meeting was transacted.

The Boathian Class is composed of the young men and young women who attend the Methodist Church of McCaulley.

Class aim: To refuse the evil and choose the good. Isa. 7:15.

Class motto: "Whatsoever ye would that men should do to you ye even so to them."—Matt. 7:12.

Class text: "The word of the Lord is right, and all his works are done in truth."—Ps. 33:4.

Class song: "The Fight Is On, O Christian Soldier!"

Class colors: Purple and gold.

Class flower: The violet.

Class yell:

"Rah! for the life that's pure and clean!"

See Isaiah seven, fifteen,

And in weather, warm or cold,

Practice Matthew's Golden Rule,

Then in Psalms, see thirty-three,

four—

"Rah, for the right, forever more!"

The Boathian Class is the normal training class of the McCaulley Sunday-school, and the members, all of whom are Christians, have promised to try and prepare themselves to take classes, if their services are needed. There are twenty-four members in the class.

MRS. ELSIE M. McCOLLUM,
Teacher.

HOME DEDICATION.

One of the most beautiful and helpful services that I have attended for some time was the dedication of the beautiful home of Brother and Sister J. S. Pool, on the night of December 1.

Rev. G. F. Winfield, President of Meridian College, spoke on the "The Home as a Factor in Christian Education."

Rev. W. J. Mayhew, former pastor for four years, spoke on the "Home as a Factor in Our Civilization."

Rev. P. F. Evans, pastor of the Baptist Church, spoke on "Guarding the Sanctities of Our Homes."

Each of these brethren, in their short talks, brought us helpful messages.

After all had joined in singing "Home, Sweet Home," Rev. S. J. Vaughan, our presiding elder, preached a short sermon and dedicated the home.

The services closed with an experience meeting, and we were happy as we thought of the blessings of a Christian home.

Brother and Sister Pool are two of our most faithful members. In the erection of their beautiful home they never forgot the preacher. They have a room that they built especially for him.

In dedicating their home they have set us an example that is worthy to be emulated. May their days be many and their like increased!

B. A. EVANS, P. C.

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TO THE AUXILIARY THIRD VICE-PRESIDENTS, CENTRAL TEXAS CONFERENCE.

I wish to remind you that the fiscal year closes December 31. Let me beg that every Third Vice-President send to me her report not later than the 31st.

I am exceedingly anxious that our conference may make a fine showing in this, the final report, for the year.

Your study classes are doubtless doing splendid work, and you should have credit for it, therefore do not neglect to send in your report. If your class is not to begin the work till later send your report any way and state when you will begin.

Remember that the study of missions is a part of the work of your auxiliary, hence the number reported in your study class should correspond with the number in your auxiliary.

ALMA SULLENBERGER,
Third Vice-President Central Texas Conference,
Waco, Texas.

MCCAULLEY HOME MISSION SOCIETY.

On Monday afternoon, December 11, the Woman's Missionary Society of the M. E. Church, South, McCaulley, Texas, met in a call meeting for the purpose of electing officers for the ensuing conference year. Mrs. J. A. Jackson, who has been the faithful President for the past year, was again unanimously re-elected; Mrs. J. T. Bynum, First Vice-President; Mrs. J. P. Curtis, Second Vice-President; Mrs. Robert White, Third Vice-President; Mrs. C. P. Yates, Secretary; Mrs. Grover Ellis, Treasurer; Mrs. W. W. Bridges, Agent for Missionary Voice.

This was one of the sweetest meetings we have ever held. It made you feel good indeed to be present. We look forward to the coming year as the best in the history of McCaulley Auxiliary. There is much work of importance before us and with the help of Him to whom we look for guidance we will attain to some degree of success in our undertaking. It is our aim and our prayer that we may do more for the Master this ensuing year than ever before.

MRS. R. E. L. STUTTS,
Press Reporter, McCaulley Auxiliary.

CENTRAL TEXAS CONFERENCE FIRST VICE-PRESIDENTS.

Please note change of my address from Stephenville to Comanche, Tex. We are fast approaching the close of our fourth quarter. Please send me your report by January 1, and don't fail to send me report even though you have nothing new.

I want to hear from you. If you have not heard from me, it is because I have not your name and address. I most earnestly desire the names of First Vice-Presidents of every auxiliary in the conference. To hear from you is very encouraging, for of course I am interested in my thousand children and the only way I have of knowing about them is through you.

MRS. C. L. CARTWRIGHT,
First Vice-President, Central Texas Conference.

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING OF NORTH TEXAS CONFERENCE MISSION SOCIETY.

The Home and Foreign Departments of the Mission Society of North Texas Conference met in joint executive session on December 12, at the Methodist Publishing House, Dallas.

Mrs. L. P. Smith presided and stated that the object of the meeting was to plan for the conference of the united mission societies in the spring and to discuss the forward movement requiring the raising of \$1,000,000 by the women of the Southern Methodist Church in 1912.

On motion it was decided that individual gifts to this fund be solicited in each district under the direction of the District Secretaries.

Mrs. A. C. Cason came before the committee with the suggestion that the hall of the new Mission Home, which was furnished by the North Texas Conference Mission Society, be named in honor of Mrs. L. P. Smith, and that the library be named for Miss Belle Bennett. Motions were made and carried to that effect.

The membership campaign was discussed and the Corresponding Secre-

aries were instructed to send out a circular letter pressing this matter.

It was decided that the joint annual meeting should be held in the spring after the council meeting, and that Sunday should not be included in the session; that the first business session should begin Tuesday morning and that for this first union meeting the session should continue through four days. One-half hour before noon was set apart as the Bible study period and a motion carried that Mrs. May Dye Smith and Miss Belle Bennett be invited to conduct the study. It was the desire of the committee to secure Miss Howell to speak on social service. Further planning of the program was left to a committee composed of the two Presidents and two Corresponding Secretaries. The Workers' Conference was left in the hands of those previously appointed for that work.

The following motions prevailed: In the united societies there shall be one District Secretary for each district. There shall be one Conference Treasurer with an adequate compensation.

It was decided that Mrs. L. P. Smith as Division Manager and member of the Board of Missions should make the opening address at the annual meeting. Motions carried that a memorial be sent to the council asking that record books be prepared for Conference and Auxiliary Treasurers and District Secretaries suitable for the united work. The reports of officers, Secretaries and superintendents at the annual meeting are to be limited to five minutes.

The Foreign Department adopted

the Home Guard work under Mrs. Pierce as Captain, and Mrs. Smith was asked to prepare a leaflet explaining the work.

In due form action was taken as follows:

The Nominating Committee shall be composed of a representative from each district for each district, the representative to be selected by the Executive Committees.

District meetings shall pay the expenses of visiting officers.

District meetings shall be held as union meetings as nearly as possible.

The district meetings shall be institutes.

Each head of a department shall make a program of her department for the district meetings. This program shall be prepared by March 1 and the eleven departmental programs shall be sent to each of the District Secretaries.

FLORA THOMAS,
Secretary.

AN APPEAL.

To the Presidents and Corresponding Secretaries of the Woman's Missionary Societies of the North Texas Conference:

If you have sent supplies out or money to the needy since last March and not reported same to me, please do so at once. Please report by January 1, as you know our fiscal year now closes December 31, and my report must go to Mrs. Yarbrough by January 10. She asked us in her report to the council to bear in mind that "supplies" means donations of money and boxes and barrels sent to the needy.

As the glad season approaches may we be reminded to make the hearts of the needy glad by remembering them with a donation. If you have anything to report let us hear from you by January 1. A Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year to all.

MRS. W. W. WILLIAMS,
Decatur, Texas.

EXECUTIVE MEETING OF THE WOMAN'S MISSIONARY SOCIETY OF THE NORTHWEST TEXAS CONFERENCE.

The officers of the Woman's Missionary Society of the Northwest Texas Conference met in Stamford on November 21 in an executive session.

Devotional exercises were conducted by Mrs. D. L. Stephens. The Scripture lesson was from 1 Kings 3:5-13. The subject, "Solomon's Prayer, and God's Answer to His Prayer." She brought the thoughts to us in a very practical way, speaking of God's mercies to Solomon, Solomon's inability to choose, what he should ask, and the greatness of the work to be done; then the lesson was applied to our work; this was followed by a circle of prayer by those present.

Mrs. Rollins was appointed Secretary pro tem. Roll call found Mrs. D. L. Stephens, President; Mrs. C. M. Woodward, Second Vice-President; Mrs. J. T. Griswold, Fourth Vice-President, and Mrs. Nat. G. Rollins, Corresponding Secretary of Home Department, present. There were letters read from the Third Vice-President, Mrs. Otis Trulove, Mrs. C. A. Burton, Recording Secretary, and Mrs. Geo. Barcus, Treasurer, each regretting her inability to be present, and containing some valuable suggestions concerning the work on hand.

Mrs. J. B. Smith and Mrs. W. B. McKeown were present, and by vote accorded the privileges of the floor.

The first business discussed was "Filling the vacancy caused by Mrs. Bullock's removal from the conference, but owing to confusion arising from so many changes it was unanimously decided to leave same vacant until the annual meeting, and Mrs. Rollins was asked to do the work for both departments until that time.

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After much discussion of the school missions to be held at the Denton Dormitory next summer it was unanimously carried that we do not place a representative on the Board of Managers, but that we put our work and money into the Lake Shore Encampment, because it offers better facilities to the women of the Northwest Texas Conference.

By vote it was decided that we recommend that \$500 be given to Denton Dormitory out of our 50 per cent dues, and that the conference decide same at next annual session.

The noon hour having arrived the meeting adjourned until 2 o'clock.

Promptly at the appointed time Mrs. W. B. McKeown opened the meeting by reading the 49th chapter of Isaiah, the subject being, "Patient Continuance in Well Doing." Mrs. Woodward leading the prayer. A loving message from Mrs. Trulove was read at this juncture, and the Secretary was asked to reply. The President suggested that the Chairman of some of the committees for our annual meeting be appointed, so they could be making preparation for that meeting. The suggestion was approved.

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ed, and the following were appointed: Plans and Estimates, Mrs. Nat G. Rollins; Literature and Publications, Mrs. Otis Love; Social Service, Mrs. J. T. Griswold.

The Secretary was instructed to ask that Mrs. Head or Miss Davies be sent to our annual meeting this year.

Mrs. Hastings of Stamford was unanimously chosen as a representative on the Board of Managers of Orphans' Home, and Mrs. Griswold was asked to notify her of the appointment.

The program for the annual meeting was next discussed, and was partially outlined; Mrs. Rollins was asked to complete same when date for meeting has been selected.

