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The First Christmas Morning

PRIOR to the year one there had never been a Christmas Morning. The world had been, for four thousand years, looking through the unborn ages for something remarkable to transpire, but its conception of what it expected was vague and clouded with mystery. Some of the wiser seers had a faint idea of what it might be, but even they were solicitous and filled with awe. That the great aching heart of the world needed something in the way of a deliverer, no one doubted. For humanity was oppressed and crying out under its burden of toil and sorrow. Ignorance and superstition brooded over the face of human weal. Might was right and there was no relief for the downtrodden and the oppressed. The selfish hand of despotism, under the direction of the few, held the vast masses within its iron grasp. No ear was open to their cry, no eye beheld their injustice, no heart beat in sympathy with their woes, no enlightened brain thought out any scheme for their deliverance. It was one vast system of greed working out its own purpose and desire regardless of the interests of the suffering underworld.

There was no asylum for the unfortunate, no hospital for the afflicted, no school for the rising generation, no sheltering arms for the outcast, and no conditions out of which it was possible for revolt to assert itself against the inevitable. Conscience was a prisoner, the intellect was a slave, and virtue was well nigh a lost quality among mankind. It was a mass of putrid corruption and moral dereliction. Womankind was the plaything for man's vilest passions and the world was almost one wild brothel-house in which licentiousness held uninterrupted riot.

No wonder suffering humanity was looking toward the on-coming ages for relief. For man made in the image of God was capable of something better and nobler. And in the "fulness of the times" the Deliverer came, and his name is Jesus. He did not come in the form for which they were looking. There was no pomp attending his advent, no exhibition of magnificence akin to the ceremony of an earthly potentate. He was born in a manger, poor in his parentage, humble in his life, yet the angels announced his advent. He grew up like other men until he reached maturity, and he was then admitted to his heavenly Kingdom.

No wonder suffering humanity was looking for a Deliverer, for man, originally made in the image of God, was capable of something better and nobler. Therefore, when the measure of iniquity had become full, and human woe had reached its limit, "in the fulness of the times" the world's expectation appeared among men. It was on a beautiful starlit night, when the shepherds were watching their flocks, all at once the heavens were lighted up with a peculiar splendor, and from the faroff regions in the blue ethereal depths the sound of strange music was heard. It was an angel band and their chorus was, "Glory to God in the highest, peace on earth, good will to men"

It was not far from Bethlehem; and it was there in an humble manger that the Prince of Peace was born. Wise men from the East came and adored him. The world rejoiced, for in Him was hope and deliverance. This was the first Christmas morning. The sun never shone brighter, the hills never laughed louder, and the valleys never shouted with such gladness. They called his name Jesus, and in Him was centered the desire of the nations.

From that day the world took on a smile and humanity opened its eyes to find a Friend. Christ had come. His mission was to transform old conditions, not in a moment, not in a day, not in a year, but in the coming ages. He gave to the world a system of truth, bathed finally in his warm blood, that was destined to revolutionize the world. In that truth were the elements necessary to make human progress possible. It was to become the redemption of the suffering masses. And all that we are today and hope to be in the future we owe to the birth, the life, the death and resurrection of Christ. He provided the means out of which all these blessings have come. We, therefore, celebrate the event of his birth with songs and praises and hallelujahs.

He is our King, the fairest among ten thousand, the Prince of Peace, and altogether lovely. We lay all tribute at his feet, we render him all worship, and we enthrone him in our hearts as King of kings and Lord of lords!

Since the gospel of Christ began its work, the world has been moving forward toward a higher plain. True, its movement has been slow, and at this time the impression has gotten abroad that it was not only at a standstill, but that it was retrograding. Yet, on reflection we have found that the tendency has been onward and upward. All moral and religious reforms are slow and sometimes tedious. But under the established law of progress they are steady and constant. Dispite the exhibitions of wickedness and degradation often so manifest among men, conditions, upon the whole, are better today than ever before. The gospel leaven is finding its way gradually into the lump of society.

As a result, the great masses of the Christian world have better opportunity than formerly. Social revolution among them is not only possible, but often it becomes an accomplished fact. Occasionally this revolution reaches an extreme stage; but even then it is a healthful indication. When people rise up against oppression and assert their natural rights it is proof that they possess the elements of self-preservation, and by and by under proper restraints they gravitate to a sane and reasonable state of mind. This was impossible at the time Christ was born. Now, in all enlightened nations, the laboring masses can appeal to Christian sentiment for a redress of their wrongs. And the time has come when all social and industrial revolutions are seeking their adjustment upon the principle of the Golden Rule. The downtrodden masses are no longer held in bondage to the greed of commercialism. They have a remedy in the gospel of Jesus Christ. At the same time, the few who control the capital of the world find in this same gospel instruction for the right use of their wealth and the right rules for treating those in their service.

Then, too, we have hospitals for the suffering, asylums for the afflicted in mind, and houses of hope for the unfortunate. Charitable institutions dot the face of the earth and helpfulness for the needy and the suffering is practically within reach of all classes. Men love each other more today than in any previous age. Distinctions are being wiped out and human worth is being placed upon the ground of moral and intellectual merit. Men with their millions are contributing largely toward the establishment of all sorts of institutions for the relief of the distressed and the afflicted. The human heart is growing larger and human benevolence is lifting its horizon to a wider circle.

And education is becoming more general. Everywhere the schoolhouse is lifting its head alongside of the church, and the children of the poor are having access to these advantages. The man in humble circumstances stands side by side with the man of wealth in his enjoyment of our facilities furnished by the State for the public education. These institutions are factors in the democracy of our race. They are the great levelers of society. They bring all classes of children into one common bond and one common advantage.

These, and hundreds of other advantages now afforded to mankind are indications of general progress. They prove to us that the doors of opportunity are now standing wide open and all classes are bidden to enter them and become their beneficiaries. Then why should not the world rejoice in the recurrence of Christmas morning? It meant much when the first Christmas dawned upon an expectant world; but it means even more to us in this wonderful age. It puts momentous responsibilities upon the heads and the hearts of all alike. It bids us look up and be men. And it bids us to recognize the claims that the world has upon us—upon our time, our talent and our means.

And the old, old song, "Peace on Earth and Good Will to Men," needs to be sung upon a high key with larger volume. Let this old world hear its echoes and catch its vital spirit. Then the world will continue to grow better and wiser and more devoted. Let Christ reign in the heart, and the sun will shine brighter, the birds will sing sweeter, and the souls of men will rejoice with joy unspeakable and full of glory!

Devotional--Spiritual

THE GIFT.

An angel stood by a circle side
Where lay a child in the flush of
sleeping,
And softly the watchful angel sighed
"What gifts shall I give to this
young life's keeping?"
"The gift of gold? It will drag him
down
Perchance to the world and its low-
er level.
The gift of pleasure? A soulless clown
Is he who knows but the feast and
revel.
"The gift of fame? It is passing bright
As o'er the pathway of youth it
flashes,
But the flame dies out ere the hush of
night,
And leaves but a handful of whiten-
ing ashes.
"Ah, child," and the angel, smiling
spoke,
"That thou mayest taste of the joy
of living,
One single blessing I dare invoke:
God grant thou shalt cherish the
gift of giving."
—Jessie Brown Pounds.

THE EVER-NEW CHRISTMAS SONG.

The joy of Christmas never abates.
The song of the angels is ever sent
back to heaven fresh and joyous as
on that sweet and solemn midnight
centuries ago. The voices are human,
of course, not angelic; but, by the
same token, the song is sweeter as the
joy is deeper.

"Angels no such love hath known
To wake a cheerful song."
The story of Christmas never loses
its charm. Was ever good news so
sweetly told? Out in the open, in
the rich fragrance of the earth, the
clear, pure air, the wonder of the
heavens—"dark blue the deep sphere
overhead, distinct with vivid stars in-
laid"—the swift and sudden bright-
ness of an angel's presence, the voice
out of the silence, the brightness of
the open heavens, and the unforget-
table music of the angelic choir—
never a lovelier setting, never a more
glorious message!

There is a beautiful and significant
harmony in the angelic revelation to
the shepherds. If, as Edersheim
thinks, the shepherds were tending
the flocks destined for temple sacrifice,
they were presumably above the
ordinary grade of shepherd, and in
the temple service. Daily confronted
with the lambs marked for slaughter,
they were both temperamentally and
spiritually prepared for the revelation
of the Lamb slain from the founda-
tion of the world. Moreover, living
away from the mechanical routine of
the temple worship, which had be-
come, for the most part, mere rou-
tine in the hands of unspiritual priests,
the shepherds had no prejudices and
adverse prepossessions to overcome.
Their very occupation, involving as
it did simple living, enforced medita-
tion, the unavoidable commerce with
the mysteries of day and night, of
storm and sunshine, of heaven and
earth, begot in them the openness of
nature and frankness of disposition
which are indispensable to spiritual
revelations.

This is the significant detail of the
nativity. For who were these first
favored worshippers of Jesus, these
earliest recipients of the good news
of the kingdom, these original mis-
sionaries of the evangel of God? Just
men of ordinary rank and training, of
humble birth and occupation; dis-
tinguished by no badge of pre-emi-
nence—social, educational, ecclesi-
astical, or institutional; plain, everyday
representatives of the common peo-
ple, save for a spiritual attitude of
mind and heart possible and available
for all. For see how their piety dis-
played itself.

Notice first, "They were sore
afraid." God can do nothing with peo-
ple who have lost the capacity for
awe and reverence. Irreverence is
the fatal mark of the undevout mind.
Such never have visions or revela-
tions; their ears too heavy so that
they cannot hear, eyes so dim they
cannot see.

Notice, again, that the shepherds
heard the announcement with utter
silence. They let God have his say
without interruption. The modern
worshipper is disposed to restlessness
and hurry. He will interrupt, or he
will let his attention rove to some-
thing else. He has temper only for
fragmentary revelations. The great
need, perhaps the greatest need, of
our day is redemption from restles-
sness, a heart at leisure from itself,
that it may give undivided attention
alike to the voices and the silence of
God.

Once more, notice that the shep-
herds made intelligent response to
the revelation. They took angelic

communications as a matter of
course; they were neither dismayed
nor unbelieving because a voice spoke
to them out of the heavens. Our day
is too much the slave of the senses,
too little the disciple of the spirit. We
all believe in God the Father Al-
mighty, but we are all skeptical of
revelation, except as it comes through
the senses. Of the revelation of Spirit
to spirit we are never deeply sensi-
ble, though theoretically we admit
it. If God is, so the simple logic of
the shepherds ran, and if we are his
children, then what more natural than
that there should be intelligible
means of communication—an angel,
a dream, a vision, a voice in the heart,
or in history! This, too, is a need
of our day, that we should discipline
our spirits to see and receive spiritual
things.

Then notice that the shepherds
made immediate response to the an-
gelic word. For they came with
haste and found "all things even as
it was spoken unto them." There is no
better training for the spiritual habit
of mind than to obey the clear intu-
itions and obviously divine directions
of the Spirit. Obedience is a chan-
nel of grace, an organ of knowledge.

Lastly, the shepherds became them-
selves agents for the spread of the
good news, the original missionaries
of the cross. "They made known to
all who were with the parents and
child the saying which was spoken
about the child, and on their way
across the city to their sheep they
heralded their news, glorifying and
praising God."

This is the true joy of Christmas:
To know for ourselves that there is
born unto the world for us and all
men a Savior, who is Christ the
Lord; and in the joy of that assur-
ance to promote in all the world the
threefold blessing of the gospel:
praise to God for the unspeakable
gift of redemption, peace on earth,
and brotherly love as the glorious
sign and seal of that redemption.—
Northwestern Christian Advocate.

THE PROFIT OF A CHRISTMAS GIFT.

"If I bestow all my goods to feed the
poor and if I give my body to be burned
but have not love, it profiteth me nothing."

Does it seem ungracious to thrust
this rigid text of Paul's into the faces
of men and women who are just now
planning their Christmas-giving per-
haps on a more liberal scale than ever
before?

Doubtless there would be no com-
plaint against using it, if so it might
serve, for one or two sharp cuts at
those gifts which are confessed tribute
to the custom of the case—repayments
for form's sake of what was originally
given for form's sake. Everybody
feels the unreality of such giving, and
it is some salve to hear occasionally
a round of right hearty criticism of it.

But it would be different if one
should strike at another form of Chris-
mas giving which is happily growing
year by year—the giving to the poor.
This is giving which bridges the
world's chasms for at least a little
while with thousands of bright sun-
spans of good will.

Such a development of human char-
ity none but the churl would think of
criticizing. And certainly it shall not
be criticized.

But if the spirit in which Paul wrote
were preserved in the application of
his words, it should be possible with
neither ungraciousness nor unappre-
ciation to bring his utterance to bear
on giving even of this very admirable
sort. For Paul did not write as a com-
plainer against any who bestowed
their goods to feed the poor for what-
ever motive, but solely as one anxious
to point out the "most excellent way"—
solely as a brother eager for all good
givers to get up to the level of the
best giving.

In that spirit may not a frank word
be spoken to the thousands of "good
fellows" who expect to be bountiful
to the needy on this coming Chris-
mas Day?

What do these givers look to get
out of their giving? Paul thought that
giving which profited nothing was in-
ferior. What profit are the "good fel-
lows" looking for?

None, they will say, of course—and
perhaps be more than a little indig-
nant at the question. What are they
taken for? Does anybody suppose they
are doing all this with an eye to praise
for it or credit in the community? It's
good fun; that's enough reason.

But let the generous gentlemen
spare their indignation. Paul would
be just as far as they from talking
about the profit which they scorn. He
wasn't the sort any more than they
to give his alms to be seen of men.
Neither was he aiming to accumulate
religious merit. His religion was built
on faith—not works.

Yet he was after "profit." And what
he was thinking of as he wrote shows
in the sentence or two just preceding.
He had a horror of being merely "a
sounding brass or a clanging cymbal."
He dreaded lest, after going through
much good sayings and even good
doing, he should turn out to be him-
self "nothing"—a cipher, an empti-
ness, a hollow noise. He wished, as
men would put it now, to amount to
something.

Paul, that is to say, was real—so
real that he wanted to be the authen-
tic stuff—no pretense or imitation. A
good result from an inferior motive
didn't satisfy him. He wanted the
best motive.

And does not the "good fellow" of
the present hour prize reality just as
much? Isn't he just as far from being
content with the cheap and easy imi-
tation? Hasn't he the nerve to put
himself under honest search of the
question which is raised here—whether
his Christmas benevolence is on as
sincere a plane as the real benevo-
lence of a real man ought to be?

By the time he gets sight of the mat-
ter from this angle, it may mean some-
thing to him much different to ask the
question again.

Is his Christmas giving likely to
"profit" him? Is it going to make him
permanently and in substance of char-
acter a worthier man—a man to whom
human kindness has become a prin-
ciple rather than a practice, a habit in-
stead of a passing by-play?

Paul's word on the subject was won-
derfully comprehensive of life in the
large, but you can reduce it to very
simple terms as touching this matter
of benevolence:

Love is the one thing by which gifts
to the needy become the output of a
real manhood. Love and nothing but
love puts character behind and under-
giving—makes generosity enlarge char-
acter and character enlarge generos-
ity.

No Paul wouldn't condemn the gift
giver because giving is in the air, or
because the boys call a fellow a
"cheap-skate" if he doesn't pay down
handsomely, or because a pitiful beg-
gar coaxes for it, or because one likes
the warm feeling under his vest after
he has done a helpful thing.

But very surely Paul would call it a
pity none the less to give and get no
lift from it—to give and then be back
again the next day in the old rut, no
finer man for the experience.

For the sheer "good fellow" kind of
giving—the spasmodic way which once
in a while makes a lark out of it—can
be splendidly liberal in one instance
and dimly shut up in selfishness
again right after. It is even capable
sometimes of robbing the poor to
make up for what it has just spent on
the poor.

But the man who gives because he
has taken into his heart the neces-
sities and the pains and the trials of
his brother men—the giver with love,
the giver whose impulses are carried
on the steady momentum of a com-
passionate character—that giver is good
not for Christmas only but for every
day in the year.

Moreover, that giver is uncontent
with giving; he follows besides, as far
as he can, the better benevolence of
making visits of charity needless by
prior visits of justice.

To be sure, no man can create in
himself the realistic virtue of love for
his fellow men. Yet this he may do;
he may set himself to desire love, as
Paul did—he may live, as Paul did, in
fear of the pit of nothingness to which
loveless generosity would condemn
him.

He may compel himself to get close
to his fellow men and understand
them. So may he open the door to
love and ask it to come in. And then
love will come in; it never refuses the
invitation of an honest longing for the
"most excellent way."

Will then the "good fellow" be sat-
isfied with himself on Christmas Day
—and settle back into just what he
has been? Or will he answer to the
divine challenge of love—and set out
for men's sake and God's sake to be
something more?—The Continent.

GLORY TO GOD IN THE HIGHEST.

The song the angels sang when the
Babe of Bethlehem was born began
with the exclamation, "Glory to God
in the highest." For that purpose the
Savior came. For that purpose He
lived, a child, a man, a hero, and walk-
ed among us. He came that He
might idealize the life of this earth,
pitching its common note even as
high as "the highest glory of God."

And how by bringing to this world
a possible life that would be glorifica-
tion of even God; a human character,
an inner experience, which would
bring God to the soul of man; to man,
walking amid the sorrow and sin and
load and broken fragments of human-
ity, an experience of which even God
could say, "This is my beloved son in
whom I am well pleased." And not
only so, our Savior was born that
there might be lived a character which
should show forth to the world of

men a transformation, a reality, an
ideal, which should in very deed
glorify God in the highest.

Thank God such lives have been
lived. Such characters have passed
before the eyes of men.

We sometimes disparage the doc-
trine of perfection—of holiness—but
in every deed is not such a character
necessary to fulfill this far Christmas
song of the angel choir? Is it not
necessary to justify the full meaning
of the incarnation, to show the power
of God as infinite and infinitely good?
Holiness alone is the justification of
Bethlehem, of Gethsemane, of Cal-
vary. Nothing less can explain them;
nothing less can bring "glory to God
in the highest." Yes, soul, thy Lord
and Savior, Jesus Christ, very God,
very man, came into the world to
reveal and to create in man a life
worthy of Almighty God; yea, to re-
veal and to make possible that saintly
life, that life hidden away in the secret
soul of God, that should reveal a
power, a presence and a fullness, that
are not of this world; a life deeper
than the storm, higher than human
maxims and expediences and ambi-
tions—a life in short possessing the
radiance, the aureole, the sacrifice, the
peace, the far away expectation, of a
child of God.

It is the "gift" of Christmas, the
"gift" of life, a life that is a daily
incarnation of the love, the surrender,
the constancy, of the Son of God,
superman, holy, steadfast, trusting,
even to the end.

This, too, is the character which
must redeem and transform the world.
Character alone can transform the
world. It is not by might, not by power,
not by learning, not by art, not by
wealth, not by laws—except as these
are the servants by which the Christ-
like character works. Human trans-
formations, human hearts blessed
from henceforth with His everpresent
confidences, human lives giving them-
selves to make this a Christ-like
world, it is these that the angel chour
chants from the palpitating skies as
they bend over the manger of the
little klan in Bethlehem of Judea
singing, "Glory to God in the high-
est."—Rev. C. B. Spencer, D. D.

CHRISTMAS IN A CORNISH
VILLAGE.

What a wonderful thing memory is.
What things of pleasure and of sad-
ness memory holds intact forever.

Here I am living in the past once
more. I am back many years in my
life, and the thoughts of other days
crowd my memory. And why all
this? Why, as I travel back and forth,
the busy, crowded streets remind me
that Christmas is coming, and I have
the feelings once more I had when
as a poor boy I welcomed the incom-
ing of grand, old Christmas time.
Christmas meant something to me
then, for preparations had been on for
weeks. Stories of the God, Christ,
had been told by the old-fashioned
mother until expectations ran high in
my young life.

When Christmas did come, it found
me in a little Cornish village by the
seaside. There were not more than
500 people; some, miners who worked
in the deep copper mines; some, farm-
ers; some, carpenters; some, ship-
builders; some, hard working every-
day laboring men. There was very
little class society; no, we were all
about on a level. We lived in about
the same sized houses, houses of one
or two rooms down stairs, and two
or three up. Life was from hand to
mouth; that is, it was a great battle
to keep moving on through life; for,
at the close of the month, when the
salary was paid, it was only a very
short time till there was nothing of
the money left. It was a hard pull up
the stream; ah, yes, pictures move in
my memory that will live while time
shall last.

But Christmas; ah, yes, good old
Christmas, the eve and the day we
hailed as the event to remind us of
the birth of God's Son into this world.
Now, for this event, to keep old
Christmas as it ought to be observed,
the very best was prepared. The best
singers arranged Christmas music;
they practiced for weeks; and when
good old Christmas came, it was
greeted with the very best of the
Cornish men and women could afford.
Throughout the Christmas cheer some
of the best singing might be heard.
The homes were trimmed in ever-
greens and with Christmas mottoes.
The old fireplaces were made cheer-
ful by the blazing fire which lasted
well into the night of Christmas eve.
Cakes of different size and shapes
were made and baked, and in the
humble homes cake could be found
on the table, so that whenever a friend
entered he was offered the friendship
of the home in the shape of cake and
a cup of tea or some soft drink.

The mother was a great factor to
make the family happy. Ah, I see
mine now, as she would do her best
to arrange that little humble home by
the seaside to be in harmony with
the great event called Christmas. Per-
haps but few people have a happier
Christmas than the people in the

old Cornish village. As I sit here the
people pass before me, and the days
come back, I am reminded that it does
not take much to make people happy
on Christmas day. No, only let all
the members of the family do their
best to help make some other person
happy, and happiness will be found.
It was so in the humble cottage by
the coast of Cornwall. Our parents
did their best and I know that across
the long and very weary years, their
children rise up and call them blessed.
—Rev. Robert Stephens, D. D.

CHRISTMAS AND THE CHILDREN.

Christ and the children! How pre-
cious the memory of that hour to the
parents who brought their children to
Jesus! What a blessing for the child
who could grow up with the thought
that the Master's hands had been placed
upon him! Each Christmas teaches
us that Christ loves the children still.
And so long as Christianity is in the
world, it must forever be associated
with the birth of a little child.

"There's a song in the air!
There's a star in the sky!
There's a mother's deep prayer
And a baby's low cry!
And the star rains its fire while the
beautiful sing,
For the manger of Bethlehem
cradles a king."

And around the manger of Bethle-
hem gather the highest and the lowest
the richest and the poorest of earth,
to render homage to the infant King.

The Christmas festival occupies a
prominent part in the home life of the
world. It is Christmas everywhere.
As the bow of promise was a
pledge of divine protection, so in the
Advent is seen the evidence of divine
love. Christmas translates this com-
mon daily life of ours into the lan-
guage of the angels, and reveals to us
the great truths that the divinest
thing in the world is love and that
God's greatest joy is in giving.

There has never been an age when
children needed Christmas more than
today. The proper keeping of such
a festival as Christmas interprets the
home to the child as nothing else can
do. Some of our English forefathers
may have carried the sentimental idea
of Christmas too far but there is little
left to appeal to the imagination of
a child. Better for the children the
legends and stories of Christmas than
the cold disillusion that proceeds from
a barren heart and brain.

Christmas and the children! The
fairly lore of Christmas adds a simple
beauty to the religious associations of
the season. The Christ of the child-
ren's Christmas is still the Christ who
blesses the little ones. Today when
our charity and giving must be large-
ly by scientific rule, we are so apt
to forget that children are attracted
to the Christ by what he is. To see
Christ is to love him and do good as
he has taught us. The familiar story
of the little girl who replied when
asked why everybody loved her,
"Why, because I love everybody," is
an illustration of the attractive power
of goodness over children. The bless-
ing of the Savior upon the children
has not only directed attention to
them but has elevated childhood and
sanctified child life. Our children sit
at our table and listen to our conver-
sation; it is the best part of their edu-
cation. To live with the children, to
keep in touch with their lives, and to
enjoy their pleasures, is to possess
the charm of life. Christmas must
represent the life and spirit of the
Christ-child.

"We rejoice in the light,
And we echo the song
That comes down through the night
From the heavenly throng.
Ay! we shout to the lovely evangel
they bring,
And we greet in his cradle our
Savior and King."
—W. W. Wilcox.

THE SPIRIT OF CHRISTMAS.

When you feel your helplessness to
bring about that joyful day of peace
which Christ pledged and prefigured,
do not admit despair. In your own
heart make room for the spirit of good
will. Make that your gift to God and
to the brotherhood. The least cher-
ished hate will spoil for you the heaven
of Christ's peace. By every thought
of ill or evil will you postpone the
coming of God's kingdom.

God's gifts and ours are valued by
the spirit of good will that prompted
them.

Are your gifts but obedience to a
fashion of the world? How, then,
shall they have worth? Do you look
on what you have received without
delight in the friendship of the giver?
Will that put you in harmony with the
Christmas spirit? Suppose God had
given us Christ in carelessness and
not as the expression of his love?

O happy day of the good will of God
our Father and of man our brother!
Bring us, O Lord, into the spirit of
brotherhood, that our hearts may be
at one with Thee in giving and re-
ceiving.—The Congregationalist.

For Old and Young

WHAT WOULD YOU SAY?

If you should see
A big green tree,
With candles all alight,
With pop-corn strings
And pretty things,
And tinsel shining bright,
With stars that swing,
And bells that ring,
All green and red and blue,
And lots of toys
For girls and boys,
And lots of candies, too,
And you should hear
Somebody near,
Call out in merry way:
"What sort of tree
Can this one be?"
I wonder what you'd say?
—St. Nicholas.

THE LEGEND OF THE CHRISTMAS TREE.

When Ansgarius preached the White Christ to the Vikings of the North, so runs the legend of the Christmas tree, the Lord sent His three messengers, Faith, Hope and Love, to help light the first tree. Seeking one that should be as high as hope, wide as love, and that bore the sign of the cross on every bough, they chose the balsam fir, which best of all the trees in the forest meets the requirements.

The legend makes me think of the holly that grew in our Danish woods. We called it "Christ-thorn," for to us it was of that the crown of thorns was made with which the cruel soldiers mocked our Savior, and the red berries were the drops of blood that fell from His anguished brow. Therefore the holly was a sacred tree, and to this day the woods in which I find it seem to me like the forest where the Christmas roses bloomed in the night when the Lord was born, different from all other woods, and better.—Jacob Riis, in *The Century Magazine*.

CHRISTMAS TREE FOR SANTA CLAUS.

"Santa Claus always comes where there is a tree," said Margaret, with tears in her eyes. "Maybe it is because he sees the candles lighted."

"Let's get a tree ready for him then," said Eddie.

"How can we have a tree?" asked mother, sewing very fast.

"We'll make one, mother," answered the little fellow, who was the man of the family. "We can take the green stuff the folks at the little Church around the corner have thrown out and make a tree out of it."

"How can you make a tree?" asked Margaret. "I thought trees grew."

"This one's going to grow, and we are going to make it!" laughed Eddie. "We can plant a stick in a tomato can and tie the green things on to look like a tree. Santa Claus will be too busy to look very hard at it."

"How will he know that we have a tree waiting for him if we haven't any candles?"

"I don't know," answered Eddy, sadly.

The mother smiled. "We'll make him see it. Here, Eddie, take this cent and see if you can't buy some little candles at the shop on the corner."

Eddie went over to the churchyard, where he filled his arms with bits of evergreen and holly. One piece of holly had a bit of red satin ribbon sticking to it.

A young lady and a gentleman were just coming out of the church door as Eddie went off with his bundle.

"What do you suppose he's going to do?" whispered the girl. "Let's see!"

So they followed him to the corner shop where he handed out a cent and asked for some candles.

"Looks as if you were going to keep Christmas, young man," said the clerk, generously handing out three tiny red candles.

"I am going to have a tree this year," replied Eddie, with a great deal of pride.

The young gentleman stopped him at the door. "What are you going to do with those evergreen boughs that you took from the churchyard?"

"I didn't know anybody wanted them," said Eddie, with a catch in his voice.

"They are yours, if you can use them," said the young lady laying a kind hand on his shoulder. "Can't you tell us what you are going to do with them?"

"I'm going to make a tree," answered Eddie. And he told her all about the little lame sister who had been waiting two long years for Santa Claus.

"We thought that maybe he could find the house if we got a tree ready to show him the way," said Eddie, smiling hopefully into the girl's eyes.

"But do you think he can find a tree with only three candles?"

"I know that he is going to find that tree of yours," said the girl, "for it is the only one like it that there is in town. You keep on looking out the window with your backs to the stove-pipe and the good Saint will come down in about an hour."

"Hurrah!" cried Eddie, and he hurried home as fast as he could.

When he came in, the family began to tie the greens onto the stick. It was slow work, but the tree grew and grew until you could see that it was a really truly Christmas tree—only, of course, it was just a baby one.

"O, I forgot," said Eddie, as he took the three candles out of his pocket. "The lady said that Santa Claus would be here in about an hour, if we didn't try to peep at the stove-pipe!" And Eddie told them how the girl at the church had said that Santa Claus would surely come this year.

"Children," said Mrs. Friend, "I do believe that Santa Claus is coming tonight! Just watch awhile at the window."

In a few minutes there were steps on the stairs and a light knock at the door. Eddie and Margaret were looking so intently out over the roofs that they did not hear the door open and close again a moment.

"Children," called their mother, "turn around and see who has come down the stove-pipe."

Sure enough, somebody had been there! The stockings were as fat as fat could be. They were filled to bursting and the floor was covered with presents, too.

Margaret found a beautiful doll with curly hair and eyes that would open and shut just like a real live baby's. There was a tiny clock that kept saying "tick-tack" all the time; a dozen handkerchiefs with Teddy Bears on their borders and some lovely hair ribbons. The toe was filled with candy, nuts and raisins, and some bright new pennies.

Eddie found a Waterbury watch to answer back the clock, a pair of roller skates, a knitted cap, and a pair of mittens. The foot was stuffed with goodies just like Margaret's.

Mother found some gloves, a pair of stockings, and a bright ten-dollar gold piece to buy whatever she wanted most.

And on the floor there were a sled, a basket of coal and another basket that smelt like turkey and plum pudding.

But strangest of all there was a present too big to have come down any stove-pipe—a big chair on wheels for Margaret.

Mother tore off the paper, and put her little girl into the comfortable chair, while Eddie took out the turkey and plum pudding and laid them on the table. It was a dinner fit for Santa Claus himself; but he hasn't time to eat when there are so many little boys and girls in the world needing presents.

"This is the best Christmas we ever had!" said Eddie, as he watched his mother cutting at the turkey. "Do you think it's because we had a tree waiting for Santa Claus?"

"I wouldn't be surprised," answered the mother, smiling. "Maybe the lady at the Church is a friend of his and told him to look out for a baby Christmas tree with three candles."—*Bessie Cahoon Newton, in Children's Magazine.*

"I see you farming," he interrupted. "You are fit for just that kind of work. Your feeling of gratitude is all right and all that, but it seems to me, Ray, that I've heard an old 'saw'—something about crossing a bridge before you get to it. There's another which tells you to look on the bright side until you are obliged to do the contrary. Without the slightest cause, you have plunged yourself into trouble knee deep. Why not look for something pleasant? It is the most natural thing in the world that they should want you to spend Christmas at home, don'tcher know?"

Ray shook his head. "If that were the case, why should they tell me to bring my traps?" inquired the young man, whose face had brightened for a moment, then suddenly grew gloomy again. "I have always been perfectly satisfied here. Ripley College is a good school. It suits me to a T. It's no use for you to try to cheer me up, Don. We all have our own burdens to bear. You have yours and I have mine. Neither of us can help the other. It isn't any use to try to drive trouble away, either. We might just as well make up our minds to be brave, face it like a man. What's got to come, will come, and all the world can't change it."

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"The way of the world," quoted Ray in a sotto voce, and the door closed on his friend. "That's the way with people when they think you are in trouble. They want to get out of your way. I don't care. I'll dig into that packing now."

At 9 o'clock an orderly array of boxes and trunks stood strapped and labeled waiting for the drayman. When morning came, the day before Christmas, everything was ready. It was 4 o'clock that evening when a heavy snow began to fall. The flakes fluttered down so fast and so furiously that Ray could scarcely see the people on the sidewalk as the cab whirled him along toward the station. Once inside the comfortable coach with its crimson upholstery and brilliant lights, the young man forgot the disagreeable weather and the probable trouble which awaited him.

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mas with us anyhow, so will take the opportunity to explain some matters of importance to you while you are here.—Grandfather.

"P. S.—Your grandmother says to bring all your things home. You might not return."

Ray folded the letter and threw it on the silver ash tray which occupied the center of the study table and picked up the evening paper, searching carefully for accounts of bank failures or the crash of mining stock. Seeing nothing which could affect his grandfather, the young man rushed to the closet and began to pull out a miscellaneous collection of articles which he threw in a heap on the floor. As he worked he thought tenderly of the love which his grandparents had lavished upon him ever since the death of his father, who had been a passenger on the ill-fated Guiding Star which had burned on the Pacific ten years before.

"I'll go right to the farm and take hold, help with everything," he said aloud. "I can be a number one good farmer if I make up my mind to do so."

"You certainly look like one now," cried a laughing voice, and Ray turned his head to see Donald Craig, his chum, standing behind him. Craig was looking down curiously at his chum, who lounged on the floor clad in a most magnificent dressing gown.

"I imagine I see you plowing corn in those togs right now. O, wouldn't it be a lark? What are you up to, any way, Giltner?" Don flung himself into a chair. "This room looks like a cyclone had struck it. Has some one left you a fortune, or have you had a letter from home?"

"I've had the letter all right, but as to a fortune, I fear it is just the opposite which inspired this message," said Ray, ruefully nodding toward the table where grandfather's letter lay in a conspicuous place. "I just had word to pack my traps and come home. It seems to me that such peremptory summons means but one thing, for he did not mention sickness. It must be embarrassed finances. Grandfather was never rich. Just how much he was worth, or how he kept me in college, I never asked."

"It has been ten years since father went away. All this time grandfather has been just like my own father. Now I am going home to buckle down to work that I may repay him, if I can, for all which he has done for me."

Donald Craig threw himself lazily back in the big chair and smiled in a superior fashion as Ray talked.

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complaint that night when bed time came, and he crept in between the soft sheets of the Pullman. "I'm going to live like a king tonight if I starve tomorrow. It must be awful to be poor. How shall I ever bear it?"

With these thoughts on his mind, Ray Giltner went to sleep and dreamed all night long of poverty and bills and angry creditors. When morning came he was nervous and weary. Hurriedly he made his toilet and sat down by the window to watch the snow-covered field, dotted by an occasional farm house from whose chimneys great columns of smoke were pouring. He could see vehicles in front of many houses as they past. The farmers were probably planning to spend a happy day with friends and relatives. Sleighs dashed along the roads, and at the little country Churches which adorned the hilltops he saw a liberal sprinkling of horses, which proved that some of the faithful had gathered together to worship God. A feeling of bitterness crept over the boy as he turned his eyes on his fellow passengers who were, apparently, well content to lounge on the soft seats and think of the pleasure which was yet to come.

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The Conferences.

- 1. New Mexico Conference. Twenty-third session held in Las Cruces, New Mexico, Bishop James Atkins presiding; Rev. J. F. Hedgpeth secretary, Pecos, New Mexico.
2. West Texas Conference. Fifty-fourth session held in Beeville, Texas, Bishop James Atkins presiding; Rev. Sterling Fisher secretary, San Marcos, Texas.
3. Northwest Texas Conference. Third session held in Abilene, Texas, Bishop James Atkins presiding; Rev. A. L. Moore secretary, Stamford, Texas.
4. Central Texas Conference. Third session held in Cleburne, Texas, Bishop James Atkins presiding; Rev. Jno. R. Morris secretary, Hillsboro, Texas.
5. Texas Conference. Seventy-third session held in Marshall, Texas, Bishop Edwin D. Mouzon presiding; Rev. O. T. Hotchkiss secretary, Pittsburg, Texas.
6. North Texas Conference. Forty-sixth session held in Dallas, Texas, Bishop Edwin D. Mouzon presiding; Rev. R. G. Mood secretary, Sherman, Texas.

THE MINUTES.

- Question 1. Who are admitted on trial? New Mexico, 1; West Texas, 8; Northwest, 10; Central, 14; Texas, 19; North Texas, 13. Total, 65. For names, see Minutes on page 26 and 27.
2. Who remain on trial? New Mexico, 4; West Texas, 7; Northwest, 11; Central, 12; Texas, 4; North Texas, 9. Total, 58.
3. Who are discontinued? New Mexico, none; West Texas, 1; Northwest, none; Central, 3; Texas, none; North Texas, 2. Total, 6.
4. Who are admitted into full connection? New Mexico, 1; West Texas, 7; Northwest, 11; Central, 7; Texas, 10; North Texas, 9. Total, 45.
5. Who are readmitted? New Mexico, 1; West Texas, 2; Northwest, none; Central, Texas, 2; North Texas, 2. Total, 8.
6. Who are received by transfer from other conferences? New Mexico, 6; West Texas, 10; Northwest, 4; Central, 4; Texas, 6; North Texas, 8. Total, 38.
7. Who are received from other churches as local preachers? New Mexico, none; West Texas, 3; Northwest, none; Central, none; Texas, 1; North Texas, none. Total, 4.
8. Who are received from other churches as traveling preachers? New Mexico, none; West Texas, 1; Northwest, none; Central, none; Texas, 4; North Texas, 1. Total, 6.
9. Who are the deacons of one year? New Mexico, 1; West Texas, 6; Northwest, 7; Central, 16; Texas, 9; North Texas, 6. Total, 45.
10. What travelling preachers are elected deacons? New Mexico, 1; West Texas, 7; Northwest, 10; Central, 4; Texas, 9; North Texas, 9. Total, 40.
11. What travelling preachers are ordained deacons? New Mexico, 1; West Texas, 6; Northwest, 10; Central, 4; Texas, 8; North Texas, 9. Total, 38.
12. What local preachers are elected deacons? New Mexico, none; West Texas, 3; Northwest, 3; Central, 7; Texas, 2; North Texas, 2. Total, 22.
13. What local preachers are ordained deacons? New Mexico, none; West Texas, 3; Northwest, 3; Central, 7; Texas, none; North Texas, 2. Total, 20.
14. What travelling preachers are elected elders? New Mexico, 3; West Texas, 12; Northwest, 4; Central, 11; Texas, 8; North Texas, 11. Total, 49.
15. What travelling preachers are ordained elders? New Mexico, 3; West Texas, 10; Northwest, 4; Central, 11; Texas, 8; North Texas, 11. Total, 47.
16. What local preachers are elected elders? New Mexico, 1; West Texas, none; Northwest, none; Central, 1; Texas, 1; North Texas, none. Total, 3.
17. What local preachers are ordained elders? New Mexico, 1; West Texas, none; Northwest, none; Central, 1; Texas, 1; North Texas, none. Total, 3.
18. Who are located this year? New Mexico, none; West Texas, 2; Northwest, 2; Central, 2; Texas, 2; North Texas, 4. Total, 12.
19. Who are supernumerary? New Mexico, none; West Texas, 5; Northwest, 5; Central, 7; Texas, 4; North Texas, 5. Total, 26.
20. Who are superannuated? New Mexico, 2; West Texas, 20; Northwest, 20; Central, 39; Texas, 36; North Texas, 40. Total, 157.
21. What preachers have died during the year? New Mexico, none; West Texas, 1; Northwest, 1; Central, 2; Texas, 5; North Texas, 4. Total, 13.
22. Are all the preachers blameless in their life and official administration? New Mexico, yes; West Texas, yes; Northwest, surrender of credentials, 1; Central, withdrew, 3; Texas, surrender of credentials, 1, withdrew, 1; North Texas, yes. Total, surrender of credentials, 2; withdrawal, 4.
23. What is the number of local preachers and members in the several circuits, stations, and missions of the conference? New Mexico, local preachers 39; members 7,197. West Texas, local preachers 33,318; members 34,613. Central, members 78,862. Texas, local preachers, 183; members, 79,721. North Texas, members, 62,988. Total, local preachers 348; members 289,699. This summary does not show exact number of local preachers, for the reason that some secretaries do not report them apart from the total membership of the Church. The total membership does not include the German Mission Conference.
24. How many infants have been baptized during the year? New Mexico, 128; West Texas, 676; Northwest, 604; Central, 1039; Texas, 1122; North Texas, 821. Total, 4420.
25. How many adults have been baptized during the year? New Mexico, 309; West Texas, 1434; Northwest, 1154; Central, Texas, 492; North Texas, 2841. Total, 9522.
26. What is the number of Epworth Leagues? New Mexico, 28; West Texas 157; Northwest, 64; Central, 163; Texas, 116; North Texas, 138. Total, 666.
27. What is the number of Epworth League members? New Mexico, 1019; West Texas, 5017; Northwest, 4163; Central, 5963; Texas, 3689; North Texas, 5273. Total, 25,123.
28. What is the number of Sunday Schools? New Mexico, 56; West Texas, 297; Northwest, 263; Central, 511; Texas, 497; North Texas, 443. Total, 2067.
29. What is the number of Sunday School officers and teachers? New Mexico, 509; West Texas, 2255; Northwest, 2439; Central, 4909; Texas, 4295; North Texas, 4226. Total, 20,543.
30. What is the number of Sunday School scholars enrolled during the year? New Mexico, 5815; West Texas, 29,853; Northwest, 28,840; Central, 54,057; Texas, 44,858; North Texas, 46,658. Total, 190,081.
31. What was assessed by the last conference for the superannuated preachers, and the widows and orphans of preachers? New Mexico, \$800.00; West Texas, \$6935; Northwest, —; Central, \$14,797; Texas, \$10,000; North Texas, \$10,011. Total, \$42,543. (This report is not accurate on account of Northwest making no report.)
32. What has been collected on the foregoing account, and how has it been applied? New Mexico, \$653; West Texas, \$6527.00; Northwest, \$ —; Central, \$12,844; Texas, \$9036.31; North Texas, \$8169.95. Total, \$35,206.26, and applied to claimants. This does not include Northwest Texas Conference on which there is no report.
33. What has been contributed for missions? New Mexico, Foreign, \$534.00; Domestic, \$1,512.00; West Texas, Foreign, 6297; Domestic, \$12,220; Special, \$6947; Northwest, Foreign, \$5373.65; Domestic, \$11,740.83; Central, Foreign, \$12,382; Domestic, \$17,587; Texas, Foreign, \$19,245.68; Domestic, \$13,577.74; Special, \$2139.20; North Texas, Foreign, \$12,288.83; Domestic, \$12,814.87; Total, Foreign, \$47,320.66; Domestic, \$69,152.44; Special, \$9,086.20.
34. What has been contributed for Church Extension? New Mexico, \$762.00; West Texas, \$4231.00; Northwest, \$4,514.88; Central, \$8535.00; Texas, \$2958.37; North Texas, \$6615.56. Total, \$33,168.11.
35. What has been contributed for the American Bible Society? New Mexico, \$60.00; West Texas, \$812.00; Northwest, \$385.41; Central, \$1411.00; Texas, \$841.36; North Texas, \$856.88. Total, \$4366.65.
36. What has been contributed for the support of presiding elders, and preachers in charge? New Mexico, presiding elders, \$4127.00; preachers in charge, \$28,998.00.

