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## The Gospel Is The Power of God Unto Salvation

**W**E shall not argue this subject but enforce its truth with an illustration. Some years ago we were pastor of a city congregation and had charge of a downtown Church. The music of this Church was a notable feature of the service. It was the gospel in song.

One Sunday evening we were preaching to a crowded congregation and the text was taken from Hebrews the eleventh chapter and fourth verse. It was concerning Abel's sacrifice and that of Cain. Among other things we discussed the possibility of Cain's salvation after he had committed his fearful crime, and we took the position that his forgiveness was possible if he had repented, confessed and turned mightily to God for relief. But instead of that he ran away with a falsehood on his lips and sought refuge in the land of Nod. And as a result he became a vagabond in the earth bearing the mark of his unforgiven guilt in his conscience to the day of his death.

Then we asked the question, Why did he not repent? It was the hardness of his heart and his hope of drowning his remorse in his escape from punishment in a distant land and among those who knew nothing of his crime. But this was a failure, for the outrage perpetrated upon his moral nature haunted him to the grave. God must either forgive sin or punish it. There is no escape from its consequences. Its penalty is as certain as doom. It abides with the criminal more closely than his own spirit.

Then we asked the question, Is there any one in this audience who, like Cain, is trying to hide his unpardoned sin from the world, and yet dying by slow degrees because of the torture of his guilty conscience? If so, you need not thus die. God is ready to forgive the vilest sinner if he will confess his sin and turn to Christ for mercy, for his blood cleanseth us from all sin. Now, if there is such a man present tonight, let him come to this altar while we sing a few stanzas of a hymn, and we will do our best to aid him to find a Savior's pardoning love.

A tall, middle-aged man rose far back toward the door and rushed forward and dropped at the altar. He was a well dressed and an intelligent, strong man. He was in much distress. We talked to him, but with no perceptible result. At the close of the service he told us that he wanted to call privately to see us

next morning and have a confidential talk with us. We made the engagement, prayed with him and bade him good-bye.

The next morning promptly on time he was in our study, and the narrative he related was tragic and blood-curdling. We will let him tell it in his own way and as nearly as we remember in his own words:

"I was born of good parentage in a distant State, grew up to young manhood in a Christian home. When eighteen years of age, I was sent off to college and it was the desire of my mother's heart that I become a minister. I was a formal member of the Church but knew nothing of spiritual religion. I got into wild company and learned to drink and to swear. But I graduated and returned home. One night when out with companions I became involved in a quarrel with a friend; I was partially under the influence of drink, and in the difficulty which followed, I slew him. When I realized what had happened, the earth swallowed me up! No one knew where I had gone. Months afterward I read accounts of the crime and of the reward offered for my apprehension. But my identity ceased to exist. No one knew me and not a human being at home had the remotest idea of what had become of me.

"That has been nearly twenty years ago, and I have roamed over a good part of the world without friends or without disclosing my name or my condition. I have never heard from home. I have tried drink, I have tried the scarlet house, the dance hall, the gambling hell—in fact every diversion that human ingenuity could invent to find relief; but my conscience has eaten into my life like a vulture with a bloody beak, and I would rather be dead than alive. I still try to retain a remnant of my better manhood in the midst of the wreck; and last night I was strolling up the street and heard the music in your Church and the impulse seized me to go in, something I had not done in the twenty years of my life of wandering as a vagabond. Your text hit me hard and when you held out hope to just such a creature as me, my heart broke all to pieces and I went irresistibly to the altar, for you described my condition.

"Now you have my story. Is there any hope for me? Can God forgive such a miserable sinner, blackened with guilt and burned up of remorse? If so, please tell me without delay!"

To make a long story short, he was led to the Savior, became a

happy convert, remained in that city until he had become established in the faith, attended Church service, took part in the Epworth League, loved the prayer service, and became an earnest worker in the Master's vineyard. Then, he came to us one day and said, "Now I am on my feet and able to stand. God has surely forgiven me and my life is a new life. But that crime is still on the court docket and as an honest man I must go back, surrender myself to the authorities, tell my tale before a jury and take my medicine." We encouraged him in his purpose. And so he did, and afterward wrote us that in view of all the circumstances, he was given only a nominal punishment and that when he had served out his short term, he would return to his

home and spend the rest of his days trying to live right among the people where his offense was committed.

We never divulged his secret to any one in the city where this occurred. God knew it and forgave it, and that was enough. But what a wonderful proof of the fact that Jesus Christ can take any ruined life and remake it and start it out for God and Heaven. Yes, it is a living demonstration of the fact that "the Gospel of Christ is the power of God unto the salvation of every one that believeth," and that when we preach it faithfully, there is always some broken and ruined piece of humanity ready to hear it and be healed by it. Glory be to God for the gift of Christ as the Savior of ruined men!

## About Fatigued Fathers And Husbands

**W**E often speak of tired wives and mothers, and such is the importance of the subject, that it would be difficult to speak too often; but we rarely ever say a word or think a thought of the tired husbands and fathers. They are thought to be so strong and so able to labor and bear burdens that we rarely ever deem it necessary to say a word in their behalf. Nevertheless, they are made up of fibres, nerves and muscles of the same texture with those of wives and mothers; and they, too, often become tired, exhausted and out of heart, and we want to say a word for them.

Upon the father and the husband devolves the responsibility of making provision for the comfort and the support of the wife and the children. It is his duty to go forth in some line of work, bear his bosom to the storm and bend his back to the burden in order to make the living and to supply the needs of the home. He has to plan, to think, to spend anxious and solicitous moments in his efforts to solve problems and to turn corners; and often he has to go up against hard propositions in order to make ends meet. If he is a laboring man he has to invest the sum total of his physical strength in his daily toil, and the fact that his wages are often small and he has to reduce his means to such an economical basis that his heart is often sad that he cannot do for his wife and children all that his heart suggests. His time is not his own, his strength is not his own; he actually belongs to his employer and every minute of his time and every ounce of his energy must be at the disposal of those for whom he labors. At best he is a sort of a

white slave, but he is willing to bear his burden and wear his shackles in order to feed and clothe and house his loved ones. And for the most part he does it day in and day out with no murmur or complaint.

If he is a clerk, or an accountant, or a stenographer or typewriter, it is just the same with him as though he worked at the carpenter's bench, or at the trade of the brick mason, or the employe of a railway. The rules under which he toils are just as exacting. He has to live by the sweat of his face. This is his only method of supplying the needs of his household. Is it any wonder that he often grows tired and sometimes dispirited?

If he is a business man of any sort, he has no freedom from responsibility. From early in the morning until late at night he sticks to his job and wrestles with perplexities; and often he spends sleepless nights trying to prepare for business emergencies. His mind grows weary, his spirit is perturbed and his energy lags. If under such fatigue and harassing anxiety, what if he does sometimes grow a trifle morose and irritable? Is it not natural? He is only a human and has the limitations of his kind.

Ought not his outlay of energy and nerve force to merit him the sympathy and love of his household? When he comes in at eventide, almost prostrated from his day's experiences, he ought to receive a warm welcome from his wife and his children. They ought to meet him at the door with a kiss and a glad hand. Home ought to be made a haven of rest for him when the storms of the day are past, and brightness and good cheer ought to be the order of the

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## The Preacher: His Authority and Power

By Rev. A. S. Whitehurst.