Mrs. Rollins was asked to tell of the jubilee meeting at Dallas. There being no further business the minutes of the session were read and approved.

Mrs. J. B. Smith dismissed the meeting with prayer.

MRS. D. L. STEPHENS, President. MRS. NAT G. ROLLINS, Secretary Pro Tem.

NOTES FROM THE FIELD

Continued from Page 4.

le next month. We have no Leagues, but we will organize soon. We have added twenty-four new members to our Church during the month. Our reception was all that we could desire. The ladies were very kind and thoughtful in making preparations for us. The Board of Stewards fixed the salary at \$1500, and expect to pay it monthly. They will pay the presiding elder monthly also. Our conference assessments amount to \$654, and we expect to raise them in full. Our teachers' and Missionary Institute and District Stewards' meeting were held with our Church. Had a fine time. The foundation has been laid for a fine church building, and a subscription taken that will possibly cover half the cost of the building if we can collect it. The task of building is a tremendous one under the present financial conditions, but we will do our best, and by the grace of the Lord we expect to succeed. We need the church and many of our people keenly realize it. The field is great. The outlook for victory bright.—A. M. Martin, Dec. 11.

Roxton.

Our first Quarterly Conference for the current year, 1911-1912, was held last Saturday and Sunday. The stewards were nearly all present and made fine reports for the start, also raised my salary \$50, which makes \$850 for this charge for preacher in charge. The many tokens of appreciation have found their way to the parsonage. I was pleased to return on this, my third year. Am serving a set of people that bring things to pass. A great number of these people go to Church, which is not so very common in some places. Rev. W. F. Bryan, our new presiding elder, did some fine work for us. His unassuming and gentle manners, yet firm, won the affection of our people. His preaching is of a very high order. He follows a great preacher in Rev. J. M. Sweeton, but he stands equal to the occasion. We feel confident of a prosperous year.—W. J. Studworth, Dec. 19.

Moody.

I landed in Moody Saturday after the conference closed in Fort Worth and was met by the Official Board and our Sunday-school superintendent. S. Hendly took me in charge and kept me in his home until my family arrived Monday. The good ladies had a nice supper on the table and made us feel very much at home. We are delighted with our start. Our Church has nice property, well located. Bro. W. J. Hearon and good wife did a fine work, and it will abide. My Official Board are live men, and love the Church. They raised the pastor's salary from \$1200 to \$1500. Moody is a nice, quiet town. No saloons, thank the Lord! Success to the Advocate.—R. A. Walker.

Britton.

At the last session of the Annual Conference the Bishop saw fit to return us to the Britton charge. Whether it was a wise appointment, we know not, but we are here. On our return we were received by all the people very cordially; they have shown us their willingness to march forward. Of course, we are encouraged, and feel it our bounden duty to give them our very best. We have now three first-class houses of worship on this charge and a very loyal people, and we enter this field for the second year feeling sure of a success. We are planning for reorganization in all of the Church work, looking forward for a great revival year. There is a great work to be done here in this line of work. Oh, the men and boys that are out of Christ who need

a Savior so much. May the fire break out in this charge and convict and convert these noble men. We have one W. H. M. Society that ranged with the best in the district last year. We hope for them to lead in this district this year. These are noble, good and true women. May God bless them in their work. We called our Board of Stewards together and they gave us another raise in the salary; in two years they have raised the pastor's salary from \$600 to \$1000. After showing their faith in us as the leader of the flock again we pledge our best to them. We are taking new subscribers to the best religious paper on earth—the Texas Christian Advocate; also we are sending in renewals. We are trying the every-family plan, to put the Advocate in every Methodist home. He or she can't be a real Methodist and not read the Methodist paper. If we fail in this we will fail on the other. Hence the young people will drift from us and the Church will lose them. May the Spirit of God so guide our good editor in a way that will gather the best harvest known in the history of the Church. Brethren, when you know you are talking to Him, who said, "Follow me," remember us.—W. T. Singley, P. C., Dec. 16.

Cedar Hill and Duncanville.

This is a most delightful charge. My predecessor, Bro. O. E. Moreland, has done a good work and gone to serve a like people at Cochran's Chapel and Maple Avenue, one of the pleasantest charges in Texas. We have received just such a hearty, loyal, whole-souled welcome as warms the very heart of a Methodist preacher and calls forth naturally the very best that is in him. They tell me that they want an old-fashioned Methodist preacher and such I hope I am. Well, they seem to like it as I go from house to house and talk and pray with them. Congregations are most inspiring, Sunday-schools awake and coming, and our prayer-meeting here at Cedar Hill phenomenal at least in the splendid attendance. Cedar Hill has feasted us and "pounded" us and Duncanville has favored us with a nice advance check under the mistaken (?) notion that after moving most Methodist preachers come to the new work "strapped." It proved most welcome to this one. In short, the new year opens most auspiciously, the best in years. In other words, "All is lovely and the goose hangs high," as we used to say it. This is an ideal charge where town and country flow together, where merchants, doctors, farmers, et al. worship on a common plane with simple faith and godly sincerity. I ask your prayers, my brethren, that I may in Christ realize the hopes of my people.—O. T. Rogers, P. C.

FORT WORTH METHODISM.

Evans had good congregations and interest at Riverside. Monk had a fine service at First Church in the afternoon. One man reclaimed who joined the Church at the evening service. The outlook for these afternoon meetings is encouraging.

Downs reported services about as usual in attendance and interest.

Thompson had a big day with twelve additions by certificate and one on profession.

Swindall reported a good day at Harvey's Chapel.

Rucker had an inspiring day with the best night congregation of the conference year thus far.

Knickerbocker has had a perceptible growth in Sunday-school. A men's Bible class has been organized. All his stewards have signed the personal workers' pledge. His salary has been raised to \$2750.

Dr. Rice had a good day, with two additions on profession. He has sixty-five men pledged to personal evangelism.

McGuire had three conversions at prayer-meetings last week and a good day Sunday.

Brother Walkup was present and reported for Boulevard in Brother Wallace's absence. He preached there at the evening service. There were many requests for prayer. Boulevard has the best outlook in her history. Brother Walkup reported holding many good meetings last year.

Brother Dodson had good congregations at Glenwood but nothing startling to report. Eight men enlisted in personal service.

Brother Coale is home for the holidays, and was with us. He held eighteen meetings last year and will begin the new year with a meeting at First Church, Houston.

We had a word from Brother R. C. Armstrong on the Sabbath. The conference by motion expressed its appreciation of those officers who are endeavoring to enforce our Sunday laws.

Plans were made for an institute in the month of January. The presiding elder was authorized to arrange

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SUNDAY-SCHOOL INSTITUTES IN THE CORSICANA DISTRICT DURING THE MONTH OF JANUARY.

Under the direction of the presiding elder and the Field Secretary, Rev. Emmett Hightower, Sunday-school Institutes will be held throughout the Corsicana District during the month of January, 1912, at the following times and places:

Wortham, Dec. 29-31, Friday night, Saturday and Sunday.

Bazette, Dec. 31, and Jan. 2, Sunday night and Tuesday.

Jones' Chapel, Jan. 3, 4, Wednesday night and Thursday.

Texas Hightower, Jan. 5-7, Friday night, Saturday and Sunday.

Mexia, Jan. 7, 8, Sunday night and Monday.

Forest Glade, Jan. 8, 9, Monday night and Tuesday.

Wortham, Jan. 10, 11, Wednesday night and Thursday.

Blooming Grove, Jan. 11, 12, Thursday night and Friday.

Pleasant Grove, Jan. 12-14, Friday night, Saturday and Sunday.

Paxson, Jan. 14, 15, Sunday night and Monday.

Mt. Zion, Jan. 15, 16, Monday night and Tuesday.

Barry, Jan. 17, 18, Wednesday night and Thursday.

Horn Hill, Jan. 19-21, Friday night, Saturday and Sunday morning.

Groesbeck, Jan. 21, 22, Sunday afternoon and night and Monday.

Steele's Creek, Jan. 22, 23, Monday night and Tuesday.

The District Sunday-school Institute will be held in the First Methodist Church in Corsicana, January 25 to 28, beginning Thursday night and continuing through Sunday.

An Institute at any particular place will embrace the Methodist Sunday-schools in each of this place and be composed of the pastors, officers and teachers of these schools, and delegates elected from the scholars in the ratio of one delegate for every ten scholars, provided each school shall have at least five delegates.

Where a day is mentioned in this announcement, it means that all day services will be held including dinner on the ground.

The problems confronting the Sunday-school and the best methods of Sunday-school work will be discussed by speakers of ability and experience, such as Sunday-school specialists, pastors and Sunday-school superintendents, officers and teachers.

One feature of the program at every institute will be an open conference on the "How's" of the Sunday-school, as, how to increase the attendance, how to enlist parents, how to hold the young people, how to develop teachers and leaders, how to secure good lessons, how to keep out of the ruts, etc.

Rev. Emmett Hightower, Sunday-school Field Secretary of the Central Texas Conference and one of Texas' best posted pastors in Sunday-school work in company with the presiding elder, will attend every institute and take part in the discussions. Prof. J. E. Blair, superintendent of the Corsicana Public Schools, member of the Central Texas Conference Sunday-school Board, and an experienced Sunday-school superintendent will be on the program at a large number of the institutes.

Different pastors in the District and local Sunday-school workers will be assigned topics and will contribute to the interest of the occasions. Dr. and Mrs. H. M. J. Hamill, of Nashville, Tenn., Sunday-school experts and speakers of National reputation, will have conspicuous places on the program of the District Institute to be held in Corsicana during the last of January. The climax of the campaign will be reached in this District Institute, composed of the pastors, officers, teachers and delegates from all the schools in the district.

The details of each institute will be in charge of the local pastor and the Sunday-school superintendent.

Great times and a mighty impetus to the Sunday-school work are anticipated.

JOHN R. NELSON, Presiding Elder Corsicana District, Corsicana, Texas.

NOTICE.

The brethren of the North Texas Conference who attended the late session at Gainesville will remember the sermon preached by Rev. J. L. Pierce, D. D., on the atonement. Bishop Mouzon in speaking of the sermon says: "I appreciated and greatly enjoyed the strong and scriptural sermon on the atonement preached at Gainesville by Dr. Pierce." He further says with reference to the subject: "No other question needs more to be discussed to-day; many superficial things are being said about the atonement. And this is the very center and heart of the gospel. God was in Christ reconciling the world unto himself." The Bishop, with others, has expressed a desire that the sermon should be printed. There is no doubt but that the sermon was a classical and spiritual presentation of the great subject. Now a word to the readers of the Advocate and public. Bro. Pierce does not know whether the demand is sufficient for him to go the expense of having the sermon printed. Believing that it would be a loss to any gospel

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NOTICE.

