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## The Central Texas Conference

Only two years ago the old Northwest Texas Conference was divided and the two conferences made out of the old territory. Up to that time the old Northwest Texas Conference was largest in numbers and in territory this side of the Mississippi River. Many of the brethren thought that both conferences would be impaired and that the result of the division would not be wholesome. They had been used to a large conference and they did not relish the idea of coming down to a level with the smaller bodies. But the division promptly took place after the General Conference and the two set up for themselves and immediately went to housekeeping. Two years have gone by, and what is the result? Why, the result more than justifies the division. The Northwest Texas Conference looks like a big body and it is carrying on the work in that section with dispatch and success. It is one of the heroic bodies of Texas. But the Central Texas is not one whit behind. As we looked out over their assembled hosts last week as they sat in their session, it still looked a big conference. Its volume of song sounded as loudly as ever, and its men looked as numerous and as robust. And they were just as full of hope and inspiration.

The reports were among the best we have ever heard in a conference. They are marching forward with leaps and bounds. They are building church houses and parsonages everywhere; they are increasing in their support of the ministry and young men continue to crowd into their membership. It is still one of the strong conferences and bids

fair to be as numerous, before many years, as it was before the division. The fact is, Methodism grows by division, and when it swarms, it shows its power to multiply. This finds proof in the growth of these two new conferences.

It was a harmonious conference. There was not a jar until the appointments were read, and then there were the usual disappointments. But there was no charge or complaint against any member of the body, and their characters passed without any stoppage in the proceedings. Those men are men of God and their lives are in happy accord with the gospel they preach. There were no bickerings, and there was no strife. They were one in spirit, one aim, and one in hope. They are truly called to the work of the ministry and their lives are a proof of the power of the Word of God. They stand shoulder to shoulder in the work committed to them, and they transact the business of the Lord on a large scale.

Bishop Atkins stopped often while a brother was reporting to express his great edification at the result. And more than once he uttered words of commendation. He was wonderfully pleased with the work done by the brethren and so expressed himself in public. The religious spirit of the conference was fine. The singing was spiritual, the prayers were unctuous, and the preaching was fervent and evangelical. We have never attended a better session of any annual conference. It was refreshing, and when it adjourned the brethren were strengthened for their new fields. May the present year be one of even larger success in winning souls for the Master and building them up in righteousness.

## A Contrast: Two Different Mothers

The mother of a 16-year-old girl who was attending the city high school considered her daughter to be off with friends if she failed to come home at the proper time in the afternoon. She did not worry, even if her daughter remained out over night. She always said "She is spending the night with some girl friend," and retired without uneasiness as to the daughter's whereabouts.

The daughter, of course, came to grief, and when her shame came to her, she drank poison and died alone in a vacant lot of the city. Her suicide became known at 2 o'clock in the afternoon, and the evening papers told the story of her being found and put it under glaring headlines. All the city was wondering who was the nicely dressed dead girl. The mother knew her daughter was away from home and did not know where she was, but never considered that the dead girl might be her daughter. Two high

school girls next day recognized the dead girl as their classmate, and then the mother was greatly grieved.

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A great audience had gathered to hear a famous band play. Near the doorway sat a stately, quiet woman. With her was a beautiful young woman, handsomely dressed. Three gentlemen were paying the young lady attention. They were respectful to the elderly lady in the highest degree. It was one of the elect women of the city. She is with her daughter; is her companion when gentlemen attend her, as well as when she would be alone without her mother's presence.

The daughter has had the advantages of travel in Europe and the East. She is a most attractive young woman, and, it is reported, had offers of titles in Europe, but comes back to marry a true

American, a playmate of her childhood. This mother knows where her daughter is; she knows because she is there herself. Her daughter does not seem to consider her mother in her way or interfering with her pleasure.

She had a delightful time that night

talking to three very gallant young gentlemen, but she did not go ten steps away from her mother. Is that old fogyism? Then let us get back to old fogyism.

Some mothers will not find out their daughters' mishaps until they reach the judgment of God.

## "Did He Find Peace?" He Found Peace

Cardinal Newman of England was formerly a leading prelate in the Church of England, and while in that Church he wrote a most severe denunciation of Roman Catholicism but afterward accepted its covenants and became its most ardent defender. He rose to the cardinalate and has grown old in the faith of an infallible Church. His avowed reason for going to Roman Catholicism was that in its fold there is rest—the rest of absolute faith in the infallible teaching of the Church.

Some one was looking upon the portrait of the aged cardinal, and asked, "Did he find peace?" The lineaments of the prelate's face indicate that the complete rest of soul was not found. When you see a picture of Cardinal Newman's old age, study it. He went in

search of soul rest and peace. He entered with enthusiasm into the solemn and splendid ritualism and liturgy of Catholicism, the most magnificent ceremonialism the world has ever known; he accepted the official utterances of the Pope and of the councils as the infallible truth and rested his soul's happiness in them; but there is only one prescription for peace of soul. Paul gave that in Romans 5:1: "Therefore being justified by faith we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ." Did Cardinal Newman miss that simple but sure prescription for peace? Martin Luther found it while crawling up stone steps on his bare knees, seeking peace by penance. When his soul found peace in "The just shall live by faith," Luther arose to shake the world. Look on Luther's face. He found peace.

## A Doubting Preacher ∴ And Preaching Doubt

A doubting preacher is one who can not accept in full the whole teaching of the New Testament and who receives the Old Testament with many mental reservations. There are some doctrines of his Church he does not preach because he is doubtful of their truthness. Some of the teachings of Christ he will not use in his pulpit, for the reason that he can not accept their doctrine. The doubting preacher is a timid man. He does not preach from the great themes—heaven, hell and the judgment. He can preach that God loves, but is afraid to assert His justice. Poor man, he is to be pitied. But he who preaches doubt deserves strong censure and will come to grief at the judgment bar of God. He may possibly be saved himself, but as if by fire, while all the results of his preaching will be burned up.

A stingy, niggardly Methodist is a sorry spectacle. He tries to persuade himself that he has religion, but if so it is of that type that counts for but little. If a man withholds from God and the world an equal division of what he possesses, he may deceive himself into believing that he is all right, but he will wake up one of these days to is delusion.

Calf worship did not die with the generation whom Moses led out of Egypt. It exists to-day on many of our expansive ranches. It is not always a golden calf that men bow down before, but it often

God gave the truth in His book. He calls men to preach that truth. The truth of the Scriptures is spiritually discerned. Why should a man accept a call to preach the gospel which can not be apprehended by the unaided natural mind, and then upon a purely human basis of reasoning, ignoring the supernatural in the religion of Christ, go forth to proclaim doubts? There is a dreadful reckoning coming to that man when he answers to Him who called him to preach the unsearchable riches of Christ. Let the doubting preacher take the Bible and study it by the enlightening help of the Holy Spirit. Let the preacher of doubts cease to preach at all, go to the mourner's bench and get a genuine case of religion, and then, if the Holy Spirit calls him to preach, he will have something better than doubts to proclaim.

walks on four legs and wears a hairy skin. They give more thought to this sort of a calf than they do to God or their own souls.