The excellent articles from Bishop Mouzon and Brothers Collins and Shuler on the preacher and preaching have stirred me to write what I felt moved to, more than a month ago, but deferred until now. It is not my purpose to repeat what they have so well said, nor enlarge their line of thought, much less to criticize, adversely, what they said, but to give emphasis to one thought not touched by either of them, and yea, one that is germane to the subject, viz: The Preacher's Authority and Power. By these terms I do not mean the preacher's right to "lord it over God's heritage," "to flay the flock," to dictate, brow beat, command and scold; he never has this right. The gospel preacher is a man with authority, and his message has power. He is commissioned of God, has authority to speak for God, and his message is "yea and amen." No minister sent by one Government to the courts of another more truly represents his government than does the preacher represent God's Government. And just as a government speaks through its representative at the court of a friendly government, so does God speak through His minister to the conscience of this world. If a minister of a government be maltreated at the court of the government to which he has been sent, and satisfaction be not given, war is at once declared against that power. Said minister is the impersonation of his government, and abuse of his person, because of his relation to his country, is an insult to the nation as a whole. Even so the preacher of the gospel represents the court of heaven. "Now then we are ambassadors for Christ, as though God did beseech you by us; we pray you in Christ's stead be ye reconciled to God." The preacher is Christ pleading with the world, as we say "he stands in Christ's shoes." "Lo I am with you always." "If they receive you, they receive me." "If they reject you, they reject me." Thus the preacher is a man with authority; his call and assignment mean something. He stands between heaven and earth and holds the "ministry of reconciliation." He should feel it, know it, act it, move under the weight of a dread responsibility, be sober, serious, earnest. No minister representing his government at a foreign court should be more earnest and grave than the man of God who represents the court of heaven. And what power is invested in the gospel ministry? "And whosoever shall not receive you, nor hear your words, when ye depart out of that house or city, shake off the dust of your feet. Verily I say unto you, it shall be more tolerable for the land of Sodom and Gomorrah in the day of judgment, than for that city."

There is inherent in the true preacher of the gospel this element of authority and power it is a divine deposit imparted in his call and assignment. I do not mean a superstitious sacerdotal investment, conveyed by sacramental rites vested in apostolic retainers and imparted to whomsoever they please. This is a figment, a vain conceit concocted in the time of men's ignorance in the dark ages, and clung to, still, because of the advantages it conveys to those maintaining it. The authority of the preacher and power of his message, being divinely bestowed, like other graces, are imparted where conditions are met. These conditions are few and simple. I would couch them in one sentence: The preacher must be worthy, and take his call seriously. With the preacher's consent, God makes him worthy, he must act accordingly. The very fact that a man has been called to preach, called of God, of course, argues that he has a religious experience, has been "born again." He who cannot say "I know whom I have believed," and "I know that my Redeemer liveth" has no message for a crushed world, neither has he been called to deliver any message. Like Ahimaaz, the son of Zadok, who ran without tidings, he will be commanded to "turn aside and stand here."

The call and the commission of the preacher is the stamp of the seal of authority under which he is sent. By virtue of the call and commission has he authority. As above stated, authority is inherent in the office. What the preacher needs is to know it, and govern himself accordingly. "These things speak, and exhort, and rebuke with all authority. Let no man despise thee." "Preach the word; be instant in season and out of season; reprove, rebuke, exhort with all long-suffering and doctrine." When the Church has recognized the call of a man to preach the gospel and has joined with God in commissioning him, the authority is conveyed. Let him not now go about it in a cowardly,

hesitating or doubtful manner. He of course will tremble under the weight of responsibility, but the "woe is me if I preach not the gospel," has its undergirding, and is responded to by the lips that have been touched with the "live coal from off the altar" and the answer is: "Here am I, send me." Braced by the arm of God, he steps before the world and says: "Sent by my Lord, on 'hee I call." The true preacher is by no means a fawning, cringing, begging puppet, a sycophant deserving the contempt of well bred men and inheriting his merits. No! his credentials are God-given, and they bear the destiny of the world. Before his authority kings and empires fall. Of course, I do not mean they fall before the man, it is the preacher, his message, his Lord for whom he is an ambassador, before whom they fall. See how they trembled before Paul, Savonarola, John Knox and others. If the ministry today is not thus regarded it is their own fault, it is not lacking in the commission; neither is it the fault of the world to whom they are sent. They have been insincere, flippant; the mission has not set heavily on their conscience. There is no class of men who "fetch the price they ask" so certainly as the ministry of the gospel. But whether it is granted or not the ministry should demand it; the message they bear, the God for whom they are ambassadors justify and demand it. There is no child's play; eternity is in it; world issues are involved: the throne of the omnipotent God is behind it. Let the preacher, then, be profoundly serious and desperately in earnest and his authority will be acknowledged.

But should I not speak of the preacher's power I would omit the purpose of this paper. Power is that subtle somewhat which operates, moves, effects. It is explosive—dynamic-energy is the word. But proper ingredients combined compose explosive, as in gunpowder or nitroglycerin. Energy moves things, as horsepower, steam, electricity, gravity. The greatest power known to man is invisible. Are not steam, electricity and gravity the most powerful known agents? But there is something more powerful than all these combined, namely the Word of God. It was this Word which spoke the universe into being, and by the word of His might . . . conserves all things, visible and invisible. But I am not here speaking of the creative energy, but the simple, pure word of the gospel delivered by the preacher. "It is the power of God unto salvation," and Stephen, full of faith and power, preached, and when they heard these things they were cut to the heart," and my speech and my preaching was in demonstration of the Spirit and power." Now as there must be a combination of proper ingredients to compose physical explosives, so there are conditions for the transmission of gospel power. I give it above as "The preacher must be worthy, and take his call seriously." This condition complied with makes the man of God worthy and well qualified, "that he may be perfect, thoroughly furnished unto all good works."

But that word worthy conveys a world of meaning. It means that the preacher bears, as ambassador, the heavenly credentials; he has the word of reconciliation, and has "the endowment of power." All this implies a surrender of soul, a cleansing of the vessel, a singleness of aim, a mighty purpose and endeavor to effect his mission. To the worthy preacher heaven and hell are awful realities, the judgment is a certainty, souls are immortal, life is brief; consequently "the zeal of the house of the Lord hath eaten me up" forces him to say "I must be about my Father's business." He has no time to loiter, to be "triflingly employed." He carries long at the mercy seat. As a minister at a foreign court he knows the mind of his government and dare not betray it. To him the Bible is the Word of God, pure and simple, he believes it, feeds upon it and offers its balm to a sin-crushed world. I am, here, trying to set forth that which makes the preacher worthy, for only the worthy preacher is a man of power. It is not a strong voice, nor physical courage, nor the ability to say sharp things in denouncing sin that makes him powerful in the pulpit. Many men can excel him at that, perhaps, and yet have power to do nothing but stir resentment in the hearts of the hearers. Jesus gave the secret of power: "But ye shall receive power after that the Holy Ghost is come upon you." The preacher, "every whit clean" and filled with the Spirit, like a dynamo, electrifies those coming in touch with him. The word of truth spoken by a wicked man, even, has a mighty force, but when spoken by a man of God filled with the Spirit is as a bomb "touched off." The power was there, but unignited it was harmless. The holy man is the medium, the conductor of

the fire of God and his gospel explodes the consciences of the wicked.