Rev. T. J. Beckham, of the North Texas Conference, and Rev. Allen Hill Autry, of the Baptist Church, of Nashville, Ark., will hold a debate at Duncan, Texas, beginning the 27th of December, 1911. Our preachers who can are invited to attend. R. F. ALSUP.

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T. J. Beckham, of the North Texas Conference, and Rev. Allen Hill Autry, Missionary Baptist, of Nashville, Ark., will begin a seven days' debate on Dec. 27, 10 a. m., at Duncan Church, four miles from Comanche, Texas. All are invited to attend. TOM J. BECKHAM.

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Jan. 2-4, Colorado Miss., all points. Quarterly Conference, Seven Wells, Jan. 6.

Jan. 7, 8, Colorado Sta. Jan. 7, 8, Loraine, at Loraine.

Jan. 13, 14, Roby, at Roby. Jan. 18-20, Roscoe Miss., all points.

Jan. 21, 22, Roscoe Sta. Jan. 27, 28, Fluvanna, at F. Feb. 4, 5, Snyder Cir., at Bethel.

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REV. ROBERT ALEXANDER SHIRLEY.

Rev. Robert Alexander Shirley was born near Mt. Zion, South Carolina, October 7, 1836, and died November 23, 1911, near Millsp, Texas. His first wife was Miss Carrie Rumples, and they were married December 26, 1865. She lived only two years. At Bear Creek, November 23, 1870, he was married to Miss P. E. Strain who survives him. After leaving Parker County he settled in Throckmorton County, where he was licensed to preach, and did a good work for the Master. Removing to Parker County he spent the remainder of his life in that county, with the exception of about two years. He was a member of the Church at Holder's Chapel, and until recently was the efficient superintendent of the Sunday-school. On the date named above, about 3 o'clock in the morning, God liberated his spirit from its earthly temple and took it to that place to which two of his sisters had preceded him. On November 30, Thanksgiving day, at 3:30 o'clock p. m., in the presence of a large concourse of relatives and friends his body was laid to rest to await the resurrection day, in the Newberry Cemetery, the writer of these lines officiating. He leaves to mourn his translation one brother, Rev. J. J. Shirley, of Alvin, Texas, and four sisters, Mrs. Mary Coalson, of Author, Texas; Mrs. A. C. West, of Weatherford, Texas; Mrs. Mattie Leuch, of Decker, Texas, and Mrs. W. J. Moore, of Sulphur, Oklahoma, besides a large number of other relatives and a host of friends. They sorrow not as they who have no hope, for they know that "Uncle Bob" lived constantly in the presence of his Lord, and that he died in the triumphs of a living, saving faith in God. God had rifted every cloud from his spiritual vision, and he passed away saying, "The best of all is, God is with us." JOHN P. COX, P. C.

BINGHAM.—Mrs. Lou F. Bingham was born August 18, 1844, and died December 4, 1911. She was married to William H. Bingham on June 25, 1866, and to this union there were born ten boys and one girl. Five of the boys and the girl preceded her to the other world. Sister Bingham was converted and joined the Cumberland Presbyterian Church at the age of 16, and lived a consecrated life to the end. About four years ago she united with the Methodist Church and remained till death. I was told by her daughter-in-law, with whom she lived, that she was one of the most patient and uncomplaining persons that she had ever known. Fifty-one years of service in the Master's vineyard is an enviable record. She leaves five sons and a number of grandchildren to mourn their loss. All the boys are Christians, and if faithful to the end will meet her again. May the good Father help them in this hour of need in the prayer of their pastor.

R. B. MORELAND.

HALL.—The subject of this sketch, Mrs. Armida Hall (nee Galloway) was born February 9, 1856, and died at the home of her faithful and devoted son, John W. Hall, in Parker County, Texas, November 7, 1911, and was buried in the New Hope Cemetery in that county. She was married to J. J. Hall, November 25, 1875, with whom she lived a beautiful, Christian life as a wife and mother until the date of his death, September 25, 1895. Her children were with her during her last lingering illness and administered to her every want with all the devotion born of purest filial love, and she gave them her parting blessing, and they all promised to meet her in heaven, and are already on their way to that city of God. Sister Hall waited patiently on the Lord, but longed for her release which was to her the open gateway to life eternal.

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MORELAND.—Mrs. Mary Emma Moreland (nee Long), the youngest daughter of P. H. Long and wife, was born in Sulphur Springs, Texas, March 26, 1873. Her mother and father both died when she was just a small child, but she grew to young womanhood a modest and sweet-spirited character. On January 25, 1891, she was married to Rev. R. B. Moreland, and in the summer following she was converted and joined the Methodist Episcopal Church, South, under the ministry of Rev. William Hay. To these parents have been born four boys and they, with her husband, survive her. Her health began to fail some months ago, but not until after her husband was assigned to the pastorate of the Church at Bridgeport did any serious symptoms develop and she went down quite rapidly until after a brave fight for life she fell asleep in Jesus at the home of one of Brother Moreland's sisters in Wynnewood, Oklahoma, on November 26, 1911. Her body was laid to rest in the cemetery at Commerce on Monday, November 27, the funeral services being conducted by the writer, assisted by Rev. O. S. Thomas and others of Brother Moreland's brethren of the ministry. A frequent visitor in her home I had unusual opportunity of knowing rather intimately this good woman, and was glad to lumber her among my friends for she made all who knew her to feel that that she loved them, and to know her was to love her. In all the relationships of life she proved herself to be a woman of more than ordinary capabilities, meeting the duties and responsibilities of life faithfully and efficiently.

As a wife she was devoted to her husband, his work was her work, his interests hers, and when his decision to enter the ministry brought a change in her life, so thoroughly in sympathy with him was she that she accepted the change in her life not only willingly, but gladly and there have been few wives who could have proven more capable and tactful than she in the responsible and delicate position as the wife of a pastor. She had the knack of making every one who came into her home feel perfectly at ease and her home was the center of the young life of the Church, and all the young people felt that she was their chum and companion. As a mother, she was devoted almost to the point of absolute self-sacrifice. She literally gave herself to her family and when she knew that it was probable that she had only a short time to live the one thought that caused her any uneasiness in the presence of death was that she must leave her children. I have been in many homes, but in none where the family life was better ordered than in that of this good and devoted mother, and the boys are showing in their lives the effect of her careful training and earnest teaching. As a Christian she was earnest, faithful and consistent. When at her conversion she gave her life to God, she did so wholly and from that time on she lived such a life as constantly shed honor upon the religion of our Lord Jesus Christ. During the closing days of her sickness she suffered so greatly, and had been so weakened by disease that the physicians were compelled to keep her largely under the influence of opiates so that she said very little about dying. After all the mere incidents of death are of little moment, the question which settles our future after death, is the question of how we have lived, and tried by this test we have no fear as to where we shall find our sister. In her life she fulfilled the royal law of love and so she has "inherited the kingdom prepared for her from the foundation of the world." May God comfort the bereaved husband and bring the boys to just such lives as would have gladdened the heart of their mother had she lived. ROBERT GIBBS MOOD.

BRIDGES.—Mrs. Mary Jane Bridges was born in Georgia, October 3, 1835, fell on sleep May 14, 1911. She came to Texas in 1857. She was first married to J. W. Tanner, October 6, 1853. Her last marriage was to A. F. Bridges, February 1, 1863. She joined the Methodist Church at Bear Creek, Hays County, 1875, after which she lived a consistent Christian life. She was a faithful, devoted Christian, one who took pleasure in ministering to the sick in their afflictions. Her last act of life was the ministry of love to an afflicted son. Only a few minutes after leaving the bedside of this son she passed into the realms of eternal bliss. She left a companion and five children—Ford Tanner (who has since followed his mother); Don H. Bridges, Marble Falls; W. T. Bridges, Marble Falls; Mrs. M. J. Waldrip and Mrs. Mattie S. Turberville, Round Mountain. These, with a number of grandchildren, mourn their loss. What a joy inexpressible and full of glory for those so to live as to meet their loved one in the soul's eternal home. N. G. OZMENT.

LEE.—Jacob Wyatt Lee, the son of J. C. and Mrs. Cynthia Lee, of Wortham, Texas, was born January 3, 1894, and died December 4, 1911. He lacked 30 days of being eighteen years old. His death was from a gunshot wound intended for another man—a terrible mistake. He was a very fine character, respected and loved by all who knew him. He was converted at the Lowery meeting, was baptized and joined our Church April 14, 1907, this was during the pastorate of Rev. S. P. Nevel in Wortham. G. S. Wyatt was presiding elder here when this boy was born, and the babe was named Jacob after his father and Wyatt after the elder. This untimely death has made a most profound impression upon the entire community, everybody regrets the sad occurrence and sympathizes with the sorrowing father, mother, brothers and sisters. He was a good boy, dutiful, kind and loving to his parents, and a universal favorite with the young people, a fine Christian character. C. W. MACUNE, P. C.

WEST.—At four p. m., December 14, we laid to rest in "God's acre" Baby Ruth Willard, daughter of Bro. and Sister M. M. West. She was a thanksgiving present, November 25, 1909, and dedicated to God in holy baptism, December 25, 1910, by Bro. J. W. Downs. As these facts and her name, Ruth Willard, indicate, she was "planted in the house of the Lord," and "shall flourish in the courts of our God." She sang so sweetly, "I washed my hands this morning," etc., and now she sings with the angels. May the Holy Spirit graciously comfort the bereaved parents. M. S. HOTCHKISS, Pastor. Mineral Wells, Texas.

SHEPHERD.—Little Jutie, the infant daughter of Brother and Sister D. A. Shepherd, was born February 7, 1911, died December 1, 1911, age nine months and 24 days. All that loving hands could do for her recovery was to no avail. God in his divine wisdom saw fit to plant it with the jewels in heaven. Weep not, dear parents, as those who have no hope. Only work and labor for the Master and some sweet day you will meet little Jutie. W. E. WALTZ, L. P.

HART.—Mrs. Rebecca E. Hart, daughter of Nathaniel Floyd and Mrs. Susan Floyd, was born in Kentucky, near Morganfield, December 12, 1826. In her young womanhood she married Mr. John Hart, and they moved with her parents to Dallas County, Texas. Here her husband died, and here she lived many years in the young city. She was for many years a member of Floyd Street Church, Dallas. She was a cripple for many years, and nearly blind, but she bore all her afflictions with Christian patience. She died Dec. 7, 1911, in five days of her eighty-fifth birthday, at the home of her niece, Mrs. John R. Allen, Georgetown, Texas. Full of years and of faith she fell asleep in Jesus, and we laid her to rest in Cox Cemetery, Dallas County, in the midst of her loved ones. JOHN R. ALLEN.