West Texas, presiding elders, \$18,632.00; preachers in charge, \$127,517. Northwest Texas, presiding elders, \$18,701.18; preachers in charge, \$106,069.30. Central, presiding elders, \$33,086.00; preachers in charge, \$193,360.00. Texas, presiding elders, \$24,833.00; preachers in charge, \$182,292.00. North Texas, presiding elders, \$26,214.71; preachers in charge, \$156,459.85. Total, presiding elders, \$125,620.89; preachers in charge, \$794,630.15.
37. What has been contributed for the support of Bishops? New Mexico, \$245.00; West Texas, \$1635.00; Northwest, \$1556.18; Central, \$3140; Texas, \$2957; North Texas, \$2497.63. Total, \$12,036.81.
38. What is the number of societies and of the houses of worship owned by them? New Mexico, societies 108; houses 52. West Texas, societies 386; houses 272. Northwest, societies 453; houses 263. Central, societies 613; houses 484. Texas, societies 705; houses 537. North Texas, societies 555; houses 440. Total, societies 2822; houses of worship 1988.
39. What is the value of houses of worship, and what is the amount of indebtedness thereon? New Mexico, value \$272,375.00; debt \$37,545.00. West Texas, value \$1,156,905.00; debt \$161,474. Northwest, value \$783,025.00; debt \$155,741.17. Central, value \$1,607,394; debt \$110,690.00. Texas, value \$1,944,950.00; debt \$146,877.00. North Texas, value \$1,507,900.83; debt \$102,692.90. Total, value \$7,272,549.00; indebtedness \$715,009.00.
40. What is the number of pastoral charges, and of parsonages owned by them? New Mexico, charges 48; parsonages 37. West Texas, charges 142 (not including those without parsonages); parsonages 142. Northwest, charges 153; parsonages 129. Central, charges 213; parsonages 193. Texas, charges 190; parsonages 183. Total, charges 959; parsonages 869.
41. What is the value of parsonages, and what is the amount of indebtedness thereon? New Mexico, value \$56,100.00; debt \$5,362.00. West Texas, value \$260,643.00; debt \$11,445. Northwest, value \$192,425.00; debt \$20,367.00. Central, value \$86,485.00; debt \$30,700.00. Texas, value \$377,095.00; debt \$20,915.00. North Texas, value \$380,620.00; debt \$14,409.00. Total, value \$1,262,368.00; indebtedness \$114,458.00.
42. What is the number of districts and district parsonages? New Mexico, districts 3; parsonages 1. West Texas, districts 8; parsonages 6; Northwest, districts 9; parsonages 5. Central, districts 12; parsonages 12. Texas, districts 10; parsonages 9. North Texas, districts 11; parsonages 11. Total, districts 53; parsonages 44.
43. What is the value of district parsonages, and what is the amount of indebtedness thereon? New Mexico, value \$4,500.00; debt \$1,250.00. West Texas (no report). Northwest, value \$18,000.00; debt \$1,200.00. Central, value \$26,100.00; debt \$3,950.00. Texas, value \$36,000.00; debt \$11,900.00. North Texas, value \$37,200.00; debt \$2,632.00. Total, value \$121,800.00; indebtedness \$20,932.00.
44. What number of churches have been damaged or destroyed during the year, and what was the amount of damage? New Mexico, none; West Texas, churches 2; amount \$700.00. Northwest, churches 9; damage \$3,081.00. Central, churches 11; damage \$36,735.00. Texas, churches 2; damage \$1,015.00. North Texas, churches 7; damage \$526.00. Total, churches damaged 30; amount of damage \$40,557.00.
45. What are the insurance statistics? New Mexico, insurance carried, \$129,325.00; premiums paid, \$963.00. West Texas, insurance, \$391,825.00; premiums, \$4,750.00. Northwest, insurance, \$475,375.00; premiums, \$4,277.00; losses collected, \$2,092.50. Central, insurance, \$278,434.00; Texas, insurance, \$9,928,162; losses collected, \$3,370.00; premiums, \$5,044.00. North Texas, insurance, \$691,096.00; premiums, \$5,764.00. Total insurance carried, \$5,375,420.00; premiums paid, \$20,798.00; collections on losses, \$5,442.50.
46. What are the educational statistics? See reports of the several conferences.
47. Who is elected Conference Leader? New Mexico, Ira J. Ayers; West Texas, A. A. Hughes; Northwest, no report; Central, W. E. Williams; Texas, T. N. Graham; North Texas, Epps G. Knight.
48. Where shall the next session of the conference be held? New Mexico, Albuquerque; West Texas, Laredo; Northwest, San Antonio; Northwest, Vernon; Central, Temple; Texas, Nacogdoches; North Texas, Clarksville.
49. Where are the preachers stationed this year? See the Appointments for the several conferences in this issue.

SAN ANTONIO METHODISM.

San Antonio boasts of the broadest connectionalism of any city in the entire Church. Last night there was a reception of all the pastors at Travis Park Church, given by the Leaguers and participated in by people from each one of our charges. This is the second time these pastors have been "received." First, by their respective Churches, and this time by all of them in a grand rally in the down town church. Speeches were made by the Leaguers, ladies of the Home Missions, etc., and responded to by each pastor. It was a great time and everybody went away proud that "his preacher" got to talk. One young man, in his enthusiasm and earnest desire to show the pastors a hearty welcome, said, "It is said that this new body of pastors is the most eminent band of preachers ever sent to this city." Everybody laughed and the new pastors all blushed. Each in their turn rendered profound gratitude to the young man for his compliment. The pastors told the people how proud they were to serve such noble and loyal members, and then the members blushed. My mind ran back on the long line of "eminent" preachers who had filled the pulpits of San Antonio, and while I would not dare to contradict the statement made by my young friend, yet I said in my heart "boys, you will have to hump yourselves to make good such praise." W. W. Pinson filled that pulpit. Before him E. B. Chappell was there, and of those two men it might be said they were "sons of thunder." Chappell was so popular that his people gave him a ride over the United States, and Pinson was so universally beloved and so understood how to preach that there was scarcely ever a vacant seat. Then Scott, with his strong sensible, spiritual preaching; and New Harris, who always held his congregation from introduction to benediction. Then Dr. Moore and others, and finally E. D. Mouzon, whose unique style and wonderful versatility made him famous, if not "eminent," and finally landed him in the Episcopal office and left him here as our Texas resident Bishop. Then Burgin, whose broad-minded catholicism and business foresight planted Methodism in four new places in the city, put Young on a lone lot to build Laurel Heights Church and welded the Churches together in such harmony as to make the last night's reception possible; and last Dr. Godbey, whose expository preaching always entertained and edified the Church. Such men in the pulpits of the city made Methodism what it is, and the new brethren who have come to us, although every one good men and good preachers, will have something to do if they keep up the reputation of our pulpits for men of ability. I have heard most of them preach and if they didn't give us their "sugar stick" the first time they will run the past record a clean race. But pleasantry aside. Our preachers everywhere must understand that their people know what a good sermon is, and they must not beguile us with a slouchy lot of fuss and feathers or tickle our fancy with poetic imagery and expect us to go off and say "he is a great preacher." Our congregations are made up of people who have heard the best preachers of our Church, and every pastor owes it to us and to himself to "say something" when he comes before us to preach the gospel of the Son of God. I once had some good people say to me of their preacher, "Bro. Collard, he is a good man, a very good man, but he just can't preach a lick! He tries his very level best, but he just can't preach to save his life." "Well," I said, "I thought that was what you got him for. Suppose you go to buy a plow horse and the vender says, 'Now, this horse cannot be made to work, he never will know how to plow; but he is a good horse, one of the very best horses you ever saw, but he just can't learn how to work and pull a plow.' What would you say? You would answer, 'Why, my friend, that is exactly what I want with him; I want him to plow. If he can't plow I don't want him.'" The day has passed when people will stand a preacher longer than one year (we all have to do that) unless he can tell them something new about the glorious Gospel of Jesus Christ. There was a certain presiding elder who was told by the Board of Stewards at the last Quarterly Conference they had never heard their preacher repeat himself, even in a sentence, the whole two years he had served them. Perhaps that was an exaggeration, but they thought it was true at least, and the reason was, that the preacher tried to say new things every time he preached. Whenever a preacher begins to repeat himself, he begins to lose his crowds. The great crowds that wait upon any man go there because they know he will "bring out of his treasury things new and old," and that they will hear at least some things they never heard before. Versatility is demanded from our preachers, and any man who is too lazy to try to be versatile will surely drop to the mediocre, no matter what may have been his previous reputation for oratory. J. H. COLLARD.

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Woman's Department

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

IMPORTANT NOTICE.

Bulletins are late this month on account of the Texas Conference meeting in Marshall, the home of the Press Reporter. This notice is to Texas Conference Woman's Missionary Society Press Reporters for the auxiliaries.

MRS. W. T. SPENCER.

ATTENTION, FIRST VICE-PRESIDENTS.

Please let every first vice-president of the Northwest Texas Conference mail her report to me by January 1. Two fine reports failed to reach me on time last quarter to be included in my report to Council Officers. Also, as soon as the new officers for the year are chosen, will the first vice-president-elect please send me her name and address? I wish to furnish her with all the leaflets and other helps at my command.

MRS. W. B. McKEOWN,
First Vice-President W. M. S. North-west Texas Conference,
Stamford, Texas.

REPORT ON INSTITUTE WORK.

Although the institute work which is to be done through our conference officers and district secretaries is not progressing so favorably as we had hoped, yet from some of our districts we receive fine reports of good work done through this channel. It is hoped that those of us who have not yet taken up this work will receive inspiration from the reports of the districts which have gone forward in the work.

San Antonio and Austin Districts report several all-day institutes held with a view to arousing interest in missionary work. New members and subscribers to the Voice as well as renewed zeal in old members are the invariable results of this institute work.

Llano District has been doing excellent work holding institutes at Lampasas, Marble Falls, San Saba, Richland Springs, Cherokee, Mason, Llano, Goldthwaite and Mullen. Everywhere they report new members and new subscribers to the Voice. When once we get our members to study the Voice we need not fear of losing them.

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San Angelo District has not yet done institute work, but the Week of Prayer reports from both of the San Angelo Churches are very encouraging. Both observed last week as Week of Prayer and both report fine meetings. Well prepared programs were enthusiastically given and received and showed that our women had been praying, working and studying. Excellent missionary sermons were preached to large congregations. The offerings were only fairly good. But with another year of prayer, work and study giving will grow easier.

Let others of our districts report their work. By reporting directly to our Advocate you will gain time. A word to our auxiliary officers: With the new year there will probably be some new officers. Please report any change in press superintendents to me as soon as a change is made. I have tried hard to get a correct list. I can not succeed without you.

The bulletins bring us valuable information each month. The only way you can receive them is through me, for the present. If you have no press superintendent please appoint one, or send me the address of your corresponding secretary that I may send the bulletin to her. Your auxiliary is entitled to one, but I can not mail it to you unless you send me the address. Just a little time given by you will lighten the work all along the line.

The last report blanks for this year have been mailed to you—to your press superintendent where I had such address—otherwise to auxiliary president, or failing to have such address to your pastor. Please make out your report and send it to me. If you have no good report to make send a bad one; but by all means Report! Pray! Work! Report!

MRS. BOYD CORNICK,
Press Superintendent West Texas Conference.

NEWS FROM SAN ANTONIO.

The Epworth League City Union and the Missionary Societies of all the Methodist Churches in San Antonio gave a reception to all Methodist ministers and their wives on Friday night, November 29, in the Travis Park Church. About 400 guests were present. A program of orchestra music, solos and readings, address of welcome by the Epworth League president, Mr. Ryan, followed by a three minute talk by the pastors. The witty saying and anecdotes were very amusing and created much merriment. The church was beautiful in palms and chrysanthemums. An ice cream course with coffee was served in the Philathea parlors of the church.

All-day meeting was observed by the Missionary Society of Travis Park Church. The Home Mission Week and Foreign Week of Prayer was combined. The love feast in the afternoon was a blessing to each one present.

MRS. WILLIAM WILSON,
Press Superintendent Travis Park Auxiliary.

DECATUR WOMAN'S MISSIONARY SOCIETY.

The Woman's Missionary Society of Decatur held its Week of Prayer from the 17th to the 24th of November. Each day was presided over by one of its members. Several fine papers were read, good helpful talks made by our president, Sister Nash, and others. Attendance during week fine. Free-will offering each day good. As Friday's program was on temperance, the Mission Society invited the W. C. T. U. ladies to meet and have a joint meeting with us, which they did, and all that were there "felt that it was good to be there." We are all thankful for this Week of Prayer and the blessings it brings to us.

MRS. W. L. RUSK,
Press Reporter,
Decatur, Texas.

WOMAN'S MISSIONARY INSTITUTE

The second missionary institute of the Llano District, in the interest of the Forward Movement, was held in Lampasas, September 7-8, at the Methodist Church. The institute work on Saturday was interesting from beginning to end, many fine talks and papers being presented on different phases of the work.

At noon a bountiful dinner was served to those in attendance in the

primary room of the church.

Sunday morning the pastor, Rev. J. W. Cowan, preached a strong sermon on "Christian Stewardship." In the afternoon at four o'clock the children gave an excellent program consisting of recitations and songs, and this was followed by a talk from the deaconess, Miss Bowden, on her work among the Mexicans in San Antonio.

The evening service was especially interesting, the principal feature being an address by Miss Bowden on "The Work of the Missionary Society in our Home Land," in which she gave glimpses of her work as deaconess. The music at this service deserves particular mention as does the reading illustrating the need of medical missionaries in non-Christian lands. A liberal offering was made to defray district expenses.

The Lampasas Auxiliary felt well repaid with the results of the institute and appreciated presence of the delegates in attendance, and especially the inspiration and assistance of Miss Bowden, who added very much to the interest of the meeting, and the thoughtful assistance of the pastor.

These institutes will be followed by all-day rallies at other points throughout the district. In this way the women hope to increase the membership and offerings to the work, which has grown so rapidly within the last few years, as well as to arouse a general interest in missionary work. This work is under the auspices of the officers and district secretaries of the West Texas Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South.

ORPHANAGE.

I would be glad for parties sending articles or money to the Home to furnish full name and address, also the name of the conference from which it is sent. I want to acknowledge all donations and gifts made to the Home from time to time and want also to keep an accurate account of all articles and money which come to the Home. We have entered upon the duties of the Home with full faith that we will succeed in the great work of making out of it what the Church demands, and what is expected of all concerned, but to be able to do this we must have the help of all the Methodists in Texas. I would be glad for the pastors to furnish me with any information which would lead to the placing of children in good homes; also keep me in touch with any child who ought to be placed in the Orphanage. Address all matters to R. A. BURROUGHS, Manager, Methodist Orphanage.

A SILVER WEDDING.

Our silver wedding is now a thing of the past, only memory lingers. It is customary to "write up" such occasions, but words fail me utterly to describe the joy, beauty and delight of the occasion or the occasions, as we were "at home" to the heads of the families on the 22nd, then on the 23rd were at home to the others, Epworth League, Juniors and Ladies of the Woman's Mission Society. I wish however here personally, though publicly, to thank each and every one for anything they did from the least, even a thought, to the greatest thing that was done, whatever that might have been, in helping to make our twenty-fifth anniversary the most delightful occasion that it was. Thanking every one again and again.

MR. AND MRS. H. J. KING,
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WACO PASTORS' ASSOCIATION.

The Waco Pastors' Association met in Austin Avenue Church and organized for the year, electing the following officers:

W. B. Andrews, president.
H. D. Knickerbocker, vice-president.

Ashley Chappell, secretary and treasurer.

Jackson Cox, returned missionary from Mexico, preached both hours for A. D. Porter at Morrow Street. Had fine services. Two additions. Gray has started off well at Herring Avenue. Glad to welcome him among us.

McCain is in his new field as assistant at the orphanage.

Dr. Burroughs has moved among us and is now in charge of the orphanage. Glad to have him. Creed had fine day with two additions. He installed his stewards having nineteen out twenty present.

Bowden has started off very finely at Clay Street. Had four additions. Glad to have Bowden among us and at Clay Street.

Everything starts off well at Fifth Street. Great congregations, with three additions.

Brother M. C. Dixon, of Waco, was present. He preached at Wesley's Chapel and organized a league.

Knickerbocker was in his pupil

Sunday after a week's hunt down in South Texas. He reports a great time killing and eating game. Had fine services, with eight additions. Everything starts off well for the new year.

The elder is absent on a visit to Arizona.

ASHLEY CHAPPEL.

Side by side in the furrows of modern life one may see walking along the modern world two types of workers—the niggardly and the generous sower. One goes his self contained and restricted way, denying himself all concern for things which detach him from his task, tending over his chosen soil with a thrifty care; and, at last, the book he has toiled on is written, and behold, it is unread; or the fortune for which he has sacrificed everything is made, and it turns to ashes in his hands; or he has won the fear of men, and forfeited their love. The life which he thought was to be large and free shrinks about him into a prison. He has become great, but he has not become happy; he has saved his life, and yet he has lost it; he has farmed his life, he has not lived it. His shut-in field is white with a harvest, but he cannot help missing the birds and the hedgerows which give his neighbor's field its music and its charm. Then, on the other hand, is the sower with the broad sweep of service and the lavish swing of love. He also has his own work with a steady look to its end; but he does not miss the wayside duties of the crevices where some eager soil is waiting, and the edges of the highway blossom when his work is done.

—Francis Greenwood Peabody, D. D.

Are you moving to avoid some present cross? Beware, you will find a heavier one at your next place.

The first pair were given Eden for a home; each succeeding pair might learn to make their home an Eden.

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Open the door, let in the air;
The winds are sweet and the flowers are fair.
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If our door is wide it may come this way.

Open the door!

Open the door of the soul; let in
Strong, pure thoughts which shall banish sin;
They shall grow and bloom with a grace divine
And their fruit shall be sweeter than that of the vine.

Open the door!

Open the door of the soul; let in
Sympathy sweet for stranger and kin,
It will make the halls of the heart so fair
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Open the door!

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BOOK REVIEWS

The Upas Tree. By Mrs. Florence L. Barclay. With frontispiece in color from a drawing by F. H. Townsend. Cloth, \$1.00 net. Postpaid, \$1.10. Published by G. P. Putnam's Sons, New York and London.

When you shall have finished this sweet story it will be known why The Upas Tree is a Christmas story for all the year. Neither is it strange that quite a million copies of Mrs. Barclay's stories have been sold. The reason is, she possesses all those tender and sweet characteristics which appeal to every heart. While her love story is sometimes ideal, and maybe a little dreamy, yet it is always the story of a gentle, appealing love. It grips you—you cannot resist. The reader of the Upas Tree will follow her as she unfolds a story of the rarest charm. It is a fitting climax to all her literary effort; such as, The Rosary, and The Mistress of Shenstone. You leathe to leave the Upas Tree. It would make a charming gift.

Mis' Bassett's Matrimony Bureau. By Winifred Arnold. Illustrated, net \$1.00. Fleming H. Revell Company, Publishers.

There are many of us who sometimes tire of that sort of reading which demands the utmost intensity of concentration and thoughtful analysis. A sort of mental rest is found in the reading of the humorous in literature. Thus thousands have found a surcease from the strain in Mrs. Wiggins of the Cabbage Patch, Samantha of Saratoga, and books of like nature. But if you read Mis' Bassett's Matrimony Bureau you will find a good, old-time heavy laugh on every page. It is written in the language and comports with the mannerisms of "Way Down East"—and that explains the fun in it all.

Miss 218 and Mr. 37. By Rupert Hughes. Illustrated, net 75c. Fleming H. Revell Company, Publishers.

This is a strictly a novelette of only 128 pages. No one but the city dweller knows the life of the uneducated and dependent shop-girl. Her longings, her ideals, her characteristic expressions, her dreams of love, courtship and marriage evidently come true. It's the real, real heart story of a sure-enough shop-girl who has discovered her affinity. This novelette will hold you, but if you knew the real life of the class it would grip the more. Of course, in the great fire, fireman 37 was the hero. Underneath all the apparent slang and lightness is a great question that is the nightmare of modern social economics.

Eastover Parish. By Margaret E. Sangster. 12mo., cloth, net \$1.00. Published by Fleming H. Revell Company, Publishers.

The first paragraph of the "Foreword" tells the story. Mrs. Sangster stands apart from the very near commercial fiction of modern times. While purporting to be fiction, it is far from being the problematic and passionate and highly colored sort. Every line of Eastover Parish throbs with the saintly personality of Margaret Sangster. It is really the story of her younger days when she breathed all that was holy in Williamsburg, a parish of Brooklyn. She walked with the ghosts of the past, but not of the clammy sort. She saw them slide into memory, but not with menacing hand nor spectral tread. No wonder Eastover Parish is destined to lift up into a greater spiritual brightness thousands of hearts. The author met with losses; she had sounded the depths of sorrow; great trials, anxieties and fatigues had been her portion. It is as if the author sat down with you to talk about things in common, yet deep, sweet and sacred. It has been a fragrant and refreshing oasis in our life—the reading of Eastover Parish—the very last legacy to multiplied thousands who inwardly sigh for the rest she has found. It is full of sweetness and strength, and is possibly a better expression of the philosophy that ruled Margaret Sangster's life than any other that we have, a philosophy mellowed and refined with her growth. The gentle story takes the reader along quietly, with a warm interest, a delicate humor, perfect artistry, and with a wonderful beauty in its devotional atmosphere which is as pure as the air on the mountain tops.

The Man With the Fitcher. By John F. Genung. With colored illustrations. Cloth, 50c net. Postpaid, 55c. Published by Thomas Y. Crowell Company, New York.

The story that the man with the pitcher tells leads out thoughts back to the earliest moment of all, the first Christmas season; when a song of heaven was sung and a Child came with music to earth, and when only a few, some

shepherds faithful to their charge in the night, an old man waiting for the realization of a secret presage, and a venerable prophetic long acquainted with fast and prayer, were there to welcome him. It tells of the music of divine childhood, as it sounded to the few who had ears to hear. The author says in his preface: "With the personal history of the man with the pitcher this little story is not concerned." But, like the Man with the Hoe, he is a representative. He speaks for the great unnamed body of the common people, who heard Jesus gladly and who, beyond the titled and the rich saw him as he was." Looking at Christ from this fresh viewpoint, the author relates a charming story. An unusually attractive Christmas book.

The Joy of the Lord. By J. R. Miller, D. D., author of "Making the Most of Life," "The Master's Friendships," "Upper Currents," etc. Illustrated in colors, 12mo., cloth, 50c net. Postage, 6c. Published by Thomas Y. Crowell Company, New York.

The late Dr. Miller was perhaps the most prolific and most widely read devotional writer produced by the modern religious world. No one was ever better fitted to speak on joy as the ideal of Christian life. He once stated his simple creed as follows: "To me religion means just one thing, Jesus and I are friends." That is the thought running through every page of this convincing book. Religion is not something severe and without gladness, but, on the contrary, is a source of constant happiness, peace and joy. Furthermore, "this joy of the Lord is said to be our strength. While sadness makes us weak, joy makes us strong. When joy departs, strength leaves us, and we faint by the way." Other aspects of this joy of the Lord as the most desirable attainment of life are discussed in succeeding paragraphs, every one of which is "a call to joy, to Christian joy, and to joy that will make joy in others." Dr. Miller is in his happiest vein in his treatment of this congenial theme, and his book carries an important message to the wide circle of readers who will receive help from it. We read this delightful booklet of thirty-six pages without rising from our chair. It is one of those refreshing books that you want to read again. It makes an excellent Christmas present.

The Minister as Shepherd. By Charles Edward Jefferson, pastor of the Broadway Tabernacle in New York City. 16mo., cloth, \$1.00 net; by mail, \$1.10. Published by Thomas Y. Crowell Company, New York.

This is a book of 229 pages and contains the five lectures delivered by Pastor Jefferson at Bangor Theological Seminary. They are: The Shepherd Idea in Scripture and History, The Shepherd's Work, The Shepherd's Opportunity, The Shepherd's Temptations, The Shepherd's Reward. The pastor of the Broadway Tabernacle, New York, recognized as one of the strongest American preachers and writers, holds that the twentieth century is essentially that of the shepherd. He tells why in this forceful and entertaining discussion of the out-of-pulpit relations between the modern pastor and his flock. Of all the titles minted for the envoys of the Son of God, not one of them is so satisfying or sufficient as "shepherd." Never so much as at present has there existed a need for pastors fitted by natural endowment and special training to guard flocks of Christian people against the wolves of evil that lurk about. In this strong work the relations between the modern pastor and his flock are treated in a convincing style, well calculated both to inspire the shepherds with a fresh sense of their great responsibilities and to warn the members of Church flocks against straying away from the protection of the fold. Our pastors should read it and be profited.

The International Bible Dictionary. Self-pronouncing. Edited by F. N. Peloubet, D. D., author of "Select Notes on the International Lessons," assisted by Alice D. Adams, M. A. Bound in library buckram. Price \$2.40 net. Postage 38c. Published by The John Winston Co., Philadelphia.

No one ought to be without this book of reference. It has 812 pages, 500 illustrations and 14 new maps of the Bible lands in colors. The purpose of this new Bible Dictionary is to bring to the great body of teachers and intelligent Christian households a work fully abreast of the latest modern scholarship. This dictionary has no room for detailed speculations and debatable theories, but devotes itself to the facts of the Bible itself, illuminated from every possible source that can aid the ordinary reader to know and love and understand the Word of God for his knowledge and education and daily life.

The Marshal. By Mary Raymond Shipman Andrews. Illustrated by Andre Castaigne. Net, \$1.35. Published by The Bobbs-Merrill Company, Indianapolis.

Thousands who have been charmed by "The Perfect Tribute" and "The Better Treasure" will not be disappointed in this, the latest work of the author. Three wishes consume the ardent heart of the hero of this romance—to win the love of the heroine, to restore the Bonapartes to the throne of France, to be a Marshal under another Napoleon. Under this triple star of hope he fights his brave and gallant way in Old World and New World. The glamour of the Napoleonic legend is all about him, a glamour of glory and devotion. He is the bright shadow of Prince Louis, Napoleon the Little, futile but glorious. Deeper in the background is the Man of Destiny, infinitely more glorious. The fascination of

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Old Four Toes, or Hunters of the Peaks. By Edwin L. Sabin, author of "Bar B Boys," "Range and Trail," "Circle K," etc. Illustrated by Clarence Rowe. Svo., cloth. By mail, \$1.50. Published by Thomas Y. Crowell Company, New York.

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The Book of Comfort. By J. R. Miller, author of "Silent Times," "A Heart Golden," etc. 12mo., cloth. Net, \$1.00. Published by Thomas Y. Crowell Company, New York.

The manuscript of "The Book of Comfort" was nearly ready for the press when Dr. Miller was called to his reward, July 2, 1912. Every chapter gives hints of the ripening for heaven of a life that was always so like the life of the Master. It is a marvelously helpful book. It is a bright, cheering book, suited both for people desirous of extending comfort and for the sorrowing ones themselves. The tone throughout is one of calm, sympathetic cheer. The author perfects the messages by which he has ever sought to make his readers better acquainted with the Christian's greatest Friend and Comforter. This book would be a delightful and inspiring present.

Spiritual Surgery. By Oliver Huckel, S. T. D., author of "Mental Medicine." Net, 75c. Published by Thomas Y. Crowell Company, New York.

This book presents great truths and principles by the method of analogy. The miracles of modern surgery suggest by analogy equally wonderful processes which are going on today in the spiritual world. Dr. Huckel writes of these miraculous spiritual processes in a novel and striking fashion. "Spiritual Surgery" is a revised form of six lectures delivered by Dr. Huckel before the medical students of the University of Pennsylvania. The close connection between the mind and health, the soul and the body, is indicated, and comparisons are drawn between the miracles performed by the modern surgeon on men's bodies and similar wonders worked by the Divine Surgeon on their mental and spiritual members. The author knows his subject, is novel in treatment and keenly interesting, and extremely finished in literary style. You could give no better gift to a young man.

The Inheritance. By Josephine Daskam Bacon. Illustrated. Cloth, \$1.30 net. Postpaid, \$1.42. Published by D. Appleton & Company, New York.

To those who enjoyed "The Madness of Philip," and "The Memoirs of a Baby," Mrs. Bacon needs no introduction. The plot is unique and the language clear and chaste. With intense interest you will follow the fortunes of the English baby boy of mysterious parentage until he whispers to Crissy that "to those who love there is no Long Ago." This novel is a chronicle of family life in America forty years ago. The story is told by the hero, Hugh Gordon, who, at the outset, is a little English boy of mysterious parentage. He is brought to America by his nurse and becomes the portage of a splendid village doctor. The crisis in his life comes when, upon reaching manhood, he goes to England where his striking resemblance to the head of a great house causes a nine days' scandal. It will make a splendid gift to a young lady friend.

The First Church's Christmas Barrel. By Caroline Abbott Stanley. Illustrated by Gayle Porter Haskins. Net, 50c. Published by Thomas Y. Crowell Company, New York.

This little book of seventy-one pages is a unique and just criticism of the policy of filling the "Christmas Barrel" with things discarded by the donors—the mistaken way in which we would help the needy. When you get through you will second the motion of Mrs. Hall: "We have had our thank-offering, our trespass-offering, and any number of free-will-offerings. I move that we make of the barrel a burnt-offering." Send it as a Christmas present to someone who needs to know the "real thing" about charity.

The Live Dolls in Wonderland. The new doll book for 1912. By Josephine Scribner Gates. Illustrated by Virginia Keep. Quarto, cloth, inlay cover in colors, \$1.25 net. Published by The Bobbs-Merrill Company, Indianapolis.

In her latest tale for little girls in this ever-popular series, Mrs. Gates has introduced just the things children love. The children of Cloverdale, with their live dolls, are spending the summer at the seashore. The Queen appears and presents them with wooden boats in the shape of Holland shoes. The dolls have great fun sailing in them. One day the mothers leave the dolls playing about on the sand. The dolls climb into the boats and fall asleep and the tide carries them out to sea.

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Myrtle Reed has over a million charmed readers. "The White Shield" will win the hearts of those who were so much delighted with the author of "A Weaver of Dreams" and "Lavender and Old Lace." The same vivid imagination, spontaneous wit and wholesome sentiment which characterizes her earlier stories are abundantly represented in her new book. It is said that there is no other writer of recent years whose books have the extraordinary popularity of Myrtle Reed. All of her books show increasing sales every year, and this can be said of no other fiction of the day. "The White Shield" will make a dainty Christmas gift.

A Dixie Rose in Bloom. By Augusta Kortrecht, author of "A Dixie Rose." Frontispiece in color, 12mo. Decorated cloth, \$1.25 net. Postpaid, \$1.37. Published by J. B. Lippincott Company, Philadelphia.

Jean Rose Spencer, Southerner, lovable and spunky, is an American type of girl who will appeal to the present younger generation. When at the opening of the story her plans of traveling with her uncle are unexpectedly upset she cheerfully decides to go alone to Germany for schooling. School life here for Jean is anything but dull. The author presents her characters sympathetically and we become deeply interested in the girl's frolics and woes. The commingling of different nationalities adds zest and excitement to the tale. This is a story of unusual charm and tender sentiment. It concludes with Jean being wooed and won by a young Russian nobleman.

The Arm-Chair at the Inn. By F. Hopkinson Smith. Illustrated. Net, \$1.30; postage extra. Published by Charles Scribner's Sons, New York.

Every reader who knows and likes the novels and stories of F. Hopkinson Smith will find no bit of his old charm wanting in "The Arm-Chair at the Inn." The same careless ease of narrative, the same gentle coloring of description, the same appreciation of little pleasures in life—of quaint old things, of stretches of charming scenery, of chivalrous acts however small, of good courtesies wherever met—are to be found in this new story as in "Colonel Carter's Christmas."

The Valiants of Virginia. By Hallie Ermine Rives, author of "Hearts Courageous," "The Castaway," etc. Illustrated. 12mo., cloth. Net, \$1.35. Published by The Bobbs-Merrill Company, Indianapolis.

The new Hallie Ermine Rives novel is a holding love-story. Take a young man, full of force and fire, born and bred in the North, though son of a Southern father. Bring him up in utter ignorance of the passionate ideals of the Southland, of his father's own youth and of the tragic duel which sent him forever from his people. On the death of his father,

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ing for the bountiful supply of water and mud and the promise of more. To ordinary people it would have been an occasion of silence, gloom and despondency. These were not ordinary men, listening to whistling minies, shrieking shells and the deafening roar of the cannon; they had followed the stars and bars over bloody battlefields to victory. But now the war was over, peace had come. They had heard another call to duty; it was the voice of God, "Go preach." They were now soldiers, but soldiers of the Cross. They now wielded the sword, but it was the sword of the Spirit—the Word of God. Their conversation was not loud or boisterous, but cheerful, hopeful and full of courage.

Out there at the root of a tree sat two bedrabbled men, typical frontiersmen. They drew their feet up under them to keep them out of the water. They were Seale and Potter, and had been talking over war times. Changing the conversation, Seale said: "Potter, during the war I indulged in so much bitterness and hate I don't see how I can ever preach a gospel of peace and love." "Well, Seale, there are some scriptures I can't understand—that where it says, 'love your enemies.' I don't see how it can be possible for me ever to love the Yankees." "Well, Potter, I confess I have had no little trouble on that subject. If a fellow hit me on the right cheek, instead of turning the left to him, I feel that I would do my best to knock him down. But we are young men, have never been to school much. We have a great deal to learn about the Bible. I have an idea that we don't understand it. And sometimes it means different to what we think it does. But we know what it is to do right and what it is to do wrong. We can preach, as far as we know how to tell the people, and all the time be studying our Bibles to learn more about it. I know plenty of men who have been to school more than we have that seem to me ought to preach. But they won't do it. They are lawyers, doctors and merchants, and are making money and getting rich. Now, Potter, the Lord has called us to preach and we had better do it. We may make a poor out at first, but I believe we can do a great deal of good in West Texas. If something is not done the devil is going to take the country. Why in Helena there is scarcely a day but what a lot of fellows get drunk and there is a cutting or shooting scrape. Sometimes it's really dangerous to be on the streets on account of stray bullets."

"Well, Seale, I reckon we will have to swear in for the war again. The Lord seems to be abundantly blessing my labors. Just before I started to conference I held my last meeting. It was at Hells Gate Schoolhouse. Forty got religion and joined the Church and we left twenty at the mourners' bench. I would have been there

preaching yet if I had not had to go to conference.

"You know that wicked young fellow, Thorn Ramsey, who played the fiddle for all the dances in that country? He got a good case of religion, joined the Church, was licensed to preach, and is going down to conference for work. There was one old fellow that called himself a Shawite, but he was a straight-out infidel and didn't believe the Bible. He got religion and shouted all over the house. It looked awhile like we were having a regular distracted meeting.

"Now, Seale, you know I have been considered a pretty bad fellow myself, a professional gambler and horse racer and have had some pretty tough personal differences in my time. Now for me to turn out to preaching and have such meetings, and that in so short a time! You know I haven't been preaching only about six months. While I have been mighty wicked and have done a great deal of harm, I am bound to believe the Lord is just taking hold of me and is going to use me in doing a great deal of good. I am continually saying, 'Here am I, Lord, send me.'"

"Now, Potter, you have just expressed my feeling and said my speech. Here and now I think we had better shake hands on the proposition that we will give ourselves wholly to the itinerant ministry."

This was done with such earnestness and fervor that the attention of the rest of the company was attracted in that direction.

CHARLES R. SHAPARD.
Austin, Texas.

THE GRAND CANYON.

This is one of the greatest and most awe-inspiring freaks in Nature that it has ever been my privilege to see. I had picked up a little here and there in my reading, and, like most of folks, thought I knew something of what is known as "Grand Canyon," and had a "sneaking hope" that some day "I'd see" the great wonder. So when our Los Angeles Conference was set for Phoenix, Arizona, I began to feel sure that my "sneaking hope" would be more than a faint dream. All the year I quietly looked forward to the conference time when I could see what so many others had seen, and the greater multitude would never see. When conference was over we had to spend all day Monday in Phoenix. An opportunity to see a real ostrich ranch was given to all the preachers and delegates and of course it was gladly accepted. This was my first time to see a live ostrich—300 in one pasture. They had them all ages and sizes—from a day to ten years old. I had to go to the Canyon alone. No one else seemed to think or plan as I had. Tuesday morning at 8:20 o'clock I stood on the south rim of Grand Canyon, at El Tovar, and looked

down into a much deeper and infinitely more wonderful opening in the earth than I had ever dreamed of. After standing for several minutes I instantly exclaimed: "I already have the worth of my money." There would never have been any regret for the money and time spent had I walked away at the end of the few minutes on the south rim. After an additional lunch, for I was sure I would need it, I took a canteen and still an additional lunch and started down the narrow winding trail which took me to the Colorado River, seven miles below. I have traveled quite a number of paths and trails, but none like this one. A company of seven were just a little ahead of me on mules, but I seldom could see them. The trail was so crooked and steep, I seldom saw more than one hundred feet ahead. Much of the time I had a perpendicular drop of hundreds of feet just to my right or left, and a perpendicular wall above which were beautified by the growing pines and cedars which seemed to have to hold between the several stratas and seams. Just think of a single strata of brown stone four hundred feet thick! A few places the trail was so rough and narrow and the heights so dizzy those on the little mules had to dismount. It appears to me to be much safer to walk all the way and leave the mule at the top. Several times during the day I was so dizzy that I had to stop and shut my eyes until the spell left me. All day I was filled with a reverential awe, such as I had never before experienced. Once I sat and thought of

how I'd describe it when I came away. As I viewed the heights above, the mighty chasm below, and the sculptured walls on either side they seemed to be winking at each other, as wondering what I'd say next. The whole thing refuses to be described. The nearest any one has ever come to describing it was "Grand Canyon!"

It took me two hours and forty minutes to go down and over five hours to climb out. I reached the top just before sunset, tired, exhausted, given out—too tired to eat. As I sat on the south rim and watched the night hide the indescribable chasm from view, the sun kiss the surrounding peaks goodnight, I got a number of mental pictures to carry with me all my natural lifetime, that only the Divine Artist can paint. I will be unable to show them to another, but I shall always enjoy them none the less.

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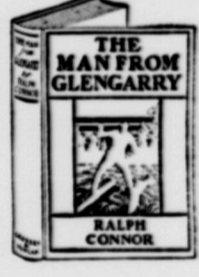
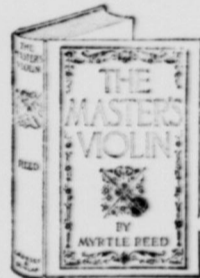
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Just after all the girls were seated Miss Jackson revealed a very pleasant surprise—as is her wont on so many occasions. A flash light picture was to be made. All looked pleasant and puff; it was done!

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All were loth to leave the dining room, but even happy days must close and as the early November twilight fell, and guests were departing, another pleasure developed, for here came the "flash-light man" and every one had to have a good look at the photograph, and all hope to possess one as a souvenir of this happy occasion.