The prayers of some people remind us of mischievous boys who slip to the front door, ring the bell and then run away as fast as their heels can carry them. They do not want to remain until the door opens and the matron of the house appears. Such prayers do not start out to wait for an answer; they are uttered in thoughtlessness and hasten to become truant before the response is delivered.

















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most eloquent preachers in the State and that congregation is fortunate to secure him. Several other places were anxious to have him.

Rev. John R. Morris and his assistants attended to the business of the Conference with dispatch and satisfaction. He is one of the best secretaries in our five conferences and his aids stand by him manfully.

Rev. W. H. Vaughan after four years on the Georgetown District, now becomes Commissioner of Education. He did faithful and successful work, and no man has been more useful than he. He is good in any and all positions to which he is assigned.

### THE WASHINGTON MONUMENTAL CHURCH.

No man has done a more valiant service than Rev. George S. Sexton, D. D., for the past two years. And he has nearly reached the goal. We cheerfully reproduce, therefore, the following editorial concerning his work from the Central Methodist, and we give to it our heartiest endorsement:

**The Representative in the Field.**  
 No cause of our great Church is being more faithfully looked after than the Washington City Representative Church enterprise. The commission having it in charge is made up of Bishops Candler, Kilgo, and Hoes, and Doctors McMurry and Sexton. Their plans have been carefully thought out and are being conscientiously and persistently executed.

Rev. Geo. S. Sexton, D. D.  
 Dr. Sexton is the field man of this movement, the secretary of the commission and its advocate on the platform. Those who have not been close to his efforts can scarcely appreciate the courage, energy, and ability with which he is performing his responsible and difficult task.

For several years now he has been traveling, writing, planning and speaking for this Church-wide and stupendous enterprise. Not the least of his successful service has been his public speeches for this cause. His addresses have grown into massive arguments and eloquent appeal, so that no representative body of our Methodist people can hear him speak on his theme and remain indifferent.

We have heard him convince some of the most skeptical of our preachers at Annual Conferences, and carry large congregations by storm with his logic of facts and eloquent appeals. His reasons why our great denomination should have a representative church edifice in the Capital of the Nation, as he gives them, are simply unanswerable and almost irresistible.

We saw him at one Annual Conference where it looked at first that the leaders of the body would decline to assist him in his appeal for a subscription and that his efforts would fail. He bore it patiently, and awaited his opportunity, and when he got before the conference, and the great crowd of visitors, with his magnificent presentation of the cause, he simply swept everything before him and easily secured the whole amount asked for.

It looks like he will succeed soon with the great task the Church has laid upon him, and he deserves to succeed. The cause is entirely meritorious and it has had a faithful and able advocacy. Many times Dr. Sexton has longed to be back in the pastorate, we have seen him almost stagger under the trial of hearing a list of appointments read by a Bishop and not hear his own name called in connection with some Church, but he has pressed bravely forward until he has won for

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himself a large place in the hearts of the brethren and has popularized his worthy cause.

He is now rounding out the required sum to be subscribed, as indicated by the General Conference, before plans can be ordered and work actually begun. The goal thus to be reached is the sum of \$275,000. We hope the gap will be closed up in a few weeks more, and the plans and erection of the great building be actually commenced.

## PERSONALS

Brother G. W. Tackett, of Palmer, called recently to see us.

Rev. C. L. Browning, of Red Oak, dropped in to see us the other day.

Our old friend Jeff D. Kemp, of Cameron, was a pleasant visitor to this office recently.

Rev. W. H. Beaty, of Kosse, was a delightful caller last week. Also Brother J. S. Campbell, of Waxahatchie.

Brother Henry Jacobs, of Fort Chadbourne, has recently moved to Dallas and he was a pleasant visitor to this office the other day.

Rev. J. R. Murray, of Kirbyville, delighted this office with a visit recently. He was headed for Marshall to attend the conference this week.

Brother Ben S. Crow passed through the city Tuesday. He goes this year to Graford, Texas. He says he is going to try and be the first man to send in a new subscriber since conference.

Rev. E. N. Parrish, whose residence for sometime has been at Joshua, is now living in Cleburne and his correspondents will take notice of the change. Brother Parrish is one of our successful evangelists.

Brother W. H. Conn, of Ft. Worth, and a member of McKinley Avenue Church, called in to see us Tuesday. Brother Conn is an active layman. He has for some time been Secretary to the Board of City Church Extension in Ft. Worth.

Rev. A. C. Smith, of the Northwest Texas Conference, and who took a superannuate relation at the recent session of that body, is now in Temple undergoing treatment and he hopes to be well soon. We pray for him a speedy recovery.

Rev. A. R. Bennick, a local preacher, and his wife, passed through Dallas Wednesday. They are on the way to Tyler County to spend a while with W. R. Honea, Mrs. Honea being their daughter. Brother and Sister Bennick have twenty-one grandchildren and twenty-six great-grandchildren.

### MINUTES OF THE LAYMEN'S MEETING, CENTRAL TEXAS CONFERENCE,

Cleburne, Texas, November 15-16, 1912.

A meeting of the laymen of the Central Texas Conference was called to order by the Conference Lay Leader, Judge W. E. Williams, of Ft. Worth. The meeting was opened by prayer, led by Judge Temple, of Weatherford. Walter Amsler, of McGregor, was elected Secretary of the meeting.

A resume of the year's work in the mission fields of our Church was given by the Chairman. He recounted many of the successes at home and abroad, laying special emphasis upon the great opportunities now confronting us in the foreign field. The year's work had not been without its reverses in some respects, and the prayers of the Church go up for the relief of the present condition in Korea.

The Chairman referred to and recommended the booklet, "A Financial Method for Methodists." He inquired if the plans set forth therein had been used in any of the Churches represented at this meeting. The Every Member Canvass and the Duplex Envelope system had not been thoroughly tried out by any of the Churches, though measures of success had been attained by employing parts of the financial system set forth in the booklet referred to above.

After some discussion regarding a definite amount to be raised in the conference this year as a laymen's special, it was decided that we would not ask for such a special, but that we would throw our best efforts in the direction of furthering all the interests of the Church, and aid in the securing of our benevolent collections.

The matter of forming a declaration by the laymen of this conference be-



Parsonage, Annona, Texas, Rev. Geo. E. Glasspool, Pastor.

The above presents the handsome new parsonage now in course of construction at Annona, Texas. It is an eight-room, two-story building. Brother Glasspool, the pastor, and his good people are to be congratulated in this enterprise.

ing mentioned, it was decided that with few changes we would adopt the declaration as formed by the laymen of the last conference, which met at Fort Worth.

Upon motion and vote it was decided that the name of Judge W. E. Williams should be presented upon the conference floor for re-election as our Conference Lay Leader for another year.