The difference between the preacher filled with the Spirit and one who has never been "baptized with the Spirit," or has so conducted himself that the Spirit has withdrawn from him, is marked. The unworthy preacher may be brave and knowing, may have the gift of language and denounce sin with great fury, may be known as a moral reformer and "hit hard" at sin in all forms; he may be eloquent and say many beautiful and truthful things, but there is a lifelessness about it all, a lightness that characterizes it, so that you say "there is no power in it." It does not tell on the hearers. The same things said by a worthy preacher have power in them, they tell. The former speaking it, leaves the hearer with a feeling of unconcern, or perchance with resentment in his heart; the latter pronouncing it, makes the hearer go to his knees, or if it makes him mad, it is an evidence of the power in the speaker, for it has revealed to the hearer, who resents, the bad state of his heart, it brings him to acknowledge Christ, repenting of his sins. The worthy man preaches Christ and you

feel it; the unworthy preaches, but self appears more than Christ, you know it. He is dictatorial, he plows and harrows and leaves scars. There is no oil in his words, no comfort for the soul. The unworthy man is place seeking, "wire pulling," and has itching ears for the praise of men, and vastly more concern about his salary than souls. The worthy man is sought after and gives the question of salary and praise little thought. There are few souls won to Christ by the one, while the other counts them in large numbers. The difference between the Apostles before Pentecost and after, gives the difference between the unworthy and the worthy preacher of today.

If the above is a correct outlining of some of the differences between the worthy and the unworthy preacher, does it not explain many of our shortcomings and failures? I have felt while writing it that I was preaching to myself. To the altar, to the throne of grace, oh, my soul! Tarry thou there long until thou art filled with the Holy Spirit, then thy God shall clothe thee with power and thou shalt see thy longings fulfilled in large measure.

## A PROTEST AND ELSE By Rev. John Adams, D.D.

The protest is that the expression "Born of Water and Spirit," which stands at the head of several communications which have recently appeared in the Advocate, is an erroneous and misleading translation, for, the Greek word pneumatos in John 3:5, does not mean "Spirit." It is in the genitive case and means "of the Spirit." To translate it as though it were pneuma, in the nominative or accusative case, is an inexcusable blunder which in this case suggests the absurd idea of being born of a mixture of water and Spirit. In connection with the passage in question the words "born of the Spirit" occur twice, and the words "born of water" occur once. Consequently the meaning is, born of water and born of the Spirit, and the reading should be "born of water and of the Spirit," the word "born" being clearly understood or implied after the word "and." But, it may be said that the Revised Version and the American Standard Revised Version all have the reading "born of water and the Spirit." That is true. Nevertheless a tyro in Greek can see that the word pneumatos is in the genitive case and means "of the Spirit." The authorized version and the 1911 Bible have the correct reading, "born of water and of the Spirit."

### Else.

The words, "born of the Spirit," in verses six and eight, are a full and complete description of spiritual regeneration, for "that which is born of the Spirit is spirit." The word, water, is not in this description, nor is there any suggestion of water in it. And so the question, what do the words "born of water" mean, remains. They certainly do not mean "born of the Word." For, first, the Word is the instrument and the Spirit is the agent. The Word of God is the sword of the Spirit. Secondly, the term water never means the Word in any sense whatever. Again: These words of our Lord do not mean "born of the flesh." What a monstrous absurdity is the idea that our Lord intended to teach that the soul of a human being, as well as his body, is born of water in the natural birth! The babe, soul and body, is born of the whole being, body and soul, of its father and of its mother. Such a birth is one of the most marvelous things in all nature. To bring it to pass there must be a Creator ineffably superior to man in wisdom and power and goodness. The appeals to obstetrics and to the testimony of physicians which have been made notably, by Mr. Fairfield in his letters on baptism and by other writers in support of the theory that our Savior's words mean born of water in the natural birth—born of water in the mother's womb—are tommy-rot and blatherskite, or words to that effect. And besides, no human being, man, woman or child, can be born of the flesh, for the very obvious reason that such a being is already born of his parents, and it is just because he is thus born that he must be born of water and of the Spirit. When our Savior was talking to Nicodemus He knew that the Jewish form of the kingdom of God was passing away, and that the new form of the visible kingdom was at hand, and that to enter into it Nicodemus and everybody else would have to be baptized with water. And so, when God had purified the hearts of the 3000 Jewish converts at Pentecost by faith, they were in the spiritual kingdom of God, and when they had been baptized in the name of Jesus Christ they were in the visible kingdom. The same is true of the Gentile converts in the house of Cornelius. God purified

and that means baptized of water, which as we have seen, is the only thing in Christian experience which the words, born of water, can mean. This makes water baptism a prerequisite to membership in the visible kingdom of heaven as described by our Lord in Mat. 13:47-50, and in Matt. 16:18-19, and elsewhere. This point may be illustrated by paraphrasing the passage in Rom. 2:28, 29, as follows: "He is not a Jew or Christian who is one outwardly; neither is that circumcision or baptism or regeneration which is outward in the flesh; but he is a Jew or Christian who is one inwardly; and circumcision or baptism or regeneration is that of the heart, in the Spirit." This paraphrase is justified by the following Scriptures: "And the Lord thy God will circumcise thine heart, and the heart of thy seed to love the Lord thy God with all thine heart and with all thy soul." (Deut. 10:6). "For by one Spirit have we all been baptized into one body." (1 Cor. 12:13, 1911 Bible).

"That which is born of the Spirit is Spirit." (John 3:6). These three passages all describe the same thing, namely, spiritual regeneration. It follows that the external circumcision and the external baptism and the external "washing of regeneration," which is represented in Hebrews as a washing of the body with pure water—all are symbols or signs of the same thing—the heart circumcised, baptized, regenerated. Circumcision is not now used in the Church, and the other two symbols, water baptism and the "washing of regeneration" (born of water), are identical. Looking again at the paraphrase given above and assuming that circumcision was not a mere spiritual ordinance than baptism is, we may see that there was no soul saving power in the circumcision of the flesh, and yet without it no one could enter into the Jewish Church. The same principle holds good as to water baptism. There is no saving power in it; it belongs to the sphere of visible things—the realm of symbols, and yet without it no one can enter into visible membership in the Church of God.

Our final conclusion is that our Lord's words in John 3:5 mean: Except a man be born (baptized) of water and of the Spirit he cannot be a visible and spiritual member of the kingdom of God. To illustrate further: Except a man experience circumcision of the flesh and of the heart he cannot be a Jew outwardly and inwardly. In like manner, except one be born (baptized) of water and of the Spirit he cannot be a Christian outwardly and inwardly. Such a Christian is in the outward and inward kingdom of heaven, as described in Matt. 13:47-50, and elsewhere.

Tyler, Texas.

## A LETTER FROM FLORIDA.

We have just received our second copy of the Texas Advocate since our coming to Florida, and I assure you it finds a hearty welcome in our home for wife has been reading it even longer than I have, for it was in her father's home when she was a child and she always rejoices at its weekly visits.

So I am reminded that I promised some of our Texas friends to let them hear from me occasionally through the columns of the Advocate. Of course, I was presuming on the indulgence of the editor, but I have learned by past experience that he is kind-hearted and I felt rather safe in venturing.

We are located at Kathleen, Florida, and we have been kindly received by the good people of this place. They have shown their interest in the preacher and his family by many substantial tokens. Besides other things we have been pounded twice and the Florida people know how to pound. Just think, Mr. Editor, besides the ordinary backbones and spareribs, cured ham, flour, sugar, canned goods and such like, of a bushel of oranges, delicious strawberries, just out of the patch, with cake to go with them, and this in January with flowers blooming in the yard and breezes as soft as balmy May! On the day following this event, wife heard our two little children, as they romped through the white sand in the warm sunshine playing "horse" and singing as they went, "Ain't we having a big time? Oh, it's fine to be down in Florida!" And why not? With a good people, a comfortable home, plenty to eat and a climate that is a joy forever.