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WE SHALL MEET.

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Where no shadow shall bewilder; Where life's vain parade is o'er; Where the sleep of sin is broken, And the dreamer dreams no more;

A WILD WASTE.

By Bishop W. A. Candler.

Considered only as an economic question the use of intoxicants raises an issue of stupendous importance. The drink bill of the people of the United States amounts to a little more than \$2,500,000,000 a year.

Our national drink bill would pay our national debt in less than one year. But what is actually consumed in drink does not measure the entire loss.

The reports of the department of agriculture for last year show that 60 per cent of the corn produced in this country during the year was used in producing fermented liquors which left only 40 per cent.

The International Hygiene Congress, which held last week in Washington, D. C., its sixtieth annual session—the first ever held in America—is not a body of fanatics; it is a body of cool-headed scientists.

Now, with such facts known and read of all men, it is worse than idle to continue the silly cry, "prohibition does not prohibit." The moral and religious people know the statement is false; the immoral elements do not believe it; and the liquor dealers themselves are perfectly aware of the falseness of the cry which they thus raise.

Nevertheless these are the cold facts of the case. What will we do about it? Many remedies have been proposed, but only two have shown very substantial or enduring results in the way of abating the awful evil.

One is the moral power of Christianity to redeem from sin and deliver them from the bondage of evil habits. This needs to be magnified more and more.

Then there is the legal prohibition of the liquor traffic—a cause which must be promoted by all means. Much is said to the effect that "prohibition does not prohibit," etc.; but the fact remains that a prohibition law is the form of statute which has done most to suppress the evils of intemperance.

Here is the case of Kansas, for example. In a statement recently published the attorney-general of that State, Hon. John S. Dawson, says that in 30 years the prohibition law in Kansas has reduced drinking in Kansas so greatly that now the per capita consumption of intoxicants in the commonwealth is only \$1.48 annually, as compared with \$24 per capita in the adjoining State of Missouri.

The attorney-general of Kansas says further: "The test value of prohibition is the net result for Kansas in 30 years. Almost one-third of the population is enrolled in the schools of the State. Illiteracy has been reduced from 49 per cent to less than two per cent, and that trifling amount is almost entirely among the foreign element.

Our national drink bill would pay our national debt in less than one year. But what is actually consumed in drink does not measure the entire loss. We must reckon also the loss of industry and the products of industry which the use of intoxicating liquors entails. We must take into account also the fearful consequences of intemperance in the production of pauperism, insanity, and crime—all of which lay heavy burdens upon the nation.

The facts in Maine are equally striking and quite similar. The real explanation of why the Democrats lost Maine in the recent election was that they showed a disposition to undo the prohibition law. No party can win in Maine which proposes to bring back to the State the licensed saloon.

Now, with such facts known and read of all men, it is worse than idle to continue the silly cry, "prohibition does not prohibit." The moral and religious people know the statement is false; the immoral elements do not believe it; and the liquor dealers themselves are perfectly aware of the falseness of the cry which they thus raise.

THE MEASURE OF SUCCESS.

What is the measure of success? How can we tell whether a man has succeeded or failed? When a man becomes rich does it mean that he has succeeded? When a professional man reaches fame and stands upon the topmost rung of the professional ladder, does it mean that he has achieved success? When the politician wins in the political fight, and is hailed as the leader of his party, is he therefore a success? And are the poor men who remain poor, the professional men who never become famous, and the politicians who are beaten, are these the unsuccessful?

When we speak without weighing our words, we are apt to answer "yes" to the question. Success lies nominally in such things. But when we begin to look into the matter more deeply we recognize that success means more than this. Some men reach wealth upon the wrecked fortunes of their fellows, and in the process of acquiring it they suffer both in reputation and character.

No observing man is surprised, or doubts for a moment the correctness of these statements; they are just what we would expect as the result of liquor drinking. But when they are massed in one horrible aggregate, the sum of evil is so great, men are so slow to believe that it is possible for the nation to carry such a burden.

has increased. And we remember what the wise man said some thousands of years ago, "A good name is rather to be chosen than great riches, and loving favor rather than silver or gold," and we feel that after all this man has failed. If the soul is higher than the body, if the man is bigger than the dollar, then the man has failed. No swollen fortunes can ever compensate for shrunken ideals and lessened humanity.

And what is true of wealth is true of fame and power. It matters not to what dizzy eminence a man may have climbed, it matters not how hard the upward struggle and how numerous the competitors whom he has outstripped, it matters not how loudly an admiring host may sing his praises, he must still face the crucial question whether he himself has grown, whether he has followed or been false to the voice within. Men may blunder in their estimate of us, and friends may flatter us with kindly yet foolish words, but the soul in its sober moments realizes that it awaits the verdict of a higher court; and if success has been purchased by the sacrifice of our higher ideals, or made possible by selfish absorption in our own advancement to the forgetfulness of our fellows, then sooner or later the soul must face the fact that it has not succeeded—but failed.

It is so easy to let the things we see dominate our thought and snare our action, but the things we do not see, the unseen realities, are the things which control the hereafter and the verdict of time is really no verdict at all; it is the eternities which count. The accumulation of a fortune, no matter how large, and no matter how great financial dexterity were necessary for its accomplishment, is but of earth and belongs to the ephemeral; the winning of high place amongst men and the applause of admiring thousands has value only as it indicates real advancement; and it seems beyond question that the lives which have reached the highest spiritual level, and whose influence has been most potent in the uplift of the race have usually had little of either gold or fame. In the life of Christ the grim and blood-stained cross marked the highest point of achievement; Calvary spelt success. Is it often so with men?—Christian Guardian (Toronto).

NEEDLESS SORROW.

Ah, what infinite sorrow men lay up for themselves in resisting the divine will! If you fret and chafe against his appointments, finding fault with him because he has not given you another lot, some other partner for your life, some more congenial occupation, you cannot but be wretched, for at the bottom of all such dispositions, which fume as the waves of the sea, there lurks a feeling of disappointed pride, which thinks that it deserved some better treatment from God, and considers itself ill-used.

But who are we that demand so fair and comfortable a lot—we whose first father was a gardener who stole his master's fruit, who have sprung from the dust but yesterday, and who have piled Alps on Andes of repeated sin? Let us accept what God sends. The worst is ten thousand times better than we deserve. The hardest is the better evidence of a love which dares not spoil us. The whole is dictated and arranged by such wisdom as cannot for a single instant err.

The shadow cast by that mighty hand is dense and dark; its pressure is almost overwhelming. David cried, as he felt it: "Day and night thy hand was heavy upon me; my moisture is turned into the drought of summer." But bend beneath it. Its pressure may be felt in personal suffering, in rebuke or shame or persecution or in loss of property or in some other form of chastisement; yet take each as another opportunity of putting into practice this injunction of humility: "Lie still, my soul; whatever God ordains is right and good; thou deservest nothing better; what right hast thou to be sitting at the royal table at all, when thou hadst forfeited it for the swine's fare? If thou hadst thy rights, thou wouldst be now in the outer gloom."—Meyer.

THE MAN WITH THE GROUCH.

Where in all the world did such a word come from—such a very expressive word? Dickens? Oh, no; he exploited the type but did not originate the name. Yet when you read the first few pages of A Christmas Carol you almost expect, every minute to run against the word "grouch." Poor old Scrooge certainly carried a well-developed grouch around with him until that night when the ghosts took it away and he woke up in the surprising character of Sunny Jim.

The word sprang up from the fertile hotbed of American patois—it was the spontaneous coinage of the streets. Like Topsy, it "just growed." It has no etymology, "Let's make one, and say that it is a contraction and combination of the words 'growl' and 'speech'—the first sound of the one joined to the latter sound of the

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other." That really fits the case. The man with a grouch begins almost every speech with a growl.

"What a beautiful day this is!" exclaims the optimist. "Well, it will rain before night," replies the man with a grouch.

"That was a splendid sermon this morning, wasn't it?" says Brother Jones, coming out of Church. "Fair; he could preach well enough if he wasn't too lazy to study," grunts Brother Croo in reply.

So it goes; in Church, in business, even in sport, the man with a grouch opposes every joy with gloom. Convinced to concede that anything is pure, unadulterated good, he is busy always hunting out the evil and grumbling over his real or fancied wrongs.

It is sometimes called a "knocker," another expressive word with an origin to that of "grouch." To such a man nothing seems to be right, nothing is free from his ill-natured criticism. He is always knocking the man that he sees on the street, knocking his neighbor whenever they meet, knocking at business, knocking at play, knocking because he can't have his own way, knocking the preacher and knocking the pew, knocking the man who dares differ in view, knocking his enemy, knocking his friend.

Until we all wish that his knocking would end. Some happy spirits are like the birds in the tree tops greeting the sunshine with songs of joy, but the man with a grouch is like the frog croaking at night from a slimy swamp.—Christian Endeavor World.

"TO EVERY MAN HIS WORK."

The best way for a farmer to improve the farming of the country is to improve his own farming on his own farm. The teacher who would advance the cause of education and elevate the standard of intellectual life can do no better than to make his own school a model and train the young people under his own care in the best way. The father who is anxious to see an improvement in the homes of all the people can do more to bring about that happy result by making his own home an ideal home than he can in any other way.

THE MORROW

I know not what the morrow may bring— The morrow, to all unknown; I cannot know of the things in store That life to me may loan. I am not sure about the path, Or how the journey may be; But all is well in the future way, For God will take care of me. Let the morrow bring its weal or woe, Whatever for me it holds; I will lay it down at the feet of Him Who all of life unfolds.

—Samuel Tilden Larkin.

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given by leaders to the rank and file of ministers and Sunday school workers as to the right way to do things. Is not every minister a specialist? It is his specialty to save men and to lead his own congregation out to save men. Let him use the knowledge he has in this great work in his own field and the work will go on. So soon as we run after so-called specialists the Church will be smothered by its strength. Individual Churches will become barren and unfruitful. Hands that should be busy will hang down helpless while the people wait for the specialists. It is not selfish for the preacher to stay by his own work.—New York Christian Advocate.

FOR MOTHER.

He was only a mite of a boy, dirty and ragged, and he had stopped for a little while in one of the city's free play-grounds to watch a game of ball between boys of his own and a rival neighborhood. Tatters and grime were pattering in evidence on every side; but the little fellow attracted the attention of a group of visitors, and one of them, reaching over the child's shoulder as he sat on the ground, gave him a luscious golden pear.

The boy's eyes sparkled, but the eyes were the only thanks as he looked back to see from whence the gift had come and then turned his face away, too shy or too much astounded to speak. But from that time on his attention was divided between the game and his new treasure. He patted the pear; he looked at it; and at last, as if to assure himself that it was as delicious as it appeared, he lited it to his lips and cautiously bit out a tiny piece near the stem. Then, with a long sigh of satisfaction and assurance he tucked the prize safely inside his dirty blouse.

"Why don't you eat it, Tony?" asked a watchful acquaintance. "Eat it? All meself? Ain't I savin' it for mother?"

The tone, with its mingling of resentment and loyalty, made further speech unnecessary. Whatever Tony lacked—and it seemed to be nearly everything—he had learned humanity's loliest lesson. He had another clearer than self, and knew the joy of sacrifice.—Baptist Young People.

The North Texas Conference

This body held its recent session in Grace Church, this city. It was largely attended. Bro. C. M. Harless, aided by the pastors and several laymen, was the host of the conference, and right well did he meet the demands of the occasion. All were handsomely entertained and great satisfaction was expressed upon the part of the brethren.

Bishop E. D. Mouzon had charge of the conference, and he conducted the business with dispatch and order. He treated all with courtesy and consideration. He is a good presiding officer and handles business with the skill and readiness of a veteran.

Bishop Mouzon took the chair promptly at 9 o'clock and called the conference to order. He announced the old hymn, "And are we yet alive," and it was sung with a real zest. A fervent prayer was made to which there were many amens. "Sweet hour of prayer," was sung. The venerable Bishop Key was present and sat in the pulpit. The Scripture lesson was taken from the second chapter of Philippians. The Bishop delivered a lengthy dissertation on the lesson and he was listened to attentively.

R. G. Mood, former Secretary, came forward and called the roll. Only sixteen lay delegates answered to their names.

Rev. R. G. Mood was re-elected Secretary. He was given a good list of helpers. The presiding elders reported the Standing Committees, and they were elected. Bishop Key was presented to the conference and he was received with great pleasure by the brethren. The transfers from other conferences were announced, and those present were introduced to the conference.

The names of the presiding elders were called and they reported. We can only give a brief outline of their reports. They all sounded notes of encouragement and hopefulness. We report them as follows:

Bonham District, Rev. J. B. Gober, presiding elder: Good year, revivals moderately good. Built two churches, and one on the way. Raised twice as much for all purposes than previously. The preachers of the district remembered Brother Gober with a handsome overcoat. The district is in good condition.

Bowie District, Rev. T. H. Morris, presiding elder: Good year, 1000 conversions, 700 accessions, salaries good, collections slightly behind, good meetings. Doing some church and parsonage building, and the work is progressing. Preachers have all done well. The outlook is promising.

Dallas District, Rev. J. M. Peterson, presiding elder: Good year, all the preachers have been paid in full except two. All the collections full except three charges. Good meetings and the district is in good condition. The brethren gave Brother Peterson a set of fine books.

Decatur District, Rev. S. C. Kiddle, presiding elder: Had a year of peace and fellowship. Good spiritual condition. Some improvements. A good

brick church built, debts paid, and finances only short at special points. Drouth has been prevalent among us. We have done our best under the circumstances.

Gainesville District, Rev. J. F. Pierce, presiding elder: A year of great revivals. Over 1200 conversions and 900 accessions. Finances are good. Several licensed to preach. The year has been one of prosperity and we are all happy.

At three o'clock there was preaching service, and Bro. D. F. Fuller delivered the message. It was an able sermon, full of thought and earnestness and it left a deep impression on the audience. Brother Fuller is one of the ablest preachers in the conference.

At night, Rev. I. W. Clark preached to a full house. He has been on the retired list for a couple of years on account of ill health, but his sermon was up to his usual standard, and it was preached in power and demonstration. Following it was the Lord's Supper. It was a deeply spiritual service, putting the conference in a highly spiritual state.

Greenville District, Rev. R. G. Mood, presiding elder: Have finished four years. They have been pleasant to me. During this time we have built several churches, had a number of conversions, and have licensed twenty-two men to preach. Our last year has been a prosperous one, having 650 net gain.

McKinney District, Rev. C. A. Spragins, presiding elder: Good year, 600 conversions, built some churches, collections all full, and some of them over paid.

Paris District, Rev. W. F. Bryan, presiding elder: Nine hundred and fifty additions to the Church. Most of the charges are out in full in collections. Some new churches built, four parsonages, and the district is prosperous. The preachers all did their duty faithfully.

Sherman District, Rev. A. L. Andrews, presiding elder: One thousand conversions, five meetings, all the charges paid out but one. We have made progress along all lines. The preachers have worked wonderfully and peace and harmony prevailed.

Sulphur Springs, Rev. R. C. Hicks, presiding elder: Eight hundred accessions, only a few deficits in collections, but good collections in the main. Unlike some other sections, we were visited by hurtful floods. Paid off district parsonage debt. Licensed two young men to preach and built some parsonages. A good all-round year.

Terrell District, Rev. M. L. Hamilton, presiding elder: Good meetings, good accessions, built three churches and improved some others. All the charges paid out in full except one.

Connectional papers were referred to their appropriate committees. A number of visiting brethren were introduced to the conference.

The names of the old brethren were called and a number of them spoke of their religious experience and of their hopes.

Rev. Dr. James Kilgore, of the Texas Conference, was introduced and he represented the General Board of Education in place of Dr. Anderson, who was not able to be present. The statements of Dr. Kilgore were pointed and lucid and he was given close attention.

Thursday came in bright and cool, and overcoats were in demand. The church was well filled at nine o'clock, and Bishop Key had charge of the half hour devotional service. His theme was prayer, and his address was pointed and deeply religious. It was just such a talk as Bishop Key alone could make.

Rev. M. L. Hamilton was called to the bar by the Bishop and given a handsome Bible by his preachers as a token of the love of the preachers

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of his district. He responded in appropriate words.

Fourteen young men applied for admission on trial and they were received by the conference. This is proof that the Church in North Texas is able to produce its own ministerial supply.

Rev. J. Marvin Nichols, at his own request, was granted an honorable location.

Rev. Houston Pirtle was readmitted into the conference.

At 11 o'clock a great congregation packed the church to participate in the Thanksgiving service. Bishop Mouzon preached an able sermon and we give the following excerpt of the discussion:

In substance the Bishop said "This is third in the list of great prayers there being only two other greater—the Lord's Prayer and Christ's Prayer for his disciples. This prayer is great in its boldness, great in its faith, great in its understanding of the needs of the Church, and the greatest prayer of Christ's greatest apostle.

"For this cause, that the mysterious might be revealed, that the Gentiles might know they were fellow-partakers of the promise. The gospel was for all men, ages, nations. With the same intense earnestness that Jacob wrestled with the angel, so Paul bowed his knee unto the Father, who is infinitely rich in resources. Of whom the whole family in heaven and earth is named. Fatherhood is the central idea of God, and only as a man believes and understands Jesus does he believe and understand God."

Continuing, the Bishop urged his followers to begin to find out what these unsearchable riches are. We need personality made stronger, man strengthened by might with God's spirit in the inner man.

The time has come in Methodism to reaffirm and restate the great doctrine taught by our fathers. Sanctification, as John Wesley taught it, is the unification of the life of man reorganized in Jesus Christ.

This experience is possible. "Let us grow unto perfection and realize the fulfillment of the apostle's prayer. Then shall men be strong. When Jesus takes up His permanent abode we shall then be fitted for the great task for which we live."

We can never be able to understand the great things of Christianity until

we are rooted and grounded in love, argued the Bishop. God requires more than intellect. Only love can understand love. Spiritual things are spiritually discerned, and that explains much of the skepticism abroad in the land. Christianity is no small thing, but the biggest thing in the world. It was not destined for Judea, but for the whole world. Not for America, but for Africa and the islands of the sea as well.

In the afternoon the conference, with a large concourse, repaired to the University grounds, and celebrated the laying of the cornerstone of Southern Methodist University. We give special account of the exercises in another column of this issue.

At night Rev. J. M. Sweeton preached a most edifying sermon.

Friday morning, Bishop Mouzon conducted the half-hour devotional service and expounded the first chapter of Ephesians, beginning with the fifteenth verse.

The names of the undergraduates were called, they reported and their characters were passed. Their reports were uniformly good. Rev. W. H. Brown was readmitted.

Dr. Bulla, of Marshall, was presented. He spoke for the Wesley Bible work.

Mrs. W. H. Johnson spoke in the interest of the Mission Home.

The names of all the elders were called and they were passed without making their reports.

Rev. R. G. Mood was called to the bar of the conference by the Bishop

and was presented with a handsome grip as a token of the love of the preachers of the Greenville District. He responded appropriately and humorously.

At the afternoon service Rev. J. L. Morris preached a sermon of unusual point and power. At night Dr. E. W. Alderson preached a strong sermon to a large audience.

Saturday morning the Bishop gave the first hour to a devotional exercise. His talk was very uplifting and inspiring.

Dr. J. H. Gambrell was introduced and spoke with emphasis in behalf of the Anti-Saloon League. He was given a close hearing.

For the first time during the series of conferences, the weather was murky and drizzly, and the clouds were rather lowering. But the brethren were on hand to participate in the proceedings.

Rev. C. C. Davis and Rev. W. J. Holden had their credentials restored to them.

The committee on Books and Periodicals reported and spoke in very high terms of the Advocate and its work as the organ of the conference.

Nine young men were presented to the Bishop as applicants for admission to full membership in the conference. The venerable Bishop Key addressed them in language clear and spiritual. The whole conference listened to him

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in breathless attention. The address was wise and helpful. At the close of the address they were received by a rising vote, while the audience sang, "Blest be the tie that binds." The hand of fellowship was given to them.

Rev. D. F. Fuller read the report on the Bible Cause and it embodied a great deal of information. Rev. J. J. Morgan spoke to the report.

The Orphanage report was read and Dr. McLean spoke to the paper and reviewed his four years of work with this institution.

The report on Sabbath Observance was read and Dr. R. S. Armstrong spoke earnestly on the importance of Sabbath observance.

The report made by the Board of Education was elaborate. It gave much information concerning our schools.

The conference distributed among its claimants, \$9353.

At the afternoon session, Rev. W. D. Mountcastle led the opening service. Rev. O. T. Cooper read the Sunday School report.

Dr. John M. Moore read the report of the Board of Missions, and it was disclosed that \$9000 had been raised, and for the first time in the history of the Board all the requests of the presiding elders for help had been met.

Hon. Epps G. Knight was elected Conference Lay Leader for the ensuing year. He is well qualified for the position.

The Board of Church Extension was called and made its report.

Clarksville was chosen as the place to hold the next session of the conference.

At night there was a great missionary rally and our Dr. John M. Moore delivered the principal address.

Sunday was a bright day in Dallas.

All the Protestant pulpits were mostly filled with our preachers.

At Grace Church the love feast started the day. It was great. At 11 o'clock Bishop Mouzon preached to a large audience and ordained the deacons.

At 3 o'clock Memorial services were held in memory of deceased preachers.

At night Rev. J. L. Pierce preached, and Bishop Mouzon ordained those who had been elected to elders' orders. The conference came to a close by the reading of the appointments.

A GENERAL MISSIONARY CONFERENCE OF THE M. E. CHURCH, SOUTH.

By C. F. Reid.

The time now seems ripe for a somewhat detailed statement of the plans and progress made looking to the holding of a General Missionary Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South, at our Southern Assembly Grounds, June 25-29, 1913.

When, in accordance with action taken at the Laymen's Conference at Dallas, it became time to prepare for another Laymen's Conference, the Secretary of the Laymen's Missionary Movement asked for a meeting of Mission Board Secretaries. At this meeting which occurred June 19th, it was proposed that the scope of the conference be enlarged so as to take within its purview all the missionary activities of the Church. This proposition was approved by all present and a more formal meeting was called for July 25.

At the second meeting for discussing the conference, plans were much more fully developed. It was decided to call a General Missionary Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South, under the auspices of the Laymen's Missionary Movement, to be held at the Southern Assembly Grounds, Waynesville, N. C., June 25-29, 1913.

The Secretary of the Laymen's Missionary Movement was requested to lay the matter before the members of the Executive Committee of the movement and to enter into correspondence with our Bishops, executive officers of the Conference Mission Boards and other leaders to discover the mind of the Church in regard to the holding of the conference.

The response of the Executive Com-

mittee of the Laymen's Movement was unanimously in favor of the conference as proposed.

A letter in the form of an invitation to accept membership in a General Promotion Committee was sent to more than two hundred and fifty of our Church leaders, including our Bishops, General Conference officers, Mission Board Secretaries, Laymen's Missionary Executive Committee, Conference Lay Leaders, Conference Mission Board Presidents, Conference Missionary Secretaries, editors of our Church papers, Presidents of colleges and other men well-known throughout the Church.

The response to this invitation was so full and cordial as to leave no doubt that in the mind of our chief workers the time and conditions are ready for the kind of meeting contemplated in the call. There was not a word of discouragement from anyone. Less than half a dozen declined to serve on the committee for reasons purely personal and obvious and two hundred and forty-eight signified their acceptance.

Out of the large Promotion Committee, twenty-nine persons, more especially representing the missionary activities of the Church, were asked to serve as an Executive Committee. This committee met October 29 and organized by electing officers and appointing nine sub-committees to look after special interests in the preparation and conduct of the conference.

Among these smaller committees, a Steering Committee was appointed and authorized to act ad interim for the Executive Committee, with full power to decide all questions that may arise. This committee is constituted as follows: W. W. Pinson, Chairman; Ed. F. Cook, Vice-Chairman; C. F. Reid, Secretary; Bishop W. R. Lambuth, Miss Belle H. Bennett, John R. Pepper, John M. Moore.

At the midyear meeting of our College of Bishops, held at Greenwood, South Carolina, October 30, the matter of the conference was presented and the following resolution was unanimously adopted:

"Whereas the Executive Committee of the Laymen's Missionary Movement of our Church with the concurrence of the Secretaries of the Board of Missions is proposing a Missionary Conference to be held in June, 1913, similar in nature and scope to the great Conference held in New Orleans in 1901.

"Therefore, we, the Bishops of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South, desire to express our hearty approval of the conference proposed by our laymen, and cordially commend the movement to the sympathy and support of the entire Church."

At a called meeting of the Board of Missions held at Nashville, Tenn., November 5, the following action was taken:

"Dr. Cook presented the matter of a General Missionary Conference to be held in Waynesville, N. C., next summer. He announced that a tentative Executive Committee had been assembled by the Secretaries of the Board and the Executive Committee of the Laymen's Missionary Movement with the purpose of providing for such a conference at Waynesville, N. C., in June, 1913. After discussion, the following paper was adopted:

"Resolved, 1st, That the Board of Missions approves the holding of a General Missionary Conference at the place and time indicated.

"2nd, That the following Executive Committee already nominated as above indicated be and hereby is duly appointed to represent this Board in preparations for that Conference: John R. Pepper, Chairman; Bishops A. W. Wilson, James Atkins, W. R. Lambuth, Vice-Chairmen; J. D. Hamilton, Treasurer; C. F. Reid, Secretary; Rev. W. W. Pinson, Rev. W. F. McMurry, Rev. Stonewall Anderson, Rev. E. B. Chappell, Rev. F. S. Parker, Rev. John M. Moore, Rev. E. H. Rawlings, Rev. G. B. Winton, Rev. James Cannon, W. B. Stubbs, T. S. Southgate, Julian S. Carr, F. M. Daniel, C. A. Sanford, C. H. Ireland, W. G. M. Thomas, R. B. Eleazer, Mrs. J. B. Cobb, Mrs. R. W. MacDonell, Miss Mabel Head, Miss Belle H. Bennett, Mrs. A. L. Marshall."

"ED. F. COOK,
"G. B. WINTON."

"The list of special committees appointed by the Executive Committee at a meeting already held was submitted to the Board. On motion, it was voted to request that the name of J. M. Moore be added to the Steering Committee."

It now appears that the holding of this Missionary Conference has the unanimous and authoritative approval of our College of Bishops, our Board of Missions, our Laymen's Missionary Movement, and the active endorsement of two hundred and forty-eight men and women to whom we look for leadership and who represent all the various activities of our Church. It may then be said that it belongs to and will be held under the auspices of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South. But more important than all else is

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that it shall have the approval, the constant guidance and blessing of the Head of the Church. No man has ever achieved a worthy place in the history of the on-going kingdom of God who was not first of all a man of prayer, and God has always most honored his Church when she was on her knees.

Never in all history has God wrought more mightily than in these latter days, overthrowing dynasties, wrecking nations and melting the hearts of men. Look at the stupendous changes taking place in the "Near East" and the "Far East." Look at Africa in the throes of a mighty travail; at South America stretching forth her shackled arms to be freed from an effete Romanism; at India writhing in the agony of a great unrest. Look at three-fourths of all the people in the world passing through a period of change and transition, all plastic and ready to be moulded into new forms of life. Look at our teeming cities, in many of which the Church seems to stand arrested; at the incoming flood of alien immigrants; at our mining and cotton mill problems; at our mountain section, destitute of the gospel, and our great Southwest rapidly filling up and needing to be possessed in the name of the Lord.

Then consider our Southern Methodism with her two million splendid men and women and her five hundred million annual income. Surely this is a time to draw very close to the great heart of God, that we may know his purpose and learn the part he would have us undertake in this day of appalling need and unparalleled opportunity. "Ask and ye shall receive, seek and ye shall find, knock and it shall be opened unto you."

OUR UNSETTLED LIVES.

At their best, how pit fully unsettled are these human lives of ours! We find yesterday's plans do not fit today as we expected they would, and we must change them to suit the present conditions. We fail sometimes when we have felt we had every reason to expect success; and when we are foolish enough to measure our lives by others, forgetting that all lives are sealed books never to be opened by human hands, we are discouraged by the seeming success we imagine these others have won. But the battle is still on, the time for the final struggle is in the future. We must just keep on weighing and measuring the incidents, the accidents, the temptations and the duties which crowd thick upon us, and put them against our meager strength, our weak wills, our human reasoning, and watch for the results to determine whether we have failed, or come off victorious.

We are beset by so many problems which mean so much to us. Desire and conscience contend for the solution, and we find desire makes the strong appeal, too often, that we settle too many life questions hastily because we want them settled a certain way. Conscience has little to do with that which appeals strongly to our desire many times, and so such a great percent of our problems are never "settled right," and our lives suffer a needless loss which even the Father cannot make good, because he never forces us against our will to do or not to do what in our saner moments we feel is duty.

It is true there are times when we fail to reach the right decision from a mistaken idea of true value. We simply have not recognized the importance of the thing which confronts us, nor the effect that lies hidden behind its final settlement upon our own or others' lives. If we had known, life would have been, O so different, and for such mistakes we may be forgiven, yet forgiveness cannot change the self-inflicted pain we must suffer.

Nothing is ever settled fully until it is settled right. Then it becomes part of the perfect structure which need never make us anxious or afraid. It

is those things we settle wrong which leave us harassed and uncertain, which take the joy out of life.

"If thou do ill, the joy fades, not the pain; If well, the pain doth fade, the joy remains."
—Burlington Hawkeye.

"I thank thee, Lord, that thou dost lay These near horizons on my way! If I could all my journey see, There were no charm of mystery, No veiled grief, no changes sweet, No restful sense of tasks complete, I thank Thee for the hills, the night, For every barrier to my sight; For every turn that blinds my eyes To coming pain or glad surprise; For every bound Thou settest nigh, To make me look more near, more high; For mysteries too great to know; For everything Thou dost not show, Upon Thy limits rests my heart; Its safe horizon, Lord, Thou art!"

He is the greatest conqueror who has subjected the universe within; and until man has Alexandered himself there is no reason to weep for want of worlds to conquer.

The advertising space of Senger Bros. in the Dallas News Thanksgiving morning contained the following tribute to the Southern Methodist University. It was written by Rev. Jas. Kirkland, Advertising Manager of Senger Bros., a minister in the Presbyterian Church, and for several years pastor of Bethany Presbyterian Church in this city. The Texas Christian Advocate reproduces it, not only because of its eulogistic terms but to show the unified spirit of the citizens of Dallas in promoting this great educational enterprise:

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Much can yet be done to encourage institutions of learning in their efforts to teach and guide ideals and impulses and educate our youth to be law-respecting, law-abiding citizens, meantime encircling them with potent, pleasing, lasting influences.

Some one has well said: "That man had a liberal education who had been so trained in youth that his body is the ready servant of his will and does with ease and pleasure all the work that, as a mechanism, he is capable of; whose intellect is a clear, cold logic engine with all its parts of equal strength and in smooth working order; ready, like a steam engine, to be turned to any kind of work and spin the gossamers as well as forge the anchors of the mind; whose mind is stored with the knowledge of the great truths of Nature and of the law of her operations; one who, no stunted ascetic, is full of life and fire, but whose passions are trained to come to heel by a vigorous will, the servant of a tender conscience; one who has learned to love all beauty, whether of Nature or of Art; to hate all vileness and to respect others as himself."

Men may, and do, differ in regard to their estimate of the relative value of practical, cultural and Christian education, but no such controversy obtains here, where all the elements of a liberal education are to be happily blended under one roof. Love, Harmony, Beauty and all have their place, and who dares say a word against either; but faith in God is the foundation stone that gives fuller, richer life to all the cardinal virtues, principles, affections.

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Notes From the Field

Bunyon.

We are delighted with our new home. Preached Sunday evening and night to good audiences. Received a family of five into the Church. The old-time pounding came Wednesday night. Words fail to express the magnitude of this occasion. The good old-time greeting to the new pastor and family was superb and the fellowship inexpressible. May the good Lord help us to prove ourselves worthy of this good people's love. Thanksgiving Day was observed with success. The Advocate has a good circulation here. We hope to extend its circulation.—Mac M. Smith, P. C.

Salado.

For the sixth time we have been received with a good degree of cordiality on the Salado charge. A generous pounding materialized at the parsonage last Wednesday night after prayermeeting, instigated by two choice young ladies, Misses Clara Jones and Winnie Belle Sutherland. Tokens of kindness are continuous. For all these things we are indeed grateful. The intrinsic value of them is considerable; but their deeper value lies in the thus-expressed assurances that the pastor and his family are being held in tender esteem for the Lord's and for the world's sake. The outlook is fine for a good year. We thank God and take courage.—J. M. Armstrong.

Gustine.

At the close of the Central Texas Conference Bishop Atkins read me out for Gustine and Energy. I was here two months before conference. I did not have any regular work in the conference, any more than going to school. I attended school at Meridian, Texas, one of our best secondary schools in the State. I helped in meetings through the year. About two months before conference Rev. W. P. Hines, of Gustine and Energy, resigned his place as pastor and Brother Little at once asked me to take his place. I found things not in the best condition. We began work at once. Soon had a revival meeting.

Had a good meeting. Since I have been here our Sunday Schools have taken on new life. Our leagues have come to life again and are now doing good work. We have received in the Church twenty-two members. While we were away from home last Thursday night, some one, or ones, made their way into the parsonage. They did not take out anything, but from a wagon in the dining room, which the looks of things some one emptied had been filled with just such things as a preacher and his family love to eat. We did not try to have them arrested, but from the stand gave them a cordial invitation to return and do it again. We are getting very well organized now and expect to do a great year's work for our Lord and Church. Pray for us.—Henry Francis, P. C.

Roby.

This morning while I was out soliciting attendance at the Methodist Church on our Thanksgiving service, our good people pounded us tremendously. Oh how my heart swelled with gratitude to God and the donors for such an expression of appreciation. I pray that I may be a blessing to the people of Roby and the entire work. At 11 a. m. we gathered at the church and had a real Thanksgiving service. Several testified to be grateful for many blessings; especially for living in a Christian land, and in touch with the Divine head of all good Nations. It was good to be there. We are hoping and expecting a good year, for our people love God and their country, and this is the best evidence of a good people.—I. N. Anderson, P. C., Nov. 28.

Azie.

To our great delight the Bishop read us out to Azie for another year. We had closed out the year in very good shape with salary and collections paid in full, thirty-one net increase in membership, considerable repairing and improving done on the parsonage, including a new chimney—the credit for which is due to the good women—and a very enthusiastic Epworth League organized and doing fine work. On Thanksgiving night we were generously pounded, and our people have received us kindly all around the work. Our hopes and prospects are bright for the new conference year, and we pray that we may be able to do more for the Master than last year. Have secured seven subscribers to the Advocate since conference.—J. M. Bond, Jr.

Mansfield Station.

After serving these good people for two years, we have been returned to serve them another year. The people have given us a cordial reception. Many kind expressions from my people expressing their pleasure that we are to remain with them another year have greatly encouraged us for the year's work. On last Wednesday night they gave us a great pounding. We were all pleased with Rev. T. S. Armstrong as presiding elder, and the people regretted to give him up, but those of us who know Brother J. A. Whitehurst as a presiding elder are delighted to have him on the Waxahachie District. We have much to do and a mind for work.—S. A. Ashburn.

Coolidge.

Yes, we have moved. It is not much trouble to move after you get used to it. Then there is another thing about it, after you get used to it you do not have much to move. We packed up after supper and moved the next day before dinner. We have very few things besides our reputation to move and we never take all of them or all of it. Wortham is a nice place, every preacher hates to leave there, and we were no exception. But I am not writing to praise Wortham as Bro. Griffith will soon have cause to do that and it would not be fair for me to get in his way, as I have finished my course there. Our train was late and it was after dark when we arrived in Coolidge on Tuesday, November 26. We were expecting a six block walk to the dark parsonage, loaded with several grips and overcoats, a hat box nearly half as large as a cotton bale, a box of lettuce plants, a bouquet or two, and coat pockets bulging with a shoe brush, a bottle of camphor, a package of onion sets, a soiled shirt and a pair of socks and many other things which perhaps better not be mentioned for fear of taking too much space. Right here I lack words to do justice to the situation. I do not want to say "Imagine our surprise and gratification," etc., because all the preachers say that and I do not want to say, "Delightful and cordial reception," because Brother Hotchkiss said last week about Mineral Wells and he has been feeding Mineral Wells for

a year. We were strangers here, and still they came and with a bigger and a finer automobile, they, a delegation of the Church and the Woman's Missionary Society, honored the preacher and his wife by meeting them at the train, capturing every piece of luggage (including said overcoats) and then the smooth but swift glide through the streets in the self-propelling chariot, seemed like the realization of Arabian Night's magic, and we found ourselves in the domain that is to be our home for the next twelve months, but mystic enchantress of the W. H. M. S. had touched with magic wand the whole interior and transformed to exactly suit our needs. Everything in the kitchen brand splintered new, and supper on the table. Keep your eye on Coolidge, there is something doing here and there is something going to happen. It was not a coal-edge, but a warm center.—C. W. Macune.

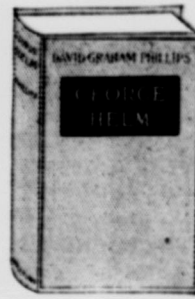
Leesville Circuit.

Being a transfer from the Northwest to the West Texas Conference, we were two weeks late in getting to our new field of labor. We bade a host of friends good bye at Fluvanna, where we had labored two years, and after two days' travel arrived at Leesville. We were met at Nixon by one of the official board who conveyed us to the parsonage at Leesville. To our surprise we found everything ready for the preacher and his family, even to a god dinner on the table and groceries in the kitchen. The pounding came the second night, and of course we are living high. Have been to each preaching place. Were greeted by attentive congregations. We were especially glad to see so many young people at the services. We hope to be able to inspire some of them to prepare for some special place in the Church. Leesville is an old town. The West Texas Conference was held here in 1871. The Church is not so strong now as it once was. At Bebe and Wrightsboro we have neat churches. Floyd's Chapel is a strong country church. Everything looks encouraging for a good year. After being in a drouth stricken territory for four years everything looks very good, especially so many artesian wells. We shall always have a warm place in our heart for the people of the drouth-stricken part of West Texas because of their loyalty to the Church during such trying times. We have ordered several copies of Dr. Rankin's book and hope to secure a number of orders for the Methodist Library. These with about fifty copies of the Texas Advocate among my people they will not have to depend on the pulpit for knowledge. We are building a new barn and also doing some new fencing around parsonage and garden, so we have a nice and comfortable home in which to live.—J. D. May.

Gonzales.

Our appointment was truly a very great surprise, as well as a great joy. Bishop Atkins could not have pleased us better. We have had the impression for many years that Gonzales was the best town in South Texas, and that we had one of the very best churches here in the conference. We are now thoroughly confirmed in this impression. It has the honor of being one of the towns in the Texas "cleanest town contest." The fact is, it is one of the "beauty spots" in the State. Our Church here stands at the very forefront, being the leading denomination, and we have a strictly Protestant city, which makes it so different from all other South Texas towns. Our Church membership consists of the very finest and best people. They are as loyal, intelligent and stalwart a type of Methodists as can be found anywhere in any State. We have as fine a class of men on our Board of Stewards as can be found in any Church. They look after all the finances of the Church. No wonder all the preachers want to stay here four years. On our arrival we were met at the train by Brother Mathews and Mrs. Robertson, who took charge of the preacher and his wife. We were received at the parsonage in the good old Methodist way by the ladies of the Church and made to feel at home at once. From that good day to this "showers of blessings" have continued to fall. Have fallen in pleasant places. The stewards met last night, and in a very few minutes cheerfully and without a dissenting voice fixed the pastor's salary at \$1500, a raise of \$250 over last year. Brother Gregory, our presiding elder, was also present and met with the brethren. It goes without saying here that we have a real, sure-enough Bishop for a presiding elder. He knows what he wants to do and does it in the very best order. He has already shown the master hand in doing things over the district. Things are moving up already under his wise and energetic leadership. Watch and see if things do not come

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to pass under his generalship this year in San Marcos District. It has also been our good fortune to follow one of the most popular men in the conference, Brother Gaston Hartfield. He and his good wife were universally loved by these people. They did good work. We enter into their labors, and the labors of other good men like A. W. Wilson, I. T. Morris, Thos. Gregory and New Harris. No wonder with the ministry of such men as these that Gonzales is one of the ideal charges of the West Texas Conference. We are, therefore, looking for the best year in the way of spiritual results in the service of our Lord we have ever had. Pray for us that we may have a great ingathering of souls into the kingdom of God during this conference year. We now have on a "hundred and fifty prayer-meeting campaign." We will reach it in a week or so. We have the best attended prayer-meetings here I have ever seen. Our people excel as a Church-going and prayer-meeting-going folk. Our congregations are magnificent at both services. The most noticeable and remarkable thing about our congregations here is the extra large number of men—business men and young men—who attend preaching services and also the prayer-meetings.—A. B. Davidson.

Goliad.