The meeting was adjourned to meet the following day at 4 p. m. at City Hall.

Saturday, Nov. 16, 1912, City Hall, Cleburne, Texas.

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Judge W. E. Williams. After prayer by Prof. Webb, of Fort Worth, the minutes of the previous day's meeting were read and approved. Upon motion and vote, it was decided that the minutes of these two meetings be sent to the Texas Christian Advocate for publication in its pages.

The declaration of the laymen as formed on the previous day was read, and upon motion it was decided that the Conference Secretary be furnished with a copy for publication in the Conference Journal.

A communication from G. W. Benn, of Dallas, was read, announcing a missionary convention, under the auspices of all the Churches of Dallas, to be held there December 8-10 this year. The special attention of our laymen was called to this meeting and it was urged by the chairman that as many as possible of the laymen of this conference should attend.

Attention was also directed to the Missionary Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South, under the auspices of the Laymen's Missionary Movement, to be held in June, 1913, at the Southern Assembly Grounds, near Waynesville, N. C. This is to be a meeting similar to the great missionary meetings held by our Church at Chattanooga and Dallas, and a large attendance is urged and expected.

Talks were made by prominent laymen present, and facts were recited and ideas advanced for the encouragement of those who are trying to realize actual results from the workings of the Laymen's Missionary Movement in the congregations.

The meeting on this second day was a spiritual one, and the result was to refresh the spiritual condition of every one present as well as to cause renewed intentions to work this year as never before to vitally connect the laymen of the Church with, not only the missionary, but all the departments of Church endeavor.

It was the opinion of the Chairman that though this is regarded as a commercial age, the real passion of the world is for religious ideals and for the deeper things of life.

The meeting was adjourned, subject to the call of the Chairman at the next Annual Conference at Temple.

SECRETARY.

### Klondike.

We have now served the Klondike Circuit three months. The fourth Quarterly Conference has been held, the fifth wheel has rolled around and our record is made and, like the law of the Medes and Persians, it cannot be altered. On an assessment of \$247 for conference collections, we have paid \$126. For preachers in charge, assessed \$500; presiding elder \$83. Total \$583. Klondike, assessed \$145.75, paid \$104.60; Habern's Chapel, assessed \$145.75, paid \$90.40; Tranquill, assessed \$145.75, paid \$146.75; Good's Chapel, assessed \$145.75, paid \$61.50.

My people "took to him," and his work among us was of the lasting and abiding quality. Watch Slagle come. Rev. W. F. Bryan, our efficient and stirring presiding elder, is in high favor with the people of his district. He loves his preachers and they love him. The presiding elder and pastors have worked harmoniously together all over the district, and as a result we have a new record for our district that all of us are proud of. Cross Roads, our afternoon appointment five miles southwest of Paris, is a stirring little Church. Nothing satisfies them at the end of conference year but a full report in everything. They are a delightful people to serve. Bro. W. J. Bludworth, of Roxton, did us good work in a meeting there this year. There are not enough of our people reading our conference organ—Texas Christian Advocate—which, by the way, is one of the best Church papers published. Let those who are beneficiaries of its most wholesome weekly visits tell those who are not, what they are missing. By doing this you can be of assistance to the pastor in securing a larger circulation for the Advocate within the bounds of this charge—Hugh E. Anderson.

### Kaufman.

We are rounding out for conference and will report everything paid in full. All things considered, we have had a most prosperous year. We had a splendid revival in September, conducted by Rev. W. M. McIntosh, assisted by Ed G. Phillips and wife. As preachers and revivalists, I have never heard a man superior to Brother McIntosh. Brother Phillips and wife are so well known in these parts that comment by me is unnecessary. The meeting resulted in sixty-five conversions, and about twenty-five additions to our Church. I have had fifty-three additions during the year, and will have about forty net increase. By the way, I have never reported a loss in membership, and rejoice in the fact that I have received about 2300 into the Church during the twenty-three years I have been in the conference. Our pipe organ will be installed by the conference, to cost \$2500, every dollar of which has been raised. The first of the year we paid \$1765 on the church debt, met one night this week and raised \$2076 of \$2675 we hope to pay before I leave for conference, which would make a total of \$4440. This will leave \$2500 debt on church, which will be paid next year. We have given \$1495 to S. M. U., \$125 to superannuate homes, and spent \$350 on church and parsonage. Will raise for all purposes about \$12,000. Very good for a Church of 325 members to start with, I think. We have a church house that would do credit to any city in Texas. It cost \$19,000, and is up-to-date in all particulars. It is a thing of beauty and a monument of the tireless efforts of faithful preachers who preceded me. I am going to conference fully resigned, I trust, to the will of the Captain of our salvation. May the baptism of the Holy Spirit come in mighty power upon our good Bishop, his Cabinet and all the preachers, and send us out better equipped for another year's campaign against sin.—W. A. Stuckey.

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#### BLESSING GOD EVERY DAY.

Psa. 145:2, "Every day will I bless thee."

In this psalm the author gives four general reasons for blessing God. They are: his handiwork, his mercy, his providence, and his salvation. These comprehend our entire knowledge of God. The psalmist saw evidences of these every day.

We have a habit of looking for the manifestations of God in the unusual events of life. We look for him in the miracle in some escape from accident or calamity, in some unusual providential provision in famine, in some demonstrative religious experience. But the psalmist saw him in the common everyday events of life. He observed that the whole system of nature was upheld every day only by

the power of God, that wickedness was permitted to persist day by day only through the tolerance of God, that his kingdom survived through the days and generations, that his providence fed the world every day, that his salvation was a fact because each day he answered the call of men for spiritual help.

The psalmist's habit of daily meditation gave him an insight into God's daily ministrations. Moreover, it brought him under the influence of God's goodness and righteousness each day. We may be sure that this daily touch with the nature of God rectified his life day by day and brought it through the days into a greater perfection. The Western Union Telegraph Company tests its timepieces every day by placing all of its offices in touch with the Naval Observatory at Washington at high noon. The rule of the Western Union Company is to be accurate in time, to test that accuracy every day, and to make the test by the meridian in the heavens. A good rule for Christians, too, is a daily test of the life by the things of God with the view of attaining a larger perfection.

In these words of the psalmist we can hear the cheerful song of his heart. They are words of joyful praise. It was a source of comfort and joy to him to know that every day—

"God's in his heaven—  
All's right with the world."

This reflection doubtless lifted many doubts, anxieties, and burdens from his heart. Charles Kingsley wrote:

"Do noble things, not dream them, all day long.  
And so make life, death, the vast forever, one grand, sweet song."

When the psalmist saw God doing "noble things all day long," his heart was filled with a "grand sweet song."

The psalmist's habit of daily praise teaches us the permanency of the things of the Spirit. This fact deeply impressed the psalmist. He saw the generations passing away, and the things of God abiding—"One generation shall laud thy works to another"—"Thy kingdom is an everlasting kingdom." The man who founded

Christianity have been dead nearly two thousand years, but the Christianity still lives. It is well, then, if we form a habit of daily praise. It will identify us with the things which are going to abide; and a daily culture of these is the only guarantee that we shall be established in them on the last great day.—Rev. A. D. Batchelor.