THE ANGEL'S SONG. By Susie Brunner Hunt.

It is a little over nineteen hundred and ten years ago that there might have been seen journeying from their home in Nazareth toward Bethlehem a pair whose history concerns the world. I have pictured this couple something like this: Joseph an honest, hard working village carpenter, a man past middle age, strong and sturdy, one whose face indicated more than ordinary piety and strength of character. By his side rode Mary, his pure and lovely wife, she who had been saluted by the angel as, "Blessed art thou among women." This pair possessed a secret—one revealed to Mary by the angel Gabriel, and to Joseph by the Lord in a dream. Perhaps they talked as they went along of prophecies soon to be fulfilled. They were both acquainted with the law. They had read the prophets and they knew the time for the fulfillment of some of the prophecies was near at hand. Perhaps they repeated Isaiah's description of the Messiah's birth, as well as a prophecy of Micah in regard to Bethlehem in the land of Judah. No doubt they knew the time fixed by Daniel for the Messiah's advent was near at hand. Perhaps in sweet converse they forgot some of their weariness. Joseph, in tender solicitude, guarding Mary from unnecessary jolts over the rocky road, while Mary felt a subdued peace, yet having the anxiety every expectant mother must feel. In addition to the protection of her loyal husband she was conscious that the power of the Highest was overshadowing her. I have imagined the thoughts of each became at times too holy for words and the periods of

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silence were not infrequent. Perhaps one after another of the pilgrims passed there, who must not be in too much haste, and then they travel on alone. Why this long journey of eighty miles, with delicate Mary, at this season of the year? Just here let us recall that Judea had, at that time, been a Roman province for about sixty years. The Jewish subjects were accustomed to the glitter of Roman swords, spears and shields, as the troops, in gaudy trappings, passed through the streets of Jerusalem, or in her adjacent villages and highways. They had learned something of the authority of Roman power. And when Herod, nominally King of Judea, but really only a Viceroy and a Roman subject, sent forth an order, these Jews obeyed. Augustus Caesar, the Emperor of Rome, had such authority that even his whispers were carried into execution in the remotest corner of his empire. Now, when the world was at peace, without any apparent reason for taking an enumeration, the Emperor, through Herod, who collects taxes in Judea and pays to Caesar fixed tribute, sends forth the edict that every family proceed for enrollment to the place where their genealogical tables are kept. God can move Emperors, when he needs them, to bring to pass the words of one of his prophets (Micah). Hence our pilgrims, Joseph and Mary, loyal to the government, are proceeding to Bethlehem. They are poor and of humble surroundings, yet of royal blood. The genealogical table of David, their kingly ancestor, was kept at Bethlehem, and to this point they direct their steps.

Let us look again at our pilgrims. The sunset glow is dying out of the West. In the twilight they look over the hills where their ancestors, Ruth, in her lonely widowhood, gleaned the golden grain in the field of Boaz. Upon these same hills their illustrious ancestor, David, in his boyhood had watched his father's grazing flocks. Over this same way a few months before Mary had gone to visit her cousin, Elizabeth, at Hebron, yet fifteen miles further on. Perhaps some of the pious reflections of that previous journey are recalled as she nears the town. The air grows cooler now, the night comes on and the weary travelers realize they must have rest. They enter the town of three thousand inhabitants to find that a throng of strangers, having come hither for the same purpose as themselves, crowd all the public lodging places. No place in inn or cottage is available. The weary pair must have rest, if not with human beings then with beasts in a manger. No privacy, no sympathetic friends, yet God is not unkindly.

Out on the surrounding Bethlehem hills, as years before, shepherds were watching their flocks. Perhaps by their campfires they were repeating some of the prophecies. As they talked darkness seemed to envelop the hills and valleys in mystic silence. Here and there was heard the barking of a shepherd or of a farmhouse dog, and far away in the dim recess of some valley the owl hooted to his mate. The atmosphere grew chilly. The shepherds drew nearer the fire and lapsed into silence. Suddenly a shining angel stood before them and they were afraid. "The glory of the Lord shone round about them." To reassure them he said, "Be not afraid, for behold I bring you good tidings of great joy which shall be to all people, for there is born unto you this day in the city of David a Savior which is Christ the Lord." How their hearts thrilled with joy as the angel continued, "And this shall be a sign unto you: ye shall find the babe wrapped in swaddling clothes and lying in a manger." Their wondering eyes, now adjusted to the light around them, beheld the floating sea of heavenly glory in which appeared "a multitude of the heavenly host, praising God and saying, Glory to God in the highest, on earth peace, good will to men." And as they sang perhaps the hills caught up the refrain, echoing into the dark valleys—"highest, peace to men!"

What a holy stillness followed this heavenly song! No doubt these shepherds looked after the angels throng till only a faint mist of light was visible, listening meanwhile to catch the last faint echo of that song, never heard on earth before; then, when "the angels were gone away from them into heaven," conditions around them became again of the earth earthy, and they arose, saying, "Let us now go even unto Bethlehem and see this thing that is come to pass, which the Lord has made known unto us." When their eyes had seen the infant Savior "they returned glorifying and praising God." Are we, too, as we hear the message of that angel song that has echoed throughout the world for more than nineteen centuries, are we, too, glorifying and praising God? Or are our hearts, like the inns of Bethlehem, too crowded to receive the Christ?

Just here let us notice that God has very sweet messages for those who are waiting to hear, and he speaks in a language we can understand. We have no record that any but the meditative, watchful shepherds ever heard that angel song so sweet. Around them were many whose eyes were closed in

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dull sleep, and whose hearts were heavy with earthly care. They, too, were near the angels, but they neither saw nor heard.

O wondrous song! Do you not hear it yet above the noisy, greedy clamor of this everyday world of ours? Its power is yet felt. It moves thousands of hearts to kindly deeds at this Christmas time. It uplifts the mind and sends a thrill to the heart of those who hear the Spirit's promptings, whether in song or star, through helpful friends or "The Book of Books." Lift up your head, O faint-hearted, take new courage. The angel said, "fear not." Put away all evil thoughts, for this is the era of "Peace on earth, good will to men."

A friend of mine, crossing the Atlantic with Phillips Brooks a few years before his death, missed him at noonday from his accustomed place on the deck, and started in search of him. He did not find him anywhere about the deck, and finally, thinking that he might be ill, he went down to his stateroom. Very gently he turned the knob and opened the door. Kneeling upon the floor, with his great, magnificent head lifted and his eyes wide open, as looking away into space, was the great preacher, and this is what he was saying, with an agony of appeal: "O God, give me power! O God, give me power!" "And I closed the door," added my friend, "for I had opened it upon the secret of his wonderful ministry." (Rev. J. E. Freeman, quoted by Peloubet.)

"Man makes his fellows what he is, or his fellows will unmake him."

TEXAS CONFERENCE

Pittsburg District—First Round. Canon Cir., at Canon, Dec. 23, 24. Nash, at Nash, Dec. 30, 31. Hardy Memorial, Texarkana, Dec. 31, Jan. 1. Queen City, at Q. C., Jan. 6, 7. Wanda Sta., Jan. 7, 8. Winfield, at Bridge's Ch., Jan. 13, 14. Mt. Pleasant Sta., Jan. 14, 15. Douglasville, Jan. 20, 21. Pittsburg Cir., at Union Ridge, Jan. 27, 28. Cornett Cir., at Hamel's Ch., Feb. 3, 4. Linden, at Linden, Feb. 4, 5. Corbhill, at Corbhill, Feb. 10, 11. Naples and Omaha, at O., Feb. 11, 12. Hughes Springs, Feb. 17, 18. Dainzerfield Sta., Feb. 18, 19. Texarkana, Central, Feb. 21. Dalby Springs, at Gledy's Prairie, Feb. 24, 25. New Boston and DeKalb, at D., Feb. 25, 26. Winnshoro Cir., at Webster, Mar. 2, 3. O. T. HOTCHKISS, P. E.

Navasota District—First Round. Navasota Sta., Dec. 24. Montgomery Cir., at M., Dec. 30, 31. Conroe Sta., Dec. 31, Jan. 1. Kessler Cir., at Bays Chapel, Jan. 6, 7. Midway Cir., at Greenbriar, Jan. 13, 14. Madisonville Sta., Jan. 14, 15. Crockett Cir., at Porter Springs, Jan. 20, 21. Crockett Sta., Jan. 21, 22. Augusta Cir., at Energy, Jan. 27, 28. Macedonia Miss., at Tomball, Feb. 3, 4. Cold Springs, at Evergreen, Feb. 10, 11. Shepherd & Cleveland, at C., Feb. 11, 12. Groveton Sta., Feb. 18, 19. Okalaska & Westville, at W., Feb. 19, 20. Oakhurst Miss., at Dodds, Feb. 25, 26. Trinity Sta., Feb. 26, 27. Huntsville Cir., March 2, 3. Huntsville Sta., March 3, 4. Willis Sta., March 5, 6. Bryan Cir., at Stepphollow, March 9, 10. Bryan Sta., March 10, 11. District Stewards will please meet me at Conroe Methodist Church, Thursday, Dec. 27th, at 3 o'clock p. m. To the pastors, official members and in fact all who love the Methodist Church in the bounds of this great district. Your new elder comes to you feeling keenly his need of your sympathy and co-operation. By the help of God and your loyal support this district can and will take new ground this year. Let every official member be at his post, with the note of victory in his heart. Yours for Christ and the Church. J. B. TURKENTINE, P. E.

Tyler District—First Round. Canton, at Canton, Dec. 30, 31. Edom, at Ben Wheeler, Jan. 6, 7. Emory, at Emory, Jan. 12. Alba, at Alba, Jan. 13, 14. Mineola, Jan. 14, 15. Outman, at Outman, Jan. 20, 21. Wills Point Cir., at Alsa, Jan. 25. Wills Point Sta., Jan. 29, 30. Big Sandy, at B. S., Jan. 31. Colfax, at Antioch, Feb. 3, 4. Grand Saline, Feb. 5. Murchison, at Wanda, Feb. 10, 11. Whitehouse, at Flint, Feb. 14. Mt. Sylvan, at Mt. Sylvan, Feb. 17, 18. Lindale, Feb. 18, 19. Tyler Cir., at Center, Feb. 20. Cedar Street, Feb. 25, 26. Marvin Church, Feb. 25, 27. C. B. GARRETT, P. E.