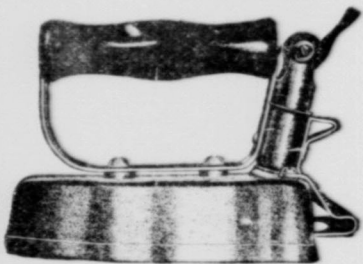
Immediately after adjournment of the West Texas Conference we proceeded to pack up and leave a comfortable parsonage and a good people at Devine for our new home and appointment at Goliad. On our arrival at Goliad we were met at the train by the magnanimous layman, W. B. Campbell, who drove us to his hospitable home. After a season of rest we were then driven to the parsonage where we found everything in readi-

ness for our coming. The parsonage is modern in style, very convenient in its arrangements and furnished with the necessary heavy furniture. Every day since our arrival has brought some new token of friendship and kindness from our people. Our congregations have been good and interest in all departments of Church work gratifying. Both departments of the Woman's Missionary Society have observed mission week, resulting in a quickening of interest in missions and a fairly good free-will offering to the cause. Our first Quarterly Conference has been held. Salaries for pastor and presiding elder about one-fourth paid. The full assessment for Home and Conference Missions is now in the hands of the Conference Treasurer. Upon the whole, the outlook for a successful and prosperous year is good. We are brought under lasting obligations to the good people of Goliad for kindnesses already shown and for their assurances of co-operation and support in the future.—J. E. Buck, P. C.

Walnut Springs Station.

Our reception by the Walnut Springs people was everything that any preacher and his family could desire. Some of the leading ladies of the Church planned to have dinner for us at the parsonage the day of our arrival, but as our train on the Santa Fe was one hour late, we missed connection at Morgan, and of course, we missed the dinner, too. Had it not been for the kindness of Bro. D. R. Clark who came after us in his auto we would have had to remain in Morgan until the midnight train. We were taken to Brother T. A. White's for the night where we were royally and very pleasantly entertained. The next morning when we went to the parsonage we found that it had been renovated, swept and garnished; the

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floors had beautiful coverings upon them and every room was furnished with just such furniture as is needed to make it a comfortable and delightful home. Well, we have had poundings and have been pounded, but never before have we had a pounding just like this one, for in the afternoon when wife was prowling around looking into things (as a woman will do under such circumstances), she opened the safe and the larder, and behold, they were both plumb full of good things to eat. I said, "I'll decare, I'll fatten up now." I said then and there that this people deserved the very best service that I am capable of giving them, and by the help of God they shall have it too. We start out with bright prospects, and hopeful of a great year with this people. Before we close we want to say that we shall not soon forget the many warm friends we left on the Godley charge, and pray that God's richest blessings may be upon them and their pastor this conference year.—S. P. Nevill, P. C., December 2.

Lampasas.

Just this word about Lampasas—our new charge—which by the way is called "The happiest pastorate in the West Texas Conference," and so it must be. A pastor's family could not be more cordially received than we have been here. It is due these good people that special mention be made of the arrangements which were made for our comfort from the arrival of our train; of that splendid dinner at Sister Nichols; of the reception at the splendidly prepared parsonage in the afternoon by the Woman's Mission Society, and of the larger reception by hosts of our people in the evening. In the meantime a generous and appropriate pounding poured into the dining room, pantry and kitchen. No wonder several of the former pastors said: "Liles, you are going to the best charge in conference." The Missionary Society has placed some beautiful and new furniture, carpets, etc., in parsonage. The Board of Stewards has increased salary \$300 and will pay in advance each month. We find splendidly organized and officered Sunday School, Woman's Mission Society and Epworth Leagues. We have a strong Board of Stewards, and this congregation will maintain its posi-

tion as a leading charge. Our new presiding elder, Rev. J. W. Cowan, is temporarily residing here, which fact is highly appreciated by the community. He is planning wisely and working diligently for the advancement of this promising district. You will certainly hear from him in his new office. Now, our part, we are glad to be here and as pastor, I desire to render the very best service of which I am capable—under the blessings of God.—Z. V. Liles.

Floresville.

Wife and I are spending a few weeks with our son, the pastor here. He was at Beeville the last two years and the pastor at Beeville was here three years. They were changed at the session of the West Texas Conference. Both pastors and people have recovered from the shock and are getting down to real hard work. The Rev. J. H. Grosch, the new presiding elder, held his first Quarterly Conference in the relation he now holds here Saturday night and preached his first presiding elder sermon Sunday morning. He took hold of the office without any embarrassment and handled the work as if he were an old hand at the business. His sermon had freshness, power and clearness of thought that inspired all present with purposes of a better life. Every one felt they had a leader who is worthy to be followed. This Church is composed of a fine class of people and the official board of the leading men of the town. The salary of the pastor was increased by unanimous agreement. The Quarterly Conference was held just a few days over two weeks after the appointments read; and when the stewards reported \$480 collected on salary, the presiding elder said, "Brethren, you take the breath out of me." They knew he had gotten out the mintues of the West Texas Conference and had them in the hands of the pastors just ten days after the closing and that he had passed through deep afflictions in a serious operation with his wife, and they showed their deep sympathy and aggressiveness as well. They also projected a new barn and improvements on the already nice parsonage. Bro. A. W. Wilson has done a good work and is in great favor with the people.—G. F. Boyd.

Valley Mills.

Family and I arrived at Valley Mills Saturday night before the fourth Sunday of November, and were met at the train by Brother J. S. Pool, who took us to his nice home and entertained us until Monday morning when we went to the parsonage. We certainly enjoyed ourselves in that most excellent home, and shall always feel under obligations to Brother and Sister Pool for their kindness to us. I have found a great many people here whom I used to know when I was a boy. These names are two numerous to mention. The ladies had been at the parsonage and left many good things to eat, and somebody had hauled a good load of wood, and the people have received us with open arms. May God bless them every one and we go in to make this the best year of our ministry so far. We hated to leave our many friends at Mt. Calm, but realize that they have fallen in good hands, for Brother Evans and I just swapped work, and I find that he made a good impression here and all these people hold him in high esteem. We have a splendid parsonage here, but it needs some furniture very badly, but the Home Missionary Society will put it in no doubt. The Church is a nice, straight Church, but it needs Sunday School rooms very badly, for it is impossible to teach a modern Sunday School without the proper house to run it in. The Church is nicely furnished with oak pews and an organ. Dr. Rankin, you can tell the Bishops that this preacher is tired of moving every year, and that it is going to be mighty hard to get him rooted out next year, if everything goes well. I am convinced that we Methodist preachers move too much, and more harm is being done by our moving so often, than there is by staying too long. For the longer a preacher stays the better he is liked and the better work he can do. Well, we are here and expect to do a hard year's work, as we always try to do. Say, that fellow Vaughan, who is the presiding elder of Gatesville District, has already hit the ground running, and I expect that if we, his preachers, want to stay anyways near him in the race this year, we will have to run too.—R. H. Heizer, Valley Mills, Texas.

Palacios.

We left many dear friends on the Pleasanton charge, and came to Palacios in obedience to the appointive powers of the West Texas Conference. Seeing that we had to move I feel that I, myself, could not have selected a place that would be more satisfactory all the way round. We were met at the train by a committee,

and taken in a car to the parsonage, where the ladies were gathered to receive us. They made us feel perfectly at home the very first thing. The pounding came in good old Methodist style, but they were not satisfied with simply pounding us, and so they gave a reception at the church in honor of the new pastor and family. A splendid informal program was rendered to the delight of all. After the program refreshments were served by the good ladies. The stewards very cheerfully raised the salary for the pastor \$100 over last year, and will pay monthly. They also assumed the responsibility of raising the collections, so the pastor has no money to raise at all. They said they wanted to turn the pastor loose so he could look after the spiritual interest of the Church. Thank God for a body of stewards like that. We have a splendid Sunday School. The average attendance since I came has been 150. The Missionary Society is one of the best in the conference. There are now forty-one in the home department. They raised over \$500 last year. The ladies have looked well after the parsonage. It is well furnished. Our church when completed inside, will be the nicest church in town. We are now raising money to put the pews in. Brother Miller built wisely when he built this church. The main auditorium has not been able to hold the audience most every time I have preached. Yesterday it overflowed into the Sunday School room both services. We have taken twelve into the Church since we came and three others expect to join right away. We are expecting the Lord to do great things for us this year. Palacios is a town of about 2500, situated on the bay, and is one of the loveliest little towns I ever saw. The Baptist B. Y. P. U. Encampment is located here, and they have an academy here also, yet our Church is keeping in the very forefront. We thank God for all his benefits unto us, and by his help we propose to do great things for him.—R. A. Myers, Pastor.

BISHOP MOUZON AND PROHIBITION.

Since the holding of the Texas Conference at Marshall a few weeks ago certain newspapers that ardently support the open saloons of Texas and some of which are owned and controlled wholly by the saloons and brewers, have seemed to have cause for great and extended rejoicing because of certain reported utterances of Bishop Mouzon upon the prohibition question. Some of these patriotic editors are jubilant beyond their power to express. From one of these papers, I read the following quotation supposed to be from the Bishop: "We have recently gone through a prohibition campaign in this State and I have been much surprised at the course of some preachers. Our business is to get the people converted and then we will have no trouble in banishing the saloons. Some of our preachers have used wrong methods. Some of them have alienated good friends by rash and harsh statements. Some of them have gone so far as to line up with the saloon bum all anti-prohibitionists. Such a course as that is not only a lack of Christianity but a lack of sense."

The editor of this saloon organ then proceeds to congratulate the Bishop in the following manner: "The advice is good, and while the politician, stage acrobat and character assassin will pay no attention to this learned Bishop's address, there will come a time when this class of preachers will be eliminated from the conference. It is the best advice that has been given to any conference held in Texas this year."

Now, in the first place we doubt that Bishop Mouzon ever delivered himself in the language quoted. It is certain that not all preachers or other citizens can remain at all times cool-headed and altogether sane in facing the greatest destroyer that ever marched, harnessed and armed to the teeth, upon the ranks of humanity. Some of us do go too far. Sometimes we say too much. But I do not believe that any Bishop in our Church could have afforded to extend to the brewery-controlled press a cudgel with which to beat over the head the honest Methodist preacher who dares stand in the trenches and fight for home and Church against this relentless foe. We have known Bishop Mouzon for some time and have never judged him to be the kind of man who would compromise an inch or give to the enemy a single advantage in this fight against the liquor traffic.

In the second place we have here again a new example of how the liquor press will, in order to beat back the preacher and his bold message of truth, resort to the twisting and warping of any man's utterance. Even if Bishop Mouzon did deliver himself publicly on the liquor question, there is no one who believes for a moment that he sought to still the voice of Methodist preachers upon this import-

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Bonds of the County of Dallas	778,000.00
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CASH—	
On Hand	\$1,422,474.13
With Other Banks	3,991,908.95
With United States Treasurer	50,002.50
Total	\$17,089,366.87
LIABILITIES.	
Capital Stock, Paid in	\$ 1,000,000.00
Surplus Fund	1,000,000.00
Undivided Profits, Net	448,610.34
Circulation	1,000,000.00
DEPOSITS—	
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Banks and Bankers	4,528,851.66
United States Government	131,136.36
Total	\$17,089,366.87
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ant question of public morals. He may consider that some warriors use too keen and cutting steel in meeting the enemy. He may really believe that we should face this blood-dripping foe with tenderness and affection. He may realize that men who suffer much are apt to fight fiercely when they meet their combatant squarely and in the open field. And yet we do not believe for a moment that a great leader in our Church, in these trying days, would complain at and chide our ministers for their ardent struggle at a time when the very souls of men were being tested by the battle. However, this liquor sheet would make it appear that our beloved Bishop had taken the side of the brewers in declaring that the preacher should be scourged back into the pulpit and should be made to call for penitents among the besotted hordes of the saloon's products instead of espousing a cause that promised soon to do away with the agent that kills and damns and thus save men by the multitudes. We do not believe that the Bishop gave out any such stuff. If he did we are convinced that he did not give it out in the spirit quoted. And yet Methodist preachers must suffer the humiliation of having this reported utterance flung into their faces whenever perchance they raise their heads, open their mouths and declare against this evil.

Two things are to be learned. First, our men in high places should be very careful not to give the enemy of the Church cause for joyous boasting and ground for accusations against the

rank and file of our preachers; and second, our readers in general should be reminded to take a thing with much and well preserved salt, when appearing in a newspaper, whose heart's desire and whose prayer to the devil is that the open saloon may remain to break the hearts of our women and warp the characters of our men.
R. P. SHULER.

NORTH TEXAS CONFERENCE PRESIDING ELDERS MEETING.

The Presiding Elders of the North Texas Conference are requested to meet in the Publishing House, Dallas, Thursday, 19th inst., 10 a. m. By request.
S. C. RIDDLE,
Secretary.

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Robinson-Ramsey—At the home of the bride, Eureka, Texas, November 27, 1912, Eugene Robinson, of Embouse, Texas, and Miss Flora Ramsey, Rev. G. W. Kincheloe officiating.

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S. M. U. Corner Stone Laying a Great Event

Of all the happenings and events in Dallas and Texas on Thanksgiving Day, none was so full of significance for the future life of the State and none attracted such widespread and favorable comment as did the corner stone laying of Dallas Hall, the \$300,000 Administration Building of Southern Methodist University.

The large crowd on hand to witness the ceremony seemed to feel that they were witnessing an event of most unusual moment, and the speakers seemed to catch a glimpse of the wonderful effect of the occasion not only upon the present day, but upon all succeeding generations. Every person present gathered inspiration from the scene, and each one went away with renewed enthusiasm and added zeal.

The Mayor and citizens of Dallas expressed their great appreciation of the splendid opportunity afforded their city to nourish a great institution of learning. They pledged their future hearty support and co-operation. They congratulated the Methodists of Texas on the manner in which they have responded to the call to build a great university at Dallas, and they challenged their best efforts for the future.

The addresses of Bishops Mouzon and Atkins were full of enthusiastic praise for the progress made and the future possibilities.

The Masons had been asked to assist, and many high officials of the order participated. The grand orator impressed upon the audience the greatness of the work being inaugurated.

Dr. R. S. Hyer, President of the University, was master of ceremonies. Prominent among the spectators were the members of the board of trustees and commission of education. The members of the North Texas Conference attended in toto, and hundreds of Dallas citizens witnessed the ceremony.

A special train of steel coaches provided transportation from the Union Station in the city to the site of the building to some eight or nine hundred people.

The event has been truly chronicled "a landmark in the history of the city, the Church and the Nation."

Contents of the Stone.

The following articles were deposited in the corner stone:

- Bible.
- New Testament.
- Discipline of M. E. Church, South.
- Charter of S. M. U.
- Prospectus of S. M. U.
- Catalogue of Medical and Pharmaceutical Departments of S. M. U.
- Catalogue of Polytechnic College.
- Catalogue of Southwestern University.

Three issues of Texas Christian Advocate.

One issue of the Christian Advocate.

One issue of the Dallas News.

Two catalogues of the Methodist Publishing House.

A picture of the Commission of Education.

A circular announcement of the corner stone laying, showing picture of building as it was at time of the ceremony.

What Dallas Speakers Said.

Mayor Holland: "It requires no power of prophecy to foretell that Southern Methodist University, with its favorable location as to population and wealth, will grow and prosper until in the course of a short time it will be one of the leading universities of America."

H. H. Adams: "We are here today to mark the beginning of the most glorious undertaking ever attempted by any city in this great land of ours. Here to begin the building of that which can be left to our children and our children's children, aye, for a thousand years to come. Its great influence ever radiating in the future, will manifest itself in many forms in the character building of the young men and young women of Texas."

From Bishop Mouzon's Address.

Bishop Mouzon was presented as a man deeply interested in educational institutions and full of appreciation of the movement that has led to the founding of Southern Methodist University at Dallas. He said, in part:

"It is with great joy and with deep seriousness that I appear before this great assemblage this afternoon; joy at the beginning of a great university, and soberness at the thought of the great responsibility which we are now assuming. I wish right here to congratulate the citizenship of Dallas on what this city has done, for it is indeed a noble work, and I wish to commend the Methodists of all Texas on the splendid response that has been made to the appeals of the management of the university for a commensurate endowment."

"But it must give us seriousness at this time to remember that we are not celebrating here the completion of a great work. We are merely at the beginning of the greatest undertaking that the Methodists of the Southwest have ever set their hands to do."

Ideal Place for University.

"But with the glad thoughts of this occasion there come the thoughts of the weighty responsibility in the obligations we have taken upon us. How ideal is this place for a great university. Houston has her Rice Institute. The great State has the university at Austin, with great motives. But here, in this magnificent capital city of Texas, without a rival institution in a

great territory, we are building this Southern Methodist University, not as another small Methodist College, but a place of research and of learning that is to rank not only with Rice Institute and Texas University, but with the best there is in the South or in the Nation. We are proud of the thousands of small gifts to the university, large in their way because they are a large part of the possessions of some of the givers; but the time has come in the progress of the institution when we must have as well the gifts of \$50,000 and of \$100,000, and there are men who hear me now who have need to know the value of sacrifice, of giving large gifts to show appreciation of the responsibility that is upon us all and of the readiness of each to do his part.

"Let us rejoice, not that we have done so much, but that we have begun what is to be one of the mightiest of works."

From Bishop Atkins' Address.

I wish the first word of my message to be one of congratulation and gladness. I felicitate the citizens of Dallas, the Methodists of Texas, and all the friends of Christian education in the State upon the coming of this auspicious occasion. This is a truly great day in the calendars of the Church, the city, and the Commonwealth of Texas. The city itself sounded the bugle blast when it gave this magnificent site and the landed estate about it, and \$300,000 in cash for the erection of this splendid structure, to be known as Dallas Hall—the first of a series of great building places of the Southern Methodist University. It has been truly said that no such popular gift has ever been made by any community in the history of education. Then all Texas, with a quick ear for the aggressive and the great, heard the call and is answering with a splendid courage and a triumphant liberality. But these were not all that heard. Dr. Wallace Buttrick, the best informed man on educational matters in our Nation today, heard, and turned his attention hither, and found Dallas to be the center of the best of all the unoccupied territory in the United States for a great university, and he and his honorable co-workers, the general board of education, dropped into the strong box of the board \$200,000 to be ours as soon as we shall have met the very reasonable conditions of the gift. I dare to say in advance of the event that Texas Methodism will begin to call on the generous donor for that golden store on the first day of next July.

"The region normally tributary to this institution includes all the area between the Mississippi and the Rocky Mountains, and from the gulf to a line at least as far north as the northern boundary of Missouri and Oklahoma. There are now within this domain ten millions of people. By the time this university can attain to real establishment, that is, to a somewhat seasoned existence, this territory will contain a population of not less than 20,000,000. This population is marked by two properties which make it the most inviting field possible for an institution of this class.

"First, it is homogeneous in a sense and to a degree not to be found in any section of equal size in the United States. Second, it contains a variety of population not to be found in any other really homogeneous settlement. The organizing principle of this homogeneity is the spirit of the West, while the basis of this variety is the wide range of resources to be handled, the differences of climate and the variant stocks from which the population has come. There is here another fact full of significance which needs to be mentioned because of its bearing upon the work which we are doing. When Texas was opened the Cavalier, the Huguenot and the Puritan with various interminglings poured into it, each hoping to establish a civilization after his own type, or at least maintain his type against all invasions. But when they all left the old environment and traditions and had entered upon the new and broader life of the untrammelled West they soon found themselves fused in the furnaces of mutual trials, and from this unity of the furnace they came out purified from the dross of their types, a new civilization—what may rightly be called the Texas civilization. It is on this account that this region possesses a rallying force which possibly no other section of similar extent can claim. An institution such as this will, if broadly based and so conceived and constructed as to be capable of indefinite expansion, command the loyal support of these homogeneous millions until it shall become the pride and glory of this unique civilization."

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Editorial from Dallas News.

The placing of the corner stone of Dallas Hall, one of the buildings which will make up the physical expression of the Southern Methodist University, was an event whose importance would not have been exaggerated by a much more elaborate ceremony than that which was enacted. We are so much given to making incense out of smoke that comes from factory chimneys that we do not catch readily the full significance of such events as this. We are apt to regard it as episodic, whereas it is more nearly epochal. To make hams and bacon out of hogs is a worthy endeavor, but we contrive to keep a sufficiency of hams and bacon on hand, whereas we have a woeful shortage of cultivated minds, minds which have the sympathy which comes of understanding. Your dissenter from this estimate of relative values would remind you that the advent of an industry that makes hams and bacon out of

hogs brings money into a community, and thereby increases its wealth. But accumulating money is not the only nor even the best way of getting rich, either for a community or an individual, although one might infer from the strenuous efforts which education is making to be "practical" that the earning of bread and butter, with now and then ham and bacon, is about all there is to the proper incentive of men's lives.—Dallas News.

J. R. Babcock, Secretary Chamber of Commerce: "I wish that all Methodism in Texas could realize how the hopes of our hearts are centered about the success of this university; how Dallas men and women gave their money and broad acres to build a truly great institution; how acutely we feel our own responsibility and with what confidence we are relying upon the body of the Church to rally to the support of her own."

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general manager of the Dallas News: "It is quite proper to help the individual to attain a high standard of life. And it is also proper to emphasize the civic side of life, as compared with the individual side, so as to educate for efficient citizenship, for co-operation in civic duties, for a larger conception of community life. Hoping that its achievements may equal its possibilities, I say, Hail to the Southern Methodist University!"

Dr. Jno. O. McReynolds said in part: "The people of our city want the world to know that the same forces which were back of the university movement in its origin are back of it today. We want the world to know that our interest and zeal have not waned, but have waxed stronger under the influence of later developments and more earnest thought."

Alex Sanger: "I recall the first meeting the Dallas Chamber of Commerce held on the subject of obtaining this university. The amount asked seemed large, the field we had to till was hard and dry. The committee went to work with a will, and after toiling day and night the clouds began to break, and today we see an earnestness of that rich harvest, the early possibilities of a higher education, destined to benefit this and all succeeding generations for all years to come."

Edward Titcher: "There are few of us today who have anything like a comprehensive idea of the potential force that this institution will work in making Dallas and Texas and the Southwest great—not merely great in the material sense, but great in the building and molding of a high type of citizenship."

Louis Blaylock, publisher Texas Christian Advocate: "I believe I can speak for the Methodists of Texas when I say that we will meet the challenge laid down by Dallas in the donation of over a million dollars and will make the institution in all its ramifications what Dallas expects it to be."

Henry D. Lindsley: "We welcome you to Dallas. We ask your co-operation in securing for our city those other opportunities which shall knock at our door. We pledge you our earnest support in the work you are doing for mankind, and as future generations take up and carry on the work you have so arduously commenced, we hope that they will be fully imbued with that spirit which you so nobly represent."

DR. BOAZ AT ATLANTA AND ATHENS.

On Saturday afternoon, during the session of the Texas Conference, Dr. H. A. Boaz left conference for Atlanta, Texas. Geo. Stuart and McClure had already visited the town, but were rained out, securing a little more than \$300. Brother Boaz preached Sunday morning and Sunday night, during his stay securing \$1067 in signed pledges for Southern Methodist University.

On Saturday, during the session of the North Texas Conference, Dr. Boaz left for Athens, where he, in company of J. D. Young, spent Sunday. Athens also had been visited previously, and \$300 or \$400 secured. The trip to Athens was not very gratifying, as only \$410 could be secured in signed pledges. A liberal and devoted layman has under consideration a liberal contribution that will atone for the small results secured there.

REV. J. D. YOUNG APPOINTED COMMISSIONER OF EDUCATION.

At the last session of the Northwest Texas Conference, Bishop Atkins appointed Rev. J. D. Young to serve as commissioner to assist in the securing of the remaining amount of the \$500,000 necessary to secure the conditional offer of the \$200,000 of the General Education Board. The field is so large that the three men now at work could not cover the entire territory in the allotted time.

Rev. J. D. Young has been very successful as a money raiser. He was four years a pastor of one of the Churches in Fort Worth. For two years he was business manager of Polytechnic College. Leaving Polytechnic, he was sent to Belton, where he had a most successful pastorate. Three years ago Bishop Key sent him to San Antonio to Laurel Heights. At that time there was only a possibility

for a Church. There was no parsonage, no Church member, no house of worship and no money pledged. With characteristic vigor he organized a Church with thirty-two members on the first Sunday after his arrival. A small tabernacle was built, costing \$1500, and the Church was organized with all the regular departments.

During his administration he built the most magnificent edifice in the conference, costing \$92,000. He left everything complete, and a salary of \$3000. Many have declared it the most magnificent and successful enterprise in the Church organization in the history of the State.

He therefore comes to his office with much experience as a successful money raiser. We hope the door will open to him wherever he may go.

THE NEW CONFERENCE YEAR.

The several Annual Conferences of Texas Methodism of 1912 have now passed into history for Southern Methodist University. The year was most gratifying. When the West Texas Conference convened the commission reported \$276,000 in signed pledges. When the North Texas Conference convened, a few weeks later, this amount had been increased until the total was more than \$300,000. This leaves an amount of \$200,000 to be secured by June 30, 1913, in order to get the additional offer of \$200,000 by the General Education Board of New York. This means that we must secure about \$27,000 every calendar month, or \$6655 for every week during the intervening time. It is hoped that the way will be opened for each commissioner, and that every loyal Methodist will respond to the call. We can not afford to see a failure, because the honor of the Church is involved. The marked success thus far in the campaign is a guarantee of the final triumph.

Each of the Annual Conferences passed resolutions setting apart April and May as a time for an Every Member Campaign in behalf of the Southern Methodist University, and urges every member to co-operate in the work. With \$200,000 as a prize at stake, we can not afford to be indifferent. The eyes of all the South are upon us and watching with marked interest every step of our progress. We expect to make frequent statements giving the progress of the campaign.

A great educational rally in Dallas was also provided for by the conference. Every congregation in Texas Methodism is asked to send a delegate for every forty members; also that every congregation have at least one delegate. This ought to be the greatest rally day in Texas Methodism. At this great rally it is hoped that what remains of the \$500,000 will be pledged. We rejoice to record the splendid progress made thus far, and are warranted in predicting a glorious triumph in the end.

CONFERENCE EVANGELIST.

At the last session of the Central Texas Conference I was appointed by Bishop Atkins Conference Evangelist. Where the work will justify and the need demands, I will have my son with me as choir leader and soloist. We expect, with God's help, to do things. My address is Hillsboro, Tex. Yours to help the lost.

J. S. HUCKABEE.

LOST.

What? Lost your temper, did you say?
Well, dear I wouldn't mind it; it isn't such a dreadful loss—Pray, do not try to find it.

'Twas not the gentlest, sweetest one,
As all can well remember
Who have endured its every whim
From New Year's till December.

It drove the dimples all away,
And wrinkled up your forehead,
And changed a pretty, smiling face
To one—well, simply horrid.

It put to flight the cheery words,
The laughter, and the singing;
And clouds upon a shining sky
It would persist in bringing.

And it is gone! Then do, my dear,
Make it your best endeavor
To quickly find a better one,
And lose it—never, never!

—Harper's Young People.

"ONE OF THE DRAWBACKS TO OUR COUNTRY WORK."

Rev. M. H. Wells.

These at all familiar with the conditions will agree with you in what you say in editorial on above caption, Oct. 31. Having had much observation and some experience in country work I am anxious to encourage every wise movement to meet and settle its problems. They are there and very

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bring them dollars in return. They are in the business for revenue only. They have little concern except for the dividends. Complaint was made to one large concern for lack of concern for the safety of its employees. An official replied that there was nothing so cheap as men. Such are the delays and corruption of our courts they have little dread of damage suits for "criminal negligence."

Another form of public works only controls so much land as may be needed for handling of their machinery. Those who work for them can buy and build on adjoining land if they become but such is the uncertainty about holding a job that it is considered reckless financiering to invest in a home. No man knows that he will have a job twenty-four hours hence. If he offend his "boss" out he goes. Under such circumstances how are we to build up strong Churches? These are matters forming problems to be reckoned with. Removing the home feeling and attachment but little remains on which to build character. In your editorial you have touched the root of the trouble in a certain section. It is a vital matter in Texas. And the pastors have to deal with other drawbacks besides the one you mention as peculiar to the rural section. In Houston, Dallas and other towns and cities they must deal with

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P. S.—After reading what you say of the West Texas appointments I am obliged to say I glory in your "spunk." Well said, beloved. "On with the battle." I had my say in Nashville Advocate and commended what you had to say in former article about frequent changes of pastors. And more: Hurrah for R. P. Shuler. May his tribe increase. Selah.

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NEW TREASURER TEXAS CONFERENCE.

S. H. Johnson, cashier of the Marlin National Bank, was elected treasurer of the Texas Methodist Conference in session at Marshall, succeeding L. L. Jester, who moves out of the district.

ED. NOTE--(The above has Brother Johnson's initials correct. In the report of the Texas Conference we had them incorrect).

BEFRIEND YOURSELF WITH BOOKS.

When a man loves books he has in him that which consoles under many sorrows and strengthens in many trials. Such a love keeps him at home and makes his time pass pleasantly. And when a man has a book by his own fireside he must indeed be a churl if he is not at peace with the world.

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We received in due form a beautifully gotten up invitation to the marriage of Mr. Arthur L. Ayers, of this city, to Miss Jean Hughes Whittle, of Amarillo. The happy event was consummated December the 4, 1912, at the Saint Andrews Episcopal Church, Amarillo, and the happy couple will make their home in this city. Mr. Ayers is the son of Mr. and Mrs. R. C. Ayers, of Dallas. We congratulate this elegant young couple on their happy union and wish for them all the joy that their hearts and lives can contain.

North Texas Conference Personals

Our account of the North Texas Conference brethren and their work is very limited in this issue. The reason is that the Bishop called nearly all of them, had their characters passed, but did not have them make their reports. We rather like the method, but it left us without notes of their work; and the most of them had fine reports.

Dallas laid herself out to entertain the Conference. Dr. C. M. Harless and the other pastors left no stone unturned to provide handsomely for all the delegates and visitors. Messrs. Joseph Cockrell, Henry Jacoby, A. A. Hayden, Brother Oldham, Mrs. Paul Jones and others rendered valuable aid. We have never seen a conference better entertained. And many of the brethren had their good wives with them, too.

The presence of Bishop Key was greatly appreciated. Bishop Mouzon showed him every brotherly courtesy and frequently had him to take part in the proceedings. He is one of our ripest saints and his presence at any gathering is a benediction.

Rev. C. M. Harless, after two strenuous and successful years at Grace Church, now goes to the Greenville District. No man has wrought more constantly and unremittingly at his job than Dr. Harless and he leaves tangible results as an evidence of his success.

Rev. D. K. Porter, after serving Oak Lawn for three years as their faithful and devoted pastor, goes to Travis Street, Sherman. He is scholarly, studious, devoted, and alert, and the Sherman people will find in him a good preacher and a persistent pastor.

Rev. T. G. Peterson did a most successful work at Forest Avenue, and now he goes to the East Oklahoma Conference for work. He is a successful pastor and a preacher of good ability. We regret to see him go from us, but the Oklahoma brethren will find him a good accession to their ranks.

Rev. E. L. Egger, after three years of unceasing labor at Oak Cliff Church, goes back to Denison. He served there a whole quadrennium before coming to Dallas, and the people liked him so well that he is returned for another term of service. Brother Egger will do on all parts of the ground.

Rev. J. A. Old comes to Oak Lawn Church, and he is one of the leading men among the younger members of the Conference. He is strong of body, trained in mind, consecrated in heart, and there is no alloy in his mental or moral composition. We congratulate Oak Lawn on having him for their pastor.

Rev. Ed. R. Barcus comes to Oak Cliff. He is well equipped, a graduate of Southwestern University, was born in a parsonage, belongs to preaching stock, and young and strong. He will render valuable service in this important charge.

Rev. J. Leonard Rea goes from Tyler Street, Oak Cliff, to Cumby. Brother Rea is one of our most active young men and he did a fine work in Oak Cliff. He has large capabilities and devotes himself arduously to his task. He is noted for succeeding.

Rev. O. F. Sensabaugh comes to the Dallas District. For several years he was one of the leaders in the old Northwest Texas Conference, and his last charge over there was presiding elder of the Fort Worth District. When that Conference was divided, he fell on the new Northwest Texas side and served two years at Amarillo. From there, two years ago, he

went to the West Oklahoma Conference and served the Oklahoma District. Bishop Mouzon now brings him to the Dallas District. This is his first experience in the North Texas Conference.

Rev. J. H. Averitt comes to Cochran and he brings with him a good reputation for doing things. That he will bring things to pass on his new charge no one doubts. He knows his business and attends to it systematically and persistently.

Rev. O. E. Moreland goes to Crandall. He was greatly beloved on the Cochran work and his brethren give him up regretfully. But their loss is Crandall's gain. He is one of our best young men.

Rev. J. B. Davis comes to Tyler Street, this city; and he is a man of ripe experience and wise in his leadership. Sister Davis is also tiptop as a worker in Sunday Schools and Leagues. We had her under our training four years in Houston in the days gone by, and she and Brother Davis make a valuable team. They will do well in this charge.

Rev. J. L. Morris comes to Grace Church in place of Rev. C. M. Harless. Brother Morris is no stranger in this city. He served four years on this district and one year at South Ervay. He is at home in Dallas and needs no word of commendation. His people will welcome him. His preaching ability is well known.

Rev. E. L. Wright comes to Forest Avenue. He did a fine year's work at Wheatland and he is prepared to do the same in his new charge. He knows the details of service and his experience prepares him for solid work, and the Forest Avenue people will receive him gladly.

Rev. W. H. Brown, after working acceptably in the evangelistic field concluded to return to the pastorate, and so he did. This year he is on the Sulphur Springs Mission. He is a spiritual preacher, a most delightful man and one of the very best friends of the Advocate. We are glad that he is back in the Conference.

Rev. O. T. Cooper, of Denton, brought in a good report from his charge, and he added fifteen new subscribers to the Advocate. He is one of our best equipped young men, and there is a most inviting future before him.

Rev. C. W. Dennis of Rockwall is one of the useful members of the Conference. In addition to his other duties he is assistant secretary also. He had good results to show for his year's work, and the Advocate fared well at his hand.

Rev. F. B. Wheeler, of Wolfe City, had a good time on that charge. His reports were good and the Advocate numbers him among its warm friends. He looked after the interest of his Church organ.

Rev. C. P. Martin is a success. He has been on Byers charge for some time and he goes back for another year. His work showed up in good style and the Advocate flourishes on his work. He knows and appreciates its value as his Church helper.

Rev. S. L. Crowson had a good year at Lone Oak. He held one good meeting, got several into the Church, raised his collections and had time to look after the Advocate. He is one of our true and tried men.

Rev. H. H. Goode, of Greenwood, had good success on his charge. He brought up matters in good shape, and the Advocate greeted him gladly.

Rev. J. Sam Barcus, of Kavanaugh, had a successful time at that charge

and he showed good service in his reports. He also looked after the Advocate. All the Barcuses, nearly, are preachers. It not only comes to them as a call, but by heredity. Such a mother as they have gives preachers to the Church. And their father was a worthy minister also.

Rev. C. N. Smith, of Paradise, is one of the hard working members of the Conference. He puts in his whole time and strength and the results are always apparent in his reports. The Advocate does not depend upon him in vain.

Rev. T. W. Lovell, Honey Grove Circuit, had a good charge and he made full proof of his ministry up that way. He came up with a full report on most everything, and he remembered the Advocate.

Rev. Alexander Hubbard, Reiley Springs, does not make much noise from his neck of the woods, but he always delivers the goods. He is one of the successful and worthy men in the Conference. His work always tells.

Rev. W. R. Kirkpatrick, of Sulphur Bluff, put in a year of hard work and he had something to show for his toil. He is a good preacher and a systematic pastor. He knows his field for he devotes himself to it.

Rev. R. G. Mood, after four years on the Greenville District, goes to the Sherman District this year. He likes that sort of work and he will have an opportunity to try his hand again. He is the accommodating and hard working Secretary of the Conference.

Rev. A. L. Andrews, the biggest presiding elder in the Conference, goes this year to the Terrell District. He held down the Sherman District two years, and now he will cover a larger territory. He is a strong solid preacher and a good executive.

Rev. L. L. Cohen, has just finished his four years in the Conference, and his first year at Whitesboro, and he goes back for the second time. He is strong, vigorous, devoted and tremendously earnest. He is one of the Advocate's best workers in the Conference.

Rev. C. P. Combs, of Bailey, is familiar with all the duties of a Methodist preacher and he permits no grass to grow under his feet. He brought things to pass on his charge and he made the Advocate table glad also.

Rev. J. O. Davis, of Celeste, is full of energy and fire and he always puts his hand to every interest with determination and push. The result is that he accomplished something worth while as the year passed by.

Rev. W. F. Davis, of Post Oak, had a good year and the people are familiar with the Advocate up his way. He preaches well and his people always like him.

Rev. J. V. Davis, of Merit, pushed the interests of that charge to the front, and he gave the Advocate a good opportunity to aid him in his efforts. He is a useful man on all parts of the ground.

Rev. J. C. Gibbon, of Yowell, proved himself worthy of the confidence of his charge. He brought up good reports, and the Advocate esteems him highly.

Rev. C. B. Golsen, of Campbell, is steady and reliable. He looked after every interest of his charge, and the Advocate regards him as one of its tried friends.

Rev. E. G. Roberts, of Emberson, is one of the solid men of the Conference and his work brought forth fruit of the right quality.

Rev. O. T. Rogers, of Cedar Hill and Duncanville, is studious, evangel-

ical, and zealous; and he had good success on his charge. No man knows the doctrines of Methodism better than he, and he preaches them effectively. And of course such a man puts the Advocate in the homes of his people.

Rev. B. B. Hall, of Windom, did not labor in vain the past year. He found favor with his people and they responded to his efforts. His report was a good one, and he had something to show the Advocate in the way of results.

Rev. L. A. Hanson, of Bells, was a fit up there, and he had steady success all the year. We have no more faithful and worthy man than he. For years he has done some of the hardest work in the Conference and he has done it cheerfully and joyously.

Rev. A. P. Hightower, of Allen, is one of the busiest men in the Conference. He dives into his work as soon as he receives his appointment and the word failure is not in his vocabulary. And the Advocate recognizes in him a friend true and tried.

Rev. J. D. Hudgins never neglects the Advocate's interest, and therefore, he uniformly succeeds in every other department of his work. He came up with a smiling face this year as usual, for he had a good report.

Rev. W. J. Lemons understands his duties as a pastor and a preacher and he discharged them fully during the year. He traveled that old historic work, McKenzie Circuit, and the memories of that great man, Dr. McKenzie, were about him.

Rev. C. L. Bowen, of Avery, is a young man, but no one showed up better in the way of a report. He built three new church houses, put the Advocate in nearly all his homes, added largely to the Church membership, and he goes back to continue his good work. He is a promising young man.

Rev. R. B. Moreland, Bridgeport, had a good year in that prosperous town and his report showed fidelity and persistence to all the interests of the Church.

Rev. J. M. Sweeton, of Bowie, had a good year, and his report showed fine work. This year he goes to Ladonia. He always looks after the Conference organ. He is one of our strongest men.

Rev. J. M. Scrimshire, of Fate, is one of the young men of the Conference, but he works like a seasoned veteran. The Advocate goes hand in hand with him in all his Church enterprises.

Rev. T. L. Huffstutler, a supply on the Woodland charge, did an excellent work and he pushed that circuit to the front in its importance. He also did good service for the Advocate.

Dr. J. H. McLean, after four years of work with the Orphanage, dropped back into the pastorate and took "pot luck" with the brethren. He goes to Wolfe City this year, and that charge will find him a man of experience and ability. The years have dealt lightly with him, and we venture the assertion that no man will do a better work than he.

Rev. F. O. Miller did fine work for the superannuated home enterprise. No man is engaged in a more worthy enterprise than he, and many of the wornout preachers will rise up and call him blessed. The brethren always give him the right of way when he comes around.

Rev. L. S. Barton, the big, strong man of the Conference, has done a Herculean task for Southern Methodist University, and he is still hard at it. He is proving the right man in the right place, and before June he will doubtless reach his mark--

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Rev. W. D. Mountcastle goes to Bonham Street, Paris, this year. He is one of the true and the tried men in the Conference and for years has rendered valuable service.

Rev. E. F. Brown, of the Pilot Point Circuit, is one of the hardest working and most worthy men in the Conference. For years he has gone to the circuits and the missions of our territory, and gladly done his work for the Master. He is a solid preacher, a good revivalist and a faithful pastor.

BISHOP MOUZON AT NORTH TEXAS CONFERENCE.

For the second time in succession, Bishop Mouzon held the North Texas Conference. He began it on Wednesday of last week and closed it on Sunday night. He is a good presiding officer and dispatches business with expedition and system. He loses no time, and yet he is patient in giving every interest of the Church a good hearing. In the chair he is agreeable and courteous, and in the social circle he is pleasant and delightful.