#### CLOGGED BY THE LEAVES.

How beautiful the corn plant was! For weeks it had lifted its head joyously to the sunlight, fairly seeming to laugh as it gathered up the dew and the raindrops and turned them into stalk and silken tassel and yellow, golden grain!

Something fell into the little cup-shaped opening the plant had raised skyward and clogged it, so that dew nor rain could find its way to the heart and give it life.

Choked to death.  
Falling leaves, carried by the little rivers of water which came with a great storm, clogged the throat of the sewer of a city. Foul gases were driven back into many homes. Disease and death followed the trouble. Sorrow everywhere, just because leaves choked the pipes.

"He was one of the finest young men I ever knew. How we loved him! So bright, so full of hope! Then he went out into the world. How that changed him! Now and then we heard from him and the word which came took the heart out of us. He went down, down, down! I cannot tell just how he did die, but it was a terrible death."

Choked by leaves!  
How does it happen that so many men and women of promise seem to lose their bearings and go down to ruin? Little sins, like dead leaves, clog the channels of pure living. Loss of patience, love of self, pride, yielding to passion, miserly longing for food—these and many others are the failings which come over the soul and keep out the good, the true, and the beautiful.

And they so often do it when the soul is off its guard. By the dark way, when the outpost lies sleeping, many a city has been lost. Was it not by a secret way which wound up the steep of the heights of Quebec that the foe gained entrance and captured the city?

O, for a soul ever open to God! May he help us to be watchful, earnest, and prayerful! It is the only way to heaven.—Edgar L. Vincent.

#### "I SHALL NOT WANT."

"Green pastures!" Green pastures in which God "makes us to lie down." I have learned myself this year the foolishness of the sheep who will not lie down, but whom God has to make lie down. Sheep herders will tell you very often that the reason they go in front of the great flock of sheep we have in this western country is because the sheep feed too fast. The great thing is not to drive the sheep but to hold them back on the same pasturage until it is time for new.

So God holds us back and makes us to lie down in the pastures of his refreshing. Refreshing and peace and rest—that is the type of God's mercies. There is always enough to go around and plenty left over. When a man puts a meter on his water pipe he is careful to turn on only a small stream of water and to shut it off before dark. But when God makes a fountain he turns a Niagara over its great, beetling cliffs and lets it pour for unnumbered centuries.

When the good Lord fed the hungry people in the wilderness, there was more left over than they had to start with. When Paul went to him, asking to be relieved from his "thorn in the flesh," his answer was: "My grace is sufficient for thee." We eat of his manna by day, and then we pillow our heads upon his tender mercies at night and waken to his renewed blessings in the morning.

That nation is poor and that family is poor that raises only enough corn and wheat for its own use. God himself would be poor if, when I asked him for something, he gave me only just what I asked for. I never had a prayer answered in that way in my life. He gives me more than I ask or can ever think of.

God's beautiful pastures are always green when everything is bare and brown.

We have only to lift our faces and ask for our daily bread, and lo! all the world is his granary. And the bountiful God is bending over us, and all the world of the world and all the storehouses of heaven are emptied to feed his hungry children.—Robert J. Burdette.

#### OUR LOSS, HEAVEN'S GAIN.

The passing years bring inevitable loss. There is ever some comrade dropping out of the ranks, and we miss the dear remembered face. We make new friends, for it were utter desola-

tion if we failed to "keep our friendships in repair;" but we can never forget the old, and, as each new year comes, there are few hearts which have sustained no fresh wounds, and are not turning wistfully to a green mound in the churchyard. This world is continually getting emptier for us, but our consolation is that the unseen world is getting correspondingly richer. And it is this, more than ought else, which makes heaven attractive to us. When her boy has emigrated, the mother finds a new interest in the far-off land where he has gone to dwell. Once it was nothing to her, but now, when she sees its name in the newspaper, her heart leaps within her; and though she loves her home, she would be glad to cross the ocean that she might see her boy's dear face once more. It was because Joseph was there that Jacob was content to go down into Egypt.

And it is this that makes heaven real and alluring; it holds so much that is precious to us. More and more our hearts keep turning thither and longing for the day when we shall go home and see the forgotten faces and hear their joyful greeting.

Keep looking forward. Our heritage, if we be Christ's, lies yonder.

"In the Shadowless Land,  
Behind the light of the setting sun."

Our earthly life is a journey, and the end is drawing ever nearer. And our gladness is that it is a homeward journey, and our destination is the Father's House. We are traveling home, and that makes a blessed difference. You know how, when you have driven him far, your horse grows weary, and plods along with drooping head and stumbling feet. But suddenly he lifts his head and steps out briskly; for he has recognized the familiar road, and he hastens to reach his rest. And we are going home. Another stage of the journey is accomplished.—British Weekly.

Be as little children holding up their cups to the fountains. Wait not for a vase or chalice of silver. Take thy common, everyday cup of coarse ware, and hasten.—Letters from an Unknown Friend.

If truth then be the highest thing That mortal man may keep,  
'Tis well to sow the seeds of truth  
Then truth a harvest reap.  
—Robert Hoosick Washburne.







### Child's Morning Prayer

I thank Thee, Lord, for sleep and rest,  
 For all the things that I love best,  
 Now guide me through another day  
 And bless my work and bless my play,  
 Lord, make me strong for noble ends,  
 Protect and bless my loving friends,  
 Of all mankind good Christians make,  
 All this I ask for Jesus' sake. Amen.

### Child's Evening Prayer

Lord, send me sleep that I may live,  
 The wrongs I've done this day forgive,  
 Bless every deed and thought and word  
 I've rightly done, or said, or heard,  
 Bless relatives and friends always,  
 Teach all the world to watch and pray,  
 My thanks for all my blessings take,  
 And hear my prayer for Jesus' sake. Amen.

—By Dr. Anson R. Graves.

#### HELPING THE PRISONERS.

Some time ago I noticed a call, or a notice of some kind, that people could do good toward convicts by sending good literature to them. So I wrote to Dr. T. H. Hall at Huntsville. Since then I've been sending the Advocate and other good papers to him to give to the unfortunates. He writes me it is a great pleasure to them to get the Advocate and other reading matter and that they appreciate very highly the kindness of the people for sending them so much good reading matter. Each reader of the Advocate ought to mention the sending of the Advocate to some one like Dr. T. H. Hall. It would be a great help to these unfortunates. It would be visiting them while in prison and might be the means of much good being done. Ever since I have been reading the Advocate I have given it to some one and am sorry to say there are so many renters and tenants who don't care for anything to read but some large catalogue. It is distressing to see so many families who never read a paper that cost more than 25 cents. For thirty-three years I have had a good deal to do with renters and tenants. Only a few of them read anything. I had as soon see a little part of my crop go to waste as to see a good paper like the Advocate be torn and thrown about. One family of renters on my place last year (above average renters) told me one day when I carried them a large bundle of papers: "You needn't bring any more; we don't read anything," and that "we don't like for them to be here for the children to be tearing up and fussing over them." I believe a call from you in the Advocate to each one to send it to some one for the convicts would do good.