Marshall District—First Round. Beckville Cir., at Beckville, Dec. 30, 31. Hallville Cir., at Lagrone, Jan. 6, 7. Longview Sta., at L., Jan. 7, 8. Rosewood Cir., at Ogburn, Wed., Jan. 10. Bettie Cir., at Graceton, Jan. 13, 14. Gilmer Sta., at G., Jan. 14, 15. Flesian Fields, at Bethany, Wed., Jan. 17. Kellyville, at Trinity, Jan. 20, 21. Jefferson Sta., at J., Jan. 21, 24. Henderson Cir., at Union Chapel, Thur., Jan. 25. Kilgore Cir., at Kilgore, Jan. 27, 28. Church Hill, at Fountain Head, Feb. 3, 4. Henderson Sta., at H., Feb. 4, 5. Harleton Cir., at Harleton, Feb. 10, 11. Harleton Cir., at Grover, Feb. 17, 18. Marshall, N. S., Feb. 24, 25. Marshall, First Church, Feb. 25, 26. F. M. BOYLES, P. E.

Brenham District—First Round. Caldwell, Dec. 30, 31. Lyons, Dec. 31, Jan. 1. Lexington, Jan. 6, 7. Goldens, Jan. 7, 8. Chappell Hill, Jan. 14, 15. Hemmett, Jan. 14, 15. Bellville, Jan. 20, 21. Seale, Jan. 21, 22. Wallis and Fulbhear, Jan. 27, 28. Brookshire and Patterson, Jan. 28, 29. Waller, Feb. 3, 4. Bay City, Feb. 10, 11. Lane City, Feb. 17, 18. Wharton, Feb. 18, 19. Richmond, Feb. 24, 25.

Rosenburg, Feb. 25, 26. Brenham, March 2, 3. Somerville, March 3, 4. The District Stewards will meet me at Brenham Dec. 28, at 2:30 p. m. R. A. BURROUGHS, P. E.

San Augustine District—First Round. Gary, at Bethlehem, Dec. 23. Shelbyville, at S., Dec. 30. Center Sta., Jan. 1. Pinehill, at P., Jan. 6. Tenaha, at Paxton, Jan. 13. Carthage Sta., Jan. 15. Melrose, at Melrose, Jan. 20. Nacogdoches, Jan. 21. Timpson, Jan. 24. Lufkin, Jan. 26. Kennard, at Ratchiff, Jan. 27. Mt. Enterprise, Feb. 3. Burke, at B., Feb. 10. Corrigan, at C., Feb. 12. San Augustine, Feb. 16. Geneva, at Sexton, Feb. 17. Hemphill, at Bronson, Feb. 19. Livingston Cir., at Prov., Feb. 24. Livingston Sta., Feb. 25. Caro & Appleby, at Bonita, Mar. 2. Center Cir., at New Pros., March 9. The pastor's conference and missionary institute will be held at Nacogdoches, Jan. 10, 11, 1912. Opening sermon, Tuesday evening, 7 p. m., by Rev. H. T. Perritte. District Stewards will meet at Nacogdoches, Jan. 11, at 2 p. m. J. W. MILLER, P. E.

Jacksonville District—First Round. LaRue, at LaRue, Dec. 23, 24. Malakoff, at Malakoff, Dec. 30, 31. Athens, Jan. 1. Eustace, at Eustace, Jan. 6, 7. Elkhart, at Elkhart, Jan. 13, 14. Grace Church, Jan. 14. Centenary, Jan. 15. Mt. Selman, at Mt. Selman, Jan. 20, 21. Troup and Overton, at Troup, Jan. 21, 22. Holland, Jan. 24. Alto Sta., Jan. 26. Alto Cir., at Shiloh, Jan. 27, 28. Keltys, at Keltys, Feb. 3, 4. Cushing, at Pine Grove, Feb. 10, 11. Rusk, Feb. 14. Frankston, at Frankston, Feb. 17, 18. Jacksonville Cir., at Providence, Feb. 24, 25. Huntington, at Huntington, March 2, 3. Jacksonville Sta., March 4. Neches, at Neches, March 8. Brushy Creek, at B., March 9, 10. The Missionary Institute and the meeting of the District Stewards is called for January 11, 12, the meeting to be held in Jacksonville. The District Stewards will meet Jan. 11 at 10 o'clock, and each one is urged to be present, and also to arrange his business so as to remain for the pastors' conference and missionary institute, which will convene at 2 o'clock p. m., and continue through Jan. 12. I urge all pastors to see their District Stewards and show them the importance of attending this meeting and it would be well if they or some leading laymen other than the District Stewards could be induced to come. Come and let us lay workable plans for a great year and then go home and work them. I. T. SMITH, P. E.

Marlin District—First Round. Marlin Sta., at Taylor's Ch., Dec. 23, 24. Marlin Sta., Dec. 24, 25. Mayfield Cir., at M., Dec. 30, 31. Cameron Sta., Dec. 31, Jan. 1. Jewett Cir., at J., Jan. 6, 7. Franklin Sta., Jan. 7, 8. Marquez Miss., at Easterly, Jan. 9. Durango Cir., at D., Jan. 13, 14. Fort and Calton, at L., Jan. 14, 15. Lola Cir., at Flynn, Jan. 20, 21. Centerville Cir., Jan. 21, 22. Leon Mission, at Pleasant Ridge, Jan. 23. Fairfield Cir., at F., Jan. 27, 28. Teague Sta., Jan. 28, 29. Raymond Cir., at R., Feb. 3, 4. Reagan and Stranger, at R., Feb. 4, 5. Calvert Sta., Feb. 10, 11. Kosse Cir., at K., Feb. 11, 12. Milano Cir., at M., Feb. 17, 18. Hearse Station, Feb. 18, 19. Travis Cir., at T., Feb. 21. Wheelock Cir., at W., Feb. 24, 25. T. H. MORRIS, P. E.

McKinney District—First Round. Nevada, Dec. 23, 24. South McKinney, 7 p. m., Dec. 24. Westona, Dec. 30, 31. McKinney, 7 p. m., Jan. 7. Anna, at Anna, Jan. 13, 14. Renner, at Renner, Jan. 20, 21. Frisco, Jan. 27, 28. Princeton, at P., Feb. 3, 4. Carrollton and Farmer's Branch, at F. B., Feb. 10, 11. Farmersville, Feb. 17, 18. Wylie, at W., Feb. 24, 25. Plano, 7 p. m., Feb. 25. Josephine, at J., March 2, 3. CHAS. A. SPRAGINS, P. E.

Bonham District—First Round. Bonham Miss., at South B., Dec. 23, 24. Bonham Sta., Dec. 24, 25. Windom Cir., at Hale, Dec. 30, 31. Brookston Cir., at B., Jan. 6. Petty and White Rock, at W. R., Jan. 6. Direct Miss., at Monksston, Jan. 13, 14. Bailey Cir., at B., Jan. 20, 21. Ladonia Sta., Jan. 21, 22. Ector Cir., at E., Jan. 27, 28. Ravenna Miss., at R., Feb. 3, 4. Telephone Miss., at T., Feb. 10, 11. J. B. GOBER, P. E.

Waxahachie District—First Round. Red Oak, at Red Oak, Dec. 30, 31. Forrester, at Nash, Jan. 6, 7. Italy, Jan. 7, 8. Radwell, at Byrd, Jan. 13, 14. Maypearl, at Maypearl, Jan. 20, 21. Midford, at Midford, Jan. 27, 28. Midlothian, Feb. 3, 4. Ovilla, at Ovilla, Feb. 10, 11. Bethel, Feb. 17, 18. T. S. ARMSTRONG, P. E.

Dublin District—First Round. Stephenville Cir., at Sylvan, Dec. 23. Stephenville Sta., Dec. 23, 24. DeLeon Cir., at Ross Chapel, Dec. 30, 31. DeLeon Sta., Dec. 31, Jan. 1. Bunyan, at Corinth, Jan. 6, 7. Luckabary, at L., Jan. 7, 8. Gorman, Jan. 10. Duffan, Jan. 13, 14. Hico, Jan. 14, 15. Carlton, at Olin, Jan. 16. Irwell, Jan. 20, 21. Buffalo, Jan. 26, 27. Tolar and Lujan, Jan. 27, 28. Reavis, at Reavis, Feb. 3, 4. Proctor, Feb. 6. M. K. LITTLE, P. E.

Weatherford District—First Round. Millsap, at M., Dec. 23, 24. New Castle, at N. C., Dec. 31, Jan. 1. Olney, at O., Jan. 5. Loving, at Redtop, Jan. 6, 7. Azle, at A., Jan. 13, 14. Whitt, at W., Jan. 20, 21. Springtown, at S., Jan. 27, 28. Graford, at Saleville, Feb. 3, 4. Mineral Wells, at M. W., Feb. 4, 5. Weatherford Cir., at Lambert, Feb. 7. JAS. CAMPBELL, P. E.

Bryson, at Bryson, Feb. 3, 4. Chico Cir., Feb. 10, 11. Justin and Roanoke, Feb. 17, 18. Greenwood Cir., at G., Feb. 24, 25. S. C. RIDDLE, P. E.

Dallas District—First Round. Lewisville, Dec. 23, 24. St. John, 7 p. m., Dec. 24. Cochran and Maple Ave., at C., Dec. 30, 31. Grand Prairie, 7 p. m., Dec. 31. Cedar Hill and Duncanville, at C.H., Jan. 6, 7. Wheatland, Jan. 13, 14. Hutchins and Wilmer, Jan. 20, 21. Irving Cir., at Irving, Jan. 27, 28. Lancaster, Jan. 28, 29. J. M. PETERSON, P. E.

Greenville District—First Round. Campbell Cir., at Campbell, Jan. 6, 7. Lee Street Sta., Jan. 7, 8. Fairlie Cir., at Fairlie, Jan. 13, 14. Quanta Circuit, at Quinlan, Jan. 14, 15. Kacawhugh Sta., Jan. 20, 21. Lone Oak, at Lone Oak, Jan. 21, 22. Jones-Bethel and Wesley Ch., at J. B., Jan. 27, 28. Commerce Station, Jan. 28, 29. Commerce Miss., at Smith's Ch., Feb. 3, 4. Wesley Station, Feb. 4, 5. Greenville Miss., at Shady Grove, Feb. 10, 11. R. G. MOOD, P. E.