I saw an old man the other day who shared the enthusiasm of the children. He has been a rheumatic and came down here with his married son from Illinois. Since coming here he has been able to be out of doors and work some every day during the winter. His joy is the joy of returning health and strength.

The conference this year was held in Tampa. We spent two weeks there and found something to interest us every day. It is a growing town and



# THE SOUL

By the Late Judge A. W. Terrell

We copy this poem from the pen of Judge A. W. Terrell, who died Sept. 9, 1912, at an advanced age. For a good many years of his life he was inclined to be skeptical, but as he ripened to his maturer years his heart turned to Christ and his faith in God became strong and abiding. The poem is long, but its sentiments are so rich and full that we reproduce it as a whole, and no man can read it without a thrill of inspiration and hope:

Like cosmic wreck from a distant sphere  
Is the erring human race—  
Like atoms of dust we are drifting here  
With blind unrest, and a haunting fear  
Of the tomb as a resting place.

We came to this world without our will,  
And will leave it with a sigh;  
For the mingled threads of good and ill  
In the warp of life are weaving still,  
And will mingle till we die.

We may question the stars of our destiny—  
The stars with their clear sweet light—  
But the jeweled sky gives no reply  
To the yearning spirit's plaintive cry  
In the stillness of the night.

From the mother's breast to the sexton's spade,  
There are tears—and toil—and strife—  
If when this shell in the tomb is laid  
Its soul like a flame burned out must fade—  
Why this hope for future life?

No token comes from beyond the tomb  
To tell if the soul is there;  
Does a falling star portend its doom—  
A flash of light in the midnight gloom—  
Then darkness—everywhere?

No! No! There is something in us here  
That longs for a higher plane—  
An inborn hope for a brighter sphere  
Where disenthralled from grief and fear  
We may live and love again.

If this hope deludes—then life is vain  
And cursed by an adverse fate;  
If the soul can never live again  
It's a curse more dread than the curse of Cain—  
And our God—is a God of hate.

No speck of matter around us here  
Is lost as the ages roll—  
Can the breath of God, who rules this sphere  
Once breathed into man, now disappear?  
Can death destroy the soul?

Self-conscious, but viewless as the wind  
That churns the ocean foam,  
The soul that is neither flesh nor mind—  
With its subtle essence undefined,  
Keeps guard in its prison home.

And there, like a watchful sentinel,  
Its vigil in silence keeps;  
But in whispered dreams will sometimes tell,  
Of a far off home where it longs to dwell,  
For the spirit never sleeps.

The soul has never been seen nor heard,  
But lives to warn and to teach;  
The fountain of tears by its touch is stirred—  
It quickens conscience without a word,  
Where silence is more than speech.

We can never see in life's brief hour  
The Author of Nature's laws,  
Who rules the planets—paints the flower  
And gives the mind its wondrous power?  
JEHOVAH—THE FIRST GREAT CAUSE.

We call Him "Father" because He made  
The living soul with His breath;  
Can anger the Father's heart invade?  
Does the Father still His child upbraid?  
Will He burn it after death?

Nothing but mystery here is found  
Where our senses feebly plod;  
The mind constrained—by definite bound—  
Can never the depths of creation sound  
Nor fathom the ways of God.

No man-made creed can resolve our doubt—  
We are blind—and have always been,  
But can feel when God directs our route  
And the waiting soul with joy may shout  
With its faith in things unseen.

Faith is nursed by Hope in the realm of Love,  
Where her spirit wings are given—  
When her trusting eyes are fixed above  
She wings her way like an ark-bound dove  
To her destined home in heaven.

In this chequered life of pain and care  
Faith whispers to console,  
She can brave the storm with bosom bare—  
Or like breath of spring where roses are  
Can cheer the departing soul.

The departing soul will a helper need  
When it leaveth his world of strife—  
But never a man with blood-stained creed,  
For an angel plumed with love will lead  
When we pass from death to life.

Jehovah—God! Thou art—nor can  
Thy love for Thy image fade;  
Thou hast created the soul of man—  
No vengeful hate can distort Thy plan  
Nor torture whom Thou hast made.

In Thee—the Maker—I place my trust:  
Thou didst not create in vain  
This breathing clay—this sensual dust—  
This home of tears, and sensual lust—  
This prison house of pain.

For pain is the tribute paid to bliss,  
And for future ecstasy,  
The death pang is nature's final kiss—  
The worm that dies in its chrysalis  
Revives with wings to fly.

The imperious flesh the soul will stain  
With sin each day—though unconfessed;  
But God will reclaim His own again:  
The crucified thief did not ask in vain,  
But in paradise is blessed.

To God my life was a written page—  
He knew all that I would be;—  
He knew how the tyrant passions rage,—  
How storm-swept is all my anchorage—  
And why I would drift to sea.

I will trust Him in my utmost need  
To the resurrection morn;—  
He knows that my every sinful deed  
Was but ripened fruit from sin-germ seed  
That were sown ere I was born.

To free our souls from the taint of crime  
Christ died like a God for us,  
His words still cheer as in olden time  
And the world's heart thrills in every clime  
To His tears for Lazarus.

I see God's love in the fragrant rose,—  
His strength in each wheeling sphere—  
I feel His touch when the zephyr blows,—  
His mercy for all like a river flows,  
And my soul has ceased to fear.

This trusting soul can ask no more  
Than to keep its faith sublime;  
They wait for me on the restful shore  
The loved and lost have gone before,  
That borders the stream of time.

as a port it has reached the thirty million mark. It has many fine public buildings and boasts a three million dollar hotel and one of the most beautiful parks this section has ever seen.

The Vanderbilts, Goulds and Rockefeller were guests, so we are told, at the time of our visit. But we did not put up there. We rented a room and did light housekeeping where we could feel free and easy and where the children could have the freedom of yard to romp in. Besides, it helped us to keep our expenses within the bounds of our financial resources. Our hostess was an ex-Texan and well known to the older citizens of Dallas.

The Florida Conference is a fine body of men. Bishop Morrison was present and presided over the conference. He seems to be in great favor with the Florida people and has really become one of them. Quite a number of the connectional brethren were present, and among them our genial Dr. John M. Moore. The preachers were in fine spirits and made a splendid financial showing. A very large proportion of the conference is made up of transfers from the other conferences, and there were quite a number coming in this time. Bishop Morrison remarked that there would have been forty more if he had permitted them to come, and a brother in the audience replied that he did not blame them for wanting to come. But quite a number were also transferring out, and, as might be expected, there is some irritation here over the transfer question, but it would seem that the transfers have no reason to complain of their treatment. A brother remarked to me that no one would envy me my place and that has been my happy lot for the twelve years of my itinerant service and if I had the power I haven't the disposition to crowd the other fellow out. Bye-and-bye, I shall receive a reward; that is, if my works are not burned up and if they are I will still have a chance to be saved so as by fire, and I am coming to feel that this will be doing well for me.

Yes, there are a great many preachers as well as other people wanting to come to Florida. Before I left North Texas an ex-Methodist preacher, who has been for some years preaching for the Presbyterians, said to me, "If I could move as easily as you fellows I would go to Florida, too." I said yes if they happen to have a Bishop or two among our friends we can move right easily. He came up close to me

and whispered in my ear, "Beware of them boogers if they are not your friends."