In his Cabinet work he has plans and ideas of his own, and like Bishop Atkins, at the West Texas Conference, Bishop Mouzon occasionally did some radical work. He announced publicly one day that it was "the business of the Bishop to spoil the plans of the presiding elders," and from all accounts it is generally believed that he proceeded on that line. Now and then, we are told that he made an appointment without consulting the Cabinet. He merely read them the result. He seems to have come to the Conference with his mind fully made up to do a thing or two, and he did it without change or variability. But he acted within the province of his right, for the law gives a Bishop unrestricted power and authority in stationing the preachers under his care. However, there is an unwritten law in nearly all instances, that most Bishops observe, and none of them rarely ever act arbitrarily in such matters. This is well, for there is the growth of a healthy spirit of democracy in all departments of Church procedure, and is usually best, even where unrestricted authority is vested; even a Bishop is not to press his right to the utmost limit without taking his advisers into his confidence.

However, the most of the appointments made by Bishop Mouzon have given satisfaction, and we indulge the hope that all of them will work out the best results for the people and for the preachers where changes have been made. That the Bishop acted conscientiously, and was governed by motives which he conceived to be for the best interests of all concerned, no one doubts for a moment; and now that the work of the Conference is over, let every man do his duty and God will bless our labors during the incoming year.

Just as we go to press we learn of the death of Rev. G. W. White, a supernannate of the West Texas Conference. He died at Mineral Wells where he had gone to recuperate. We publish elsewhere a statement concerning the sad event by Rev. M. S. Hotchkiss.

TRINITY CHURCH DEDICATED.

Last Sunday was a great day at Trinity Church. A great many years ago Rev. W. F. Clark went over into

North Dallas and organized Trinity Church. It was a small and unpretentious organization, but it was the beginning of what is now one of the leading Churches in Dallas. After awhile it was moved to the corner of Pearl and McKinney Streets on a fine piece of property. Here those people struggled along for a number of years, increasing all the while in numbers and strength. Ten years ago Rev. H. D. Knickerbocker came as their pastor and it was then that old First Church began to swarm. Trinity received a large number of strong and influential members and then the work of growing began in earnest. It was not long until an architect had planned a great church building and the work of raising the money was started. It was not long until the building was started and it continued until it was finished. When Dr. Knickerbocker had finished his four years the church was a thing of beauty but it owed \$12,000 or \$15,000. Dr. W. D. Bradfield succeeded to the pastorate and remained four years. During that time the debt was considerably decreased, and at the end of his quadrennium Rev. New Harris became pastor. He has quietly worked on the remainder of the debt until he raised the last dollar of it, and last Sunday, in the presence of a great congregation, the venerable Bishop Key preached a remarkable dedicatory sermon and formerly set the house apart to the worship of Almighty God. It was a stately and a majestic service and all the Trinity Church people were made glad; and the whole city joined in good wishes and congratulations. It was the consummation of a splendid work carried on for ten long years. And now Trinity Church stands there a thing of beauty and the joy of the whole of Dallas. Trinity is now one of our strongest and most influential Church organizations. The past year they raised for all purposes about \$20,000. Good for Trinity Church!

REV. W. H. VAUGHAN'S APPOINTMENT.

Rev. W. H. Vaughan who has just completed his four year's term as presiding elder of the Georgetown District has been appointed Commissioner for Southwestern University by Bishop Atkins and by the Texas Educational Commission. This was done at the request of the Executive Committee of the Board of Trustees of Southwestern University, and is a concrete manifestation of the spirit of harmonious co-operation on the part of the educational forces and leaders of the State. Nothing could have been done which would more strongly tend to allay any friction which still obtained among our devoted people, all of whom know how vigorously to maintain the views which they consider right.

Brother Vaughan has been for years one of the most influential men in his Conference, and is widely known both as a preacher of ability and a business man and executive of remarkable efficiency. His work in the establishment and maintenance for eighteen years of the Orphanage at Waco has erected a monument of honor to him which will abide through the generations. He is already beginning his work, and without clashing at all with the great campaign which is on for Southern Methodist University, he will, we trust, be able to do some large things for old Southwestern which so many love and all desire to see prosper.

Next week we will have something to say editorially about the great corner stone laying of Southern Methodist University. We have not space to do it justice in this issue on account of sending out a special Christmas edition.

The Nashville Christian Advocate last week had a splendid cut of Col. Young Burgher, of Honey Grove. It also stated that he is the oldest living subscriber to that paper. For sixty-six years without the loss of a single issue he has been reading the Advocate.

He is now ninety-one years old and well and hearty for a man of his years. And we might add that he has also been a reader of the Texas Christian Advocate from the time that the memory of man runneth not back to the contrary.

REV. G. W. WHITE DEAD.

Rev. G. W. White, a supernannate of the West Texas Conference, died at Mineral Wells, Texas, at 4 a. m. Sunday, Dec. 1, 1912. Our community was shocked, for he had been sick but a few days. The immediate cause of his death was la grippe. He served acceptably many appointments in the M. E. Church, and while stationed in Waco, under the presiding eldership of R. C. Armstrong, he transferred his members to the Northwest Texas Conference. Several years later, in order to take his wife to the coast country, he transferred to the West Texas Conference. In his last charge he had a protracted spell of fever, from which he never fully recovered. Being unable to do active work longer, he took supernannate relation, and moved to Mineral Wells, that he might be with his son. He had once served this charge, and was greatly loved and respected in this community. A more extended notice will appear later. His brother, F. A. White, is serving Ward Memorial Church in Austin.

M. S. HOTCHKISS.

PERSONALS

Rev. D. H. Hotchkiss is taking a course of hot baths at Marlin before assuming the duties of his new charge at Crockett.

Rev. S. A. Doak, of Richland, was a welcomed visitor to this office recently. He loves the Advocate and therefore we love him.

Rev. G. F. Boyd, of Floresville, made the Advocate a pleasant visit this week. He is on the supernannate list of the conference this year.

Rev. E. F. Boone, of the Central Conference, is on the supernannate list. He is now living in Fort Worth, reading good books and helping his brethren.

In the parsonage of Rev. and Mrs. Henry L. Brooks, at Cleburne, there is a bouncing new baby boy, and he is making things lively in that hitherto quiet home. Long may he flourish in our good wish.

Rev. C. H. Buchanan and his good wife called to see us during the conference. They are again at Honey Grove, one of the best appointments in our territory, and may their success be great this year.

Rev. W. D. Bradfield has had a cordial reception by his people. He is now on his way North to attend the Federal Council of the Churches of Christ, having received the appointment by our College of Bishops. We wish for him a safe journey.

In the Beaumont Enterprise we find this pleasant personal from Silsbee: "The Rev. I. B. Manly has returned from Marshall, where he attended the Texas Conference of the Methodist Church, South. Everyone is glad to know that Rev. Manly will be pastor of the Methodist Church again the coming year, as this has been an especially successful year in the Church, and Rev. Manly and his family are very popular here."

Rev. C. L. Browning's name does not appear in the printed appointments of the Central Conference. This was an oversight. He traveled Red Oak Circuit last year and did a splendid work. His report was one of the best in his conference and his charge was one of the foremost. This year he takes a supernannate relation on account of throat trouble. We hope for him a speedy recovery and then he will be ready for active service again.

Our old friend, the Hon. C. W. Taylor of the Rogers News, was recently elected to the State Senate by an overwhelming majority to succeed Hon. Early Mayfield, resigned. The latter was recently elected Railroad Commissioner. Mr. Taylor is a prominent citizen of Bell County and a Methodist also. He is an official member of the Church at Rogers. His majority in every county in that district is a merited compliment to a worthy man and he will make a useful member of the Senate. He stands right on all moral questions.

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THE PASSING OF STANFORD CHAPEL.

At the recent session of the Central Texas Conference, the preaching place known as Stanford Chapel, eight miles west of Waco, was left off the plan of the circuit and abandoned as a regular appointment. In view of the fact that for nearly forty years this preaching place has been very prominent in the religious and social life of that section, its abandonment is deserving of at least a passing notice.

In 1874, Rev. Thos. Stanford, who at that time, and for many years previous, was one of the leading preachers in Texas Methodism, settled his family on the prairie eight miles west of Waco. The next year, Rev. E. R. Barcus, recently transferred from the Little Rock to the Northwest Texas Conference, settled his family a mile west of Brother Stanford--the two, together having about fifteen boys and seven girls. At that time there were miles and miles of this open prairie which could have been bought at from two to five dollars per acre. It was before the day of barbed wire fences and herds of cattle and horses roamed over this fertile land fattening on free grass. There were comparatively few settlers, between there and Belton and Gatesville. In the fall of 1875, soon after the Barcus family was located, Brother Stanford donated to the Church a tract of land, about half way between the two homes, and on it these two itinerants and their boys, with their own hands and money, built a little box house for Church and school purposes. A Sunday School and prayer-meeting were immediately organized and the appointment was soon entered upon the circuit plan as Stanford Chapel. A few years later a brush arbor was built in the splendid Live Oak grove adjoining the church and an annual campmeeting was instituted, which has been held every year since, including the year now closing. As the community grew in numbers the little box house was enlarged to double its capacity and a flourishing day school was taught in it. A little later the old brush arbor was replaced by a splendid shingle-covered tabernacle, and a few years later they built a beautiful, modern church, which now stands one of the best country churches in the State.

Little did those two itinerants dream of the far away unmeasured possibilities of good that lay wrapped

up in that unpretentious little box house. For nearly forty years that Church and campground have been a center of religious activity from which have radiated influences that have affected for good the Church in nearly every section of Texas and lapped over into Old Mexico, New Mexico and California. Hundreds have been converted or reclaimed and a number of preachers and missionaries have been called into service while kneeling at those altars. The two itinerants who started this movement have long since finished their labors and been called to their reward, and their bodies lie in adjoining lots in the quiet cemetery adjacent to the campground. Their children, who remained in the neighborhood, were worthy sons and daughters of these noble sires and to their continuous love and loyalty is due the large success that the Church has achieved.

But some one may ask: "Why must a Church with such a history be abandoned?" There is a tinge of sadness in the fact that it must be, and yet nobody is to blame. Just as the old homesteads of these old itinerants had to be given up after the children had gone out from the parental roof, so this old Church, having served its day and generation, after those who built it and fostered it for so many years have moved away or gone to heaven, it has no more place to fill.

And yet this is not, as some would conclude, an indication that the work of the Church in that country is losing ground. It is simply one of the inevitable results of the coming of railroads, the building up of little towns and the consequent shifting of the religious and social centers.

Within the territory once served largely by this Church alone there are now three good churches, two of them half stations, and the Church as a whole is not weaker, but stronger than when Stanford was a flourishing Church.

What is to be done with the property is a question for the future to decide. Whether or not it is ever to be used again as a regular appointment, it has already justified a thousand times all the money and sacrifice it has cost. Many will ever hold it in affectionate remembrance as the place where they first saw the Lord, and many more as the place when they had their spiritual strength renewed. The waves of influence there set in motion will go on widening and deepening until they cross the ocean of time and rattle on the sands of eternity's shore.

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RELIGION AND THE SCHOOL.

By Prof. E. C. Wilm.

The practical exclusion of the religious element from the curricula of our public schools cannot but be regarded as a defect, unavoidable, perhaps, under our form of government, but a defect, nevertheless, in our system of public education. And since our public institutions do not, as in the case of many European countries, assume the full responsibility of imparting specific religious instruction, the duty laid upon the Church in this regard becomes only the more imperative. The teaching function of the Church becomes, in fact, one of its most fundamental functions, and the thorough and effective organization of its educational agencies, from the lowest to the highest, one of its gravest responsibilities. From a purely pedagogical point of view the abandonment by the Church of its educational institutions, advocated in some quarters, would hardly seem to be a step in the right direction. The secular curriculum, of course, has large possibilities of moral and even religious influence; but the public school will always be hampered by legal restrictions and by public opinion in giving to religious instruction the open recognition which its importance deserves. What the Church needs to do, therefore, is not to abandon her educational enterprises, but to strengthen them wherever they give promise of genuine efficiency and usefulness. It will naturally devote its energies to the elementary religious instruction of children and to the training of youth in their formative period. It need not attempt to compete with the State in those higher academic, technical and professional branches for the teaching of which the State institution is in many instances clearly better equipped. Let the Church college rather address itself with a renewed spirit of consecration and with a sacred sense of its high mission to the great task which it has so conspicuously discharged in the past, the task, namely, of taking the youth in his formative period and laying broad and solid the foundations of character. It is a hopeful sign that the religious element in education is even in professedly secular institutions coming to be more fully recognized as one of real and vital importance, and that the religious needs of the students are in more or less systematic ways provided for. Whether the more liberal policy is due to the influence of the Church, or to the example of denominational institutions, or to a better psychology, or to the co-operation of all these causes, it is unquestionably a movement in the right direction and should encourage the Church to urge still more liberal policies in this regard.

THE PERFECT SCHOOL.

I call that a school perfectly fulfilling its mission which is a place for the building up of a genuine manhood; where the spirit of the learner is baptized into the glory of knowledge and wisdom, quick to understand all things

secret and revealed; where the emotions of the soul are brought into full harmony with all the virtues, the heart so won by the love of God and filled with it that it is possible for all who are entrusted to the school to be led into true wisdom and to become accustomed even here on earth to lead a heaven-like life.—Comenius.

THE HOME FOR THE CHILDREN.

Parents should be made to feel, through instruction from the pulpit, the press and otherwise, that the home is primarily an institution for the care and education of the children entrusted to them. No greater calamity can happen to the child than to be deprived of its parents by death or by the divorce or desertion of parents, so distressingly frequent in modern society.—E. C. Wilm.

NEGATIVE SUGGESTION NOT WISE

The effect of "negative suggestion," the suggestion not to do a given act, is often positive, resulting in the very act meant to avoid. So in general we



The above is a cut of the Mt. Prospect Sunday School. It has been organized about ten years and has never been suspended over two Sundays in that time. In the rear of the primary scholars reading from left to right, is Miss Ella Fitzgerald, primary teacher. Miss Eunice Yearwood, secretary, Mr. Norman Rodgers, superintendent. They are live wires in Church work. The Advocate is a valuable paper, and should be in every Methodist home. Georgetown, Texas. ALMA RADER.

should not forbid a child's doing anything unless we have good reason to believe that the child already has a knowledge of the matter concerned. Many a youth has read his first bad book, goes to his first questionable amusement through the influence of some well-meaning person who advised him against that particular indiscretion.—Wilm.

WE MUST STOP PLAYING.

We must in any case leave off playing with religious instruction, as if it were a secondary interest which can be safely entrusted to kindly disposed amateurs. The importance of religious training demands our most thorough and conscientious efforts, and the systematic utilization of all those methods of organization, grading and teaching which have been found effective in secular education.—Wilm.

RESPONSIBILITY OF PARENTS.

Religious instruction cannot be regarded as successful unless practically the entire school population is reached, and unless attendance is regular and continuous. In case religious instruction is voluntary, as it is wherever it is not an organic part of the public school system, the problem is clearly a difficult one. An exceptional responsibility in this regard rests upon parents. If their co-operation cannot be secured all efforts to insure regular attendance will be futile. It will, of course, be difficult to secure voluntary attendance of the children unless the exercises of the school are made interesting and profitable. And it is hardly to be expected that intelligent parents will enforce the attendance of their children if they have reason to believe that the teaching is not modern and genuinely helpful, either on account of antiquated methods and materials, or on account of the incompetency of teachers.—Wilm.

USE OF HELPS.

Religious instruction will be interesting and helpful largely to the extent to which it avails itself of the various modern devices and helps, such as object lessons, blackboards, maps,

pictures, the stereoscope, the stereopticon lantern, etc., which have proved effective in other branches of instruction. Nothing will contribute so much to make Biblical study interesting and vital as various aids like maps, pictures and the like, through which appeal can be made to the senses and the imagination as well as to the intellect and verbal memory.—Wilm.

PUBLIC SCHOOL HELPING THE CHURCH.

It is important to call attention to the practical assistance which the teacher in the day schools can render the Church by encouraging regular attendance of the children under his care upon the religious schools maintained by the Church, and upon the exercise of the Church. A small amount of actual co-operation in such subjects as geography, drawing, etc., might prove possible. The largest amount of adjustment in the teaching material will naturally come from the Sunday School.—Wilm.

MATERIALS OF RELIGIOUS TRAINING.

We have arrived at an interesting point of view from which to deal with the whole problem of the relation of the public school to religion, and to religious education. If the question is asked: What are the proper materials for a religious curriculum, and the instruments of religious culture? the an-

swer is, Everything. History, nature, literature, music, mathematics, manual and industrial training, as well as the more strictly religious disciplines, the history of religion, religious literature, etc., anything, in fact, which will aid the boy to find himself and will raise the tone and efficiency of his life. It is a mischievous view, a part of our medieval tradition, that the more we know about the universe the more godless we become. If God is anywhere, he is in his world, and if we are to find him anywhere we must seek him in his world which he has made, and as this is revealed to us in our experience. As a recent writer has said in another connection, we must comprehend the fact "that the spiritual life is not apart from the natural life and in antagonism to it, but that the Spirit interpenetrates all life, and that all life is of the Spirit. Our whole system is likely to be a comparative failure unless we recognize this principle. If, on the other hand, we fully adopt it and act upon it, we can, I believe, prove to the world that the public educational system, with its wide and varied curriculum, is an instrument of surpassing promise for our whole social and religious life.—Wilm.

ANOTHER WAY.

The public school might accord recognition to the work of the Church schools by adjusting its work and schedule so as to permit children to attend Sunday Schools and other religious schools without subjecting them to undue inconvenience and overwork. One of the greatest difficulties under which these schools labor is the inadequate time which is available for purposes of religious instruction. I do not advocate here what has been sometimes suggested, a half holiday on, say Wednesday or Thursday, as is the custom in France. There is no reason to believe that the various Protestant denominations, at any rate, would take advantage of such a period for religious purposes. But the home assignment might be somewhat lightened at the week end so as not to fill up the working time of the pupil completely, thus affording him time for the adequate preparation of his religious lessons.—Wilm.

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By Rev. W. F. McMurtry, D. D.

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The answer to that question is to be found in the character and mission of Him who was born in Bethlehem's manger nineteen centuries ago. Himself born in poverty, he came to enrich the world. Himself without sin, he came to provide forgiveness for the sins of the world. Himself without a home, or a place whereon to lay his head, he came to give new sanctity and safety to our earthly homes, and to open for us mansions in the Father's house. Coming into the world to suffer the most cruel of deaths, his mission was to take away the sting of death for humanity and open to men the gates of life.

Is it any wonder that the world insists on celebrating his birth, and in making it the most joyous day in all the calendar?—The Christian Evangelist.

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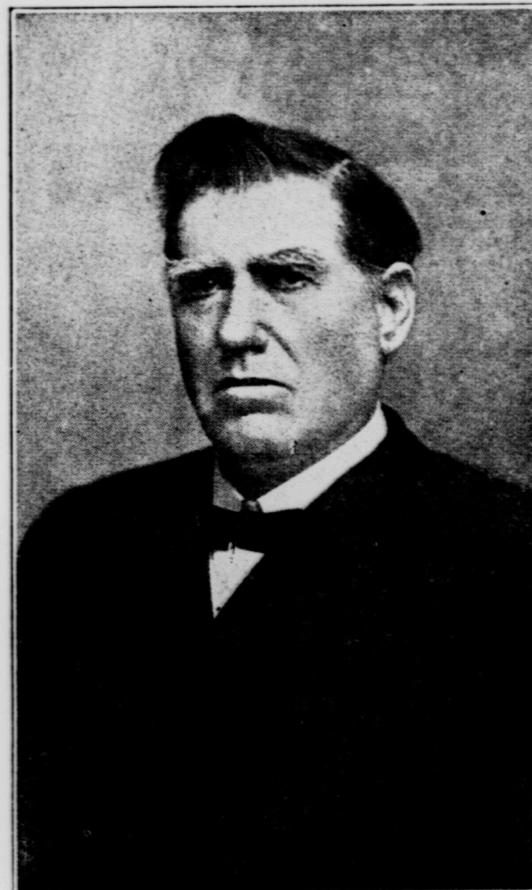
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REV. G. C. RANKIN, D. D.

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W. R. FOOTE.

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Referring to the author of this book, the Christian Advocate, Nashville, Tennessee, says:

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We will not criticize the book from a literary standpoint. The author does not present it as matter for literary criticism, as is evidenced by the following words taken from the Foreword: 'The readers will find nothing mechanical or stilted in it; no effort at display, no attempt to pose as an artist in the use of my plot or pen; no exhibition of polished skill as an author.' Yet we must say that strength, and at times artistic grace, of expression characterize the book. It is a simple, narrative style, and it pleases. There is a transparent candor on the part of the author which in places would astonish us if we were not well acquainted with his manly frankness. He does not spare himself in places where literary license would have permitted silence.

It is a vigorous, red-blooded book and appeals to all sides of human nature. Pathos and humor abound. The pen pictures of notable characters are graphically drawn—too truthfully, perhaps, in certain instances. He succeeds in placing on the canvas not only an impressive likeness of himself, but of the eventful periods through which he passed."

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Dallas, Texas

AN APPRECIATION.

In relating his experience Paul said that he was an apostle of Jesus Christ by the will of God and not of men. I can verily say that his experience has been mine also. For several years prior to my assumption of the work of a minister I had been told by my friends that I should be a preacher, but I said that I would never be one until I was assured that the call was from God. About six years ago the Holy Spirit set me apart for God's service and I began to make preparation for the itinerancy. Neither then nor since that visitation have I had a shadow of doubt concerning the genuineness of that call, and, having accepted the commission of the King of Kings I have tried to render to him a good account. I love God and his creatures and the years in which I have labored for him as an itinerant minister have been very delightful, and it is with great regret that I am called upon to put up the sword of divine truth even for a brief time. On the 13th of March a physical affliction was visited upon me and it has proved to be of such a nature as to incapacitate me for active work, and at the recent session of the Central Texas Conference I asked to be relieved until I could regain my health. I have had five or six splendid physicians to examine me and they say that I would better serve God and the Church in some other capacity than the itinerancy. If this be God's will I cheerfully bow to it, knowing that he does all things for the best. I am not now doing anything and the doctors say that it will be several months yet before I will be capable of working. So Rev. James Campbell, under whom I served last year, at conference started a voluntary offering for me, and so many contributed that Rev. Jerome Duncan was able to turn over to me a neat sum. As I have no way of knowing who the contributors were I adopt this method of expressing my thanks to all who participated in the offering, and I request when you pray that you remember me. I shall pray for you that your life may be so righteously lived that God will grant you abundant success in all that you undertake in his name.

There are many kinds of love, As many forms of light, And every kind of love Makes a glory in the night. There is love that stills the heart, And love that gives it rest, But the love that leads life upward Is the purest and the best. JOHN P. COX. Polytechnic, Texas.

NOTICE OF ANNUAL MEETING.

To the Board of Missions of the M. E. Church, South:

A committee on arrangements, composed of representatives of the College of Bishops, the Board of Missions and the Board of Church Extension, has agreed upon the following dates for the annual meetings of 1913:

Board of Church Extension, May 1-4. College of Bishops, May 5-6. Board of Missions, May 7-11.

An invitation to these Boards from the Churches of Dallas, Texas, to hold their respective meetings in that city, has been accepted, and arrangements are being made to make the occasion one of more than ordinary interest to the Church in general and to Texas Methodism in particular.

Will you unite with us in prayer that the next meeting of the Board may prove a great blessing in quickening the missionary zeal and in deepening the missionary conviction of the Church.

COLLINS DENNY, Chairman. W. A. Candler, W. F. McMurry, T. L. Jefferyson, J. L. McWhorter, ED. F. COOK, Secretary.

POINTS IN BRIEF.

H. G. H.

A beautiful and costly Methodist church in Navasota, Texas, near the spot where lie the remains of Martin Luther, brings up the life and brief Texas career of that great missionary.

The splendid visions of the old Texas fathers have been more than realized—the wonderful work of Texas Methodism!

About 1821 as early as Henry Stephenson preached the first Protestant sermon in Texas—not in 1812, as the Dallas News correspondent has it—and the sermon was not delivered at Nacogdoches.

The Presbyterians may claim that their Sunday School at Newark, N. J., now ninety-eight years old, was the first organized in America, but William Capers organized a Sunday School in Milledgeville, Georgia, in 1802—and that school is still flourishing. This writer had the honor of

once being its superintendent while Lovick Pierce was its pastor.

Why should such a fine old writer as W. H. Hughes, in Advocate of November 28, on the subject of "Our Order of Public Worship," put up thin straw men and then knock them down—or try to—by remarks quoted from those who are ignorant of the real nature of our order of worship?

Again, why should he misconstrue the meaning of the term "Holy catholic Church"?

Why should he seemingly create the impression that by following the legally established order of our Church we are doing violence to a conscience that is above the law of the Church?

Some of the brethren, including the editor, talk about the "scatterment" of preachers at the late Beville Conference. While the law was not violated in changes of preachers from one work to another, suffer us to risk a suspicion that want of business methods in administration "upset" many of the preachers. When in administration you follow strict business methods and the letter of disciplinary law you are on safe ground; but ignore either of these rules and at the end of the year you are going to come out a failure and in confusion. But it is often the case that the Bishop may move men not because of failure or neglect of law, but because they are most needed at the places to which he sends them.

FAITHFULNESS IN HUMBLE PLACES.

That is a very tender story concerning faithfulness in humble places which Jean Incelew has related for us.

It was in one of the Orkney Islands, far beyond the north of Scotland. On the coast of this island there stood out a rock, called the Lonely Rock, very dangerous to navigators.

One night, long ago, there sat in a fisherman's hut ashore a young girl, toiling at her spinning-wheel, looking out upon the dark and driving clouds, and listening anxiously to the wind and sea.

At last the morning came; and one boat, that should have been riding on the waves, was missing. It was her father's boat, and half a mile from the cottage her father's body was found, washed up upon the shore. He had been wrecked against this Lonely Rock.

That was more than fifty years ago. The girl watched her father's body according to the custom of her people, till it was laid in the grave; then she lay down on the bed and slept. When the night came she arose, and set a candle in her casement, as a beacon to the fishermen and a guide. All night long she sat by the candle, trimmed it when it flickered down, and spun.

So many hanks of yarn as she had spun before for her daily bread she spun still, and one hank over for her nightly candle. And from that time to the time of the telling of this story (for fifty years through youth, maturity, into old age) she has turned night into day. And in the snow-storms of winter, in the serene calms of summer, through the driving mists, deceptive moonlight, and solemn darkness, that northern harbor has never once been without the light of that small candle. However far the fisherman might be standing out at sea, he had only to bear down straight for that lighted window, and he was sure of a safe entrance into the harbor. And so for all these fifty years that tiny light, flaming thus out of devotion and self-sacrifice, has helped and cheered and saved.

Surely this was finding chance for service in a humble place; surely this was lowliness glorified by faithfulness; surely the smile of the Lord Jesus must have followed along the beams of that poor candle, gleaming from that humble window, as they went wandering forth to bless and guide the fishermen tossing in their little boats upon the sea.—Home and Fireside.

HIS THANKSGIVING INVITATION.

A young man who had got into the habit of spending all his evenings away from home was asked by his father if he had any engagement for Thanksgiving evening. The young man had nothing in particular.

"Well, I'd like to have you go somewhere with me," replied his father.

"Where shall I meet you?" "Father suggested the Columbia Hotel, at 7:30, and I was there," the boy goes on to tell. "When he appeared he said he wanted me to call with him on a lady. 'One I knew quite well when I was a young man,' he explained.

"We went out and started straight for home. 'She is staying at our house,' he said.

"I thought it strange that he should have made the appointment for the

Columbia under those circumstances, but said nothing.

"Well, we went in and I was formally introduced to my mother and sister.

"The situation struck me as funny and I started to laugh. My mother and sister shook hands with me and my mother said she remembered me as a boy, but hadn't seen much of me lately. Then she invited me to be seated.

"It wasn't a bit funny then, although I can laugh over it now. I sat down and she told me one or two anecdotes of my boyhood, at which we all laughed for a little. Then we played games for awhile and enjoyed some light refreshments that mother had prepared. When I finally retired I was invited to call again. I went upstairs doing a good deal of thinking.—Selected.

If you really know your heart, a life of self-denial will appeal to you.

God's creative power formed you; why not let his mercy supply you?

POSTOFFICE ADDRESSES.

- Rev. S. C. Baird, Tolar, Texas. Rev. I. O. Dent, Bethany, La. Rev. C. W. Young, Tye, Texas. Rev. J. F. Hedgcock, Pecos, Texas. Rev. D. C. Stark, Polytechnic, Texas. Rev. Geo. Smallwood, Abilene, Texas. Rev. W. H. Vaughan, 1009 Washington St., Waco, Texas.

CHURCH DEDICATION.

The new Methodist Church of Timmon will be dedicated on Sunday, Dec. 8th. Dr. McMurry of the General Board of Church Extension will be with us, preach for us, and dedicate the church.

All former pastors of the church in Timmon, and friends, are cordially invited to be present. We are expecting a big time. M. L. LINDSEY.

CONCERNING THE JOURNAL.

The Journal of the North West Texas Conference will be sent out in a few days. Those in active service will receive five, others less. If you can sell some extra copies in your charge, do so, at 25 cts. per copy and notify me at once the number wanted.

O. P. KIEFER, Editor. 1612 Taylor St., Amarillo, Texas.

ATTENTION—SWEETWATER DISTRICT.

The District Stewards of the Sweetwater District will begin a joint discussion of their report at his home, December 12, at 10 a. m. A full attendance is very much desired. J. M. SHERMAN, P. E.

CENTRAL TEXAS CONFERENCE BROTHERHOOD—NOTICE.

Rev. G. W. White, a member of the Brotherhood, died in Mineral Wells, Texas, at 4 a. m., Sunday, Dec. 1st. Please remit your dues to me at once. JNO. M. BARCUS, Sec. Texas, C. T. Conf. Brotherhood, Waco, Texas.

BECKHAM-YOUNG DEBATE.

Tom J. Beckham of the North Texas Conference, and Elder W. Young, of the Christian Church, will begin a joint discussion on December 10, at Boyd, Texas.

Every lover of truth cordially invited to attend. TOM J. BECKHAM.

PREACHERS OF NORTH TEXAS CONFERENCE ATTENTION.

I have today, December 4, mailed to J. E. Hannon, of St. Louis, a certified list of the appointments, together with a list of the supernumeraries. In making application for clergy credentials for 1913 it will only be necessary to refer him to this certified list. R. G. MOOD, Secretary.

PREACHERS OF THE NORTH TEXAS CONFERENCE NOTICE.

If you desire the services of your Conference Evangelist, for two reasons you should arrange with me early. 1. In order that every month of the year may be occupied. 2. That I may secure singers for those who need me to do so. My address is Denton, Texas. I. R. ATCHLEY.

Greenville District—First Round.

- Celeste Circuit, at Celeste, Dec. 14, 15. Jones Bethel and Wesley Chapel, at J. B., Dec. 21, 22. Lee Street Sta., Dec. 22, 23. Commerce Sta., at Smith's Chapel, Dec. 28, 29. Commerce Sta., Dec. 29, 30. Wesley Sta., Jan. 4, 5. Navasota Sta., Jan. 5, 6. Merit Cir., at Merit, Jan. 11, 12. Campbell Cir., at Campbell, Jan. 18, 19. Lone Oak Cir., at Lone Oak, Jan. 19, 20. Fairlie Sta., at Fairlie, Jan. 25, 26. Wolfe City Sta., Jan. 26, 27. Floyd Cir., at Floyd, Feb. 1, 2. Kingsboro Sta., at Kingsboro, Feb. 8, 9. Greenville Sta., at Salom, Feb. 15, 16. Cady Mills Sta., at C. M., Feb. 22, 23. The District Stewards will please meet in Wesley Church, Greenville, at 10 a. m., Friday, Dec. 20. C. M. HARLESS, P. E.

Paris District—First Round.

- Boham Street, December 8. Roxton Circuit, at Roxton, Dec. 15, 16. Annona Circuit, at Annona, Dec. 21, 22. Whiteoak, at Wm. Clappell, Dec. 22, 23. Depot Station, Dec. 28, 29. Pattonville Circuit, at Pattonville, Dec. 29, 30. Emberton Circuit, at Bethel, Jan. 4, 5. Centenary, January 5, 6.

CLASSIFIED ADVERTISEMENTS

In this department may be advertised anything you want to buy, sell or exchange. The rate is TWO CENTS A WORD. No advertisement is taken for less than 50 cents. Cash must accompany all orders. In figuring cost of advertisement each initial, sign or number is counted as one word. We cannot have answers addressed to us, so your address must appear with the advertisement. All advertisements in this department will be set uniformly. No display or black-faced type will be used. Copy for advertisements must reach this office by Saturday to insure their insertion. We have not investigated the merits of any proposition offered in these columns, but it is intended that nothing of a questionable nature shall appear. You must make your own trades.

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Agents Wanted—Send 35 cents and we will send you Tube of Water-Proof Shoe Polish in Aluminum Case with Dauber and Polisher Complete. Also one of each of our Catalogues of Rubber Stamps, Novelties, etc., with terms to agents. A. S. MANKIN & CO., Alexandria, Va.

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EVANGELIST.

EVANGELIST D. L. COALE has changed his address from Sta. A, Fort Worth to 511 W. Magnolia Street, San Antonio, Texas. He has Prof. Robt. E. Huston with him as his singer. Preachers desiring his services will notify him as early as possible.

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I should like to hear from pastors or evangelists desiring the services of an efficient gospel singer and soloist. Take charge of choir if convenient. V. A. Gode, Cullum M. Poach, S. H. C. Burgin, Address Miss Rose Brack, 101 Broad Ave., San Antonio, Tex.

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- Clarksville Sta., at McCoy, Jan. 11, 12. Clarksville Station, Jan. 10, 12. Woodland and K., at Woodland, Jan. 18, 19. Detroit Station, Jan. 17, 19. Bagwell Sta., at Blanton, Jan. 25, 26. Blossom Station, Jan. 26, 27. Avery Sta., at Avery, Feb. 1, 2. McKenzie Circuit, at McKenzie, Feb. 8, 9. Bogata Circuit, at Bogata, Feb. 9, 10. Paris Circuit, at Ethel, Feb. 15, 16. Lamar Ave., Feb. 16, 17. Depot Circuit, at Cunningham, Feb. 22, 23. The District Stewards will please meet in Centenary Church, at 1:30 p. m., Tuesday, Dec. 17, 1912. W. F. BRYAN, P. E.

Hillsboro District—First Round.

- First Church, Dec. 15. Line Street, 7 p. m., Dec. 15. Kirk Circuit, at Prairie Hill, Dec. 21, 22. Delta Circuit, at Delta, Dec. 22, 23. Malone Circuit at Malone, Dec. 28, 29. Irene Circuit at Irene, Dec. 29, 30. Covington and Osceola, at C., Jan. 4, 5. Itasca, at Itasca, Jan. 5, 6. Penelope, at Penelope, Jan. 11, 12. Coalidge, at Coalidge, Jan. 17, 7 p. m. Muzger, at Muzger, Jan. 18, 11 a. m. Hubbard, at Hubbard, Jan. 19. Abbott, at H., Jan. 25, 26. Brandon, at Brandon, Feb. 1, 2. Huron, at Huron, Feb. 8. Whitney, at Whitney Feb. 8, 9. Peoria, at Peoria, Feb. 9, 10. Lovelace, at Lovelace, Feb. 15, 16. The District Stewards will please meet in Hillsboro, Tuesday, Dec. 17, 11 a. m. HORACE BISHOP, P. E.

Decatur District—First Round.

- Decatur Station, Dec. 14, 15. Boyd Circuit, at Boyd, Dec. 15, 16. Krum and Ponder, at Ponder, Dec. 21, 22. Paradise, at Bethel, Dec. 28, 29. Argyle, at Argyle, Jan. 4, 5. Decatur Circuit, at Oliver, Jan. 11, 12. Rhoad, at Alvord, Jan. 18, 19. Rhoad, at Rhoad, Jan. 19, 20. Greenwood, at Greenwood, Jan. 25, 26. Chico, at Chico, Feb. 1, 2. Bridgeport Sta., at Pleasant View, Feb. 8, 9. Mexican Sta., at Bridgeport, Feb. 9, 10. Willow Point Sta., at Willow Point, Feb. 16, 17. Oak Dale, at Barton's Chapel, Feb. 22, 23. Jackshoro Sta., at Berwick, Feb. 23, 24. Jackshoro Sta., at Berwick, March 1, 2. Bryson and Jersey, at Bryson, March 2, 3. Justin and Roonoke, at Roonoke, March 8, 9. District Stewards' meeting at Decatur, Monday, Dec. 23, at 1 p. m. S. C. RIDDLE, P. E.

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WANTED—A good location to practice medicine, or job on the road. Address "W," room 5, Moore Block, Sherman, Texas.

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I WANT a single preacher who has had some experience, for the Leon Circuit. I prefer a young man who intends to make preaching his life work and who will join the conference next fall. Charge will pay about \$400. Be sure to send statement from some credible elder and pastor. No applications will be considered unless these statements are sent with the application. Address I. F. BETTS, P. E. Marlin District, Marlin, Texas.

I want a pastor for an inland town that will pay a salary of about \$600 and board a single man, or rent a parsonage for a married man. A nice, healthy place to live. Please send recommendations to W. J. STEWART, P. E. Guyton, Okla.

SCHOOL POSITION WANTED.

WANTED a school or a position in a school. Address Rev. H. P. Shrader, Scranton, Texas.

Houston District—First Round.

- Aspermont, Dec. 7, 8. McCaulley, at M., Dec. 14, 15. Tuxedo, Dec. 18. Rolo, Dec. 21, 22. Hamlin, Dec. 28, 29. Rooster, at R., Dec. 31. Rotan, Jan. 4, 5. Vera, at V., Jan. 11, 12. Sylvester, at S., Jan. 18, 19. Sour, Jan. 25, 26, a. m. Jayton, at J., Jan. 26 p. m., Jan. 27 a. m. Peacock, Jan. 28. Rochester, at R., Feb. 1, 2, a. m. Knox City, Feb. 2, 8, 9 a. m. Sagerton, at S., Feb. 8, 9. The District Stewards will meet in Hamlin Wednesday, Dec. 11, at 9 a. m. The pastors are all invited. G. S. HARDY, P. E.

Terrell District—First Round.

- Royce Sta., Dec. 14, 15. Rockwall Sta., Dec. 15, 16. Fate Cir., at F., Dec. 21, 22. Garland Sta., Dec. 22, 23. Terrell Sta., Dec. 28, 29. College Mount, at C. M., Jan. 4, 5. Elmo, at E., Jan. 5, 6. Pleasant Mount, at P. M., Jan. 11, 12. Forney and Mesquite, at F., Jan. 12, 13. Hutchins and Wilmer, at F., Jan. 18, 19. Lancaster Sta., Jan. 19, 20. Seely, at S., Jan. 25, 26. Kautman, Jan. 26, 27. Kemp and Becker, at K., Feb. 1, 2. Mabank, at M., Feb. 2, 3. Quinlan, Feb. 8, 9. Crandall, at C., Feb. 15, 16. The District Stewards will meet at Terrell Tuesday, Dec. 17, at 10 o'clock a. m. A. L. ANDREWS, P. E.

Sherman District—First Round.

- Travis Sta., Dec. 15, 11 a. m. Key Memorial, Dec. 15, 7:15 p. m. Pilot Grove Cir., at Pilot Grove, Dec. 21, 22. Whitewright, Dec. 22, 23. Van Alstyne, Dec. 28, 29. Collinsville and Tioga, at Tioga, Jan. 4, 5. Whitesboro, Jan. 5, 6. Waples Memorial, Jan. 12, 11 a. m. Sherman Circuit, at Pecan, Jan. 18, 19. Trinity, Jan. 12, 7:15 p. m. Bells Circuit, at Bells, Jan. 25, 26. Howe Circuit, at Howe, Feb. 1, 2. Pottshoro and Preston, at Pottshoro, Feb. 8, 9. Sadler and Gordonville, at Gordonville, Feb. 15 and 16. The District Stewards will meet at Travis Sta., Sherman, Dec. 17, at 1:30 p. m. R. G. MOOD, P. E.

SOUTHERN METHODIST UNIVERSITY



DR. H. A. BOAZ,
Vice-President.