Gainesville District—First Round. Era and Spring Creek, at Era, Dec. 23, 24. Broadway Sta., Dec. 24. Valley View Sta., Dec. 30, 31. Sanger and Bolivar, at S., Dec. 31, Jan. 1. Aubrey and Oak Grove, Jan. 6, 7. Denton Sta., Jan. 7, 8. Woodbine Cir., at W., Jan. 13, 14. Denton Street Sta., Jan. 14, 15. Bonita Miss., at Bonita, Jan. 20. St. Jo Cir., at St. Jo, Jan. 21, 22. Montague and Dry Mound, at M., Jan. 27, 28. Marysville Miss., at M., Feb. 3, 4. Dexter Miss., at Mt. Zion, Feb. 10, 11. Roston Miss., at Roston, Feb. 17, 18. District Stewards will meet at Denton Street Church, Dec. 27 (Wednesday). J. F. PIERCE, P. E.

Paris District—First Round. Centenary, Dec. 24. Bonham Street, Dec. 24. Pattonville, at P., Dec. 30, 31. Depot Station, Dec. 31, Jan. 1. Woodland and Kanawha, at W., Jan. 6, 7. Detroit Cir., at Detroit, Jan. 7, 8. Quanta and Rosalie, at R., Jan. 13, 14. McKenzie Cir., at M., Jan. 14, 15. Annona Circuit, at A., Jan. 20, 21. White Rock and Williams C., at W. R. Jan. 21, 22. Avery Miss., at Avery, Jan. 27, 28. Emburson Circuit, at Sumner, Feb. 3, 4. Paris Circuit, at Palestine, Feb. 10, 11. Lawar Ave., Feb. 11, 12. Cunningham Miss., at C., Feb. 17, 18. W. F. BRIDGES, P. E.

Bowie District—First Round. Bellevue Sta., Dec. 23, 24. Bowie Sta., Dec. 24, 25. Neosoma Cir., at Prairie Mound, Dec. 30, Jan. 1. Neosoma Sta., Jan. 1, 2. Blue Grove Cir., at Buffalo Springs, Jan. 6, 7. Burkhardt, at B., Jan. 13, 14. Iowa Park, at Iowa Park, Jan. 14, 15. Henrietta Miss., at Riverland, Jan. 20, 21. Henrietta Sta., Jan. 21, 22. Archer City Miss., at A., Jan. 27, 28. Archer City Sta., Jan. 28, 29. Post Oak Cir., at Post Oak, Feb. 3, 4. Newport, at Antioch, Feb. 4, 5. Croften Cir., at Cundiff, Feb. 10, 11. Bowie Miss., at Stoneburg, Feb. 17, 18. Sunset Cir., at Dry Valley, Feb. 18, 19. Holliday, at H., Feb. 24, 25. Dundee Miss., Feb. 25, 26. T. H. MORRIS, P. E.

McKinney District—First Round. Nevada, Dec. 23, 24. South McKinney, 7 p. m., Dec. 24. Westona, Dec. 30, 31. McKinney, 7 p. m., Jan. 7. Anna, at Anna, Jan. 13, 14. Renner, at Renner, Jan. 20, 21. Frisco, Jan. 27, 28. Princeton, at P., Feb. 3, 4. Carrollton and Farmer's Branch, at F. B., Feb. 10, 11. Farmersville, Feb. 17, 18. Wylie, at W., Feb. 24, 25. Plano, 7 p. m., Feb. 25. Josephine, at J., March 2, 3. CHAS. A. SPRAGINS, P. E.

Bonham District—First Round. Bonham Miss., at South B., Dec. 23, 24. Bonham Sta., Dec. 24, 25. Windom Cir., at Hale, Dec. 30, 31. Brookston Cir., at B., Jan. 6. Petty and White Rock, at W. R., Jan. 6. Direct Miss., at Monksston, Jan. 13, 14. Bailey Cir., at B., Jan. 20, 21. Ladonia Sta., Jan. 21, 22. Ector Cir., at E., Jan. 27, 28. Ravenna Miss., at R., Feb. 3, 4. Telephone Miss., at T., Feb. 10, 11. J. B. GOBER, P. E.

CENTRAL TEXAS CONFERENCE

Cisco District—First Round. Cisco, Dec. 24-27. Desdemona, at D., 11 a. m., Dec. 29. Staff, at Flatwoods, Dec. 30, 31. Pioneer, at Pleasant V., Jan. 6, 7. Rising Star, at R. S., Jan. 7, 8. Spire Springs, at S. J., Jan. 13, 14. Seranton, at S., 11 a. m., Jan. 17. Cisco Cir., at Bluff B., Jan. 20, 21. Carbon, at Bear S., Jan. 27, 28. C. E. LINDSEY, P. E.

Waxahachie District—First Round. Red Oak, at Red Oak, Dec. 30, 31. Forrester, at Nash, Jan. 6, 7. Italy, Jan. 7, 8. Radwell, at Byrd, Jan. 13, 14. Maypearl, at Maypearl, Jan. 20, 21. Midford, at Midford, Jan. 27, 28. Midlothian, Feb. 3, 4. Ovilla, at Ovilla, Feb. 10, 11. Bethel, Feb. 17, 18. T. S. ARMSTRONG, P. E.

Dublin District—First Round. Stephenville Cir., at Sylvan, Dec. 23. Stephenville Sta., Dec. 23, 24. DeLeon Cir., at Ross Chapel, Dec. 30, 31. DeLeon Sta., Dec. 31, Jan. 1. Bunyan, at Corinth, Jan. 6, 7. Luckabary, at L., Jan. 7, 8. Gorman, Jan. 10. Duffan, Jan. 13, 14. Hico, Jan. 14, 15. Carlton, at Olin, Jan. 16. Irwell, Jan. 20, 21. Buffalo, Jan. 26, 27. Tolar and Lujan, Jan. 27, 28. Reavis, at Reavis, Feb. 3, 4. Proctor, Feb. 6. M. K. LITTLE, P. E.

Weatherford District—First Round. Millsap, at M., Dec. 23, 24. New Castle, at N. C., Dec. 31, Jan. 1. Olney, at O., Jan. 5. Loving, at Redtop, Jan. 6, 7. Azle, at A., Jan. 13, 14. Whitt, at W., Jan. 20, 21. Springtown, at S., Jan. 27, 28. Graford, at Saleville, Feb. 3, 4. Mineral Wells, at M. W., Feb. 4, 5. Weatherford Cir., at Lambert, Feb. 7. JAS. CAMPBELL, P. E.

Gatesville District—First Round. Gatesville, Dec. 23, 24. Crawford, at C., Dec. 30, 31. McGregor, Dec. 31, Jan. 1. Moody, 7 p. m., Jan. 1. Killen Cir., at Reece, Jan. 6, 7. Coppas Cove, at C. C., Jan. 7, 8. Killen Sta., 7 p. m., Jan. 8. Nolanville, at N., Jan. 9. Turnersville, at Mt. Zion, Jan. 13, 14. Turnersboro, at T., Jan. 20, 21. Kerwin Cir., at New Hope, Jan. 27, 28. Fair and Latham, at L., Feb. 3, 4. Evant, at West, Feb. 10, 11. Coryell, at Rowland Ch., Feb. 17, 18. S. J. VAUGHAN, P. E.

Corsicana District—First Round. Frost Cir., at Frost, Dec. 23, 24. Blooming Grove Station, Dec. 24. Chatfield Cir., at Tupelo, Dec. 30, 31. Kerens Cir., at Hazette, Dec. 31, Jan. 1. Kerwin Cir., at New Hope, Jan. 6, 7. Mexia Station, Jan. 7, 8. West Corsicana Cir., at Pleasant Grove, Jan. 13, 14. Eleventh Avenue, Jan. 14, 15. South Corsicana Cir., at Harrison Ch., Jan. 20, 21. First Church, Jan. 21, 22. Horn Hill, at Horn Hill, Jan. 27, 28. Groesbeck Station, Jan. 28, 29. JOHN R. NELSON, P. E.

Cleburne District—First Round. Grandview Cir., at Watts Ch., Dec. 21. Godley, at Bono, Dec. 23, 24. Venus, Dec. 30, 31. Lillian, at Cahill Ch., Jan. 6, 7. Alvarado, Jan. 7, 8. Granbury Miss., at Membrino, Jan. 13, 14. Granbury, Jan. 14, 15. George Creek Miss., at White Ch., Jan. 20, 21. Glen Rose, Jan. 21, 22. Grandview, Jan. 27, 28. Alvarado, at M., Feb. 3, 4. Walnut Springs, Feb. 4, 5. Cleburne, Main St., Feb. 11, 12. Cleburne, Anglin, Street, Feb. 13. Cleburne, Brazos Ave., Feb. 14. E. A. SMITH, P. E.

Fort Worth District—First Round. Diamond Hill, Dec. 23, 24. Mulkey Memorial, Dec. 24, 25. Kennedale, at Kennedale, Dec. 30, 31. Handley, Jan. 7, 8. Central, Jan. 7-9. Grapevine, Jan. 13, 14. First Church, at W., Jan. 21, 22. Polytechnic, Jan. 22, 23. Smithfield, Jan. 27, 28. JEROME DUNCAN, P. E.

Waco District—First Round. Herring Avenue, 11 a. m., Dec. 24. Clay Street, 7 p. m., Dec. 24. West, at Elm Mott, Dec. 30, 31. Reisel, at Reisel, Jan. 6, 7. Mart, Jan. 7, 8. Fifth Street, 11 a. m., Jan. 14. Morrow Street, 7 p. m., Jan. 14. Hewitt, at Hewitt, Jan. 30, 31. W. B. ANDREWS, P. E.

Georgetown District—First Round. Corn Hill and Weir, at Weir, Dec. 23, 24. Troy Cir., at Troy, Dec. 30, 31. Temple, Seventh Street, Dec. 31. Holland, at Wilson Valley, Jan. 6, 7. Bartlett Sta., Jan. 7, 8. Granger and Jonah, at G., Jan. 13, 14. Taylor Sta., Jan. 14, 15. W. H. VAUGHAN, P. E.

Hillsboro District—First Round. Hillsboro, Line Street, evening, Dec. 21. Lovelace Circuit, at Lovelace, Dec. 30, 31. Kirk, at Kirk, Jan. 6, 7. Delia, at Watt, Jan. 13, 14. Penelope, at Penelope, Jan. 13. Hubbard, at H., 7 p. m., Jan. 14, and 15. Huron Cir., at Huron, Jan. 20, 21. Peoria, at Peoria, Jan. 21, 22. Abbott Cir., at Abbott, Jan. 27, 28. HORACE BISHOP, P. E.