Yes, our Bishops, notwithstanding their greatness and goodness are human, and are beset with human infirmity and have their human limitations, but our Southern Methodist Bishops have a wonderful record for justice and uprightness of character. And the office of Bishop is a wonderful check on some forms of evil that are peculiar to the Church and to the ministry. I have read with interest Brother Shuler's recent articles on the Ministry and Modern Evil. I admire the brave man and especially the bold, uncompromising preacher, but who will denounce the evils of conference politics? Who will say to his popular presiding elder, "What doest thou?" We read of the prophet who said to King David, "Thou art the man," and of John the Baptist, who said to Herod, "It is not lawful for thee to have her," and of Martin Luther, who defied the Pope, but the name of the itinerant Methodist preacher, who dared denounce the unholy things of the ruling element in his conference has not been emblazoned on the pages of history, and what really happened to him belong to the secret things.

Amen, Brother Robert; go after the dancers and card players, the saloonists and the political corruptionists, but if the Bishops do not save us from some abuses in the conferences, then may the Lord pity us. I have long suspected that it is difficult to hold the prominent appointments without some sort of compromise, but fear not, the worst that can befall you is a small country circuit or mission and that is not so bad after all. You will there have time for meditation and prayer; and you may put your hands on the heads of some bright country lads and lassies who will soon go out as preachers and teachers, or set as salt to save the putrifying mass of corrupt city society. And after all, you may get to heaven in time to hear a report of the great things done by the men who do things.

JOHN D. MAJOR.

### "THE PREACHER AND MODERN EVILS."

I am very glad that Brother Shuler has raised the question indicated by the above caption. It ought to be present to every spiritually minded man and woman that "Modern Evils" and their effects upon the spiritual life of the

Church is a very vital question. At the very beginning of this article, however, I wish to emphasize that what I have to say is not said in the spirit of criticism or censure, but in the spirit of brotherly kindness and to offer, if possible, some suggestions rendered necessary, in my opinion, by the present deplorable spiritual state of the Church. I wish to say also that I do not desire to be understood as thinking that criticism is any more applicable to the Methodist Episcopal Church, South, than any other Church, if as much, for she has always stood in the front ranks among other Churches in her contention for a clean life and a high moral standard. Every true Methodist preacher ought to feel too proud of her record and too jealous of her purity, to compromise her with worldliness and sin to any degree, regardless of the form in which same is presented.

It is a fact beyond question that Church membership does not mean now what it once did. With the fathers, to be a Methodist meant to be a Christian or "get out." But such is really not the case today. I doubt not in the least that we have as many loyal and consecrated men and women in the Church today as ever blessed the world, but the percentage is far too small.

Is it not a fact that in the average congregation there are members of the Church who at times drink intoxicants to an excess without scruple, and who profane the name of God with impunity, and who regard the holy Sabbath as little more than a day of revelry and dissipation? Others engage in the common dance which is a specific violation of the law of the Methodist Church. Others are known to be guilty of vices which we would blush with shame to here enumerate. "My brethren, these things ought not so to be!"

Again, there is what might be called a more refined sort of sin, which is doing the Church life more real harm than these baser sorts, the sin that might be classed as general worldliness, in my judgment is doing more to sap the spiritual life of the Church than all things else.

What shall we do? Shall we join that faction in the Methodist Episcopal Church which manifested itself in their last General Conference in an effort (which thank God was defeated) to repeal those rules of the Church which a part of the membership did not like to comply with and was dif-

ficult to enforce? God forbid. "Nay I had not known sin but by the law," Rom. 7:7. If it is wrong, morally, to drink, and swear, and do those things which the Church forbids in her General Rules there is but one religious thing to do, and that is to expell that unruly member of the Church who will not conform to them. But the modern idea seems to be, in order to be consistent we will just abolish the law and let the dancing, card playing member alone, and I am satisfied the devil indorses the plan! Never until God repeals the Ten Commandments can we afford to repeal any rule in our Discipline which forbids the doing of those things which are hurtful to the spiritual life of the Church or individual.

There is much "rot" in these days concerning the "social demands" of our young people. I do not understand why these demands should be any greater in this age than any other, except that they are being better fed, and therefore are much more vigorous. Any thinking man or woman ought to know that there is no such thing as destroying an appetite by feeding it. You can satisfy this demand by feeding it as you can satisfy the drunkard by giving him liquor. "The more he gets the more he wants."

Again there is another evil which I wish to mention in this connection; there is a kind of sectarian rivalry concerning "numbers" that is responsible for a lot of these sinners being in the different Churches, wanting to beat the other fellow. Gideon ought to be an example to us that would disabuse our minds as to the importance of numbers. O, that we had been as anxious to excel in uprightness of life and holiness of heart as we have in point of numbers! There is also another problem that is to be grappled with. That Church just across on the other street, if you expell a drunkard or cussor, from your membership it is only necessary for him to walk across to the Church which only differs with you as to the mode of baptism or in polity, or some other non-essential, and be received into its communion with outstretched arms of welcome. Yes we all have seen just that sort of thing, but as deplorable as it is, it is no argument for Methodist people to tolerate such an evil.

In almost every town there is that little "slop bucket" Church which subsists upon the refuse from other decent Churches, and perhaps these ecclesiastical scavengers have their

place in the Kingdom of God, but let us not convert the Methodist Church into one, for God has a higher mission for her. I know and am ready to admit that it is often a question, as to what is best to do in a given case, but when all milder remedies fail the last resort should be discipline. It takes some faith in God when a preacher's bread and meat for himself and family depend on the good will of a gang of "black sheep" in his flock to take the disciplinary route, but I recall how God fed Elijah, by the ravens, and I am satisfied he will not let a faithful Methodist preacher who declares the whole counsel of God suffer, for standing by God and the right. It is my humble judgment that the remedy and solution of the problem is with the preachers, but there must be agreement as to what should be done. It has been the misfortune of this writer to cross the trail of a preacher who is now expelled from our Church and ministry for preaching strange doctrines, and who did not scruple to disregard the discipline of the Church not only concerning the conduct of the members, but almost unlimited liberties with them himself. For one preacher to undertake to correct an evil which his predecessor endorsed, or perhaps only tolerated, is a very difficult task. Never can these evils be corrected until there is agreement among our preachers as to the remedy and every man stand in his place, no trumpet giving forth an uncertain sound, can we hope to correct our present day evils.

Now, this is not the voice of a "calamity howler," a "Church knocker" nor for an extra chapter to the book of Lamentations. I am persuaded that the Church is doing the greatest work that she has in her history but as every other age has had to do, we must meet our present evils without compromise with the world, the flesh and the devil.

It might be well for us to stop and read again the awful denunciation of the scribes, Pharisees, hypocrites—our blessed Lord and see that we do not drift into the same fatal error, Matt. 23:23. Ye pay tithes of mint, anise and cummin, and have omitted the weightier matters of the law, judgment, mercy and faith. Is it possible, my brethren, that in the midst of our great forward movements, in Education, Church Extension, Missions, etc., that we have in a measure forgotten the all-important thing, "Vital Godliness."

If such is the case let us hasten to repent and do the first works lest the Lord of the Church come and remove our candlestick and give it to another. R. A. CLEMENTS, Merkel, Texas.