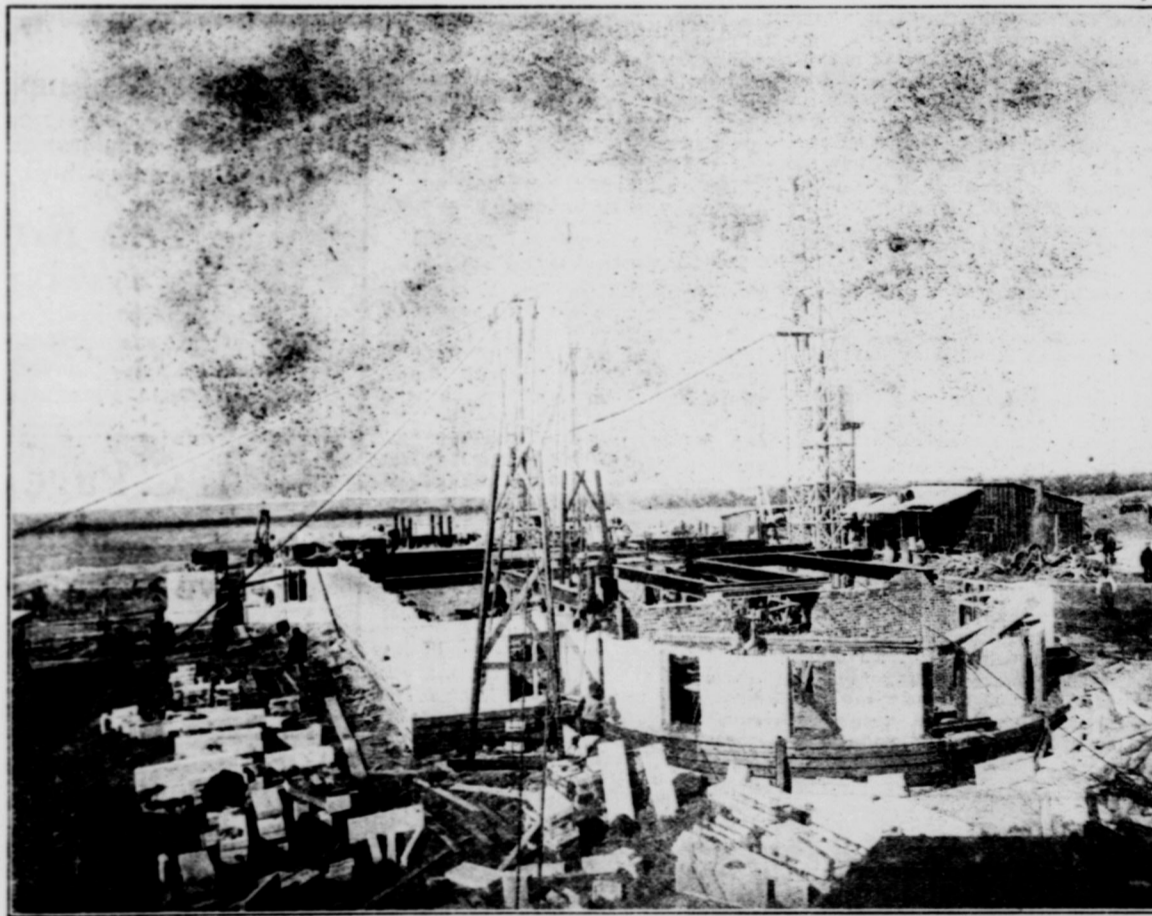
REV. L. S. BARTON,
Commissioner of North Texas Conference.



REV. J. T. McCLURE,
Commissioner.

We present herewith the photos of three of the men upon whom the Church has laid the responsibility of presenting the matter of the raising of the necessary \$200,000 by July 1st, 1913. It is their duty to faithfully present, but the privilege of our people to respond. The campaign now means that for every dollar we raise during the next six months the General Board will give one dollar, thus giving YOUR University ONE MILLION DOLLARS of Building and Endowment in addition to lands worth at least that amount.

In addition to these three veterans, Rev. J. D. Young has been appointed by Northwest Texas Conference, thus giving four men to cover the great State of Texas.



DALLAS HALL, AS IT APPEARED AT CORNER STONE LAYING NOV. 28

The Methodists of Texas have for a portion of their Christmas joy the success of our great University. During the year the campaign has gone steadily forward with the result that \$300,000 has been raised on the \$500,000 necessary to secure the conditional gift of \$200,000 from the General Board.

The corner stone of Dallas Hall was laid by Bishop Mouzon, Masons and Dallas citizens on Thanksgiving. It was the greatest event of its kind in the history of our Church and befitted the great building, the largest and most magnificent school building owned by our Church.

Will Texas Methodists Be Responsive?

SOUTHERN METHODIST UNIVERSITY

A Symphony of Prayer By The Federated Churches

(Opening address in Chicago on Dec. 4, 1912, by Bishop E. R. Hendrix, President of the Federal Council of Churches of Christ in America.)

Musical writers bid us look forward to a time, perhaps the middle of the century, when the new and single continuous forms now adumbrated by the symphonic poems shall be the greatest forms of instrumental music. "Mozart and Haydn—and, greatest of all, Beethoven—will best be understood then and best interpreted. It makes singularly little difference to the value of a great work of art, in the long run, whether its vividness is in the light it throws on a remote and forgotten past or on a living and actual present." Past, present and future will be glorified when man is at his best in a symphony that unites heaven and earth. It will be as if man could indeed hear the music of the spheres. Music is a Christian art coming to its best as man comes to his best. A doxology is the highest form of poetry, even more than lyric or epic, because it speaks the language of the enraptured soul. Angels and saintly and redeemed men have no loftier, sweeter strains in which to worship a loving, seeking God. The doxologies of men are the symphonies of earth and heaven. Thus does God perfect praise and his very throne become "a throne of praises" as he rules over a redeemed and harmonious world. By such harmonious praises God shakes down prison walls as at Philippi and brings to the birth in a Roman dungeon and prison epistles that have soothed and inspired the Christian centuries, and which keep open night and day the twelve gates of the celestial city.

The best that God has is for believers who symphonize, thoroughly agree with one another and their Lord, and are at one when they pray. Our Lord uses the same word for describing Christian unity in worship that is used to describe the most perfect form of music. True prayer is a symphony, and is irresistible. Nothing will be withheld from souls that symphonize in prayer (Matt. xviii, 19) when the personal desires are all subordinated to the work and coming of the kingdom, when human selfishness becomes Christlike sacrifice and individual differences disappear in united efforts and common aims such as Christ alone can inspire. The Church of our Lord can wear the keys of heaven at her girdle if she will. The Lord saw Satan falling like lightning from heaven when his disciples were of one mind.

The symphony, whether choral or instrumental, has not yet reached its perfection after nearly two hundred years, but it has in it the promise of its own glorious completeness, so that God and the angels may yet listen with delight to its harmonies as they unite heaven and earth. Slowly but surely the prayers of godly believers are becoming a sweet symphony in the ears of God and untold blessings await God's saints. God's choicest blessings, like men's costliest treasures, are made secure by a combination lock that requires more than one key to open. They are too wonderful for a single soul to receive. It requires a chorus to express the highest joy, whether in earth or heaven. While the voice of solitary prayer must enter heaven and be heard

there, yet it is choruses like the sound of many waters that are naturalized there. The solo of dying Stephen lifts Christ from his throne, while the chorus of Pentecost brings the Holy Spirit to earth and to abide with men forever. When all the disciples are with one accord and in one place, the whole Trinity is known. Shall the musical symphony come to its perfection ere our Heavenly Father can rejoice in the perfect symphony of prayer from all his children?

There have doubtless been discordant notes in our worship in the past, but largely because selfishness has voiced our petitions. And this has been the secret of our weakness and lack of spiritual power. We have asked and not received because we have asked amiss. Our prayers have gone astray because we have sought to consume God's blessings only at our own altars. Our incense has not been a sweet-smelling savor before high heaven. We have not prayed that God's kingdom come, and that his will be done on earth as it is done in heaven. The petty differences which have marked our Christian service here have no place there, and should no longer have place here. Our divine Lord, in whom alone we can be one, came to teach us that nothing is impossible to these three—the inspiration of vision, the dynamic of prayer, and the venture of faith. We must lift up our eyes ere the day of our redemption draweth nigh. Without the world vision we know not how to pray or how to work. The sense of the sublime belongs to God and man. We, too, must see the other sheep which are not of this fold and that them also our Lord must bring. There is no holy of holies even for God's chosen people unless there be an outer court of the Gentiles. God has no chosen people unless in them and in their seed all the nations of the earth be blessed. Our God is indeed the God of the mountains to show us all the kingdoms of the world and the glory of them and to give us the heathen for our inheritance and the uttermost parts of the earth for our possessions according to the riches of his glory in Christ Jesus our Lord. "For by him were all things created, that are in heaven, and that are in earth, visible and invisible, whether they be thrones, or dominions, or principalities, or powers: all things were created by him, and for him: and he is before all things and by him all things consist."

This conception of the unity of God's plans is essential to our largest and most harmonious Christian life. The true devotional spirit gives us our greatest breadth of view and saves us from narrow religious errors. Peter, on the housetop at Joppa, with the Mediterranean in full view, laying the shores of the three known continents and opening out into the ocean beyond which God had hidden the other two, received a fresh commission for service.

But our vision must take in more than the vastness of the field; it must behold the riches of grace in Christ Jesus. No fragment of Christ can inspire us to the accomplishment of this great task, however complete and glorious his humanity. We need the risen, glorified, ascended, reigning Christ if we would know the power of his resurrection. It was only from such a Christ could come the great commission to share his gospel with all men, in all places, and for all times. Only the voice of a divine

Christ, declared to be the Son of God by his resurrection from the dead in the power of the Holy Ghost, can give a world-wide command which sounds out until the end of time. Sir Isaac Newton dwelt among the infinities of space and power as he prayed: "God, thy light. Then we can see what we should do. God, thy strength. Then we will what we must do. God, thy blessing, thy grace. Then we can do what we want to do." Dr. Alexander McLaren well says: "Paul always catches fire whenever he is brought to think or speak of the world-wide destination of the gospel and the honor bestowed on him in entrusting him with the task of transforming the Church from a Jewish sect to a world-wide communion. There is no greater revolution in the history of the world than that accomplished through him in cutting Christianity loose from Judaism and widening the Church to include the race." When Paul saw the face of Christ outshine the sun, he was getting ready for this great service. He then saw his own littleness in the vision of Christ's greatness, for Jesus Christ is both the condemnation of what we are and the promise of what we can be. He is the center of all things and the final interpretation of the universe. With Augustine, we need a whole Christ for our salvation, a whole Church for our fellowship, a whole Bible for our staff, and a whole heaven for our home. When the word "all" occurs in the Bible not less than fifty-seven hundred times, it is to give us the sublime vision of a mighty God and a mighty salvation. Only by living in eternity can we do a real day's work in time. "And this is life eternal, that they might know thee the only true God, and Jesus Christ whom thou didst send."

An unspeakable need of the new century is the inspiration of vision, a fresh view of the face of Jesus Christ, and to see the glory of God shining in his face, to behold the Word dwelling among us full of grace and truth. If only men who had seen the risen Lord could be commissioned to preach Jesus and the resurrection, much more do we need in our day this sublime vision which unifies all believers into the body of Christ and makes it possible for his body to manifest his fullness that filleth all. Raphael shows how the vision of the transfigured Christ fixes every eye and causes the disciples to dwell in one accord on the holy mount. When we have this vision,

"Earth's crammed with heaven, And every common bush afire with God."

Whether it be Moses or Joshua, whether Elijah or Isaiah, whether John or Paul, to see Him who is invisible, whether in the mighty conservation and correlation of force in the burning bush, or with drawn sword leading on to victory, or with the mighty power that girds the loins and purifies the lips, man can only come to his true and best self by the inspiration of a great vision. O Lord, we beseech thee show us thy glory, that we may pass dry shod through the waters which threaten us, and find the barren rocks gush out water in the great and terrible wilderness that would consume us!

To make Christ contemporary with the twentieth century he must live afresh in the believers of this century. No more true is it that "because I live shall ye live also," than "because ye live shall I live also." Our Lord is ever to be found in the company of living, praying, witnessing disciples. He prays not for them alone, but for all who believe on him through their word. The glory of perfect unity with the Father he would share with those who are one in him that the world may believe that the Father has sent him. It is not unity that we need so much to pray for: the vision of Christ, one with the Father and Head over all things to his Church. None dare dis-fellowship a fellow Christian so long as he beholds the face of his Father in love. Like the elder son of the parable in refusing welcome to his brother, the door may be closed to shut in the prodigal, but to shut out the unloving and loveless brother whose malady is that worst of maladies, "to be sick with his brother's health." A glimpse of the tear-stained face of the father who has kissed away every tear of the returning son should have broken all but the hardest heart. In dis-fellowshipping his own penitent and forgiven brother, the elder son had dis-fellowshipped himself.

If even two symphonizing or perfectly agreeing in prayer can have what they will at the hands of our risen Lord, how much more mighty will be the common petition of a symphonizing Church agreed in what they ask. This is the true dynamic of prayer. Such agreement means the indwelling Spirit of Christ subordinating everything to his holy will, and

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ated in Christ Jesus for good works, which God afore prepared that we should walk therein. We are created in Christ Jesus no less for united, intercessory prayer, that the world may believe that the Father has sent his only begotten Son into the world. The most powerful of all our Lord's credentials await their birth in the conversion of the heathen and Mohammedan world. This kind goeth not out by prayer—not spasmodic, intermittent prayer, but prayers that sympathize as believers agree on this one thing that they shall ask, and so agree that there is released the power of self-sacrifice no less than of self-surrender that is irresistible. Prayer must become a rassion; then it will be a concert. The country has seen our women in time of war gather in prayer for their husbands and brothers and sons who were hurrying to the battle line. Covers have been stripped from pianos and carpets from the floors and families have eaten off bare tables that the wounded might have covering and lint and bandages for their wounds. In the darkest days women have gathered in prayer to the God of battles because their whole natures were aroused in behalf of the cause for which their kindred lay down their lives. Before the full forces are released through which God can save the world there must be like sacrifices and like united intercession. Not only should the Churches have these seasons for common prayer, but in many a Christian woman's home the times of mere social intercourse should be lifted into the scarred hands of our Lord as the very cards of invitations bear the words, "At home for intercessory prayer."

The venture of faith will follow such an inspiring vision and such a dynamic of prayer. Our sons and daughters will go to the front where they will get near to our Lord himself on the firing line when there is such a spirit of passionate, intercessory prayer at home. The Federal Council of Churches should be, above everything else, "A League of Intercession." It should be less an organization to do what the individual Churches are set to than an inspiration and a great clearing house of the Churches where they may send in their bulletins of victory and hearten one another in the work of the Lord. The Church - Christ can never survive its Pentecost. Its inertia becomes self-indulgence and selfishness. Its united intercessions will mean its greatest victories, and the world will know that Christ came forth from the bosom of the Father, and that we are become one in him as he is one with the Father.

As the Hague conference of the nations standing for peace ever works through the federated nations the high mission of peace, so the Federal Council is the Hague conference of the Churches, not to do the work of the individual Churches, but to unify their works of holy love and righteous peace, so making possible a world's salvation.

Thus in one accord in our worship we may look for the fulfillment of Whittier's glad prophecy:

In time to be
Shall holier altars rise to Thee—
Thy Church our broad humanity!

White flowers of love its walls shall climb,
Soft bells of peace shall ring its chime,
Its days shall all be holy time.

A sweeter song shall then be heard—
The music of the world's accord
Confessing Christ, the inward Word.

That song shall swell from shore to shore,
One hope, one faith, one love restore
The seamless robe that Jesus wore.

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REST BY THE WAY.

Come ye yourselves apart and rest
Weary, I know it, of the press and strong.

Wipe from your brow the sweat and dust of toil,
And in my quiet strength again be strong.

Come ye aside from all the world holds dear,
For converse which the world has never known,

Alone with me, and with my Father here,
With me and with my Father not alone.

Come, tell me all that ye have said and done,
Your victories and failures, hopes and fears.

I know how hardly souls are wooed and won:
My choicest wreaths are always wet with tears.

Come ye and rest. The journey is too great,
And ye will faint beside the way and sink;

The bread of life is here for you to eat,
And here for you the wine of love to drink.

Then fresh from converse with your Lord return,
And work till daylight softens into even;

The brief hours are not lost in which ye learn
More of your Master and his rest in heaven.

—Selected.

A PERSONAL WORD.

Since my name did not appear in the minutes of the Central Texas Conference, as published by the Advocate, and since many inquiries are being made by friends who do not understand this omission, I will state that I did not feel that I was able to take work this year on account of my voice. I have been facing the wisdom of this step for a number of years, and the final decision to take it was one of the hardest that I have ever been called upon to make. Up to this time my labor, my thought and the outlays of my life have been directed to the work of a pastor or to the work of Christian education. I am in the prime of life, my health is fine, with the exception of this voice trouble, and my heart is still in the work. But I must stop. Necessity has laid her hand upon me, and after a long struggle I have submitted to the inevitable and asked not to be given work. I do not know what I shall do nor how I can do anything else than the work for which I have given my life. I am a man without a job. I feel sad and lonely in this new relation, but am trusting to a good Providence to lead me as He has led me up to this time. I am not sour nor am I discouraged. I shall face the new issues bravely. I have always appreciated the love and confidence of my brethren, but now I shall appreciate these more than ever before. For the present I am located at 208 South Ewing Avenue, Dallas, Texas. A letter or a call will find me there for a short time, and I shall appreciate either of these from my friends who are interested as to my condition and location.

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WHERE FINITE AND INFINITE MEET.

Ever since man became man he has been reaching out towards the Infinite. Dust and ashes he may be, but the longing for the Infinite cannot be still. Somehow, man has always felt that he ought to come into touch with God. "O that I knew where I might find Him!" is the prayer, not of one man, but of the race.

And God has answered this cry of the heart. He has revealed himself to men in all ages, as they were able to perceive him and to receive his words. But the completest and final answer to man's cry for the Infinite is seen in the unfathomable mystery of Bethlehem.

In the wonderful Christ-child the finite and Infinite meet. We do not understand how; we do not seek to understand, for the wise soul recognizes instinctively that there are depths which it cannot sound; but faith accepts the marvellous mystery, and above the manger cradle hope carols its loudest and sweetest song.

It is all in vain that men declare it to be impossible for the Infinite to become finite. We do not dispute this fact, but faith still asserts most positively that somehow the finite and the Infinite meet in the infant Son of Mary. The Christian philosopher does not close his eyes to the philosophical difficulties which stand in the way. He sees these difficulties, and appreciates their force, but he sees also the difficulties which are on the other side,

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What a stream of beneficent influence pours from that humble manger where Mary laid her first-born son! How that strange cradle has enfolded motherhood, exalted childhood and wiped away the reproach of womanhood! The birth of Christ did more for womanhood than all the heated arguments of all the ages, and the Babe of Bethlehem has invested childhood with a new dignity, and has crowned it with new joys.

What is it that has closed the factory doors against the children, and sternly forbidden their labor in foundry and in mine? In the laws upon our statute books which forbid such things do we not see clearly the imprint of the baby hands of the wonderful Christ-child?

And there never was anything in human history which has been such a potent factor in removing the reproach of poverty, and teaching men the right relationship between rich and poor as the lowly-born babe of the manger. That wonderful babe is Lord of the mighty, and yet a brother to the poor and needy.

All ages bend the knee to Him, all nations do Him homage, and the holy Church forever chants His praise. Are we wrong or right? If we are wrong, would the world be the better if the babe had not been born? From every continent and every clime there comes as answer the ever-increasing volume of the chant of redeemed and triumphant hosts, "Unto Him that hath loved us and washed us from our sins in His own blood, be glory and honor, dominion and power forever." for the Babe of Bethlehem is the Savior of the world.—The Christian (Toronto) Guardian.

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W. W. GOLLHUGH, Pastor.

WOFFORD.—Mrs. Lula L. Wofford (nee Parrot) was born in Barto County, Ga., in 1851; was married to A. P. Wofford in 1867; moved to Texas in 1890; settled in Titus County, near Cookville. In 1903 Brother Wofford went to his reward. Grandma Wofford lived in her widowhood nine years and died in Mt. Pleasant, Texas, November 28; aged 61 years. She was converted and joined the M. E. Church, South, at 13 years of age. Her whole history as a Christian was marked by consistency and devotion. The best interests of the Church were upon her heart and she delighted in the services of the house of God. The purity and strength of such a character is a great blessing to the world, and when they pass out an inestimable loss is sustained. Her religious life was characterized by deep piety, warmth, strength, uniformity and steadiness. The spirit of light, love and purity shone forth in her countenance. Her character was so manifest in expression as to carry the force of conviction of its sweetness and purity. She was most charitable in thought and expression in regard to others. Most assuredly a woman of the highest and best type has gone from among us. Argo Church has lost one of its sweetest and best members. The writer, her pastor, preached the funeral sermon in the presence of a large and serious congregation, and loving friends followed her remains to the cemetery and laid them away to rest in peace till the resurrection morn, when she and loved ones shall meet again to part no more. Such a life gives inspiration to those left behind and continuously beckons them toward the home in the skies. Our loss gives sorrow, but the inspiring hope of a happy reunion in the eternal city gives great consolation, and in joyful faith we anticipate that day. There are three girls and five boys left to mourn her departure. I recommend to them a crucified Redeemer whose blood can save to the uttermost. The promise is to them, if they will trust him, one day they will meet mother in heaven. G. M. YEARWOOD, P. C.

WHITE.—Brother Nicholas Tarpley White was born in Jasper County, Georgia, August 19, 1822. Was converted and joined the Methodist Church in 1841. He was married to Miss Miriam Newton, of Henry County, Ga., October 12, 1841; to this union there were born ten children, five of whom preceded him to the Father's home in heaven, one of them being the Rev. John White, who was an honored member of the North Texas Conference. Brother White came to Texas December, 1866, and settled where Nevada now stands. It is impossible to tell all the good that this consecrated man of God has done, for the country was an open prairie when he came and he helped to make it one of the best and most law-abiding communities of Texas. He was a man that toiled hard and prospered in the things of this world, but could always find time to go at the call of his Church to do service for the Lord whom he loved. He was one of the leaders in building the first church in this country, then another, and recently he gave \$1000 for the erection of the beautiful brick church in which the people now worship God. He took great interest in everything that was for the good of the people and was one of the most liberal supporters. His last donation was to the Southern Methodist University. His faithful companion fell on sleep October 19, 1892. Since that time he has made his

home with his children, the latter years being spent with his daughter, Sister Lou Gay, and no father ever had more devoted service and tender care than he. It was a benediction to be in the association of this saint of God and hear him talk of Jesus and his future home. Thus ends one of the most useful lives this community has ever had, but his influence abides to bless humanity. The writer preached his funeral to one of the largest congregations ever assembled to pay loving tribute to one all loved. Truly a prince has fallen in Israel.

J. B. DAVIS, P. C.

McJIMSEY.—Caroline Woodley was born in Alabama October 20, 1821, married to G. D. McJimsey November 14, 1841. Joined the Methodist Episcopal Church at the age of twenty-four. She was one of the charter members of the Baptist Church on the Arleston Circuit, Texas Conference. She was still a faithful member of this same Church when her membership was transferred to the Church triumphant which occurred July 1, 1912. Her Church membership meant much to her. She loved the Church and always gave it her presence and support. She could always be counted on for any kind of work that was in her power to do. The pastor always found a welcome in her home and when he left, he not only carried with him her blessings but other substantial. She loved the Texas Christian Advocate and read it for many years. She kept herself posted on the church affairs and was always a safe counselor. She loved her family and was always very devoted to them in all things. There was no task or duty too hard for her when she thought that she was needed by any one. She was a friend to the poor and was always glad to help any one who was in trouble. Now she has gone to receive her reward. W. W. GOLLHUGH.

MITCHELL.—Miss Cora Lee, daughter of S. J. and Sallie Mitchell, was born at Deport, Texas, Lamar County, December 28, 1892; died at her home near Sallito, Hopkins County, November 18, 1912. She was educated in the common schools of the country. Attended the East Texas Normal one session, taught one session at Greenwood, was re-elected for a second term, but failing health would not allow her to proceed with the work. Miss Murry was elected to succeed her. At the funeral Miss Murry, with her pupils in a body, marched by the open casket to view for the last time the mortal remains of her whom they loved so well. It was an impressive scene. The services were held at Old Sallito Methodist Church, of which Miss Cora Lee was a devoted member. The church was filled to overflowing. The floral offerings were in profusion. After the services conducted at the church by the writer, the ladies of the Eastern Star rendered their beautiful ritual service at the grave. Miss Cora Lee has beautifully fallen "on sleep," but her loved ones need not sorrow as those who have no hope, for she sleeps the sleep of the just. She has been garnered with a precious mother on high. She is there to await the coming of those left behind. The father and six children are left to mourn their loss. But they realize that their loss is her eternal gain. Dear loved ones, she cannot come back to you, but you can go to her. May God's blessings abide upon you while you wait the coming of the heavenly messenger to summon you to your home beyond the sky.

N. C. LITTLE.

McALISTER.—Matthew McAlister was born in Lawrence County, Alabama, December 7, 1835, and died near Bellville, at the home of his daughter, Mrs. Julia Newell, November 4, 1912. With his parents he came to Texas in childhood and lived in Tyler County. He was married to Martha Stephens, at Homer, Angelina County, Texas, February 2, 1860. Their union was blessed with ten children—six of whom lived to be grown. He entered the Confederate army in the early sixties, and was Lieutenant in Company G, 13th Texas Cavalry. When his company was disbanded at Hempstead in 1865 he was the one chosen to lead what was left of the once proud company back home. Grandpa united with the Methodist Episcopal Church, South, in early manhood, and to the day of his death was a consecrated Christian, and as long as he was able took an active part in Sunday School and Church work. He was an invalid for two years before his death, yet he never complained at his sufferings and was always patient and cheerful. While he had more than passed the three score and ten milestone, in mind and heart he was a young man. Grandpa will be missed in our home, but we know he has joined that company of whom it is said, "Be thou faithful unto death and I will give thee a crown of life." He is gone, but his work still lives. He is survived by

two aged sisters and numerous other relatives in Tyler County, by his wife and four children; Mrs. Graham, of Amarillo; Mrs. Newell, of Bellville; L. D. McAlister, of Trees, La., and M. S. McAlister, of Vinton, La., nineteen grandchildren, and five great-grandchildren. His remains were interred in Magnolia Cemetery, at Beaumont. Written in loving memory, by his granddaughter, JESSIE NEWELL.

KEPKA.—Mrs. Bertha May Kepka was born in Treston, Ontario, June 30, 1864, and died at her home at Boerne, Texas, November 17, 1912. She was the fourth child of the nine children born to Henry and Susanna Diceman. She was an highly honored and beloved citizen of Boerne. She led a life of great influence for the good. In her early youth she was converted and joined the Methodist Church. She was true to her vows, loyal to her Church, and obedient to the Lord until the day of her death. In 1881 she came with her father to Texas, and lived at Reinhardt until she was married to Prof. F. J. Kepka, December 25, 1901. To this union were born six children; all survive her. Her last illness was of short duration and her death came unexpectedly. But she realized that she would soon pass over the river and began to sing of her savior and the "Home Over There." The last she sang was, "Meet Me There." Then she turned herself for rest and passed away. It was a privilege to know and associate with her. She was an active Church member here, the President of the Woman's Missionary Society and a pillar of the Church, and a Sunday School teacher for many years. Her home was a Christian home. Our hearts are sad and we will miss her very much, but we thank God for her good Christian life. We will meet you there. ROBERT W. FISCHER, Pastor, Boerne, Texas.

"GOOD THING OF GREAT JOY."

All was silent in the world of nature and all was indifferent in the world of man. No convulsion of nature or history marked the greatest birth of time. But heaven was an altar and the armies of the sky cannot contain their joy. Of all the dwellers on earth, a few hundred spectators alone see the glory light and are permitted to join in the gladness of the celestial world. It was on historic ground, where a thousand years before David had kept his father's sheep, and near the tower of the flock, where were kept those designed for the Temple offerings, that the shekinah, long withdrawn from Israel, reappears. It had washed like a brand of fire at the gates of paradise, it had blazed in the unconsumed bush before the astonished gaze of Moses, it had glowed through the gloom of the nights in the desert to guide the advancing hosts of Israel, it had hung a luminous cloud between the cherubim above the ark of the covenant, it had filled the Temple of Solomon with its dazzling radiance, for five hundred years it had vanished, until now again its splendor bursts on the plains of Bethlehem. It was not a waste of glory to brighten the sky with angels and pour down from the steep of the heavenly Zion cataracts of tumultuous song. For this event, so unnoted in all secular chronicle, is the watershed of human history. From thence the streams of time flow backward toward the dark; from thence the rivers of the future flow forward to swell the ocean of eternal light.

Fear was turned into joy by the advent of our Lord. To Zacharias, to Mary, to the shepherds, the angel brings one message, "Fear not." The pagan world was joyless, with a constant undertone of sadness beneath its merriest songs: this had come to its climax at the period of the coming of the Christ. The experiment of nature and of philosophy had failed. The gods of Rome and the philosophers of Greece were alike impotent to answer human need.

"On that hard pagan world disgust And secret loathing fell; Deep weariness and sated lust made human life a hell."

Man was like a harp unstrung, giving back to every touch only harsh discords, but the greater Son of the great harper, David, came to restring the harp of human life and restore its lost harmonies.

Christianity is a religion of joy. It was good news to the slave, to the workman, to the child. It began with a song out of the sky, and earth soon began to vibrate in sympathy with the angelic music. Barbarism with its cruelty melts away, chains snap, dungeons crumble, fetters fall, tyrannies topple. It would be a mistake to say that there was no joy in the world before he came; there was the beauty of the sky, earth and sea, the laughter of little children and the dear delight of love. But he took away the bitter drop of despair that poisoned these cups of rapture, and added the new ecstasy born of his own heart of love.

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The advent reveals God in a joy-giving way. God-made flesh—that is the sovereign remedy for the world's tear. There was an other revelation of God; it was on a burning mountain, amid pealing thunders and surging trumpets, and in an awful voice that spoke solemn words of law. Even Moses, who was allowed to enter the supernal splendor, said, "I exceedingly fear and quake." But Jesus reveals the Father; that name was perpetually upon his lips and its meanings constantly unfolded in his life. When he speaks from a mountain it is to say, "Blessed, blessed, blessed!"

The advent reveals man in a joy-giving way. We do not judge a tree by the blighted trunk and blasted leaves, but by the full glory of foliage, flower and fruit. So we do not really see the full possibilities of our manhood in the wreckage wrought by sin, but in the face of Jesus Christ. At last we see of what man is capable and what he may become. Man has received God; he has intemped the infinite. God became the Son of Man, that man might become the child of God. What wonder that the redemption song resumes the gladness of the creation chorus, for it consummates creation. The babe of Bethlehem discloses the full import of the primitive revelation, that man was made in the image of God.

The joy of the advent is unique, for it manifests the true glory of God. It is a strange contrast, the scene so simple and the song so sublime. Outside, the blazing shekinah and the burst of song—inside the lowly manger and the helpless Babe. The angels know better than we what constitutes true greatness. Man finds glory in climbing up, but God in coming down. The incarnation is the riddle of reason, but religion finds more of God in the man of sorrows than in all the splendor of opened heavens.

Love is more royal than power; sacrifice is more sovereign than wisdom. He came to us by a stable door, he left by the gateway of a grave. This is the true glory of the incarnation, the true "joy to the world."—Northwestern Christian Advocate.

IT WAS JUST LIKE HIM.

Jacob Riis, the famous American sociologist, in a recent address to a workingmen's club, praised generosity.

"I see a handful of children here," he said. "May they grow up generous. May none of them grow up into such a man as an old banker whom I know."

"He is a millionaire, and he lives in a palace, but his heart is as hard as steel and as cold as ice."

"One of his men completed, the other day, his twenty-fifth year of service. For twenty-five years this honest man had worked for the banker faithfully. He and his children were poor at the beginning, but where, in the quarter century, the banker had accumulated millions, the faithful middle-aged bookkeeper had

only saved a few hundreds. His salary, you see, was only \$25 a week.

"He didn't think the banker would remember the twenty-fifth anniversary of his engagement, but the old man did. That morning he handed the bookkeeper a sealed envelope.

"George," he said, 'today ends the twenty-fifth year of your work for me, and you have worked steadily and well. In this envelope is a memento of the occasion.'

"The bookkeeper opened the envelope, trembling and eager. Within lay his employer's photograph. That was all.

"In the face of a disappointment so bitter the poor fellow could say nothing.

"Well," asked the banker, 'what do you think of it?'

"It's just like you," said the bookkeeper simply.—The Christian Index.

True punishment is always self-imparted; all else is persecution.

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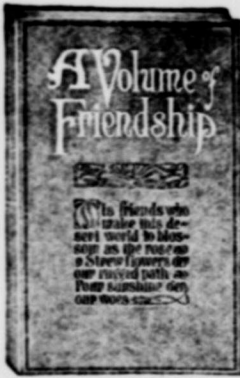
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There is a man named Fort, on the Saratoga District of the Troy Conference, who is working his district as though the Churches were a chain of business enterprises that must be made to show results.

He is in the field this fall directing a campaign that for completeness of plan and effectiveness of outcome is not easily matched in Methodism. His aim is to make all the Churches "Front Line" Churches, and to reach that rank they must fulfill these requirements:

1. Systematic and continuous evangelism. (By the membership as well as by the pastor.)
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Church, and will work where most others would fail.)

5b. Fair presentation of all the benevolences, and an honest effort to get all that is asked for each. (People don't give freely in the dark. They want to know. And the small gift of the last man is even less to be despised than the great gift of the readiest giver.)

5c. Instruction in Christian stewardship. (Passing whim is a poor motive and the kingdom's work will never be done until we see what we owe and how to pay it.)

Saratoga District will not make the Front Line Standard unanimous this year, perhaps, for human nature and the crops and the presidential election have to be considered. Nevertheless, something is happening on Saratoga District that wouldn't have happened without such a campaign as this to which John Lowe Fort and his preachers are giving their hearts and heads and hands.—Epworth Herald.

CHRISTMAS.

This is the birthday of a King, a day universally observed for the celebration of the Savior of men. Appreciated by the young for its enjoyments and festivities and by the old for its good cheer and gratification, it is received the world over as a day

of vital significance and persistent animation.

Why should the charm of Christmas ever diminish? It marks the date of nativity of the young child Jesus, the most wonderful character the world has ever known. That this Babe of Bethlehem should be born amid such humbleness and modesty of surroundings is touching indeed. Picture the Redeemer of men, the Lord of Glory, the Only Begotten Son of God, coming into the world, beginning below the plane of the lowest human life. He appears a strange guest, a speechless infant. Portended to an expectant world and proclaimed by the wise men who saw his star in the east; who, though wrapped in a cloud of mystery, is to have as a claim the sovereignty of the universe, now makes his advent in the little city of Bethlehem. The prophet foretold this happy event when he read in the heavens in golden letters, as by the finger of God, "And unto you this day a Savior is born."

The divinity of Jesus affords for this, his natal day, a unique and abiding supremacy. Its very spirit pervades and purifies the home, strengthens virtue and inspires humanity to nobler ideals. One cannot keep the day without sensibly feeling its influence of sacredness and sanctity. Underlying the external joy and for

tivity of Christmas is experienced the deeper and divine life.

Since the birth of Jesus, nearly nineteen centuries ago, the power of his life and death has ever been widening. Philosophers of old constrained themselves to acknowledge his priestly function; historians have written volumes of his extraordinary earthly career; poets, in ecstatic melodies, have exalted him in heavenly majesty; and millions of human beings—from the lisping child to those of mature religious conceptions—have given dignity to intelligence by paying him tribute and worshipping at his spotless throne.

In that frail form of human flesh God has deposited the eternal, the only hope of the human race. Being of God he is the embodiment of all wisdom, the perpetual fountain of love, a bounteous gift of mercy and the dispenser of justice. Unconscious during his earthly abode, the world did not realize that his dwelling place was a home in heaven's center, that at whose beckon the heavens would stir and nations tremble. The beautiful story of the Babe of Bethlehem shall remain in the future, as it has in the past, a hallowed memory, unblemished by hostile eras of misgivings and uncertainties.

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THE SPIRIT OF CHRISTMAS.

Christmas is the culmination of the art of making other people happy. It means forgetfulness of self and remembrance of others, and it seems easy to forget ourselves when we remember others. The idea of making the whole world pay tribute to our happiness, and of counting a thing of value only as it seems to minister to our wants, is a fruitful source of human dissatisfaction and misery. We were not intended for selfishness. Our very nature revolts at it and shrivels under it. Self-ministration and self-indulgence are really crimes against self. In the effort to crown ourselves we stoop so low that the heavens drop out of sight.

Christmas emphasizes the saner and happier life. "Make some one else happy," is really our Christmas motto. We may not always succeed in our attempt, but in proportion as we do does happiness come into our own hearts. It is easy to make a man miserable; a few unkind words will sometimes do it; but is it not also easy to make a man happy? And if we can do it at Christmas time, can we not keep it up throughout the year? "Make someone else happy." Is it not worth while to try it, wisely and often?—Exchange.

Backslider, your past convictions will be your future accusers.

Minutes of the Five Texas Annual Conferences and the New Mexico for 1911-1912

NEW MEXICO.

MINUTES

Of the Twenty-Third Session of the New Mexico Annual Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South, held at Las Cruces, New Mexico, October 9-13, 1912; Bishop James Atkins, President; J. F. Hedgcock, Secretary. Postoffice of Secretary, Pecos, N. M.

- Question 1. Who are admitted on trial? J. E. Conder.
2. Who remain on trial? Francis G. Cox, J. E. Fuller, W. P. West, C. B. Holmes.
3. Who are discontinued? None.
4. Who are admitted into full connection? John Irvine Kelly.
5. Who are readmitted? A. E. Weaver.
6. Who are received by transfer from other Conferences? R. B. Evans, Elder, Northwest Texas Conference; E. D. Lewis, Elder, Tennessee Conference; H. W. Carter, Elder, Texas Conference; F. G. Cox, Elder, Northwest Texas Conference; J. I. Kelly, North Texas Conference.
7. Who are received from other Churches as local preachers? None.
8. Who are received from other Churches as traveling preachers? W. L. Wall.
9. Who are the deacons of one year? J. N. Rentfro, L. A. Akire, A. B. Chapman, C. E. Wheat, S. M. Hull, J. H. Stuckey.
10. What traveling preachers are elected deacons? Geo. F. Ryan, Albert T. Coker, Wiley F. Weeks, Ernest L. Edgar, Sloan L. Batchelor, David A. Ross, J. Fisher Simpson in this class.
11. What traveling preachers are ordained deacons? Geo. F. Ryan, Albert T. Coker, Wiley F. Weeks, Ernest L. Edgar, Sloan L. Batchelor, David A. Ross.
12. What local preachers are elected deacons? William M. McKinney, George L. Keever, Claiborn W. Hall.
13. What local preachers are ordained deacons? Walter M. McKinney, Geo. L. Keever, Calib W. Hall.
14. What traveling preachers are elected elders? Alfred Guyon, Charles W. Rylander, Alton T. White, James P. Chambers, Marshall P. Morton, Francis M. Jackson, James H. Clark, Robert H. Lewelling, Ruben C. Aubrey, Leslie E. Booth, John W. Shoemaker, William D. Williamson.
15. What traveling preachers are ordained elders? Alfred Guyon, Charles W. Rylander, Alton T. White, James P. Chambers, Marshall P. Morton, Francis M. Jackson, Robert H. Lewelling, Ruben C. Aubrey, Leslie E. Booth, John W. Shoemaker.
16. What local preachers are elected elders? None.
17. What local preachers are ordained elders? None.
18. Who are located this year? William Nickels at his own request, D. A. Keene at his own request.
19. Who are supernumerary? J. T. Weems, F. J. Perrin, W. E. Moon, W. L. Hightower, J. F. Pike.
20. Who are superannuated? Wm. Monk, A. G. Nolan, T. G. Woods, C. M. Rabe, C. W. Perkins, W. H. Killough, W. O. Shugart, W. Joyce, L. A. King, R. A. Holloway, H. T. Hill, N. W. Keith, J. T. Gillett, G. W. White, C. Williamson, J. M. Shurford, W. R. Campbell, R. A. Rowland, H. G. Horton, H. J. Holland.
21. What preachers have died during the past year? B. H. Passmore.
22. Are all the preachers blameless in their life and official administration? Their names were called one by one and in every case the answer was "Nothing against him."
23. What is the number of local preachers and members in the several circuits, stations, and missions of this Conference? Local preachers 39; members 7,158.
24. How many infants have been baptized during this year? 60.
25. How many adults have been baptized during this year? 309.
26. What is the number of Epworth Leagues? 28.
27. What is the number of Epworth League members? 1,016.
28. What is the number of Sunday Schools? 59.
29. What is the number of Sunday School officers and teachers? 509.
30. What is the number of Sunday School scholars enrolled during the Conference year? 5,815.
31. What was assessed by the last Conference for the superannuated preachers and the widows and orphans of preachers, \$800.00.
32. What has been collected on the foregoing account, and how has it been applied? \$653.00, and applied: Mrs. Matthews, \$100.00; Mrs. Clayton, \$150.00; George Ward, \$250.00; W. E. Foulks, \$100.00, and the balance to Emergency Fund.
33. What has been contributed for Missions? Foreign, \$534.00; Domestic, \$1,361.00; Home Missions, \$151.00.
34. What has been contributed for Church Extension? \$762.00.
35. What has been contributed for the American Bible Society? \$60.00.
36. What has been contributed for the support of presiding elders and preachers in charge? Presiding Elders, \$4,127.00; Preachers in Charge, \$28,998.00.
37. What has been contributed for the support of Bishops, \$245.00.
38. What is the number of societies and houses of worship owned by them? Number of societies, 108; number of houses of worship, 52.
39. What is the value of houses of worship, and what is the amount of indebtedness thereon? Value, \$272,375.00; indebtedness, \$37,545.00.
40. What is the number of pastoral charges and of parsonages owned by them? Pastoral charges, 48; number of parsonages, 37.
41. What is the value of parsonages, and what is the indebtedness thereon? Value, \$56,100.00; indebtedness, \$5,652.00.
42. What is the number of districts and district parsonages? Number of districts, 3; number of district parsonages, 1.
43. What is the value of district parsonages, and what is the amount of indebtedness thereon? Value, \$4,500.00; indebtedness, \$1,250.00.
44. What number of churches have been damaged or destroyed during the year by fire or storm, and what was the amount of damage? None.
45. What are the insurance statistics? Insurance carried, \$120,325; loss sustained, none; premiums paid, \$963; collections on losses, none.
46. Who is elected Conference Lay Leader? Ira J. Ayers.
47. What are the educational statistics? Collected on education, \$1,489.00.
48. Where shall the next session of the Conference be held? Albuquerque.
49. Where are the preachers stationed this year? See appointments.