Brownwood District—First Round. May Circuit, at Holder, Dec. 23, 24. Goldbuck Circuit, at Wesley Chapel (Fisk), Dec. 30, 31. Talpa and Valera, at Valera, Dec. 31, Jan. 1. Brownwood, Jan. 4. Coleman, Jan. 6, 7. Greenlee Cir., at Crews, Jan. 13, 14. Winters, Jan. 14, 15. Wingate, at Pumphrey, Jan. 17. Norton Cir., at Maverick, Jan. 18. Robert Lee, at Robert Lee, Jan. 20, 21. Bronte, Jan. 21, 22. Ballinger, Jan. 27, 28. I. H. STEWART, P. E.

NORTHWEST TEX CONFERENCE

Sweetwater District—First Round. Dec. 23, 24. Loraine Cir., at L., Dec. 30, 31. Westbrook, at Union, Jan. 4-7. Colorado Miss., all points. Jan. 6, O. C. Seven Wells. Jan. 7, S. Colorado Sta. Jan. 13, 14. Roby, at R., Jan. 29, 30. Koscoe Miss., all points. Jan. 21, 22. Snyder Cir., at Crowders, Jan. 28, 29. Snyder Cir., at F., Feb. 4, 5. Fluvanna, at F. SIMPSON SHAW, P. E.

Stamford District—First Round. Albany, Dec. 30, 31. Avoca, 11 a. m., Jan. 3. Haskell Sta., Jan. 6, 7. Haskell Miss., 11 a. m., Jan. 10. Stamford, St. John's, Jan. 14. Stamford, Ward Memorial and Lueders, 8 p. m., Jan. 15. Weimer, 11 a. m., Jan. 17. Spring Creek, 11 a. m., Jan. 26. Seymour Miss., at S., 11 a. m., Jan. 27. Seymour Sta., Jan. 27, 28. J. G. PUTMAN, P. E.

Hamlin District—First Round. Hamlin Sta., Dec. 22. McAnley, at Naylor, Dec. 23, 24. Knox City Sta., Dec. 30, 31. Spout Cir., Jan. 6. Spur Sta., a. m., Jan. 6, 7. Paeocek, at P., p. m., Jan. 7, a. m. Jan. 8. Jayton, at J., 2 p. m., Jan. 8. Rochester, at Obien, Jan. 13, 14. Vera, at Benjamin, Jan. 20, 21. Sagerton, at S., Jan. 24. Rotan Mission, at Grady, Jan. 26, 27. The District Stewards will meet in Hamlin, at 10 a. m., Dec. 27. G. S. HARDY, P. E.

Clarendon District—First Round. Clarendon Sta., Dec. 23, 24. Wellington Cir., at Kelly, Dec. 29. Wellington Sta., Dec. 30, 31. Higgins Sta., Jan. 6, 7. Mohette Cir., at Mohette, Jan. 9. Miami and Pampa, at M., Jan. 10. McLean Sta., Jan. 12. Groom, at Groom, Jan. 13, 14. Oval Cir., at New Hope, Jan. 19. Plemmon, at Lee's Chapel, Jan. 20, 21. The District Stewards will meet in the Methodist Church at Clarendon, Dec. 14, at 2 p. m. I. W. STORY, P. E.

Abilene District—First Round. Anson, Dec. 23, 24. St. Paul, Dec. 31. First Church, Jan. 7. Hawley, at Hawley, Jan. 13, 14. Denton, at Denton, Jan. 20, 21. Clyde, at Enla, Jan. 21, 22.

Cross Plains, at C. P., Jan. 27, 28. Putnam, at P., Feb. 3, 4. Tenth Street, at B. G., Feb. 10, 11. Nugent, at Ward's Ch., Feb. 17, 18. GUS BARNES, P. E.

Vernon District—First Round. Vernon Cir., Dec. 23, 24. Kirkland, at Kirkland, Dec. 30, 31. Tolbert, at Fargo, Jan. 6, 7. Medicine Mound, at Valley, Jan. 13, 14. Odell, at Odell, Jan. 20, 21. Swearingen, at S., Jan. 26. Quanah Miss., at Quanah, Jan. 27. Quanah Sta., Jan. 27, 28. J. G. MILLER, P. E.

Planview District—First Round. Barton Miss., at Barton Site, Dec. 22. Hale Center, Dec. 23, 24. Planview Miss., at P., Dec. 28. Lockney Sta., Dec. 31, Jan. 1. Lockney Miss., at Pleasant Valley, Jan. 1. Turkey, at Turkey, Jan. 6, 7. Matador, Jan. 10, 11. Atten, Jan. 13, 14. Planview Sta., Jan. 21, 22. Slaton, at Slaton, Jan. 26, 27. Lubbock Sta., Jan. 28, 29. Dummett, at Farrort, Feb. 3, 4. J. T. HICKS, P. E.

Big Spring District—First Round. Big Spring Miss., at Center Point, Dec. 23, 24. Coalhoma, at Art-Barr, Dec. 30, 31. Odonnell, at Odonnell, Jan. 5. Post City, Jan. 6, 7. W. H. TERRY, P. E.

Amarillo District—First Round. Ochiltree, Dec. 21. Glazier, Dec. 23, 24. Fairbault, Dec. 31, Jan. 1. Borina, Jan. 6, 7. Hereford, Jan. 8. Canyon, Jan. 8. Amarillo, Polk Street, Jan. 11. Amarillo, B. and H. Streets, Jan. 12. Wildorado, at Vega, Jan. 13, 14. O. P. KIKER, P. E.

WEST TEXAS CONFERENCE

Cuervo District—First Round. Yoakum, Dec. 23, 24. Shiner, at Shiner, Dec. 24, 25. Midfield, at Midfield, Dec. 30, 31. Calico, Dec. 31, Jan. 1. Slaty, at Slaty, Jan. 6, 7. Nixon, Jan. 7, 8. Leosville, at Hebe, Tuesday, Jan. 9. Runge, Jan. 13, 14. Fandora, at Fandora, Jan. 20, 21. Stockdale, at Stockdale, Jan. 21, 22. Laveria, at Laveria, Jan. 23, 24. JOHN M. ALEXANDER, P. E.

San Angelo District—First Round. Water Valley, Dec. 23, 24. Sheroard, Dec. 30, 31. Sterling, Jan. 3, 4. Garden City, Jan. 6, 7. Midland, Jan. 13, 14. Paint Rock, Jan. 20, 21. San Angelo Circuit, Jan. 27, 28. L. C. MATHIS, P. E.

Beeville District—First Round. Oakville, 2 p. m., Dec. 22. Aransas Pass Dec. 30, 31. Corpus Christi, 7 a. m., Jan. 3. Beeville, 7 p. m., Jan. 4. A. L. SCARBOROUGH, P. E.

Austin District—First Round. Liberty Hill and Leander, Dec. 23, 24. McJade Miss., at McJade, Dec. 27. Tugerville Miss., at P., Dec. 30, 31. First Church, at Austin, Jan. 2. South Austin, at Austin, Jan. 4. St. Luke's and Walnut, St. Luke's, Jan. 6, 7. University Church, Austin, Jan. 8. Ward Memorial, at Austin, Jan. 9. NAT B. READ, P. E.

Llano District—First Round. San Saba Cir., China, Dec. 30, 31. Richland Springs, Dec. 31, Jan. 1. Fredonia, Fredonia, Jan. 6, 7. Mason, Mason, Jan. 7, 8. Blanco, Blanco, Jan. 13, 14. Johnson City, Jan. 14, 15. J. D. SCOTT, P. E.

Uvalde District—First Round. Devine and Lytle, at D., Dec. 23, 24. Laredo Sta., Dec. 30, 31. Del Rio Sta., Jan. 6, 7. Eagle Pass Sta., Jan. 7, 8. Salinas Sta., Jan. 13, 14. Hondo Sta., Jan. 20, 21. Rock Springs, at R. S., Jan. 28, 29. S. B. BEALL, P. E.

San Antonio District—First Round. Prospect Hill, Dec. 24. South Heights, Dec. 24. Jourdanton, Dec. 31, Jan. 1. Potoc Cir., at P., Jan. 7. Travis Park, Jan. 14. S. H. C. BURGIN, P. E.

San Marcos District—First Round. Staples Cir., at Staples, 3 p. m., Dec. 23. Mirrondale Cir., Pentress, 10 a. m., Dec. 25. Dripping Springs Cir., at Driftwood, 3 p. m., Dec. 30. San Marcos Sta., 7 p. m., Jan. 9. W.

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In the Christmas number of the Advocate there appeared in the Southern Methodist University page a coupon, stating that the Bursar would upon request forward to any person requesting a copy of a beautiful souvenir booklet giving the reproductions of the designed buildings for our new University as well as some photos and write-ups of our other schools. The evidence that our people appreciated that page and certainly read the Advocate is the number of replies that we are daily receiving. In fact, they are so numerous that we are hesitating about our reply to them. We hardly know whether the office with its overplus of other work will be able to write a personal letter in reply, and will therefore be compelled to send out a circular. It will also be necessary for us to get out an edition larger than we anticipated.

This is encouraging, and we take courage and push on. If the people desire the information, they shall have it, and if they get it they will be delighted, and our system of Methodist schools will soon grow into the tremendous power for good that it should be, and when it begins to prove itself, like all other great successes, it will have a minimum of trouble in bringing things to pass.

The Advocate edition was published on Friday, mailed out that evening, and the next day some coupons were mailed back to this office, proving that some business men read the Advocate in their offices even on Saturday—the busiest day of the week, in the one of the busiest weeks of the year—just before Christmas.

The first received was from Marvin McKee, Roysse City—it was mailed probably Sunday morning—and reached us immediately because the little city is near Dallas—but it was especially appreciated—it bore the additional memo: "You can count on Roysse for S. M. U." and this means that Marvin McKee can remember that we will not forget him.

THE \$25,000 GIFT OF MRS. DORA ROBERTS.

The Advocate last week contained a hurried notice of the gift of \$25,000 to Southern Methodist University by Mrs. Dora Roberts, of Big Springs, Texas. We had almost to delay publication to get in the notice, but we know that many of our friends over the State read it and rejoiced with us because we have heard from them, and this is partly a reply to those letters of congratulation. To be sure we appreciate them, but we feel personally the officials of the University are not the beneficiaries. All that we do and all that we are enabled to do in doing is for the sake of present and future generations, the growth of our beloved Methodism and the glory of our God.