### OUR GREAT NEED.

Preacher and people, we need more of Christ. More of Christ would make that sad home bright, that wavering soul steadfast, that breaking heart happy, that mourning spirit glad, that burdened conscience light, that selfish nature generous, and make those who parted in enmity stand with clasped and forgiving hands. More of Christ would smite down sectarian walls, and win outcasts to the fold. More of Christ is what we all want in our hearts and homes, in our business and politics, in our schools and universities, in our Churches and pulpits.—Canon Fleming.

### A DIFFERENCE.

It Paid This Man to Change Food. "What is called 'good living' eventually brought me to a condition quite the reverse of good health," writes a N. Y. merchant.

"Improper eating told on me till my stomach became so weak that food nauseated me, even the lightest and simplest lunch, and I was much depressed after a night of uneasy slumber, unfitting me for business.

"This condition was discouraging, as I could find no way to improve it. Then I saw the advertisement of Grape-Nuts food, and decided to try it, and became delighted with the result.

"For the past three years I have used Grape-Nuts and nothing else for my breakfast and for lunch before retiring. It speedily set my stomach right and I congratulate myself that I have regained my health. There is no greater comfort for a tired man than a lunch of Grape-Nuts. It insures restful sleep, and an awakening in the morning with a feeling of buoyant courage and hopefulness.

"Grape-Nuts has been a boon to my whole family. It has made of our 2-year-old boy, who used to be unable to digest much of anything, a robust, healthy, little rascal weighing 32 pounds. Mankind certainly owes a debt of gratitude to the expert who invented this perfect food." Name given by Postum Co., Battle Creek, Mich. "There's a reason."

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



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evening. When the morning comes and he has to go, a God bless you ought to follow him as he closes the door and faces the world for another day of exacting duties. Such kindness will make him forget his tired spirit and make him rejoice that his labor is not in vain.

A home like that and greetings of this character, with bright faces to follow him, the saloon will have no attraction for him and places of evil resort will repel him. He will love his home supremely and gladly devote his life to its weal. But when he goes home to find things out of joint, to hear quarrelsome words, to see frowning faces, to receive nagging irritation, such an experience will add to his burden and militate against his desire to do the very best for his fireside.

Therefore, let the home strive to be the one place of attraction to the tired and burdened husband and father. Let it be a place of gentle speech, of placid dispositions, of patience and forbearance. Yes, let him feel when he enters its doors and shuts the world out behind him that he has entered a place of rest, of peace, of confidence, of happiness and love; and by the time the night is gone, he is again ready to take up the dull routine of life with a smile and with his face turned toward the sunrise. It is very rare that a home like this ever goes into the divorce courts, and it is rarer still that a father ever leaves it to drown his annoyances and troubles in the place of evil associations. To him it is next door to heaven! Out

of it flows for him the elixir of life, and through its influence every nerve of his being tunes itself to music that soothes his care and banishes his exhaustion of body

and spirit. No toil is too exacting for him and no burden is too heavy for him with such a home as that to become the beneficiary of his time and talent and labor.

### A Nine Hour Working Day For Working Women

**T**HE Advocate stands for humanity, for righteousness and for justice for the oppressed members of society. And we do not hesitate to come out boldly and with emphasis in support of the pending bill in the present Legislature to fix the work day for toiling women at nine hours—especially in our factories, laundries, stores and so forth. This is long enough for any poor working woman to devote herself to toil in order to keep the wolf from her door. But as it is many of these unfortunate women are forced to work with their hands for their support and for the support of their children, without any limit being placed upon the hours through which they labor. Occasionally, however, some humane merchant will not require his women employes to work over reasonable hours, but this is the exceptional case.

Especially in factories, women and children are required to work from six in the morning until eight at night, and sometimes later, putting in twelve hours at hard labor. This is an outrage on humanity and a gross imposition on womankind. Such a strain as this is enough to weaken her physical constitution,

impair her health, shorten her life, and unfit her for any duties in her home. Yet this condition of things exists right here in Texas to the shame of our womanhood. And the wages paid to these hard worked laboring women is a disgrace to justice and an outrage upon woman's necessity.

In one of our afternoon dailies recently, we read a letter from one of these working women, giving an exposure of these things; in which she stated that she never spent one hour of the day in her home, that her home hours were always under lamp light; that she was up before day, prepared the breakfast for herself and children, hurriedly brushed up her floor, hastened off to her work before it was light, remained there until eight and nine o'clock, then returned, prepared supper for her little ones, put them to bed, mended their clothes, and retired at a late hour, and that this was her daily experience!

Yet, we find some of the employers of these downtrodden women, at Austin, doing their best to prevent the Legislature from passing this nine hour labor law for these women. What can we expect of these grown up girls, to say nothing of the children and widows, and

worse than widows, who are thus imposed upon by these employers? Worked to death in this sort of style, with their organism depleted, should they ever marry, what sort of wives and mothers would they become? They would give to their circle weakened children in body and mind. How can society stand for such a condition when public attention is now being called to the matter?

Let every legislator, with anything akin to a human heart in his bosom, give his unqualified support to this bill in order that it may speedily become one of our Texas statutes. Humanity requires it and justice strenuously cries out for it. If the women of Texas could vote in our State elections, we would not have to urge legislators to do their duty in this instance; but as yet no woman can enforce her rights at the ballot box. She is at the mercy of the men of this Commonwealth, and therefore, it is time for Southern gallantry to assert itself and rectify this wrong, to say nothing of the principle of absolute righteousness and justice. Working women ought no longer to be treated as though they were without nerves and muscles and souls. Let them have reasonable hours, fixed by wise laws, and then they will render better service to their employers, have better health, be at home more and get that relaxation that every highly strung nervous organism demands. Let no legislator fail to do his duty in the face of this imperative demand.

## Notes From the Field

### Caddo Circuit.

I have made my second trip to all of my appointments, and have indeed found that the most of the people are alive to the work of the Lord, and whom I as a young preacher, need so much. We are looking forward to the work of this year with great anticipations. We have a large territory, and where there is territory, there surely must needs be lots of work for us to do; so arouse, ye that are sleeping, and be about your Father's business. We had our fourth Sunday services at Pecan for the first time, and I must say the people are alive to their work and their duties. But there is none of us but what could do better. So let us press the battle and on to victory, which God has promised us if we are faithful.—J. D. Ramsey, P. C.

### Alvord.

The gratitude of pastor and family is unbounding to the powers that be, for giving us Alvord charge this year. No man serves a better people—alive, intellectual and efficient in every line of Christian love and activity. The Sunday School is as good as the best. Our Leagues would be a credit to any Church or community. Prayermeetings well attended; congregations responsive; the Missionary Society, the best that we have had in many a day. Besides the many nice things put in the parsonage they made the pastor a present of a suit of clothes and accessories. The pounding came and continues to come. We have plenty of work and are expecting great results. Brother Ely and others have wrought well and we gladly enter their labors. Our people read and love the Advocate. Our presiding elder is doing a great work in this district.—W. J. Wilson, P. C.

### Whiterock and William's Chapel.

In spite of the disagreeable weather that we have had since conference, I have been in the homes of most of my people. We have organized two Leagues, one at each appointment. A Woman's Mission Society at each place will follow next. Our protracted meetings are arranged as follows: Whiterock, second Sunday in July, with Rev. Hugh Anderson assisting and William's Chapel, second Sunday in August, with Rev. C. L. Bowen as-

sisting. The William's Chapel Church which was begun by Brother Pritchett now of Wylie, Texas, was finished with money left in the treasury. If any brother has an appointment that will bear that, let him speak up. The church will be dedicated later in the year and we hope to have all the former pastors back with us. We are trying to have every department of Church work moving under the leadership of God. We are going to have a great year. Our Orphanage assessment has been paid.—J. J. Mason.