I think that is one way we can serve God. I am very fortunate inasmuch as not a relative of mine has ever been in prison, not even a distant relative, and I am now 60 and have a large relationship. If I had some relatives or a friend in prison I would be so glad that people sent them good papers to read.

H. S. PARRISH.

#### GOLD DUST.

There are few of us that are not rather ashamed of our sins and follies as we look out on the blessed morning sunlight, which comes to us like a bright-winged angel beckoning us to quit the old path of vanity that stretches its dreary length behind us.

—George Eliot.

Heaven is a smile  
 From a soul worth while,  
 And a hand-clasp full of trust;  
 A tender word  
 From a heart love stirred  
 When courage trails the dust.

—Strickland W. Gillilan.

A life of ease is commonly stagnant. It is those who suffer much and who experience much of the comfort of the Holy Ghost, who live much. Their life is rich in experience and in resources.

—Charles Hodge.

Some men see little, feel little, enjoy little; and only bewail the poverty that is under the sun. Life is "a symphony in drab," and the sooner

might brighten the world! Pulling the thistle of vexation from our neighbor's tone, and leaving a laugh in its place; supplanting the ugly suspicion in some heart with restored confidence; plucking discouragement from a weary worker by a deserved commendation—these things are daily within our power if only we were watchful.—Great Thoughts.

He truest prays who least his love professes,  
 But girds his loins and serves and guides and blesses.  
 God never frowns, be sure, at shortened prayer.  
 Transmuted to true service anywhere.  
 The loving toil of hand or tongue or pen  
 Is better than the long-intoned Amen.  
 Yea, when man's heart to service true is sworn,  
 All life's a prayer, to highest heaven borne.

—James Buckham.

"We all have trouble, dearie—it's part of life; but I believe that we all share equally in the joy of the world. Allowing for temperament, I mean. Sorrows that would crush some are lightly borne by others, and some have the gift of finding new happiness in little things. Then, too, we never have any more than we can bear—nothing that has not been borne before, and bravely at that. There isn't a new sorrow in the world—they're all old ones—but we can all find new happiness if we look for it in the right way."—Myrtle Reed, in "Lavender and Old Lace."

#### NORTHWEST TEX. CONFERENCE

**Abilene District—First Round.**  
 Clyde, at Clyde, Nov. 23, 24.  
 Clyde Mission, at Denton, Nov. 24, 25.  
 Caps, at Caps, Nov. 30, Dec. 1.  
 View, at View, Dec. 1, 2.  
 Tye, at Tye, Dec. 7, 8.  
 Trent, at Trent, Dec. 8, 9.  
 Anson, Dec. 14, 15.  
 Hawley, at Hawley, Dec. 15, 16.  
 First Church, Dec. 22.  
 St. Paul's, Dec. 29.  
 Merkel, Jan. 4, 5.  
 Ovalo, at Ovalo, Jan. 11, 12.  
 Cross Plains, at C. P., Jan. 18, 19.  
 Nugent, at Nugent, Jan. 25, 26.  
 Baird, Feb. 1, 2.  
 Putnam, at Putnam, Feb. 2, 3.  
 The District Stewards will meet at First Church, Abilene, Wednesday, Dec. 4, at 10 a. m.  
 C. N. N. FERGUSON, P. E.

**Sweetwater District—First Round.**  
 Hermleigh, at H., Nov. 30, Dec. 1.  
 Dunn, at D., Dec. 7, 8.  
 Roby, at Roby, Dec. 14, 15.  
 Blackwell, at B., Dec. 21, 22.  
 Loraine, at L., Dec. 28, 29.  
 Roscoe Sta., Dec. 29, 30.  
 Snyder Sta., Jan. 5, 6.  
 Fluvanna, at F., Jan. 11, 12.  
 Sweetwater Miss., at S., Jan. 17, 18.  
 Sweetwater Station, Jan. 19, 20.  
 Westbrook, at W., Jan. 25, 26.  
 Colorado Miss., Feb. 1, 2.  
 Colorado Sta., Feb. 2, 3.  
 J. M. SHERMAN, P. E.

#### WEST TEXAS CONFERENCE.

**San Angelo District—First Round.**  
 San Angelo, First Church, Nov. 23, 24.  
 Miles, Nov. 30, Dec. 1.  
 Eden, at Eden, Dec. 4.  
 Lohm, at Lohm, Dec. 6.  
 Brady, Dec. 7, 8.  
 Rochelle, Dec. 9.  
 Menard, at Menard, Dec. 11.  
 Junction, at Junction, Dec. 14, 15.  
 Sonora, Dec. 21, 22.  
 Eldorado, Dec. 23.  
 Ozona, Jan. 4, 5.  
 Sherwood, at Sherwood, Jan. 7.  
 Sterling City, at Sterling City, Jan. 11, 12.  
 Midland, Jan. 15.  
 Garden City, at Garden City, Jan. 18, 19.  
 Water Valley, Jan. 25, 26.  
 Paint Rock, Feb. 1, 2.  
 District Stewards will please meet at First Church, San Angelo, November 26. All official members of each charge kindly requested to attend the first Quarterly Conference for the charge. We want to make these quarterly meetings occasions of inspiration for the best service we can possibly give to our Lord and his kingdom. All members and friends of the Church are invited to attend. All pastors are requested to have full answers to each question required to be answered by the Discipline. I request that all pastors and all of our membership join with me in prayer that we may have the greatest year of our lives in our Lord's service.  
 F. B. BUCHANAN, P. E.

**San Antonio District—First Round.**  
 Alamo, Nov. 24.  
 Prospect Hill, Nov. 24.  
 Fairview Cir., at F., Dec. 1.  
 Jourdanton, Dec. 8.  
 Pleasanton, Dec. 15.  
 Alamo Heights, Dec. 22.  
 Government Hill, Dec. 22.  
 West End, Dec. 29.  
 Poteet Cir., at P., Jan. 5.  
 Center Point, Jan. 12.  
 Boerne, at B., Jan. 12.  
 Kerrville, Jan. 19.  
 Bandera, Jan. 25, 26.  
 Medina, at M., Jan. 26.  
 Harper, at H., Feb. 2.  
 San Antonio Cir., at Oak Island, Feb. 9.  
 S. H. C. BURGIN, P. E.