Mrs. Dora Roberts is a devoted Methodist, a personal friend of Dr. Boaz, Dr. H. A. Bourland, and others, and largely assists her zealous pastor, Rev. C. W. Hearon, in the great

work that he is doing, but her gift was to God. Dr. Boaz reports that when she saw what opportunity there was to use her means in uplifting humanity and upbuilding the Church, she asked for a short season in which to take the matter to God in prayer, and when next day she reported her gift there was no mistaking the communion that she had enjoyed. Such is the true spirit of Christianity, and therefore unselfish labor for others. Those who have earned money are careful to so place it that it shall accomplish the greatest possible good, and that is certainly one of the confessedly strong points of this great University movement among the Texas Methodists.

Mrs. Roberts is the widow of Bro. John Roberts, widely and favorably known among the cattle men of the West—one of those strong pioneers—willing not only to spend his life building up the frontiers of his State, but without stint giving his best efforts to the bequest of the very best Church and school privileges to his own and the children of others.

The Terms of the Gift.

This gift is to be used for the perpetual endowment of a chair in the University, such chair to be selected by the officials, and counted as a memorial of the family of the donor. It is secured by deed of property valued at not less than \$25,000, and guaranteed to bring a net income of 5 per cent until such is sold.

The agreement as signed is as plainly a secured promissory note as could have been framed, and now only the deeds to the lands are lacking to make the gift complete, and these papers are expected daily.

Considering the fact that this first chair to be endowed was the gift of a good woman, that she did not wait until January 1, that she understood and appreciated the plan and the work of Southern Methodist University; that it is the first of quite a number from whom we expect similar gifts, and that there are no conditions that hamper the usefulness of the gift, it is indeed a most notable deed. The example has already been noted all over the State. The inspiration has been wonderful. Like the gift of a certain good woman of the Scriptures, the knowledge of her gift shall continue from generation to generation, blessing her and her deeds are as a never dying memorial of her. She has put all Methodism under obligation to her, and we know that there has never been an investment of money since the beginning of the Christian era that will bring greater dividends mentally, physically and spiritually to our youth.

FLASHES FROM THE ATHENS OF THE PANHANDLE.

Everything in this great Panhandle country of ours is in fine fettle, that is to say, in a joyous, inspirational mood. Everybody seems to be wearing a great, big luminous smile on his face, suggestive of optimism in its highest and noblest degree. The good Lord has been very gracious and

merciful to this part of our great and progressive Texas.

Clarendon is well-pleased with its new pastor, and the new pastor seems to be well-pleased with Clarendon. So you see, Mr. Editor, that the relation existing between the Church and pastor are reciprocal.

Everything along the line of Church work is moving on under the leadership of the new pastor in a very satisfactory manner. Brother Long is a man of tender sensibilities, and his sympathetic touch has already made an impact for good on the Church. He has taken hold of things in a very practical, sensible and energetic way, and the membership of this good Church is perfectly willing for any great forward movement he may see fit to inaugurate for the glory of God and the uplifting of humanity.

In some respects, the Methodist Church in Clarendon is one of the best that it has ever been my good fortune to be connected with, and I have been affiliated with many of the great Churches in my pilgrimage through life. In my candid opinion, there is not a Church in Texas, presenting a more inviting field to a pastor, who really wishes to serve God and humanity than the Methodist Church in the little city of Clarendon.

Clarendon College has never done such thorough work as it is now doing, for it has never been so well-equipped as it is at present. The college has gotten down, at last, to real Junior College work, and nowhere else in all our great Southern Methodism is better educational work being done in the class rooms than that being done at present in Clarendon College.

Brother Slover, the level-headed and energetic President of the college, deserves great credit and unstinted praise for crystallizing around him such able men and women as are found in the faculty of Clarendon College. All of them are matured men and women of much experience in pedagogy and pedagogics.

The one great thing, in our opinion, that has made Clarendon College such a strong institution of learning is its unchanging faculty. The faculty of Clarendon College does not come and go as the years come and go, but it partakes of the nature of Tennyson's brook, moving on musically without changing, and without a jar.

It has been the policy of the President of the college to get scholarly and cultured teachers, to pay them good salaries, and hold on to them. The teachers of Clarendon College never have any worry so far as their salaries are concerned, for the salary is paid promptly when due.

Clarendon College for years and years has paid its way, and has never had great debts at the end of the year, hanging over it like a nightmare.

The college has never had a better and a more docile set of students than those who are with us this year. The students who have entered our halls this year have come to us better prepared than any other class we have ever had, so many of the high schools having sent to us their graduates.

We have never closed a better half-year than we are now closing. The examinations for the second quarter will begin on Monday, December 19, and, from present indications, we shall have more exemptions from examination than ever before, our rule being that students who make an average of 95 get an exemption from examination. We have found out by experience that this rule works well.

Any one wishing to commit his son or daughter to a school of high order, whose faculty, consecrated to the highest ideals in life, labors to bring out the noblest and the best in those committed to their instruction, could not do better than send them to Clarendon College. Write to the President, Rev. G. S. Slover, and he will gladly and willingly give you all the information you may need concerning the college. S. E. BURKHEAD.

NOTE FROM BROTHER MULKEY.

I have been out of the State for some time in my evangelistic work. I have conducted meetings this year in Oklahoma, Louisiana, Florida, Texas, New Mexico and with very good results on an average. Yesterday wife and I celebrated the forty-second anniversary of our marriage by reviewing our past life's work and planning for the new year of 1912.

I was very unwell about six months, but I feel very thankful I am straight again. Louisa is on the invalid list in that she is too crippled to do much having neuritis in the nerves and muscles from constant strain in the work.

If I should be able to wind up the year of 1912 it will have been twenty-five years in evangelistic work.

I appreciate all your editorial work very much and especially your write-up of the McNamara affair.

Wishes for a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

ABE MULKEY.

HAPPY CHRISTMAS

(A child's piece to recite for Christmas.)

By M. E. Whitten,
Author "Texas Garlands," etc.

Happy Christmas! Happy Christmas!
How our hearts with rapture glow!
As we sing in tuneful numbers,
Of that Christmas long ago.

How the heavens were robed in splendor!
And with glorious light aflame,
When adown that radiant pathway
Angels' hosts exulting came.

Poised aloft on restless pinions,
Loud they sang that Christmas morn.
(Hear! oh, hear! earth's waiting nations),
"Unto you the Christ is born!"

Sing, oh earth! break forth in psalms!
Hail with joy the Savior's birth!
"In the highest be all glory!"
"Peace and good will reign on earth!"

Started shepherds caught the music,
As it rang adown the skies—
"Unto you is born a Savior,"
Lo, in Bethlehem's stall he lies!

How the angels' song of gladness!
All their hearts with rapture thrill!
As it rang in heavenly cadence,
O'er the bleak Judean hills.

He came not in gilded chariot,
Drawn by coursers through the sky;
Not bedecked in royal purple,
"Mid earth's pomp and pageantry.

Not adorned in kingly splendor;
Nor with jewelled diadem—
But a babe in lowly manger,
He is born in Bethlehem.

In the inn no room for Mary,
Where her new-born Babe should lie,
But in humble stall he slumbers,
With the kind-eyed cattle nigh.

Eastern Magi heard the tidings
Of this vondrous Babe divine;
And they sought with true devotion,
Worship at his earthly shrine.

Lo! a star from orbit loosened,
Led the Magi on their way
Till it hung in matchless splendor
Where the infant Savior lay.

Now, behold those learned Magi!
Bow before their infant King;
And their wealth of loving treasures
Offerings meet for him, they bring.

"Christ is born!" Adown the ages,
Comes that joyful song to-night;
And in praise and adoration
Let our loving hearts unite.

Happy Christmas! Happy Christmas!
Angel choirs take up the strain,
And earth's happy, joyous children
Echo back the glad refrain.

Happy Christmas! Happy Christmas!
List the angels' thrilling song!
Let it ring till unborn millions
Shall the joyful sound prolong!

PROCLAMATION FOR NATIONAL CONSTITUTIONAL PROHIBITION.

By Lillian M. N. Stevens.

"Whereas, modern science has definitely established for all time that alcohol is a toxin, the worst product of the ferment germ; a poison to every living tissue, destructive and degenerating to the human organism, striking at the health, character, and life of the individual, blasting the lives of children unborn, and undermining the integrity of the family;

"Whereas, 'Wine is a mocker,' and the maintenance of alcoholic beverages in the channels of trade always causes their widespread use among the people, entailing incalculable economic loss in productiveness and heavy burden of taxation; turning out multitudes of slaves and solons of drink; lowering in an appalling degree the average standard of character of citizenship, upon which the Nation's institutions and liberties must rest; bringing about the untimely death of many thousands of citizens, exceeding in numbers all those de-

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stroyed by war, pestilence, fire, flood and famine combined;

"Whereas, this terrible disease has been running for long centuries, and is now gnawing at the vitals of the Nations and civilizations of to-day, gripping the governments of the world, and is interwoven into the political, commercial and social life of the peoples, constituting thus the deepest seated, most chronic organic disease known to the body politic and body social;

"Whereas, such a disease for a permanent cure requires of necessity deep, continued organic treatment for the whole body, for which partial superficial devices like legalization and local regulation have always proved and from their own nature must always prove utterly inadequate;

"Therefore, in the name of the World's and National Woman's Christian Temperance Union, we hereby make this proclamation for a great crusade to carry the vital truth to the peoples themselves in all lands, and through them to place prohibition in the organic law of all Nations and ultimately in the organic law of the world now in the forming; and to this high end, we invoke the blessing and guidance of Almighty God and the cooperation of the men and women of all lands who love their fellowmen, and

"To America, the birthplace of the local, State, National and World's Woman's Christian Temperance Union, we hereby proclaim, amid the smoke of the second great battle of Maine, in the home of Neal Dow and in the State which longer than any other has had a prohibitory law, that within a decade, prohibition shall be placed in the Constitution of the United States; and to this end we call to active cooperation all temperance, prohibition, religious and philanthropic bodies; all patriotic, fraternal, civic associations and all Americans who love their country!"

THE PRAYER-MEETING.

The peril of the Methodist prayer-meeting to-day can be found in the decadence of personal responsibility. Its power in evangelical work slumbers in the sleep of life, and we have brought this about by organizing our responsibilities. Let us not go into the lumping business of our responsibilities. The wisdom of the Church is in putting its whole business on every heart. Its greatness and the power of its work have no other warrant. In our search after God, let us not forget that we will more likely find him if we seek more for men. There is enough theology on hand to last to the millennium. Let us pray God to awaken us to personal responsibility.

W. L. AUSTIN.
Waco, Tex.

Our souls crave a perfect good: we feel the pull thitherward, we own the law that points in that direction.—William M. Salter.

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