### Calallen.

Many blessings have been ours during our three months as pastor and assistant on the Calallen charge. Many words of love and tokens of appreciation have found our hearts and our cozy parsonage home. The great pound party was ours soon after our arrival at the parsonage, and almost every day since good things to eat have found their way to our tables. Furniture and furnishings have been added to the parsonage by our good women, such as a new cook stove, rocking chairs, lace curtains, a nice rug for the living room and many other things. But decidedly the greatest blessing came in the form of a sweeping revival of religion. I use the adjective for its real value, for truly the meeting swept nearly every one in reach into the kingdom and about thirty live conversions and twenty-seven additions to the Methodist Church. Others will join in the near future. My brother, Rev. W. H. Harris, of the Central Texas Conference, did the preaching and he did for us faithful service. He is in his second year at Frost. Yes, indeed, there were difficulties to overcome. For instance, some of the people were very busy. Then the first four days of the meeting were so cold and wet we did not attempt to hold a service. Wednesday night was our first. About fifteen present, but in spite of the rainy weather the interest was fine, and continued to grow from the first service. Not only the women and children were reached, but the men of our community were saved. Young men and men of mature years; I might mention many interesting incidents of the meeting. One, Sunday at eleven o'clock a boy of some ten years was converted and joined the Church;

that night his father and mother followed him. Another, a dear old lady, her son and her grandson, stood together before the altar and took the Church vows. Brethren, Christ's power to save is the same yesterday, today and forever. We had the privilege of a family reunion during the meeting, in which all of the eight children, except one, were present with our dear old father and mother. For all of these blessings we ascribe honor and glory to our blessed Christ.—George F. Harris, P. C.

### Seventh Street, Temple.

It would take too long a report to go into detail (Bishop Atkins) of all the good things accomplished by this Church since conference. So will simply itemize. Brother Pollard did a great work here. All delighted with the presiding elder; married two couples; salary of the pastor raised \$200.00; stewards will collect conference collections and have already reported considerable. They are true and faithful; \$350 collected and spent on enlarging the church to accommodate a splendidly well organized graded Sunday School. We now have a room for each department. Yesterday, though it was raining right down, every one of the twenty-nine officers and teachers were present. Dr. Bishop, of Southwestern University, gave us two magnificent sermons. Every department of the Church is growing nicely. Splendid Woman's Home Mission Society; a fine Missionary band; a number one pounding; twenty-nine new subscribers to the Texas Christian Advocate; twenty-six accessions to the Church; several Bibles and books and Disciplines sold. Many papers and tracts distributed. Santa Claus was mighty good. Fine congregations; \$840.75 collected for all purposes.—E. V. Cox, Jan. 27.

### Panhandle.

Yesterday was a great day in Panhandle for Methodism. It was the occasion of our first Quarterly Conference and Bro. O. P. Kiker was present, in his characteristic style looking after every interest of the Church. He is one of the most unique presiding elders I have ever known. I seriously doubt if there is another man in Southern Methodism who is better endowed mentally and physically for managing the affairs of this large and growing district. Strong of body, accompanied by the spirit of endurance, which leads him to breast the storms that sweep these plains like a veritable mogul,

big of brain and heart he considers well every phase of the work of the Church planning wisely for the future. At the evening hour Hon. F. P. Works, of Amarillo, who is our conference lay leader, delivered to a large audience a masterful address on the laymen's missionary movement. It was a new experience for my congregation to have before them a layman who in the most graphic way pictured the unity of effort of pulpit and pew that has come as a consequence of the awakening of the laymen to a sense of their responsibility in evangelizing the world, and how great things can be wrought by brains and money instituting great business principles into the work of missions. Judge Works is an eloquent speaker, a brilliant lawyer and the Church and State will both hear from him later. The Board of Stewards made a good report, all financial obligations being met up to the present. Henceforth, the payments are to be made monthly instead of quarterly. Everything is moving along nicely in my charge. Am praying that this may be the best year of my life.—P. G. Huffman.

### Ringgold.

Not having written anything from our new charge, will say that we arrived safe and sound upon this field of action December 7, the sixth day after conference adjourned in Dallas. Considering the time for returning home, packing and moving 180 miles when we were twenty-four miles from the depot, I consider this somewhat expeditious, if I do say so. We found our charge had been changed from Nocona Circuit to Ringgold Mission, thus necessitating removal of parsonage from the former to the latter place. This we did, securing a nice two-story frame building with seven rooms for the small sum of \$700, thanks to the generosity of Sister Stevenson and Brother Denny, her husband, who though not Church members are its staunch friends. We were safely housed in our new home by January 2 and are proud of the same. Pound, did you say? "Yes, has been a continued one ever since shore!" And the kindness of our good people is only exceeded by their

large hearted ability to do things. Our first Quarterly Conference held last night and today, and Brother T. H. Morris measured up fully to the reputation he is given on this charge to preach. After a wonderfully logical, instructive and Scriptural sermon on the nature of the New Birth, a sumptuous dinner was served on the ground and Quarterly Conference was held at 2 p. m. A third of the salary was paid and we thus closed a delightful occasion. A rally was held after conference adjourned and we raised \$375 on our \$1200 church debt with the balance of \$900 (\$525) practically assured. And by the help of our Board of Church Extension we expect to pay the last dollar by next Annual Conference. We have a rustling, liberal, devoted people to serve and they will be heard from still further on. We love them more and more every day, and only desire to serve them as they are worthy to be served.—W. R. Kirkpatrick, Jan. 20.

### Westover.

We are delighted with our new field of labor and this magnificent people. Our reception was royal. From all points come tokens of our appreciation. When we reached our new field we found that the fourth Quarterly Conference had ordered the parsonage moved from Spring Creek to Westover, and the stewards had secured a house from Uncle Ben Cockrell for our temporary quarters, so we at once proceeded to the place. We were met by a committee of ladies, who bade us welcome and to await the time with patience until the parsonage could be moved. We at once set to work with our Official Board; a decision was made to sell the old parsonage and build a new one at Westbrook. A purchaser was found for the old, and lumber and ground was secured for the new one, and now with only two or three days' work remaining to be done, will complete a five-room cottage, which any pastor would feel proud of as his home. Pounding? Of course! It has been a continued one ever since we arrived, but reached its height a few days ago, when Miss Calla



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Webb and Miss Eva Connell drove up to the parsonage door with a hack loaded down with good things to eat. May the good Lord bless every hand and give us strength to be a better preacher and a better pastor. We would not forget to mention the kindness of the big-hearted layman, J. W. Stephens, and Brother Tom Whitworth, of Round Timber, in giving us our winter wood. Such deeds of kindness challenge the best that we can do. Brother Whitworth is not a member of the Church. We pray God's richest blessing upon him and that before the year comes to a close he will know Jesus as his personal Savior. Our first Quarterly Conference is a matter of history. It convened at Rhendhom January 18 and 19. J. G. Putman, our presiding elder, was on hand and oh! how he can preach. The service Saturday at eleven o'clock and at night and Sunday morning ended a feast. And in business session the Church is in good hands in his care, for he looks well after all her interests. Good reports were made in all lines. With such a host of men and women who love God and his cause and such a man as J. G. Putman at the helm, we press forward on our new field of labor with courage looking forward for a great year for our Lord.—Ed Tharp.