**San Marcos District—First Round.**  
 Nov. 24, Manchaca, at Manchaca.  
 Dec. 1, Dripping Springs, at Dripping Springs.  
 Dec. 8, Kyle, at Kyle.  
 Dec. 15, Gonzales, at Gonzales.  
 Dec. 22, San Marcos, at San Marcos.  
 Dec. 29, Luling, at Luling.  
 Jan. 5, Belmont, at Belmont.  
 Jan. 12, Waelder and Thomsonville, at W.  
 Jan. 19, Seguin, at Seguin.  
 Jan. 26, Martindale, at Ferris.  
 Feb. 2, Staples, at Staples.  
 Feb. 9, Lytton Springs, at Lytton Springs.  
 Feb. 16, Leesville, at Bebe.  
 District Stewards' meeting at Lockhart, November 19, at 7:30 p. m.  
 THOMAS GREGORY, P. E.

**Cuero District—First Round.**  
 Yoakum, Nov. 16, 17.  
 Hallettsville, at H., Nov. 17, 18.  
 Victoria, Nov. 23, 24.  
 Goliad, Nov. 24, 25.  
 Edna, Nov. 30, Dec. 1.  
 Ganado and Louise, at Ganado, Dec. 1, 2.  
 Provident, at Hope, Dec. 7, 8.  
 Port O'Connor, at Seadrift, Dec. 14, 15.  
 Port Lavaca and Traylor, at P., Dec. 21, 22.  
 Nursery, at Nursery, Dec. 22, 23.  
 Midfield, at Midfield, Dec. 28, 29.  
 Palacios, Dec. 29, 30.  
 El Campo, Jan. 4, 5.  
 Cuero, Jan. 11, 12.  
 Runge, Jan. 12, 13.  
 Smiley, at Smiley, Jan. 18, 19.  
 Nixon, Jan. 19, 20.  
 Pandora, at Union, Jan. 25, 26.  
 Stockdale, at Stockdale, Jan. 26, 27.  
 Lavender, at Lavender, Feb. 1, 2.  
 JOHN M. ALEXANDER, P. E.

#### Beeville District—First Round.

(In Part.)  
 Nov. 23, Floresville.  
 Nov. 24, Kenedy.  
 Nov. 25, Karnes City, at Karnes City.  
 Nov. 27, Skidmore, at Skidmore.  
 Nov. 29, District Stewards meet at Beeville.  
 Nov. 3, Dec. 1, Fallurrias and Premont, at F.  
 Dec. 2, Alice.  
 Dec. 4, Sinton.  
 Dec. 5, Beeville.  
 Dec. 7, 8, Kingsville.  
 Dec. 8, 9, Bishop.  
 Dec. 10, Calallen, 2 p. m.  
 Dec. 10, Robstown, 7 p. m.  
 Dec. 15, 16, Oakville.  
 Dec. 18, Aransas Pass.  
 Dec. 19, Corpus Christi.  
 Dec. 20, San Benito.  
 Notice: The District Stewards of the Beeville District will please meet in the Methodist Church in Beeville on Nov. 29, 10 a. m.  
 J. H. GROSECLOSE, P. E.

**Uvalde District—First Round.**  
 Nov. 23, 24, Teluacana.  
 Nov. 24, 25, Hondo.  
 Dec. 1, a. m., Moore.  
 Dec. 1, p. m., Devine.  
 Dec. 7, 8, Cotulla.  
 Dec. 11, Eagle Pass.  
 Dec. 14, 15, Uvalde.  
 Dec. 15, 16, Batesville.  
 Dec. 21, 22, Utopia.  
 Dec. 22, 23, Sabin.  
 Jan. 4, 5, Pearsall.  
 Jan. 5, 6, Dilley.  
 Jan. 12, Del Rio.  
 Jan. 19, Laredo.  
 Jan. 26, Rock Springs, at C. V.  
 Feb. 2, Asherton.  
 Feb. 9, Spofford.  
 S. B. BEALL, P. E.

**Llano District—First Round.**  
 Llano Circuit, at Oxford, Nov. 16, 17.  
 Llano Sta., Nov. 17, 18.  
 Marble Falls Cir., Nov. 23, 24.  
 Marble Falls Sta., Nov. 24, 25.  
 Burnet, at Lake Victor, Nov. 30, Dec. 1.  
 Bertram, Dec. 1, 2.  
 Mullin, Dec. 7, 8.  
 Goldthwaite, Dec. 8, 9.  
 Star, Dec. 14, 15.  
 Center City, Dec. 15, 16.  
 Kempner Cir., at Clayton, Dec. 21, 22.  
 Lometa, Dec. 23, 25.  
 Blanco, Dec. 28, 29.  
 Johnson City, Dec. 29, 30.  
 San Saba Cir., at Live Oak, Jan. 4, 5.  
 Richland Springs, Jan. 11, 12.  
 Fredonia, Jan. 18, 19.  
 Mason, Jan. 19, 20.  
 Cherokee Cir., at Valley Springs, Jan. 26, 27.  
 J. W. COWAN, P. E.

**Austin District—First Round.**  
 Columbus, at Columbus, Nov. 20.  
 Weimar, at Weimar, Nov. 23, 24.  
 Eagle Lake, at Eagle Lake, Nov. 27.  
 Lagrange and Winchester, at L., Nov. 30, Dec. 1.  
 West Point, at West Point, Dec. 7, 8.  
 Elgin, at Elgin, Dec. 4, 7 p. m.  
 Smithville, at Smithville, Dec. 11.  
 McDade, at McDade, Dec. 14, 15.  
 Bastrop, at Bastrop, Dec. 18.  
 Manor, at Manor, Dec. 21, 22.  
 Liberty Hill and Leander, Dec. 28, 29.  
 Webberville, at Webberville, Jan. 4, 5.  
 Walnut, at Walnut, Jan. 11, 12.  
 Austin, First Church, Jan. 12, 13.  
 Austin, University Church, Jan. 15.  
 South Austin, Jan. 20, 11 a. m.  
 Ward Memorial, Jan. 20, 7:30 p. m.  
 St. Luke's, Jan. 23, 7:30 p. m.  
 The District Stewards will please meet at Elgin at 1 p. m., Dec. 4, and pastors are invited to be present.  
 V. A. GODBEY, P. E.

#### NORTH TEXAS CONFERENCE

**Bonham District—Fourth Round.**  
 Window Cir., at W., Nov. 23, 24.  
 I. R. GOBER, P. E.

**Gainesville District—Fourth Round.**  
 Woodbine Cir., at —, Nov. 23, 25.  
 T. F. PIERCE, P. E.

**Paris District—Fourth Round.**  
 Emberson Cir., at Mt. Tabor, Nov. 23, 24.  
 W. F. BRYAN, P. E.

**Decatur District—Fourth Round.**  
 Justin and Roanoke, at Justin, Nov. 23, 24.  
 S. C. RIDDLE, P. E.

**McKinney District—Fourth Round.**  
 Josephine, Nov. 24, 25.  
 CHAS. A. SPRAGINS, P. E.

**Sulphur Springs District—Fourth Round.**  
 Sulphur Springs Sta., Nov. 23, 24.  
 R. C. HICKS, P. E.

**Greenville District—Fourth Round.**  
 Wesley Sta., Nov. 23, 24.  
 Kavanaugh Sta., Nov. 24, 25.  
 R. G. MOOD, P. E.

#### NEW MEXICO CONFERENCE

**El Paso District—First Round.**  
 Maria, Nov. 23, 24.  
 Trinity, Nov. 26.  
 Highland Park, Nov. 27.  
 Las Cruces, Nov. 30, Dec. 1.  
 Cloudcroft, Dec. 4.  
 Alamogordo, Dec. 8.  
 Lordsburg, Dec. 11.  
 Deming, Dec. 14, 15.  
 Government Hill, Dec. 18.  
 La Mesa, Dec. 21, 22.  
 East El Paso, Dec. 31.  
 T. ALLEN RAY, P. E.