WEST TEXAS.

MINUTES

Of the Fifty-Fourth Session of the West Texas Annual Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South, held at Beville, Texas, beginning October 23, 1912, ending October 28, 1912, Bishop James Atkins, President; Sterling Fisher, Secretary. Postoffice of Secretary, San Marcos, Texas.
Question 1. Who are admitted on trial? Robert W. Fischer, Henry M. Rathfin, Walter M. McKinney, Richard L. Flowers, John R. Robinson, Oliver M. Cole, William B. Simmons, George L. Keever.
2. Who remain on trial? Robert E. Parker, James H. Maxwell, Lewis McVea, Emmet H. May, William S. Boyd and Henry Brandon remain in this class. J. Fisher Simpson in class of third year.
3. Who are discontinued? J. A. Morgan.
4. Who are admitted into full connection? Albert T. Coker, Geo. F. Ryan, W. F. Weeks, Ernest L. Edgar, Sloan L. Batchelor, David A. Ross, Edwin A. Hunter.
5. Who are readmitted? Robert L. McIntyre, John L. Burns.
6. Who are received by transfer from other Conferences? W. A. Manly, Texas; R. H. O'Barr, Los Angeles; W. B. Allen, New Mexico; D. E. Carr, Houston; J. N. Tinkle, Central Texas; C. W. Haddon, Tennessee; R. P. Shuler, Central Texas; R. B. McSwain, New Mexico; S. W. Kemmer, Texas, and Henry M. Rathfin, Northwest Texas.
7. Who are received from other Churches as local preachers? Robert E. Spruce, Gilbert B. McLane, Joseph F. Spruce.
8. Who are received from other Churches as traveling preachers? W. L. Wall.
9. Who are the deacons of one year? J. N. Rentfro, L. A. Akire, A. B. Chapman, C. E. Wheat, S. M. Hull, J. H. Stuckey.
10. What traveling preachers are elected deacons? Geo. F. Ryan, Albert T. Coker, Wiley F. Weeks, Ernest L. Edgar, Sloan L. Batchelor, David A. Ross.
11. What traveling preachers are ordained deacons? Geo. F. Ryan, Albert T. Coker, Wiley F. Weeks, Ernest L. Edgar, Sloan L. Batchelor, David A. Ross.
12. What local preachers are elected deacons? William M. McKinney, George L. Keever, Claiborn W. Hall.
13. What local preachers are ordained deacons? Walter M. McKinney, Geo. L. Keever, Calib W. Hall.
14. What traveling preachers are elected elders? Alfred Guyon, Charles W. Rylander, Alton T. White, James P. Chambers, Marshall P. Morton, Francis M. Jackson, James H. Clark, Robert H. Lewelling, Ruben C. Aubrey, Leslie E. Booth, John W. Shoemaker, William D. Williamson.
15. What traveling preachers are ordained elders? Alfred Guyon, Charles W. Rylander, Alton T. White, James P. Chambers, Marshall P. Morton, Francis M. Jackson, Robert H. Lewelling, Ruben C. Aubrey, Leslie E. Booth, John W. Shoemaker.
16. What local preachers are elected elders? None.
17. What local preachers are ordained elders? None.
18. Who are located this year? Leon O. Lewis, W. J. Land, at his request.
19. Who are supernumerary? L. E. Riddle, A. T. Culbertson, R. B. Bonner, W. P. Davis, and C. A. Clark.
20. Who are superannuated? A. B. Roberts, Geo. F. Fair, J. L. Hollers, J. A. Crutchfield, W. H. Harris, S. H. Heizer, H. C. Jolly, C. S. McCarver, R. F. Gassaway, I. L. Mills, J. R. Mood, J. W. R. Bachman, J. M. Baker, R. M. Morris, Sam C. Vaughan, S. E. Wilson, J. A. Hyder, J. M. Sollie, Jno. R. Steele, A. C. Smith.
21. What preachers have died during the past year? F. Collins.
22. Are all the preachers blameless in their life and official administration? G. G. Hamilton surrendered his credentials.
23. What is the number of local preachers and members in the several circuits, stations, and missions of the Conference? Local preachers 124. Members 34,489. Total 34,613.
24. How many infants have been baptized during the year? 604.
25. How many adults have been baptized during the year? 1154.
26. What is the number of Epworth Leagues? 64.
27. What is the number of Epworth League members? 4,163.
28. What is the number of Sunday Schools? 263.
29. What is the number of Sunday School officers and teachers? 2439.
30. What is the number of Sunday School scholars enrolled during the Conference year? 28,240.
31. What was assessed by the last Conference for the superannuated preachers and the widows and orphans of preachers? —.
32. What has been collected on the foregoing account, and how has it been applied? —.
33. What has been contributed for Missions? Foreign, \$5,373.65. Domestic, \$11,740.83.
34. What has been contributed for Church Extension? \$4,514.88.
35. What has been contributed for the American Bible Society? \$385.41.
36. What has been contributed for the support of presiding elders and preachers in charge? Presiding Elders, \$18,701.18. Preachers in Charge, \$106,009.30.
37. What has been contributed for the support of Bishops? \$1556.18.
38. What is the number of societies and of houses of worship owned by them? Number of Societies 453; Number of Houses of Worship 293.
39. What is the value of houses of worship, and what is the amount of indebtedness thereon? Value, \$783,025.00. Indebtedness, \$155,741.17.
40. What is the number of pastoral charges and of parsonages owned by them? Pastoral charges 153; Number of parsonages 129.
41. What is the value of parsonages, and what is the amount of indebtedness thereon? Value, \$193,425.00; Indebtedness, \$20,367.82.
42. What is the number of districts, and of district parsonages? Number of districts 9; Number of district parsonages 5.
43. What is the value of the district parsonages, and what is the amount of indebtedness thereon? Value \$18,000.00; Indebtedness \$1,200.00.
44. What number of churches have been damaged or destroyed during the year by fire or storm, and what was the amount of damage? Number of churches damaged 9; amount of damage \$3081.00.
45. What are the insurance statistics? Insurance carried, \$475,575.00. Losses sustained \$304.00. Premiums paid, \$4277.08. Collections on losses, \$2092.50.
46. What are the educational statistics? —.
47. Who is elected Conference Leader? —.
48. Where shall the next session of the Conference be held? Vernon.
49. Where are the preachers stationed this year? See appointments.

CENTRAL TEXAS.

MINUTES

Of the Third Session of the Central Texas Annual Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South, held at Cleburne, Texas, beginning November 13, 1912; ending November 18, 1912; Bishop James Atkins, President; R. O. Morris, Secretary. Postoffice of Secretary, Hillsboro, Texas.
Question 1. Who are admitted on trial? J. E. Thomas, S. P. Gilmore, C. F. Bell, A. E. Watford, H. C. Gordon, E. W. Bridges, J. N. Hester, M. J. Vaughan, T. E. Neal, W. C. Bailey, E. S. Cook, J. M. Fryar, M. M. Chunn, M. D. Council.
2. Who remain on trial? J. M. Bond, R. T. Capps, C. B. Ditz, L. L. Felder, L. E. Hill, J. E. Matlock, O. A. Morton, B. H. Oxford, F. O. Waddill, C. V. Williams, A. C. Lackey, Jos. Bartak.
3. Who are discontinued? W. P. Hines, W. L. Hightower, J. F. Cox.
4. Who are admitted into full connection? Preston Broxton, H. W. Gillette, J. F. Isbell, H. B. Landrum, J. D. Smoot, R. O. Sory, W. B. Vaughn.
5. Who are readmitted? L. B. Sawyers.
6. Who are received by transfer from other Conferences? Jno. M. Barcus, Texas Conference; Henry Stanford, Mexican Border Mission Conference; R. O. Bailey, Northwest Texas Conference; W. C. Morris, Texas Conference.
7. Who are received from other Churches as local preachers? None.
8. Who are received from other Churches as traveling preachers? None.
9. Who are the deacons of one year? J. A. Siceolf, W. A. Neill, H. Francis, O. B. Turner, J. O. Lentz, C. H. Little, E. B. Hawk, F. A. Ray, H. C. Bowman, J. W. Hawkins, G. F. Koryng, M. W. Bowden, W. T. Kinslow, W. T. Singlet, T. M. Dalton, J. F. Adams. The following remain in class of the third year: W. C. House, J. R. Kidwell, R. A. Langston.
10. What traveling preachers are elected deacons? O. M. Addison, J. W. Cadwell, F. L. Mendlow, J. B. McReynolds, J. P. Ross, J. A. Smith, B. J. Osborn, Jas. W. Watson, T. E. Williams, Cal C. Wright.
11. What traveling preachers are ordained deacons? O. M. Addison, John W. Cadwell, Frank L. Meadow, J. B. McReynolds, J. T. Ross, L. A. Smith, B. J. Osborn, Jas. W. Watson, T. E. Williams, Cal C. Wright.
12. What local preachers are elected deacons? Charles Lee McDonald, Oliver Bishop Annis, Joseph W. Martin.
13. What local preachers are ordained deacons? Charles Lee McDonald, Oliver Bishop Annis, Joseph W. Martin.
14. What traveling preachers are elected elders? C. F. Carmack, G. B. Carter, W. C. Childress, L. N. Myers.
15. What traveling preachers are ordained elders? C. F. Carmack, G. B. Carter, W. C. Childress, L. N. Myers.
16. What local preachers are elected elders? None.
17. What local preachers are ordained elders? None.
18. Who are located this year? Leon O. Lewis, W. J. Land, at his request.
19. Who are supernumerary? L. E. Riddle, A. T. Culbertson, R. B. Bonner, W. P. Davis, and C. A. Clark.
20. Who are superannuated? A. B. Roberts, Geo. F. Fair, J. L. Hollers, J. A. Crutchfield, W. H. Harris, S. H. Heizer, H. C. Jolly, C. S. McCarver, R. F. Gassaway, I. L. Mills, J. R. Mood, J. W. R. Bachman, J. M. Baker, R. M. Morris, Sam C. Vaughan, S. E. Wilson, J. A. Hyder, J. M. Sollie, Jno. R. Steele, A. C. Smith.
21. What preachers have died during the past year? F. Collins.
22. Are all the preachers blameless in their life and official administration? G. G. Hamilton surrendered his credentials.
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29. What is the number of Sunday School officers and teachers? 2439.
30. What is the number of Sunday School scholars enrolled during the Conference year? 28,240.
31. What was assessed by the last Conference for the superannuated preachers and the widows and orphans of preachers? —.
32. What has been collected on the foregoing account, and how has it been applied? —.
33. What has been contributed for Missions? Foreign, \$5,373.65. Domestic, \$11,740.83.
34. What has been contributed for Church Extension? \$4,514.88.
35. What has been contributed for the American Bible Society? \$385.41.
36. What has been contributed for the support of presiding elders and preachers in charge? Presiding Elders, \$18,701.18. Preachers in Charge, \$106,009.30.
37. What has been contributed for the support of Bishops? \$1556.18.
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41. What is the value of parsonages, and what is the amount of indebtedness thereon? Value, \$193,425.00; Indebtedness, \$20,367.82.
42. What is the number of districts, and of district parsonages? Number of districts 9; Number of district parsonages 5.
43. What is the value of the district parsonages, and what is the amount of indebtedness thereon? Value \$18,000.00; Indebtedness \$1,200.00.
44. What number of churches have been damaged or destroyed during the year by fire or storm, and what was the amount of damage? Number of churches damaged 9; amount of damage \$3081.00.
45. What are the insurance statistics? Insurance carried, \$475,575.00. Losses sustained \$304.00. Premiums paid, \$4277.08. Collections on losses, \$2092.50.
46. What are the educational statistics? —.
47. Who is elected Conference Leader? —.
48. Where shall the next session of the Conference be held? Temple, Texas.
49. Where are the preachers stationed this year? See appointments.

TEXAS.

MINUTES

Of the Seventy-Third Session of the Texas Annual Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South, held at Marshall, Texas, beginning November 29, 1912; ending November 25, 1912; Bishop Edwin D. Mouson, President; O. T. Hotchkiss, Secretary.
Question 1. Who are admitted on trial? Lawrence H. Bradford, R. E. Ledbetter, H. V. Watta, Benjamin C. Calloway, Jas. M. Cole, W. H. Beaty, J. Lloyd Weatherly, John C. Cochrell, Ed J. Harris, D. Baker, Boddie, Lionel A. Graham, Leonard Hardy, Batty L. Owen, Garnett M. Yearwood, Ferdinand D. Dawson, W. L. Russell, J. Earl White, W. Murray Bass, Geo. E. Kemp.
2. Who remain on trial? Arthur L. Conner, T. S. Ogle, Walton Day, J. M. Vondraeck, Harold G. Cooke. (The last named withdrew from the ministry but retains his Church membership.)
3. Who are discontinued? No one.
4. Who are admitted into full connection? Rufus E. Beard, Wm. F. Smith, John Black Bell, Wm. Henry Edwards, Levi Langdon Lloyd, Frank Platt, Ben Calhoun Ansley, John Shepherd Hendrick, Thomas D. McCrary, Thos. E. Bledsoe.
5. Who are readmitted? Walter G. Harbin and J. T. Hooks.
6. Who are received by transfer from other Conferences? D. A. Williams, deacon, North Texas Conference; A. A. Hall, deacon, North Mississippi Conference; P. T. Ramsey, elder, New Mexico Conference; J. E. Buttell, on trial in class of second year, East Oklahoma Conference; W. C. Morris, elder, Central Texas Conference; A. L. Houston, elder, Southwest Missouri Conference.
7. Who are received from other Churches as local preachers? J. M. Cochran, from Free Methodist Church.
8. Who are received from other Churches as traveling preachers. A. A. Tharp, from M. E. Church; John Edward Reifschneider, from M. E. Church; Earnest G. Cooke, from British Wesleyan Conference; S. Converse Brown, from Northern Baptist Church.
9. Who are the deacons of one year? A. M. Pinkham, H. T. Ferritto, A. J. McCary, L. F. Jewell, W. C. Hughes, Eberidge Payne, H. K. Morehead, L. H. Mathison, M. F. Wells.
10. What traveling preachers are elected deacons? Rufus E. Beard, Wm. Frazier Smith, John B. Bell, Wm. H. Edwards, Levi L. Lloyd, Frank Platt, John S. Hendrick, Thos. Edgar Bledsoe, J. E. Buttell.
11. What traveling preachers are ordained deacons? Rufus E. Beard, Wm. Frazier Smith, John Black Bell, Wm. Henry Edwards, Levi Langdon Lloyd, Frank Platt, John Shepherd Hendrick, Thomas Edgar Bledsoe.
12. What local preachers are elected deacons? Richard S. Marshall, Edward H. Earles.
13. What local preachers are ordained deacons? None.
14. What traveling preachers are elected elders? Wm. Allen Belcher, Charles J. Atkinson, Samuel Wakelstock, John Franklin Kidd, Addie Alonzo Williams, Charles Edward Garrett, David and J. Williams, Ira Floyd Key.
15. What traveling preachers are ordained elders? Wm. Allen Belcher, Chas. James Atkinson, Samuel Walter Stokely, John Franklin Kidd, Addie Alonzo Rider, Charles Edward Garrett, David Andrew William, Ira Floyd Key.
16. What local preachers are elected elders? Robert Benjamin Jones.
17. What local preachers are ordained elders? Robert Benjamin Jones.
18. Who are located this year? J. M. Willson, at his written request. S. Converse Brown, at his own request.
19. Who are supernumerary? C. L. W. Smith, A. L. Carnes, R. C. George, B. R. Bolton.
20. Who are superannuated? John Adams, T. B. Vinson, J. B. Burke, C. L. Farrington, B. H. Greathouse, John Helmskill, Albert Little, G. H. Phair, G. S. Sandel, J. A. Smith, C. H. Smith, C. H. Brooks, T. R. Cain, L. M. Fowler, T. B. Graves, J. W. Kelley, G. A. LeClere, W. M. Sears, A. G. Scruggs, G. C. Stovall, H. E. Washburn, W. H. Brock, D. R. Cullen, W. W. Graham, H. T. Hart, C. R. Lamar, S. H. Morgan, W. A. Sampey, O. A. Shook, Wm. Sproule, T. J. Milam, J. L. Russell, I. Alexander, J. C. Cameron, I. J. Coppedge, J. A. Moody.
21. What preachers have died during the past year? Gideon Powledge, John M. Adams, R. W. Thompson, A. Nolan, Chas. A. Hooper.
22. Are all the preachers blameless in their life and official administration? Their names were called one by one and their characters passed, except H. G. Williams who surrendered his credentials, retaining his membership. W. H. Long withdrew from the ministry and membership of our Church.
23. What is the number of local preachers and members in the several circuits, stations, and missions of the conference? Local preachers, 185; members, 70,721.
24. How many infants have been baptized during the year? 1132.
25. How many adults have been baptized during the year? 3292.
26. What is the number of Epworth Leagues? Senior Leagues, 70; Junior, 46; total 116.
27. What is the number of Epworth League members? Senior, 2257; Junior, 1432; total, 3689.
28. What is the number of Sunday Schools? 497.
29. What is the number of Sunday School officers, and teachers? 4205.
30. What is the number of Sunday School scholars enrolled during the conference year? 44,858.
31. What was assessed by the last conference for the superannuated preachers and the widows and orphans of preachers? \$10,000.
32. What has been collected on the foregoing account, and how has it been applied? Paid claimants \$9036.31.
33. What has been contributed for missions? Foreign, \$10,245.68; domestic, \$13,577.74; special on missions, \$2139.20.
34. What has been contributed for Church Extension? \$7558.37.
35. What has been contributed for the American Bible Society? \$841.36.
36. What has been contributed for the support of presiding elders and preachers in charge? Presiding elders, \$24,833.00; preachers in charge, \$182,292.00.
37. What has been contributed for the support of Bishops? \$2957.60.
38. What is the amount of societies, and of houses of worship owned by them? Number of societies, 705; number of houses of worship, 537.
39. What is the value of houses of worship, and what is the amount of indebtedness thereon? Value, \$1,944,950.00; indebtedness, \$146,877.
40. What is the number of pastoral charges, and of parsonages owned by them? Pastoral charges, 215; number of parsonages, 185.
41. What is the value of parsonages, and what is the amount of indebtedness thereon? Value, \$377,695; indebtedness, \$20,915.
42. What is the number of districts, and of district parsonages? Number of districts, 10; number of district parsonages, 9.
43. What is the value of district parsonages, and what is the amount of indebtedness thereon? Value, \$36,000; indebtedness, \$11,900.
44. What number of churches have been damaged or destroyed during the year by fire or storm, and what was the amount of damage? Number of churches damaged, 2; amount of damage, \$1015.
45. What are the insurance statistics? Insurance carried, \$928,165; premiums paid, \$5044; collections on losses, \$3350.
46. What are the educational statistics? Southwestern University: Value of property \$410,000; endowment, \$145,000; professors, 34; pupils, 867. Alexander Institute: Value of property, \$80,000; professors, 9; pupils, 264. Chappell Hill: Value of property, \$20,000. Southern Methodist University: Value of property, \$1,250,000; endowment \$300,000; professors, 30; pupils 106.
47. Who is elected Conference Leader? T. N. Graham.

NORTHWEST TEXAS.

MINUTES

Of the Third Session of the Northwest Texas Annual Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South, held at Abilene, Texas, beginning November 6, 1912, ending November 10, 1912, Bishop James Atkins, President; A. L. Moore, Secretary. Postoffice of Secretary, Stamford, Texas.
Question 1. Who are admitted on trial? William E. Garrison, William H. Wright, R. E. Burns, J. O. Quantelbaum, Sam H. Young, Claude O. Huff, Charles Lee McDonald, Oliver Bishop Annis, Luther Neal Lipscomb and A. C. Chamberlain.
2. Who remain on trial? E. A. Tharp, A. V. Hendrix, Z. R. Fee, E. L. Yeats, G. H. Gattis, Jno. L. Rucker, G. T. Palmer, Wm. B. Mitchell, Jno. F. Caperton, Ira C. Kiker, B. L. Boyd, Chas. A. Chval, T. J. Rea and S. H. Adams.
3. Who are discontinued? —.
4. Who are admitted into full connection? J. E. Thomas, S. P. Gilmore, C. F. Bell, A. E. Watford, H. C. Gordon, E. W. Bridges, J. N. Hester, M. J. Vaughan, T. E. Neal, W. C. Bailey, E. S. Cook, J. M. Fryar, M. M. Chunn, M. D. Council.
5. Who are discontinued? W. P. Hines, W. L. Hightower, J. F. Cox.
6. Who are admitted into full connection? Preston Broxton, H. W. Gillette, J. F. Isbell, H. B. Landrum, J. D. Smoot, R. O. Sory, W. B. Vaughn.
7. Who are readmitted? L. B. Sawyers.

WEST TEXAS.

MINUTES

Of the Fifty-Fourth Session of the West Texas Annual Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South, held at Beville, Texas, beginning October 23, 1912, ending October 28, 1912, Bishop James Atkins, President; Sterling Fisher, Secretary. Postoffice of Secretary, San Marcos, Texas.
Question 1. Who are admitted on trial? Robert W. Fischer, Henry M. Rathfin, Walter M. McKinney, Richard L. Flowers, John R. Robinson, Oliver M. Cole, William B. Simmons, George L. Keever.
2. Who remain on trial? Robert E. Parker, James H. Maxwell, Lewis McVea, Emmet H. May, William S. Boyd and Henry Brandon remain in this class. J. Fisher Simpson in class of third year.
3. Who are discontinued? J. A. Morgan.
4. Who are admitted into full connection? Albert T. Coker, Geo. F. Ryan, W. F. Weeks, Ernest L. Edgar, Sloan L. Batchelor, David A. Ross, Edwin A. Hunter.
5. Who are readmitted? Robert L. McIntyre, John L. Burns.
6. Who are received by transfer from other Conferences? W. A. Manly, Texas; R. H. O'Barr, Los Angeles; W. B. Allen, New Mexico; D. E. Carr, Houston; J. N. Tinkle, Central Texas; C. W. Haddon, Tennessee; R. P. Shuler, Central Texas; R. B. McSwain, New Mexico; S. W. Kemmer, Texas, and Henry M. Rathfin, Northwest Texas.
7. Who are received from other Churches as local preachers? Robert E. Spruce, Gilbert B. McLane, Joseph F. Spruce.
8. Who are received from other Churches as traveling preachers? W. L. Wall.
9. Who are the deacons of one year? J. N. Rentfro, L. A. Akire, A. B. Chapman, C. E. Wheat, S. M. Hull, J. H. Stuckey.
10. What traveling preachers are elected deacons? Geo. F. Ryan, Albert T. Coker, Wiley F. Weeks, Ernest L. Edgar, Sloan L. Batchelor, David A. Ross.
11. What traveling preachers are ordained deacons? Geo. F. Ryan, Albert T. Coker, Wiley F. Weeks, Ernest L. Edgar, Sloan L. Batchelor, David A. Ross.
12. What local preachers are elected deacons? William M. McKinney, George L. Keever, Claiborn W. Hall.
13. What local preachers are ordained deacons? Walter M. McKinney, Geo. L. Keever, Calib W. Hall.
14. What traveling preachers are elected elders? Alfred Guyon, Charles W. Rylander, Alton T. White, James P. Chambers, Marshall P. Morton, Francis M. Jackson, James H. Clark, Robert H. Lewelling, Ruben C. Aubrey, Leslie E. Booth, John W. Shoemaker, William D. Williamson.
15. What traveling preachers are ordained elders? Alfred Guyon, Charles W. Rylander, Alton T. White, James P. Chambers, Marshall P. Morton, Francis M. Jackson, Robert H. Lewelling, Ruben C. Aubrey, Leslie E. Booth, John W. Shoemaker.
16. What local preachers are elected elders? None.
17. What local preachers are ordained elders? None.
18. Who are located this year? Leon O. Lewis, W. J. Land, at his request.
19. Who are supernumerary? L. E. Riddle, A. T. Culbertson, R. B. Bonner, W. P. Davis, and C. A. Clark.
20. Who are superannuated? A. B. Roberts, Geo. F. Fair, J. L. Hollers, J. A. Crutchfield, W. H. Harris, S. H. Heizer, H. C. Jolly, C. S. McCarver, R. F. Gassaway, I. L. Mills, J. R. Mood, J. W. R. Bachman, J. M. Baker, R. M. Morris, Sam C. Vaughan, S. E. Wilson, J. A. Hyder, J. M. Sollie, Jno. R. Steele, A. C. Smith.
21. What preachers have died during the past year? F. Collins.
22. Are all the preachers blameless in their life and official administration? G. G. Hamilton surrendered his credentials.
23. What is the number of local preachers and members in the several circuits, stations, and missions of the Conference? Local preachers 124. Members 34,489. Total 34,613.
24. How many infants have been baptized during the year? 604.
25. How many adults have been baptized during the year? 1154.
26. What is the number of Epworth Leagues? 64.
27. What is the number of Epworth League members? 4,163.
28. What is the number of Sunday Schools? 263.
29. What is the number of Sunday School officers and teachers? 2439.
30. What is the number of Sunday School scholars enrolled during the Conference year? 28,240.
31. What was assessed by the last Conference for the superannuated preachers and the widows and orphans of preachers? —.
32. What has been collected on the foregoing account, and how has it been applied? —.
33. What has been contributed for Missions? Foreign, \$5,373.65. Domestic, \$11,740.83.
34. What has been contributed for Church Extension? \$4,514.88.
35. What has been contributed for the American Bible Society? \$385.41.
36. What has been contributed for the support of presiding elders and preachers in charge? Presiding Elders, \$18,701.18. Preachers in Charge, \$106,009.30.
37. What has been contributed for the support of Bishops? \$1556.18.
38. What is the number of societies and of houses of worship owned by them? Number of Societies 453; Number of Houses of Worship 293.
39. What is the value of houses of worship, and what is the amount of indebtedness thereon? Value, \$783,025.00. Indebtedness, \$155,741.17.
40. What is the number of pastoral charges and of parsonages owned by them? Pastoral charges 153; Number of parsonages 129.
41. What is the value of parsonages, and what is the amount of indebtedness thereon? Value, \$193,425.00; Indebtedness, \$20,367.82.
42. What is the number of districts, and of district parsonages? Number of districts 9; Number of district parsonages 5.
43. What is the value of the district parsonages, and what is the amount of indebtedness thereon? Value \$18,000.00; Indebtedness \$1,200.00.
44. What number of churches have been damaged or destroyed during the year by fire or storm, and what was the amount of damage? Number of churches damaged 9; amount of damage \$3081.00.
45. What are the insurance statistics? Insurance carried, \$475,575.00. Losses sustained \$304.00. Premiums paid, \$4277.08. Collections on losses, \$2092.50.
46. What are the educational statistics? —.
47. Who is elected Conference Leader? —.
48. Where shall the next session of the Conference be held? Vernon.
49. Where are the preachers stationed this year? See appointments.

CENTRAL TEXAS.

MINUTES

Of the Third Session of the Central Texas Annual Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South, held at Cleburne, Texas, beginning November 13, 1912; ending November 18, 1912; Bishop James Atkins, President; R. O. Morris, Secretary. Postoffice of Secretary, Hillsboro, Texas.
Question 1. Who are admitted on trial? J. E. Thomas, S. P. Gilmore, C. F. Bell, A. E. Watford, H. C. Gordon, E. W. Bridges, J. N. Hester, M. J. Vaughan, T. E. Neal, W. C. Bailey, E. S. Cook, J. M. Fryar, M. M. Chunn, M. D. Council.
2. Who remain on trial? J. M. Bond, R. T. Capps, C. B. Ditz, L. L. Felder, L. E. Hill, J. E. Matlock, O. A. Morton, B. H. Oxford, F. O. Waddill, C. V. Williams, A. C. Lackey, Jos. Bartak.
3. Who are discontinued? W. P. Hines, W. L. Hightower, J. F. Cox.
4. Who are admitted into full connection? Preston Broxton, H. W. Gillette, J. F. Isbell, H. B. Landrum, J. D. Smoot, R. O. Sory, W. B. Vaughn.
5. Who are readmitted? L. B. Sawyers.
6. Who are received by transfer from other Conferences? Jno. M. Barcus, Texas Conference; Henry Stanford, Mexican Border Mission Conference; R. O. Bailey, Northwest Texas Conference; W. C. Morris, Texas Conference.
7. Who are received from other Churches as local preachers? None.
8. Who are received from other Churches as traveling preachers? None.
9. Who are the deacons of one year? J. A. Siceolf, W. A. Neill, H. Francis, O. B. Turner, J. O. Lentz, C. H. Little, E. B. Hawk, F. A. Ray, H. C. Bowman, J. W. Hawkins, G. F. Koryng, M. W. Bowden, W. T. Kinslow, W. T. Singlet, T. M. Dalton, J. F. Adams. The following remain in class of the third year: W. C. House, J. R. Kidwell, R. A. Langston.
10. What traveling preachers are elected deacons? O. M. Addison, J. W. Cadwell, F. L. Mendlow, J. B. McReynolds, J. P. Ross, J. A. Smith, B. J. Osborn, Jas. W. Watson, T. E. Williams, Cal C. Wright.
11. What traveling preachers are ordained deacons? O. M. Addison, John W. Cadwell, Frank L. Meadow, J. B. McReynolds, J. T. Ross, L. A. Smith, B. J. Osborn, Jas. W. Watson, T. E. Williams, Cal C. Wright.
12. What local preachers are elected deacons? Charles Lee McDonald, Oliver Bishop Annis, Joseph W. Martin.
13. What local preachers are ordained deacons? Charles Lee McDonald, Oliver Bishop Annis, Joseph W. Martin.
14. What traveling preachers are elected elders? C. F. Carmack, G. B. Carter, W. C. Childress, L. N. Myers.
15. What traveling preachers are ordained elders? C. F. Carmack, G. B. Carter, W. C. Childress, L. N. Myers.
16. What local preachers are elected elders? None.
17. What local preachers are ordained elders? None.
18. Who are located this year? Leon O. Lewis, W. J. Land, at his request.
19. Who are supernumerary? L. E. Riddle, A. T. Culbertson, R. B. Bonner, W. P. Davis, and C. A. Clark.
20. Who are superannuated? A. B. Roberts, Geo. F. Fair, J. L. Hollers, J. A. Crutchfield, W. H. Harris, S. H. Heizer, H. C. Jolly, C. S. McCarver, R. F. Gassaway, I. L. Mills, J. R. Mood, J. W. R. Bachman, J.

48. Where shall the next session of the conference be held? Nacogoches, Texas.

NORTH TEXAS.

MINUTES

Of the Forty-fifth Session of the North Texas Annual Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South, Held at Dallas, Texas, Beginning November 27, 1912; Ending December 1, 1912. Bishop, E. D. Monzon, President; R. G. Mood, Secretary. Post-office of Secretary, Sherman, Texas.

Conferences? C. O. Shugart, Holston Conference; T. G. Whitten, J. A. Stafford, C. F. McKinney and L. O. Rodgers, Texas Conference; G. H. Lehnhoff, Missouri Conference; O. F. Sensabaugh, West Oklahoma Conference, and J. Sam Barcus, Northwest Texas Conference.

15. What traveling preachers are ordained elders? Lawrence D. Shawver, Oscar E. Moreland, James H. Scrimshire, John W. Beck, Pleasant S. Warren, Elbert H. Coburn, Albert C. Sterling, Henry H. Liles, Samuel L. Crosson, Charles N. Smith and Lawrence L. Cohen.

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

37. What has been contributed for the support of Bishops? \$2497.63.

The Appointments for Our Conference Preachers for 1912-1913

NEW MEXICO.

ALBUQUERQUE DISTRICT.

Presiding Elder, J. H. Messer. Albuquerque—S. E. Allison. Carrizozo—R. B. Evans. Cerrillos—To be supplied.

EL PASO DISTRICT.

Presiding Elder, J. Allen Ray. Alamo—G. H. Givan. Alpine—H. M. Smith. Clarendon—H. L. Wheeler.

PECOS VALLEY DISTRICT.

Presiding Elder, J. B. Cochran. Artesia—Ellis Smith. Blacktower Circuit—F. G. Cox. Carlsbad—J. R. Goodloe.

WEST TEXAS.

AUSTIN DISTRICT.

V. A. Godbey, Presiding Elder. Austin, First Church—W. D. Bradfield. South Austin—P. B. Summers.

BEVILLE DISTRICT.

J. H. Groseclose, Presiding Elder. Alice Station—C. W. Godwin. Arkansas Pass Station—E. Y. S. Hubbard.

Harlingen and Raymondville—A. T. White. Karnes City—W. A. Hart. Kennedy and Couch—W. L. Brandon.

CUERO DISTRICT.

J. M. Alexander, Presiding Elder. Cuero Station—C. R. Cross. Edna Station—M. L. Darby.

LLANO DISTRICT.

J. W. Cowan, Presiding Elder. Bertram—A. B. Chapman. Blanco—Henry Brandon. Barnett—R. H. McSwain.

Harwood Circuit—Donald A. Chisholm. Lyton Springs—L. W. Walker. Leesville Circuit—J. D. May.

UVALDE DISTRICT.

S. B. Beall, Presiding Elder. Asherton—T. G. Woolls. Batesville—Robert E. Parker.

GERMAN MISSION.

TRANSFERRED—J. T. Pinnell and J. F. Pike, to Southwest Missouri Conference.

EASTERN DISTRICT.

H. W. Weise, Presiding Elder. Bering Memorial, Houston—E. A. Konken. Ebenezer, Houston—H. W. Weise.

WESTERN DISTRICT.

P. H. Hensch, Presiding Elder. Mason—F. W. Radetzky; H. Jordan, supernumerary.

NORTHWEST TEXAS.

C. N. N. Ferguson, Presiding Elder. Abilene, First Church—Simeon Ward. St. Paul's—Comer M. Woodward.

AMARILLO DISTRICT.

O. P. Kiker, Presiding Elder. Amarillo, Polk Street—E. E. Robinson. Mission—W. I. Caughran.

BIG SPRING DISTRICT. W. H. Terry, Presiding Elder. Andrew—Sam H. Young. Big Spring Station—C. W. Hearon.

CLARENDON DISTRICT. J. W. Story, Presiding Elder. Clarendon—H. M. Long; W. P. Davis and C. A. Clark, supernumerary.

HAMLIN DISTRICT. G. S. Hardy, Presiding Elder. Aspermont—M. M. Beavers. Hamlin—J. E. Stephens.

PLAINVIEW DISTRICT. J. T. Hicks, Presiding Elder. Afton—G. R. Fort. Bartonite—D. C. Ross.

STAMFORD DISTRICT. J. G. Putman, Presiding Elder. Albany—O. P. Clark. Avoca—M. L. Moody.

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SULPHUR SPRINGS DISTRICT.

R. C. Hicks, Presiding Elder. Brashear Circuit—J. K. McMillan, supply. Cooper Station—L. P. Smith. Como and Forest Academy—W. L. Tittle. Cumby and Miller Grove—Leonard Rea. Klondike Circuit—J. I. Freeman, supply. Lake Creek Circuit—C. Gibbons. Mount Vernon Circuit—N. C. Little; W. J. Baker, Junior Preacher, supply. Pecan Gap and Ben Franklin—W. R. Byars. Purley Circuit—W. B. Martin. Reilly Springs Circuit—Alex Hubbard. Sulphur Bluff Circuit—C. W. Glanville. Sulphur Springs Station—J. B. Gohler. Winnboro Station—P. C. Archer; W. P. Robbins, Junior Preacher, supply. Yowell Circuit—S. L. Haborn. Sulphur Springs Mission—W. H. Brown. Birthright and Ira—C. P. Morgan, supply. District Commissioner of Education—W. L. Tittle.

TERRELL DISTRICT.

A. L. Andrews, Presiding Elder. Chisholm Circuit—E. G. Roberts. College Mount—N. W. Oliver. Crandall Circuit—O. E. Moreland. Elmo Mission—E. B. Jackson. Fate Circuit—J. H. Scrimshire. Forney and Mesquite—Walter Douglass. Garland Station—L. A. Burck. Kaufman Station—W. A. Stucky. Kemp and Barker—M. H. Road. Malank Mission—J. P. Humphres. Pleasant Mount and Rose Hill—A. C. Sterling. Rockwall Station—C. W. Dennis. Royse Station—T. J. Beckham. Seury Mission—H. B. Chambers. Terrell Station—C. Pugsley; O. P. Thomas, supernary. Hinchins and Wilmer—J. B. Adair. Lancaster Station—S. T. Francis. Quinlan Circuit—W. E. Dale. District Commissioner of Education—W. B. Douglass.

TRANSFERRED—I. D. Major, to Florida Conference; W. A. Clarke, to Central Texas Conference, stationed at Carlton Circuit; J. M. Peterson, to West Oklahoma Conference; J. I. Elly, to New Mexico Conference; D. A. Williams, to Texas Conference.

Quarterly Conferences

NEW MEXICO CONFERENCE

El Paso District—First Round.

Alamogordo, Dec. 8. Lordsburg, Dec. 11. Deming, Dec. 14, 15. Government Hill, Dec. 18. La Mesa, Dec. 21, 22. East El Paso, Dec. 31. I ALLEN RAY, P. E.

Albuquerque District—First Round.

Ricardo, Dec. 7. Albuquerque, Dec. 7, 8. Corona, Dec. 11, 12. Cerillos, Dec. 13. Cimarron, Dec. 14, 15. Watrous, Dec. 18. Clayton Cir., Dec. 21, 22. Star Cir., Dec. 27. San Jon, Dec. 28, 29. Tucuman Sta., Dec. 29. I. H. MESSEY, P. E.

Pecos Valley District—First Round.

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. Olesha, Jan. 5, 6. Hope, Jan. 11, 12. Sacramento, Jan. 15, 16. J. B. BUCHANAN, P. E.

WEST TEXAS CONFERENCE.

San Angelo District—First Round.

Lohn, at Lohn, 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. F. B. BUCHANAN, P. E.

San Antonio District—First Round.

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.

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, Waelter and Thomsonville, at W. Jan. 19, Seguin, at Seguin. Jan. 26, Martindale, at Fentress. Feb. 2, Staples, at Staples, at Lyton Springs. Feb. 9, Lyton Springs, at Lyton Springs. Feb. 16, Leesville, at Bebe. THOMAS GREGORY, P. E.

Cuero District—First Round.

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. Laverna, at Laverna, Feb. 1, 2. JOHN M. ALEXANDER, P. E.

Uvalde District—First Round.

Dec. 7, 8, Cotulla. Dec. 11, Eagle Pass. Dec. 14, 15, Uvalde. Dec. 15, 16, Batesville. Dec. 21, 22, Utopia. Dec. 22, 23, Sabinall. 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. R. REALI, P. E.

Beeville District—First Round.

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. J. H. GROSECLOSE, P. E.

Llano District—First Round.

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. 22, 23. Blanco, Dec. 28, 29, 11 a. m. 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.

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. GODFREY, P. E.

Marlin District—First Round.

Marquez Mission, at Owenville, Dec. 7, 8. Franklin Sta., Dec. 8, 9. Normangee Circuit, at Normangee, Dec. 14, 15. Jewett Circuit, at Jewett, Dec. 15, 16. Marlin Sta., Dec. 18. Maysfield Cir., at Maysfield, Dec. 21, 22. Cameron Sta., Dec. 22, 23. Calvert Sta., Dec. 28, 29. Reagan Cir., at Reagan, Dec. 29, 30. Davilla Cir., at Friendship, Jan. 4, 5. Busholts Cir., at Busholts, Jan. 5, 6. Durango Cir., at Durango, Jan. 11, 12. Lott and Chilton, at Chilton, Jan. 12, 13. Leon Sta., at Liberty, Jan. 18, 19. Centerville Cir., at Redland, Jan. 19, 20. Fairfield Cir., at Fairfield, Jan. 25, 26. Teague Sta., Jan. 26, 27. Wheelock Cir., at Wheelock, Feb. 1, 2. Bremond Cir., at Bremond, Feb. 8, 9. Kosse Cir., at Kosse, Feb. 9, 10. Milano Cir., at Gause, Feb. 15, 16. Hearse Sta., Feb. 16, 17. Travis Cir., at Travis, Feb. 22, 23. Rosebud Sta., and Bohannon Mis., Feb. 23, 24. I urge the Stewards all over the district to organize at once and begin their collections for pastors' salary. Let the December salary be paid in full immediately. I also urge the pastors to begin early on their collections. We want all the Conference Claims by April 1. Brethren, you can get them if you will. Let us pray for the greatest revivals in the history of the district. The District Stewards will meet in Marlin, Tuesday, Dec. 17, at 7 p. m. Let every Steward be present. I. F. BETTS, P. E. 510 Chambers Street, Marlin, Texas.