**Albuquerque District—First Round.**  
 McAlister, Nov. 23, 24.  
 Moriarty, Nov. 26, 27.  
 Carrizozo, Dec. 1, 2.  
 Tucumanari Cir., Dec. 5, 6.  
 Ricardo, Dec. 7.  
 Albuquerque, Dec. 7, 8.  
 Corona, Dec. 11, 12.  
 Cerrillos, Dec. 13.  
 Cimarron, Dec. 14, 15.  
 Watrous, Dec. 18.  
 Clarton Cir., Dec. 21, 22.  
 Star Cir., Dec. 27.  
 San Jon, Dec. 28, 29.  
 Tucumanari Sta., Dec. 29.  
 J. H. MESER, P. E.

**Pecos Valley District—First Round.**  
 Portales, Nov. 23, 24.  
 Roswell, Nov. 30, Dec. 1.  
 Dexter, Dec. 1, 2.  
 Hagerman, Dec. 7, 8.  
 Artesia, Dec. 8, 9.  
 Malaga, Dec. 14, 15.  
 Carlsbad, Dec. 15, 16.  
 Lovington, Dec. 21, 22.  
 Dayton, Dec. 28, 29.  
 Pecos, Jan. 4, 5.  
 Odessa, Jan. 5, 6.  
 Hope, Jan. 11, 12.  
 Sacramento, Jan. 15, 16.  
 J. B. COCHRAN, P. E.



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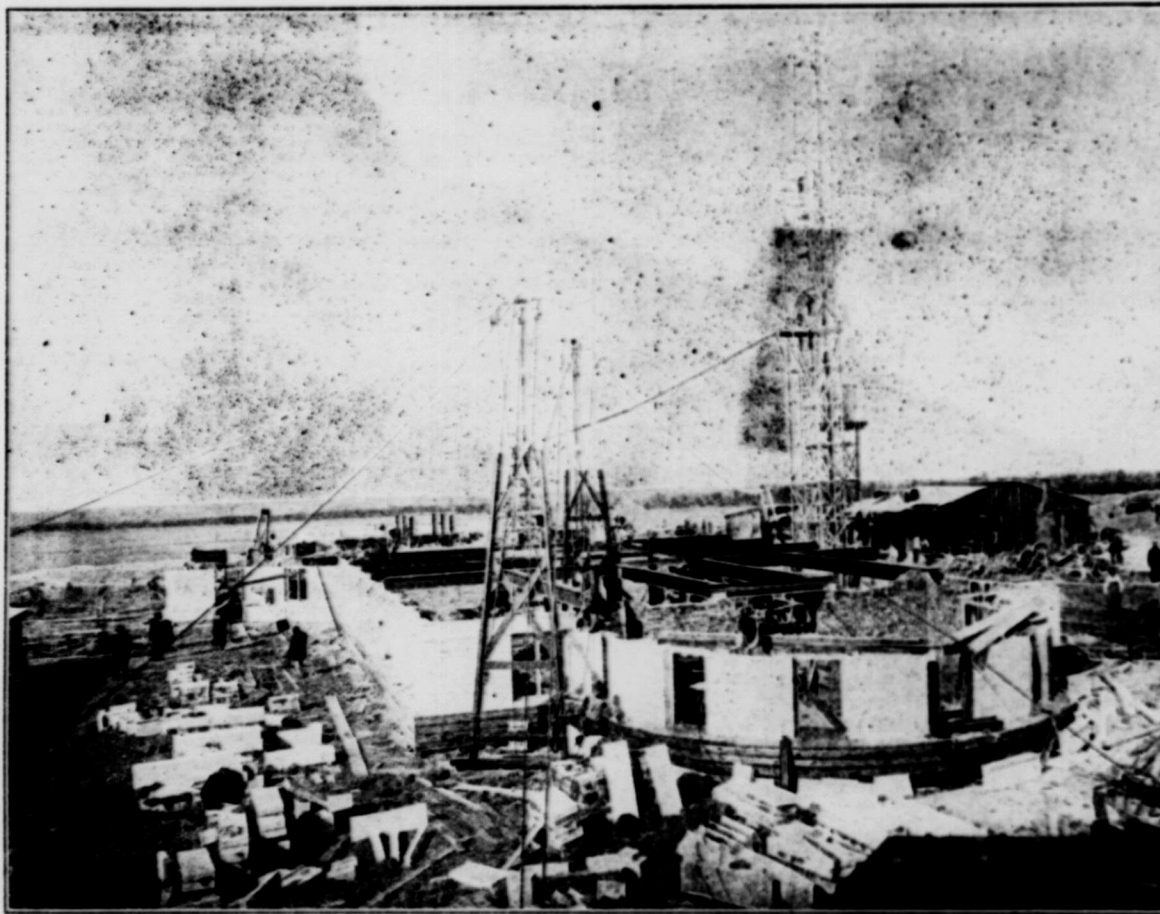
2 P. M. THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 28

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That Thanksgiving Day—one of the days of all the days—is the new day set for the laying of the corner stone for Southern Methodist University. This is the day that marks at least the biggest birthday west of the Mississippi, if not in all Southern Methodism. It is the day when all of Texas Methodism rejoices in the actual foundation of an educational plant second to none in all the world. Everybody will be there—and you come.

**CENTERVILLE CHARGE CAME TO THE FRONT.**

Centerville, the county seat of Leon County, a bustling little inland town, eight miles from the railroad, is the center of what is known as Centerville Circuit. Brother T. C. Sharp, as its pastor, did the nice thing for Southern Methodist University, Sunday, the 17th. Redland, one of the appointments, five miles out with eighty members, gave us \$5 for every member of the Church, or \$400 as a total. I spoke there in the morning and at Centerville at night, at which place the subscription was larger in amount and larger per capita than at Redland. They gave \$750. These two appointments represent only one-half of the circuit. And at the rate of these two towns it looks that Centerville will have two rooms dedicated to it in the new Woman's Dormitory instead of one. Brother Sharp made the way wide open for me: though the last Sunday before conference there were no restrictions on my liberty with his people. His words of commendation and his influence with those people went a long way toward making our success possible. Brother Sharp is closing out a very successful year. One word everywhere that I heard was that "We must have him returned." They propose to raise his salary \$100 in the event of his return. They are most hospitable and a desirable people to serve. Southern Methodist University has come to have the complete right-of-way with everybody and in every part of the State.