NORTHWEST TEX. CONFERENCE

Abilene District—First Round.

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. C. N. N. FERGUSON, P. E.

Sweetwater District—First Round.

Dunn, at D., Dec. 7, 8. Roby, at Roby, Dec. 14, 15. Blackwell, at B., Dec. 21, 22. Lorraine, 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.

Amarillo District—First Round.

Higgins, Dec. 7, 8. Glazier, Dec. 9. Ochiltree, Dec. 10. Evans, at Evans, Dec. 12. Plemons, Dec. 14, 15. Stratford, Dec. 19. Dumas, Dec. 21, 22. Willard, Dec. 28, 29. O. P. KIKER, P. E.

Big Spring District—First Round.

Seminole, at Seminole, Dec. 7, 8. Stanton, 7:30 p. m., Dec. 10. Big Spring Sta., 7:30 p. m., Dec. 11. Big Spring Mis., at Big Spring, Dec. 14, 15. Gail, at Durham, 11 a. m., Dec. 17. Coahoma, at Coahoma, Dec. 21, 22. O'Donnell, at O'D., Jan. 4, 5. Brownfield, at Brownfield, Jan. 12, 13. Plains, at Plains, Jan. 15. Tahoka and Slaton, at Tahoka, Jan. 18, 19. Lamesa, Jan. 25, 26. District Stewards will meet at Big Spring, at Y. M. C. A. building at 2 p. m., Dec. 12, 1912. Let every District Steward be present if possible. W. H. TERRY, P. E.

Plainview District—First Round.

Floydada Sta., Dec. 7, 8. Petersburg, at Harmony, Dec. 8, 9. Silverton, at Silverton, Dec. 10, 7:30 p. m. Plainview Mis., Dec. 15, 16. Hale Center, Dec. 18, 3:30 p. m. Barton Site at Barton Site, Dec. 19, 11 a. m. Lorenzo, at Lorenzo, Dec. 20, 3:30 p. m.

Crosbyton, at C., Dec. 21, 3:00 p. m. Lockney Sta., Dec. 28, 29. Lockney Mis., at Babit, Dec. 30, 11 a. m. Turkey, at Flamat, Jan. 4, 5. Matador Sta., Jan. 6, 3:00 p. m. Aften, at Aften, Jan. 7, 11 a. m. Lubbock Mis., at Lubbock, Jan. 11, 3 p. m. Lubbock Sta., Jan. 12, 13. Dimmitt, Jan. 18, 19. Plainview Sta., Jan. 25, 26. Preachers' Institute to embrace 28-30. District Stewards to meet with Institute Jan. 29. Let all officials be present at Quarterly Conference. Let us begin early and work hard to make this a good year. J. T. HICKS, P. E.

Clarendon District—First Round.

Washburn Mis., at Washburn, Dec. 7, 8. Groom Mis., at Groom, Dec. 10. McLean Sta., Dec. 11. Shamrock Cir., Dec. 12. Wheeler Cir., at Locust Grove, Dec. 14, 15. Wellington Sta., Dec. 21, 22. Wellington Cir., at Loco, Dec. 23. Plymouth Mis., at Lelia Lake, Dec. 28, 29. Quail Cir., at Ring, Jan. 7, 11 a. m. Miami and Pampa, at Miami, Jan. 11, 12. Mobeetie Cir., at Mobeetie, Jan. 14. Canadian Sta., Jan. 16. Cataline Cir., at Dixon School House, Jan. 18, 19. Claude Sta., Jan. 22. Clarendon, Dec. Jan. 23. Goodnight Cir., at Goodnight, Jan. 25, 26. The District Stewards will meet in Clarendon at the Methodist Church, Dec. 17, at 2 p. m. A full attendance is desired. J. W. STORY, P. E.

Vernon District—First Round.

Vernon Cir., Dec. 7, 8. Quanah Mis., Dec. 14. Quanah Sta., Dec. 14, 15. Tolbert and Fargo, Dec. 16. Estelle, Dec. 20. Tell Cir., at Cary, Dec. 21, 22. Medicine Mound Mis., Dec. 27. Margaret Cir., Dec. 28, 29. Chillicothe Sta., Jan. 3. Odell Mis., Jan. 4, 5. Kirkland Cir., at Kirkland, Jan. 10. Childress Sta., Jan. 11, 12. Crowell Mis., Jan. 18, 19. Crowell Sta., Jan. 19, 20. Vernon Sta., Jan. 25, 26. J. G. MILLER, P. E.

Stamford District—First Round.

Seymour Sta., Dec. 8. Roman, Dec. 10, at 11 a. m. Weinert, Dec. 14, 15. Munday, Dec. 15, 16. Ward-Me and Lucders, Dec. 18, at 7:30 p. m. Albany, Dec. 28, 29. Haskell Mis., Jan. 4, at 11 a. m. Haskell Sta., Jan. 5. Throckmorton Mis., Jan. 11, at 11 a. m. Throckmorton Sta., Jan. 12. Woodson, Jan. 12, 13. Westover, Jan. 18, 19. Seymour Mis., Jan. 20, at 11 a. m. Avoca and Bethel, Jan. 22, at 11 a. m. St. John's, Jan. 26. Goré, Jan. 29, at 11 a. m. J. G. PUTMAN, P. E.

CENTRAL TEXAS CONFERENCE

Cleburne District—First Round.

Burleson, at Everman, Dec. 7, 8. Preach at Anglin Street, 7:30 p. m., Dec. 8. Grandview Cir., at Watts' Chapel, Dec. 14, 15. Preach at Brazos Ave., 7:30 p. m., Dec. 15. Venus, Dec. 21, 22. Lillian, at Coybill, Dec. 28, 29. Alvarado, Dec. 29, 30. Cresson, at C., Jan. 3. Granbury, Jan. 4, 5. Granbury Mis., at Membrane, Jan. 6. Grandview Cir., at G. C., Jan. 11, 12. Elm Ridge, Jan. 12, 13. Godley, at Bono, Jan. 18, 19. Joshua, at J., Jan. 19, 20. Blum, at B., Jan. 22. Walnut Springs, Jan. 25, 26. Morgan, Jan. 26, 27. Grandview, Feb. 1, 2. W. W. MOSS, P. E.

Weatherford District—First Round.

Mineral Wells, Dec. 15, 16. Graford, Dec. 17. Santo, Dec. 19. Azle, Dec. 21, 22. Springtown, Dec. 28, 29. Aledo, Dec. 31. JAS. CAMPBELL, P. E.

Waxahachie District—First Round.

Milford, at Milford, Dec. 7, 8. Ferris Sta., Dec. 14, 15. Ennis Sta., Dec. 15, 16. Trumbull, at Trumbull, Dec. 21, 22. Palmer, at Palmer, Dec. 22, 23. Waxahachie Sta., Dec. 27. Britton at Britton, Dec. 28, 29. Mansfield Sta., Dec. 29, 30. Maypearl, at Maypearl, Jan. 4, 5. Bethel Sta., Jan. 5, 6. Ovilla, at Ovilla, Jan. 11, 12. Red Oak, at Red Oak, Jan. 12, 13. Midlothian Sta., Jan. 15. Forrester, at Nash, Jan. 18, 19. Italy Sta., Jan. 19, 20. Bardwell, at Bardwell, Jan. 25, 26. District Stewards will meet at District Parsonage Dec. 20, 1912. If for any reason the District Stewards cannot come, I trust that the pastors will be present to represent their charges. Will be pleased to have all pastors, anyway. J. A. WHITEHURST, P. E.

Brownwood District—First Round.

Bronte, Dec. 6. Robert Lee, at Robert Lee, Dec. 7, 8. Winchell, at Winchell, Dec. 11. Norton, at Norton, Dec. 14, 15. Bangs, at Bangs, Dec. 18. Ballinger, Dec. 20. Wingate, at Pumphrey, Dec. 21, 22. Winters, Dec. 22, 23. Glenocoe, at Midway, Dec. 28, 29. Brownwood Mis., Jan. 2. Indian Creek, at Indian Creek, Jan. 4, 5. Coleman Sta., Jan. 10. Coleman Mis., at Bethel, Jan. 11. Santa Anna, Jan. 12, 13. Gouldbusk, at Gouldbusk, Jan. 17. Talpa, at Voss, Jan. 18, 19. Blanket, Jan. 25, 26. Brownwood Sta., Feb. 1, 2. The District Stewards will meet at the Methodist Church in Brownwood Thursday, Dec. 12, at 2:30 p. m. J. H. STEWART, P. E.

Fort Worth District—First Round.

Highland Park and Hemphill Heights, Dec. 6, 7:30 p. m. McKinley Avenue, Dec. 8, 9. Weatherford Street, Dec. 8-10. Riverside, Dec. 15, 16. Glenwood, Dec. 15, 17. Brooklyn Heights, Dec. 18, 7:30 p. m. Arlington, Dec. 22, 23. Handley, Dec. 22-24. Boulevard, Dec. 26, 7:30 p. m. Grapevine, Dec. 28, 29. Diamond Hill, Dec. 30, 7:30 p. m. Smithfield, at Oak Grove, Jan. 4, 5.

Polytechnic, Jan. 12, 13. Missouri Avenue, Jan. 19, 20. Mulkey Memorial, Jan. 19, 21. Kennedale, at Forest Hill, Jan. 25, 26. First Church, Feb. 2, 3. Central, Feb. 2, 4. District Stewards will meet at First Church, Tuesday, Dec. 10, at 2 p. m. JEROME DUNCAN, P. E.

Waco District—First Round.

West, at West, Dec. 14, 15. Aquilla, at Aquilla, Dec. 15, 16. Lorena, at Lorena, Dec. 21, 22. Bruceville and Eddy, at B., Dec. 22, 23. Riesel and Axtell, at Riesel, Dec. 28, 29. Mart, Dec. 29, 30. Elm Street, Jan. 5, 7:30 p. m. Fifth Street, Jan. 12, 11 a. m. China, at China, Jan. 12, 13. Mt. Calm, Jan. 18, 19. S. Bosque and Horn, at Horn, Jan. 25, 26. Hewitt at Spring Valley, Jan. 26, 27. Herring Ave., Feb. 2, 11 a. m. Clay Street, Feb. 2, 7:30 p. m. Austin Ave., Feb. 9, 11 a. m. Morrow Street, Feb. 9, 7:30 p. m. W. B. ANDREWS, P. E.

Cisco District—First Round.

Breckenridge, Dec. 7, 8. Gordon, at G., Dec. 14, 15. Strawn and Mingo, Dec. 15, 16. Ranger, at P. Grove, 11 a. m., Dec. 17. Eastland, 11 a. m. and 7 p. m., Dec. 18. Gorman, Dec. 22, 23. May, at M., Dec. 28, 29. Rising Star, Dec. 29, 30. Pioneer, at Burkett, Jan. 4, 5. Cisco, 7 p. m., Jan. 8. Stanton, at Pisgah, Jan. 11, 12. Cisco Mis., at Redford, 11 a. m., Jan. 15. Sipe Springs, at Duster, Jan. 18, 19. Staff, at Kokomo, Jan. 25, 26. Deidemonia, at D., Jan. 26, 27, 11 a. m. Eolian, at E., Feb. 1, 2. Caddo, at C., Feb. 9, 10. Wayland, at Acker, Feb. 11, at 11 a. m. Carbon, at Jewell, Feb. 15, 16. The District Stewards will please meet in the church at Eastland, 2:30 p. m., Wednesday, December 18. C. E. LINDSEY, P. E.

Georgetown District—First Round.

Georgetown Sta., Dec. 1. Temple, First Church, Dec. 8, 11 a. m. Temple, Seventh Street, Dec. 8, 7 p. m. Granger, Dec. 15, 11 a. m. Bartlett, Dec. 15, 7 p. m. Hutto, at Hutto, Dec. 18. Salado, at Salado, Dec. 21, 22. Belton, Dec. 22, 23. Thrall, at Thrall, Dec. 28, 29. Taylor, Dec. 29, 30. Belton Cir., at Midway, Jan. 4, 5. Rogers, Jan. 5, 6. Corn Hill and Wier, at Wier, Jan. 8. Florence, at Florence, Jan. 11, 12. Holland, at Holland, Jan. 18, 19. Troy, at Troy, Jan. 25, 26. The District Stewards will meet in Granger Tuesday, Dec. 10, 1912, at 1 p. m. T. S. ARMSTRONG, P. E.

Corsicana District—First Round.

Frost Cir., at Frost, Dec. 7, 8. Blooming Grove Sta., Dec. 8, 9. Harmony Cir., at Harmony, Dec. 14, 15. Dawson Sta., Dec. 15, 16. Purdon Cir., at Purdon, Dec. 21, 22. Barry Cir., at Drane, Dec. 22, 23. Kerens and Powell, at Kerens, Dec. 28, 29. Elevate, Atmuse, Dec. 29, 30. Horn Hill Cir., at Horn Hill, Jan. 4, 5. Gores Hill Sta., Jan. 5, 6. Chatfield Cir., at Tupeco, Jan. 11, 12. Rice Station, Jan. 12, 13. Kervin Cir., at Kervin, Jan. 18, 19. Mexia Sta., Jan. 19, 20. Wortham and Richland, at Wortham, Jan. 19, 20. Corsicana Cir., at Zion's Rest, Feb. 1, 2. First Church, Feb. 2, 3. Big Hill Cir., at Big Hill, Feb. 8, 9. Thornton Sta., Feb. 9, 10. The District Stewards will meet in First Methodist Church, Corsicana, Tuesday, Dec. 17, 1912, 10 a. m. JNO. R. NELSON, P. E.

Dublin District—First Round.

Harbin and Greens Creek at G. Dec. 7, 8. Dublin, Dec. 8, 9. Comanche Cir., at White Point, Dec. 14. Comanche Sta., Dec. 14, 15. Harmony, at Harmony, Dec. 16. Gustine and Emory, at G., Dec. 17. Stephenville Cir., at Midway, Dec. 21, 22. Stephenville Sta., Dec. 22, 23. De Leon Cir., at Ross C., Dec. 28. De Leon Sta., Dec. 29, 30. Bunyan, at Owen Chapel, Jan. 4. Huckabay, at H., Jan. 5, 6. Duffan, at Salem, Jan. 11. Hico, Jan. 12, 13. Reedell and Clarette, Jan. 13. Carlton, at Olin, Jan. 18, 19. Buffalo, at B., Jan. 24. Tolar and Lipan, at Tolar, Jan. 25, 26. Proctor, at Proctor, Feb. 5, 6. M. K. LITTLE, P. E.

Gatesville District—First Round.

Valley Mills, at V. M., Dec. 7, 8. Turnerville, at T., 11 a. m., Dec. 11. Killeen Cir., at Killeen, Feb. 1, p. m., Dec. 14. Killeen Sta., Dec. 14, 15. Gatesville Sta., 7 p. m., Dec. 17. Meridian Cir., at Montgomery Springs, 11 a. m., Dec. 21. Meridian Sta., Dec. 21, 22. McGregor, Dec. 28, 29. Fair and Lanham, at F., Jan. 4, 5. Jonesboro, at J., Jan. 6, at 2 p. m. Nolanville, at N., Jan. 11, 12. Coppars Cove, at C. C., Jan. 12, 13. Hamilton Cir., at Leesville, Jan. 18, 19. Hamilton Sta., Jan. 19, 20. Oglesby, at O., Jan. 22, 11 a. m. Evant, at Pearl, Jan. 25, 26. Gatesville Cir., at Corvell, Feb. 1, 2. Crawford, at C., Feb. 8, 9. S. J. VAUGHAN, P. E.

TEXAS CONFERENCE

Pittsburg District—First Round.

Cason, at Alma, Dec. 14, 15. Daingerfield (preaching), Dec. 15, 7 p. m. Redwater, at Redwater, Dec. 21, 22. Nash, at Nash, Dec. 28, 29. Hardy Memorial, Texarkana, Dec. 29, 30. Queen City, at Queen City, Jan. 4, 5. Atlanta, Jan. 5, 6. Dalby Springs, at Lawrence Chapel, Jan. 11, 12. New Boston and DeKalb, at DeKalb, Jan. 12, 13. Douglassville, at Douglassville, Jan. 18, 19. Linden, at Linden, Jan. 19, 20. Daingerfield (Conference), Jan. 21, 1:30 p. m. New Boston Cir., at Godley Prairie, Jan. 25, 26. Texarkana Central, Jan. 27, 7:30 p. m. Winfield, at Winfield, Feb. 1, 2. Winsboro, at Forest Home, Feb. 8, 9. Cornett, at Hamill's Chapel, Feb. 15, 16. Naples and Omaha, at Omaha, Feb. 16, 17. Hughes Springs and Avinger, at A., Feb. 19, 20. Preaching Wednesday and Thursday

The Open Door SCIENTIFIC NEW DISCOVERIES.

By the electro-magnetic telegraph an operator can exactly locate a fracture in a submarine cable nearly 3000 miles long. A few fossils sent to an expert geologist enable him to accurately determine the rock formation from which they are taken. This he can describe as perfectly as if the rocky formation was before him on the table. So, also, in medical science. Disease has certain unmistakable signs or symptoms. By reason of this fact the physicians and specialists connected with Dr. Pierce's Invalids' Hotel and Surgical Institute at Buffalo, are enabled to accurately determine the nature of many chronic diseases without seeing and personally examining their patients. In recognizing disease without a personal examination of the patient, they do not claim to possess miraculous powers. They obtain their knowledge of the patient's disease by practical and well-established principles of modern science. Certain diseases display certain peculiar traits. Subjected to scientific analysis they furnish abundant data to guide the judgment of the skillful practitioner. This method of treating patients at a distance, by mail, has been so successful that there is scarcely a city or a village in the United States that is not represented by one or more cases upon the records of practice at the Invalids' Hotel and Surgical Institute. Such rare cases as cannot be treated in this way, which require surgical operations or careful after-treatment, or electrical therapeutics, receive the services of the most skillful specialists at the Institution. Dr. R. V. Pierce long ago established this Invalids' Hotel and Surgical Institute with a full Staff of Physicians who were expert in their specialties. These physicians may be consulted, by letter, free and without charge whatever, if you wish a specialist's advice upon any chronic malady. The same system of "specialities" is observed as in the departments of a medical college. The professor who would assume to lecture in all departments with equal ease and proficiency would be severely ridiculed by his colleagues, and it is just as absurd to suppose that the general practitioner can keep himself informed of the many new methods of treatment that are being constantly devised and adopted in the several departments of Medicine and Surgery. People who have been patients at Dr. Pierce's Invalids' Hotel, Buffalo, N. Y., have much to say in regard to this wonderfully equipped Sanitarium, where all the latest electrical apparatus, as well as electric water baths, Turkish baths, static electric machines, high-frequency current, and other most modern and up-to-date apparatus are used for the cure of chronic diseases. The treatment of the chronic diseases that are peculiar to women have for many years been a large factor in the cures effected at the Invalids' Hotel and Surgical Institute. The violet-ray treatment, which is another interesting proceeding, is carried out by concentrating the light, rich in the violet or chemical rays, from an arc light with a specially prepared carbon, upon any portion of the body that may be the seat of pain. Sufferers from neuralgia, sciatica, rheumatism, strains, sprains, also from those obscure exhausting pains (the origin of which cannot at times be accurately determined) frequently find immediate relief from a single treatment and usually with a little persistence in the use of this aid, comfortable health or perfect recovery is obtained. Then, there is the incandescent light bath, consisting of a cabinet in which the patient is bathed in the combined rays of many electric lights. It has produced really wonderful results in diabetes, sciatica, rheumatism, obesity, anæmia, and some forms of kidney and heart trouble. It has also proved valuable in chronic bronchitis, bronchial asthma and the various skin diseases. As a general hygienic measure its efficiency can scarcely be over-estimated. In medicine there has been rapid and real progress during recent years, and Dr. Pierce has kept up with the times in that he has had the manufacture and ingredients in his well-known remedies improved in a modern laboratory by skilled chemists, the greatest care being exercised to see that the ingredients entering into his well-known medicines, Dr. Pierce's Favorite Prescription as well as the "Golden Medical Discovery" are extracted from the best variety of native medicinal roots, gathered with great care and at the proper season of the year, so that their medicinal properties may be most reliable. Great care is exercised not to over-encourage those who consult the specialists of this institution that no false hopes may be raised. Dr. Pierce's Common Sense Medical Adviser is sent free on receipt of stamps to pay expense of mailing only. Send 31 one-cent stamps for the cloth-bound. Write the Invalids' Hotel and Surgical Institute, Dr. R. V. Pierce, President, at Buffalo, N. Y.

Conference 1 p. m. Thursday. Cookville, at Argo, Feb. 22, 23. Mt. Pleasant, Feb. 23, 24. Pittsburg Cir., at Union Ridge, March 8, 9. Pittsburg Sta., March 9, 10. I greet you, my brethren, in the name of our Lord and pray that this may be a year of large blessings to you all. Join me in prayer and effort for great success all over our district. I urge the preachers to make an early start on the collections, and the stewards to collect during December a full month's salary for your preacher. The District Stewards will please meet me at Pittsburg Tuesday, December 17, at 2 o'clock p. m. O. T. HOTCHKISS, P. E.

Tyler District—First Round. Canton, at Canton, Dec.

Wills Point Sta., Jan. 27.
 Murchison, at Pine Hill, Feb. 1, 2.
 Qutman, at Quitman, Feb. 8, 9.
 Mineola Sta., Feb. 10.
 Edgewood, at Edgewood, Feb. 11.
 Grand Saline Sta., Feb. 12.
 Tyler Circuit, at Bascom, Feb. 15, 16.
 Cedar Street, Feb. 17.
 Mt. Sylvan, at Harris Chapel, Feb. 22, 23.
 Lindale, Feb. 24.
 Marvin Church, March 2, 3.
 District Stewards will please meet at Mineola, Monday, Dec. 15, at 2:30 p. m. A full attendance of the stewards is earnestly requested, as some matters of importance will be before them.
 J. B. TURRENTINE, P. E.

Brenham District—First Round.
 Thosendale, Dec. 14, 15.
 Rockdale, Dec. 15, 16.
 Nicksoll, Dec. 21, 22.
 Lyons, Dec. 22, 23.
 Giddings, at Giddings, Dec. 28, 29.
 Lexington, Dec. 29, 30.
 Tanglewood, at Tanglewood, Dec. 31.
 Waller, at Waller, Jan. 4, 5.
 Cappell Hill, Jan. 11, 12.
 Hempstead, Jan. 12, 13.
 Glen Flora, at Glen Flora, Jan. 18, 19.
 Sealy, at Sealy, Jan. 19, 20.
 Bellville, at Bellville, Jan. 25, 26.
 Wallis and Fulhear, at Fulhear, Feb. 1, 2.
 Brookshire and Patterson, at Brookshire, Feb. 2, 3.
 Bay City, Feb. 8, 9.
 Wharton, Feb. 16, 17.
 Richmond, Feb. 22, 23.
 Rosenberg, Feb. 23, 24.
 Somerville, March 2, 3.
 The District Stewards will meet in Brenham, Dec. 17, at 7:30 p. m.
 S. W. THOMAS, P. E.

Beaumont District—First Round.
 Beaumont, First Church, Dec. 1, 11 a. m.
 Beaumont, Roberts Ave. Church, Dec. 1, 7:30 p. m.
 Siblee and Buna, Dec. 8, 11 a. m.
 Kountze, Dec. 8, 7 p. m.
 Koutze Mission, at Amelia, Dec. 15, 11 a. m.
 Port Arthur, Dec. 22, 23.
 Wallisville, at Mt. Belview, Dec. 28, 29.
 Dayton, Dec. 29, 30.
 Liberty, at Liberty, Dec. 30, 7 p. m.
 Sour Lake and China, at Sour Lake, Jan. 4, 5.
 Burkeville, at Burkeville, Jan. 11, 11 a. m.
 Newton, at Newton, Jan. 11, 12.
 Jasper Mission, at Camp Ground, Jan. 17.
 Jasper Station, Jan. 18, 19.
 Kirbyville, Jan. 19, 20.
 Call, at Call, Jan. 20, 7 p. m.
 Orange, Jan. 25, 26.
 Orange Mission, Jan. 25, 26.
 Batson and Saratoga, at Saratoga, Feb. 1, 2.
 Port Bolivar and Stowell, at Port Bolivar, Feb. 8, 9.
 Nederland, at Sab. Pass, Feb. 15, 16.
 Warren, at Midway, Feb. 22, 23.
 Woodville, at Woodville, Feb. 23, 24.
 District Stewards will meet at First Church, Beaumont, Dec. 12, at 7 p. m. Each member of the board is hereby earnestly requested to be present at that important meeting.
 E. W. SOLOMON, P. E.

Marshall District—First Round.
 Kellyville Cir., at Mogg's Chapel, Dec. 28, 29.
 Jefferson, Dec. 29, 30.
 Rosewood Cir., at Hopewell, Jan. 4, 5.
 Gilmer, Jan. 5, 6.
 Laneville Cir., at Laneville, Jan. 11, 12.
 Henderson Sta., Jan. 12, 13.
 Harleton Cir., at Harleton, Jan. 18, 19.
 Marshall, First Church, Jan. 19, 20.
 Beckville Cir., at Ebenezer, Jan. 25, 26.
 Harrison Cir., at Circuit Parsonage, Feb. 1.
 Marshall, Summit Street, Feb. 2, 3.
 Church Hill Cir., at Oakland, Feb. 8, 9.
 Henderson Cir., at Pleasant Grove, Feb. 10.
 Kilgore Cir., at Danville, Feb. 13.
 Elysian Fields Cir., at Bethel, Feb. 15, 16.
 Longview, Feb. 19.
 Hallville Cir., at Hallville, Feb. 22, 23.
 Bette Cir., Glenwood, March 1, 2.
 The District Stewards will please meet in pastor's study in the First Church, Marshall, at 7 p. m., Dec. 10, 1912. I would be glad to have all the pastors attend this meeting. I stand ready to join our pastors and people in a diligent effort to make this the most prosperous year in the history of our Church on this district. Present prospects give promise of such possibility.
 F. M. BOYLES, P. E.

San Augustine District—First Round.
 Livingston Sta., Dec. 7, 8.
 San Augustine, Dec. 14, 15.
 Center Sta., Dec. 15, 16.
 Naogdoches, Dec. 22, 23.
 Tenaha, at Paxton, Dec. 28, 29.
 Pinehill, at Pinehill, Jan. 4.
 Burke, at Burke, Jan. 11, 12.
 Corrigan, at Corrigan, Jan. 12, 13.
 Gary, at Wesley's C., Jan. 18, 19.
 Garrison Sta., Jan. 19, 20.
 Lufkin Sta., Jan. 24.
 Kennard, at Ratcliff, Jan. 25, 26.
 Geneva, at Milan, Feb. 1, 2.
 Hemphill, at Bronson, Feb. 2.
 Shelbyville, at S., Feb. 8, 9.
 Melrose, at M., Feb. 15, 16.
 Mt. Enterprise and Caro, at Mt. E., Feb. 22, 23.
 Timpson, Feb. 23.
 Appleby, at Prairie G., March 1, 2.
 Center Cir., at New P., March 8, 9.
 Carthage Sta., March 9.
 Livingston Cir., at Mt. R., March 15.
 J. W. MILLS, P. E.

NORTH TEXAS CONFERENCE
McKinney District—First Round.
 McKinney, Dec. 8, 11 a. m.
 Plano, Dec. 8, 7 p. m.
 Allen, at A., Dec. 14, 15.
 Princeton and Wilson Chapel, at P., Dec. 21, 22.
 Richardson and Vickery, at R., Dec. 28, 29.
 Anna, at A., Jan. 4, 5.
 Lewisville, Jan. 11, 12.
 Prosper, at P., Jan. 18, 19.
 Frisco, Jan. 19, 20.
 Weston, at W., Jan. 25, 26.
 Celina, Jan. 26, 27.
 Wylie, at W., Feb. 1, 2.
 Plano, Feb. 2, 7 p. m.
 Renner, at L., Feb. 8, 9.

Josephine and Copeville, at J., Feb. 15, 16.
 Nevada, Feb. 16, 17.
 Carrollton and Farmers Branch, at F. B., Feb. 22, 23.
 Blue Ridge, at B. R., March 1, 2.
 Farmersville, March 2, 3.
 McKinney Circuit, at B. C., March 8, 9.
 The District Stewards will meet at McKinney, at 2 p. m., Dec. 23.
 CHAS. A. SPRAGINS, P. E.

Dallas District—First Round.
 First Church, 11 a. m., Dec. 8.
 Ervay, 7:30 p. m., Dec. 8.
 Trinity, 11 a. m., Dec. 15.
 St. Mark's, 8:30 p. m., Dec. 15.
 Grace, 11 a. m., Dec. 22.
 Oak Lawn, 7:30 p. m., Dec. 22.
 Tyler Street, 11 a. m., Dec. 29.
 Grand Prairie, 7:30, Dec. 29.
 St. Johns, 11 a. m., Jan. 5.
 Forest Avenue, 7:30 p. m., Jan. 5.
 Cedar Hill and Dunceville, at D., Jan. 11, 12.
 Hutdehins and Wilmer, at Wilmer, Jan. 18, 19.
 Cochran and Maple, at Cochran, Jan. 25, 26.
 Lancaster, Feb. 1, 2.
 Irving Cir., at Irving, Feb. 8, 9.
 Wheatland and DeSoto, at Wheatland, Feb. 15, 16.
 O. F. SENSABAUGH, P. E.

Gainesville District—First Round.
 Woodbine Cir., at Spring G., Dec. 14, 15.
 Bonita Cir., at Bonita, Dec. 21, 22.
 St. Jo, Dec. 22, 23.
 Denton Street Sta., Dec. 29.
 Broadway Sta., Dec. 29.
 Marysville Cir., at Marysville, Jan. 4, 5.
 Myra and Hood, Jan. 11, 12.

Pilot Point Cir., at Bethel, Jan. 18, 19.
 Pilot Point Sta., Jan. 19, 20.
 Aubrey and Oak Grove, at Aubrey, Jan. 25, 26.
 Denton Stat., Jan. 26, 27.
 Valley View Sta., Feb. 1, 2.
 Sanger and Boliver, Feb. 2, 3.
 Era and Spring Creek, at Era, Feb. 8, 9.
 Montague and Dye Mound, at M., Feb. 15, 16.
 Dexter Mis., at Mt. Zion, Feb. 19.
 Rosston Mis., at Rosston, Feb. 27, 28.
 District Stewards will meet at Denton Street Church, Gainesville, Dec. 31, 11 a. m.
 J. F. PIERCE, P. E.

Sulphur Springs District—First Round.
 Mount Vernon, at Mt. V., Dec. 14, 15.
 Cumby and Miller Grove, at Cumby, Dec. 21, 22.
 Pecan Gap and Ben Franklin, at P. G., Dec. 28, 29.
 Lake Creek, at Enloe, Jan. 4, 5.
 Cooper Sta., Jan. 5, 6.
 Reily Springs, at Shooks Chapel, Jan. 11, 12.
 Klondyke, at Klondyke, Jan. 18, 19.
 Sulphur Springs Cir., at Picketsville, Jan. 25, 26.
 Yowell, at Moss' Chapel, Feb. 1, 2.
 Como, at Como, Feb. 8, 9.
 Brashear, at Sherley, Feb. 15, 16.
 Sulphur Bluff, at Netta, Feb. 22, 23.
 Purley, at Harmony, March 1, 2.
 Winshoro Sta., March 2, 3.
 Birthright and Tira, March 8, 9.
 Sulphur Springs Sta., March 9, 10.
 District Stewards will meet at the Methodist Church, Sulphur Springs, on Thursday, Dec. 19, at 3 p. m.
 R. C. HICKS, P. E.

Boys' and Girls' Self-Culture Club

Conducted by H. L. PINER, Denison, Texas

THE U. S. NAVY.

The amount of money invested by our Government in warships and other vessels of destruction would build a school house in every county in every State in the Union, and then furnish money annually thereafter to educate all the children within reach of these houses.

We have about thirty-five big war ships, and at least twenty-five of these have cost ten million dollars each. Then there are much more than a hundred vessels of various orders built and maintained for service in peace and war. The average speed of these vessels is about twenty miles an hour. These ships have over 1400 guns, the equipment in this respect ranging from ten to sixty. If all the money invested in our fighting navy equipment were turned into other channels of peaceful usefulness, it would go far toward the uplift of all mankind. It is strange that, with all the talk about a world-peace, and all the efforts made in that direction, almost every country on earth has within ten years materially increased its fighting force on land and sea. We have actually exhausted the words of terror in our language to find a suitable term with which to name our war ships. "Battleship" was a simple name, fully descriptive of the vessel to which it applied. But we had to have names inspiring awe and fear and panic. So we have "Destroyers," "Torpedoes," "Submarines," "Gunboats," "Armored Cruisers," "Dreadnaughts," and in a final strain after a superlative of horror we have "Superdreadnaughts." Wouldn't it be well if we vied with other nations and peoples in seeking names for one another indicative of peace and good will? Acquaintance, friend, brother, and then add the abstract but practical beatific words of fraternity, charity, love? The naval budget for this year for current expense is \$129,000,000. We pay out somewhere in the neighborhood of a million dollars a day for our army and navy disbursements. When we consider the cost of nearly two hundred vessels, large and small, and then the enormous expense of maintaining army and navy, the sum total is so large that no human mind can comprehend it. We say five hundred millions, but we use words only—we do not conceive the vastness of the numbers involved. The naval strength of the leading nations given here in order is as follows: England with fifty-four huge battleships, and 500 smaller vessels and just now building ten more warships and sixty smaller vessels. The United States with thirty-five warships and 125 smaller vessels, and now building (or authorized) six huge battleships and twenty-three smaller vessels. The other countries in order are Germany, France, Japan, Russia, Italy and Austria, every one of them constantly increasing its fighting power by sea.

STUDY OF BIOGRAPHY.
 You cannot find in all the literature of the world a more profitable kind of reading than biography. There is every reason why such reading may be and will be profitable to you. It far surpasses the good effect of reading general history, for in general history we have rather the mass life, and even where general history deals with a single individual it deals with him in his immediate connection with the mass.

But in biography we get the inner life of the man in so far as a biographer is able to set it forth. If you could have as your associates and companions such men as Webster and Clay and Washington and Cromwell and Luther and Milton and Tennyson and Lord Bacon and Dr. Samuel

Johnson and Sir Isaac Newton and Edmond Burke and William E. Gladstone, your life would be constantly under the influence of the most elevating and refined thought of the world.

And yet that is the very thing which you may do. I have named twelve great men. You can have the direct personal influence of their lives as an ever-present active force in the development of your character, and you can have it by a constant study of their lives. Biographers give you the best in the lives of men. They usually omit their foibles. Perhaps this is a disadvantage to the boy or girl who would understand that great men always have great weaknesses; that is their weakness are great because everything they do is done with a great personality behind it. But in biography you get right at the inner thoughts and purposes of men. You read these inner thoughts and purposes in the quiet of your room, you absorb their thoughts and purposes and you grow toward greatness and power whenever you thus associate with such great men.

If you have not devoted yourself to the study of biography you will do well to give constant attention to it hereafter. And the same may be said of girls as of boys in reading biography. We may select any number of good and great women and feed upon their lives just as we would if they lived today in companionable nearness with us. The little library of biography in every boy's life and in every girl's life will be a powerful formative influence in making good in the life struggle. Your life may be ceaselessly strengthened, everlastingly beautified, day by day built into symmetry and power by the insinuating influence from books of biography.

In this reading as in all other kinds, two attitudes of mind ought to be brought to bear on the interpretation of the character and conduct of the man or woman whose life you read. First, your mind should have the appropriating faculty, selecting and assimilating into your own character whatever is noble and worthy, and second, your mind should have the rejecting faculty, and should use it just as much as the other. For it is certain that no man or woman whose life you may read has had a perfect life, and therefore there will be weaknesses to shun as well as virtues to emulate. The power of discrimination, of appropriation and of elimination should be active in all reading.

Examples are not wanting in which it is positively demonstrated that the whole trend of young lives has been settled forever through reading, sometimes for good, sometimes for utter destruction. You cannot read a biography without absorbing much of the character of the man you read of. You cannot go wrong if you accumulate a library of biography. By all means begin this library now, add to it as rapidly as possible, study it as rapidly as possible, study it as a part of your daily work, and your future career will be enlarged, ennobled and refined.

IF THE BABY IS CUTTING TEETH.
 Be sure to use that old and well-tried remedy, Mrs. Winslow's Soothing Syrup, for children teething. It soothes the child, softens the gums, allays all pain, cures wind colic, and is the remedy for diarrhoea. Twenty-five cents a bottle. (Advertisement.)

Moving water clarifies itself and still water stagnates, and the analogy is true in religion. Like the pool of Siloam of which it was a type, religion has no healing virtue till it is "troubled," then the fear-fed agitation educates the suffering sanctifies, and martyrdom makes converts of the crowd.

POLICE DOGS.

The dog corps of the New York police department now numbers sixteen. Though the roster is short, this corps has a record for distinguished service, and during the four years of its existence has over and over again demonstrated its usefulness and efficiency and value to the community in which it is stationed.

Every night in the year, through rain and snow, these dogs patrol the streets of the sparsely settled sections of Long Island from 11 a. m. until 7 a. m. During the first year after the introduction of the corps into this section of Greater New York crime was reduced more than fifty per cent, and now, after four years of service, these dogs have practically eliminated those crimes which are common to residential sections of the outlying districts of a big city. Burglaries are now of such rare occurrence that it may almost be said they never occur. Holdups by thugs and professional strong-arm men are practically unknown. The residents of this section sleep in a sense of security, which was wholly unknown before the inauguration of the corps.

In the autumn of the year 1907, when General Bingham was police commissioner of New York, he selected Lieutenant George H. Wakefield (now captain), of the police department, to go to Europe to study the results obtained by the dog corps of European cities, and empowered him to purchase an experimental dog corps for New York if the efficiency and usefulness of such a corps could be conclusively demonstrated.

Lieutenant Wakefield learned, upon arrival in Europe, that while many foreign cities have long maintained dog corps, the most effective dog service exists in Belgium, and that of the cities in Belgium the Ghent corps is the most notable. So in Ghent Lieutenant Wakefield proceeded to study the methods of training police dogs and the system of police duty done by the dogs in order to transplant the system and the methods to New York. When he returned to America, he brought with him six Belgian sheep dogs and Belgian wolf hounds; and from this original consignment have been bred the other dogs which now make up the New York corps, as well as certain other police dogs found in other cities of the United States, like New Haven, Connecticut, and Orange and Glen Ridge, New Jersey.

The Belgian sheep dog is an instinctive police dog, endowed with extraordinary intelligence and frequently with absolutely human understanding. He is a natural protector of his master, loyal to the last drop of his blood, and possessed of indomitable spirit, tremendous courage, and a quickness of movement equaled to perhaps no other breed of dogs. He responds quickly to training and discipline, and having once been taught how to act in given situations and in emergencies, he can be everlastingly relied upon to do the right thing at the right moment.

The Belgian sheep dog, until the other night, was an unknown dog to me. At first glance they are not particularly prepossessing. They have none of the outward points of distinction common to most dogs of blood, nor have they the grace of charm and movement that their exploits would lead one to expect. In fact, one would pass one of these dogs in the street without a second glance. To a casual observer a Belgian sheep dog looks like a mongrel, a dash of collie or Prince Charles with a slight admixture of fox terrier or St. Bernard.

The training of a police dog is comparatively simple. The dog, when a puppy barely taken from its mother, is delivered over to the police. From that day its entire life is spent with uniformed men. Only officers in uniform feed the dog and pet him. During the first few weeks the dog is allowed to see no one except uniformed officers, and these all make much of him and treat him with extreme kindness.

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ceeding days other men in ordinary civilian dress are brought in contact with him, and always for the same purpose of annoying the dog, frightening him, and treating him as an enemy. Thus in a very short time the dog come to look upon any man in uniform as a friend and any in citizen's clothes as a possible enemy, at least one to be suspicious of. When the dog is first taken on to the streets, he is held in leash by a policeman, and men dressed in shabby and ragged clothes, as tramps and evil-acting men are supposed to dress, appear at unexpected points along the road, generally with a suddenness that startles the dog. The dog is muzzled so as to make it impossible for him to do any real damage, and then taught to throw his front legs around one of the legs of the man and cling tightly, so as to throw the man prostrate. This trick the dogs acquire readily, and thereafter, with the slightest encouragement from the officer, the dog will give pursuit to a stranger and throw him. The moment he falls the dog jumps on top of him and pins him down till the officer arrives. These dogs are not large—about the size of a small setter or hound—but they are strong, and their piercing, far-reaching bark is terrifying to any but a dog lover, especially when emitted in close proximity to one's face.—Michigan Christian Advocate.

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