J. T. McCLURE.

**A VERY MUCH APPRECIATED GIFT.**

Mrs. D. R. Fawcett, of 917 South Akard Street, of this city, presented a gift of books from the library of her father, Rev Edw. Phillips, a prominent minister of the Mississippi Confer-

ence, containing many valuable volumes which are at this time out of print, for the Theological Department of Southern Methodist University. In view of the fact that many of the best books of Methodism of the past can only be had from the libraries of our old ministers of many years ago, we feel that we are quite fortunate in coming into possession of this splendid collection, and take this opportunity of thanking our good friend, Mrs. Fawcett, for the thoughtfulness and kindness in giving to us these valuable books.

**BRO. BARTON HARD AT IT.**

Bro. Barton has been away from the office about a week during which time, according to the latest report, he has raised something like \$5000. He is still hard at it, and before he returns this amount will probably be greatly increased. Bro. Barton and the North Texas Conference are making a new record in the matter of money raised for an educational institution.

**Ladonia.**

We are rounding out for conference. Our new church is just being completed. It is a thing of beauty. It is the best church in North Texas for a town of this size. It has fourteen separate Sunday School rooms and has the best Sunday facilities I know of in the conference. The Sunday School rooms are in the basement. The auditorium will seat about 600 and is not excelled in beauty and convenience in the conference. The best of all is, there will not be one cent's indebtedness not provided for. All paid for except the pews, and signed notes are being taken to cover and match the payments on them. It is easily worth \$15,000. Much credit is due the faithful men and women who have stood by me. Now let everybody shout, hurrah for Ladonia!—J. R. Atchley.

**WOMAN'S DEPARTMENT**

**ATTENTION, METHODIST WOMEN.**

I have recently been placed in charge of the Young People's Work at Indian Creek. We are in the wide, open country, miles away from a public library, miles away from access to lecture courses, good music or art exhibits. We are trying to institute a circulating library for the benefit of our people—but we find ourselves with very few books to circulate. Will not

each one of you who read this notice, look through your books and see if you have not one or more good volumes that you can donate to us? Many of you who have access to splendid public libraries may be willing to dispense with some of the books on the bookshelves of your homes. We want biographies of the world's great men and women, histories, books of travel, good works of fiction, such as the English classics, Standard American authors, or good, pure stories by modern writers, anything that will make girls and boys better and wiser for the reading. If any one has a copy of Dr. Rankin's life story that they have read and are willing to part with, we will be glad to have it, also copies of last year's Ladies' Home Journal. I shall acknowledge receipts of any books sent us. I thank you in advance for your help, for I'm sure this is a service that can be rendered by some, and it will result in moulding character and starting influences for good which cannot be measured, for who can estimate the power of a good book?

(MISS) CORA POSEY,  
Indian Creek, Texas.

**A PLEASANT SURPRISE.**

Last Thursday evening the ladies of the Prospect Hill M. E. Church, San Antonio, Texas, gave a most pleasant surprise to their retiring pastor, the Rev. Z. V. Liles and family, who left the following day for their new charge at Lampasas.

A part of the program was to have them take dinner and spend a portion of the evening with one of the members. During their absence some fifty or sixty of the members gathered at the parsonage, where arrangements were made for the surprise. At a given time one of the gentlemen called in his auto for Brother Liles and his family and told them that a couple was waiting to see them at the parsonage. On arriving there they found everything in darkness, and as they opened the door, the electric light switches were all turned at once, and they stood facing a house filled with friends. Their surprise was beyond expression.

After spending a most pleasant evening, during which many beautiful tokens of love and friendship were presented to Sister Liles by the ladies, refreshments were served, after which the entertainment was closed with a most inspiring prayer by Brother Liles. Rev. Z. V. Liles has been pastor of

the Prospect Hill M. E. Church during the past three years, and it was largely due to his personal efforts and splendid executive ability that a beautiful \$25,000 church was built during his stay at this charge.

H. C. GLOVER.

**REPORT HOME DEPARTMENT WOMAN'S MISSIONARY SOCIETY TEXAS CONFERENCE FOR THE THIRD QUARTER ENDING OCTOBER 15, 1912.**

Membership Dues, Adults	\$ 880.55
Membership Dues, Young People	21.50
Life Memberships	16.60
Baby Roll Dues	15.93
Amount raised for Sue Bennett School, London, Ky.	7.90
Brigade Dues	6.95
Week of Prayer, Adults	.50
Belle H. Bennett Library, Virginia Johnson Home	35.00
Wesley House, Houston	10.00
Baby Mite Boxes	12.91
Brigade Mite Boxes	16.10
Conference Pledge	459.40
Mary Helm Hall	6.20
Relief Fund	11.45
Scarritt \$2 Assessment	10.10
Furnishing Rooms in Virginia Johnson Home	77.50
Genie Sells Call Chapel, V. K. J. Home	170.55
Immigrant Home, Galveston	8.00
For District Parsonages	19.00
Methodist Orphanage, Waco	11.35
Conference Expense Fund	80.92

Total cash from Auxiliaries	\$1,877.51
Half of Dues returned by General Treasurer	222.41
Balance brought forward from last quarter	80.17
<b>Total receipts</b>	<b>\$2,180.09</b>

<b>Disbursements.</b>	
By check to General Treasurer	\$1,756.64
Conferences Expenses	237.49
To Methodist Orphanage	11.35
To District Parsonages	19.00

Total paid out	\$2,024.48
Balance in Bank November 1, 1912	\$ 155.61

<b>Cash Receipts by Districts.</b>	
First, San Augustine	263.17
Second, Houston	241.08
Third, Navasota	211.05
Fourth, Marlin	208.01
Fifth, Tyler	180.40
Sixth, Marshall	180.12
Seventh, Brenham	177.97

Eighth, Jacksonville	133.46
Ninth, Beaumont	126.10
Tenth, Pittsburg	121.15

Total for Districts .....\$1,842.51

**Local Work.**

Value of Supplies reported to Supply Department	\$ 321.45
Value of Supplies given locally	706.15
Amount expended for local Mission work	322.15
Cash expended for Parsonages	3,234.20
Cash expended on Building and Furnishing Churches	1,902.02
Auxiliary Expense Fund	28.07
Amount expended for City Mission work	725.55
Specials	313.60
Voucher, Houston City Mission Board	473.05

Total for Local Work .....\$8,026.24  
Grand total for 3d Quarter, \$9,903.75

The following have furnished rooms in the Virginia Johnson Home during the quarter: Mr. and Mrs. H. N. Runnels, Center; "The Gleaners," Young People's Society of Longview.

The Lane City Juveniles still lead in the Children's Division. "The Gleaners of Longview," the Young People's Society, Center leads all the Adult Auxiliaries, with \$82.60.

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