**Bryan.**

We came to the Bryan charge in due time and found the parsonage located at Millican. The good ladies of Millican met us at the depot and took us to our new home, where they had everything in readiness. New carpets on the floor and newly papered room and plenty to eat, and best of all a warm welcome. Still the good work goes on. Every day brings us a new supply—chickens, eggs, milk, butter, etc. How glad we are to be with such good people. They tell us that Brother and Sister Foster once lived here and how they regretted to see them leave. I often wonder if I am worthy to walk in the footprints of such a good and great man as Brother Foster, for we all know he lived the life of the righteous and died like a saint. I am told that Brother Gaston was back in this section Christmas. He might have been "dear" hunting. I don't know but the young minister often finds such game during the first few years of his ministry. Think of Dr. Rankin when he was a circuit walker. If you have not read his book you don't know what you are missing. We are planning and praying for a great year. The people say they are ready to do their part and we know the Lord is ever ready to lend a helping hand; then let us claim the victory.—J. W. Cummings.

**Hamlin.**

We closed the fourth Sunday in January a three weeks' meeting, and while we had considerable bad weather to hinder, yet we had a good meeting. Our Church has been greatly blessed. About twenty-five conversions, several additions to the Church. Rev. R. J. Tooley, of Weatherford, did the preaching, and he did us fine work. He strikes hard, straight from the shoulder. He draws the line very clear and distinct. No one need question a moment what he stands for. He hued so close to the line and hit the devil in the Church so hard, that there was some howling and the devil tried to kick up a row, but we won the victory for the Lord. God bless R. J. Tooley in his work. The Hamlin Church and people have treated this preacher and family royally since we have been among them, pounding and repounding us. They began this new year with a new year's pounding. We appreciate their kindness, and will do our best for them. Our presiding elder, G. S. Hardy, is going in and out among us, and in favor with all the people. Diligent, faithful and true. May his bow abide in strength many years to come. He gives encouraging reports from all points of the district. We have had trying years of drouth. But we are not discouraged. We expect to come off more than conqueror through Him that loved us and gave himself for us.—J. E. Stephens, P. C.

**Eldorado.**

We are doing fine with our work thus far; the good people are standing true to their pastor as all true Methodists do. Have not missed an appointment yet, though the weather has been bad much of the time. Our Sunday School is flourishing with one hundred and ten members and I believe we have as good consecrated officers and teachers as you may find in any country. Epworth Leagues are moving along in perfect harmony. It would do you good to step in at 2:30 each Sunday and see and hear the Juniors work—forty-six of them under the direction of two of the most religious ladies our town affords; the serious, fine young people are always ready to do what they can. I have yet to

know one of their number to fall to do whatever they are asked to do. Our layleader, Brother McCormick, has the converts at work systematically in the collecting of the conference claims and we are sure a full report will roll up at Annual Conference next October. Last, but not least, the good women of the Church are moving surely to victory. Just furnished the parsonage with a nice dining table and some way, somehow, the pastor's wife has managed to get something on this table three times a day. Brethren in the ministry, let us not complain, keep sweet, pray much and press the battle on to victory. We are trusting God for victory, though we are on the border of San Angelo District, and would feel a bit lonely were it not for our brethren on the Sherwood and Ozona charges being near us; they are between us and the outside going west, but all and in all we like the people and the country; the good Lord can and is blessing our feeble efforts in the far West.—J. H. Maxwell, Feb. 5.

**Carta Valley.**

We had an interesting meeting at this place in Edwards County, on Rock Springs Circuit, Uvalde District, West Texas Conference, on February 1, 2, 1913. Our beloved, S. B. Beall, presiding elder, was with us to hold our first Quarterly Conference. Brother Keever, preacher in charge, preached for us a good sermon at noon on "Love" to a small congregation, although it was raining. Our worthy presiding elder reached us about three p. m. on Saturday and preached for us a most excellent sermon on "Love," and the call of God for sinners to repent and accept Christ for salvation and a very intelligent schoolmistress came forward and gave herself to Christ. And then her husband came forward and our beloved read the Scriptures to them. After reasoning with her husband he also claimed Christ as his Savior. I trust that the angels of heaven rejoiced to see them give their hearts to God. On Sunday at noon our presiding elder preached a fine sermon on the Personality of Christ. Then in the afternoon he held our Quarterly Conference. The reports were very satisfactory to our presiding elder. A committee was appointed to build a churchhouse at this place.—S. J. Latimer, L. D.

**Megargel.**

Since conference we have been trying to get around our work. We served Newport Mission two years, and when they called us out for Megargel we were somewhat surprised, as we had not even heard of there being such a place. Megargel is situated fifteen miles west of Olney in Archer County, a nice little town of something like four or five hundred inhabitants. It is quite a new town and a fine farming country. We have as fine people here as can be found anywhere. They make a preacher feel at home and show their appreciation. They have furnished us a four-room house with very nice furniture, and the good ladies made us a visit the first evening of our arrival and it is needless to mention their purpose; I will only say we haven't got hungry yet. We find the people all over our work generous and liberal-minded. It is a pleasure to serve such people, and we expect, by the grace of God, to give them the very best there is in us; and are praying for a great revival to sweep this country. We held our first Quarterly Conference yesterday. Brother Morris, our presiding elder, did some of his great preaching at eleven a. m., and held conference in the evening. The stewards were liberal, making the assessment \$600. We are contemplating the erection of a new church building right away; in fact, we are hard at work now making the necessary arrangements.—A. Wall, Feb. 2.

**Teague.**

We were appointed by Bishop Mouzon to Teague at the session of the Texas Conference held at Marshall. We arrived here December 3; the people received us kindly. The pounding came in due and ancient form and many other tokens of love and appreciation have been shown us by these good people. We shall never forget the good people of New Boston and DeKalb whom we served last year; they were so kind, so loyal and true; the preacher who would not love those people is almost beyond redemption. Teague is a growing town, only six years old, and now has a population of about 5000. The Church has grown with the town, we have something like 350 members in our Church. Rev. J. W. Goodwin was the first pastor sent to Teague by our Church, he only served the charge one year but his tracks are seen still and the people speak very kindly of him. After Brother Goodwin came Brother Bob Adams whose name is a household word in this town; he served the charge four years and it was under

his ministry that the beautiful \$10,000 church was built. Rev. J. C. Carr served the Church last year and he served it well. The people love Brother Carr, I hear a great many nice things said of him. This Church was taken off of the Mission Board at the last session of the conference, and this year stands alone for the first time, the stewards raised their assessment on pastor's salary to cover the amount the Board gave them last year, making the salary what it was last year with the appropriation. I think that the Church has done well at this place. They begun six years ago with just a little handful and now they have a membership of over 300 and a \$10,000 church building and it nearly paid out of debt; paying the pastor \$1400. I think that the Board did a wise thing when they invested some missionary money at Teague, for this progress could not have been made without their help; therefore by appropriating a few hundred dollars they have not only made it possible to reach thousands of people in this community but will send a perpetual flow of missionary money back to the Board. We have received seventeen into the Church. Bro. I. F. Betts, our presiding elder, held our first Quarterly Conference January 26. He has done a wonderful work on this District. I am going to try to do more for the Texas Christian Advocate this year than I have ever done, for I know that it will bless every home where it is taken.—A. T. Walker.

**Krum.**

For the first time in three years we have moved. We have found a great people, loyal in every way, true in the work. They hold their duty to God and to the Church first. Planning, praying and working for this to be a great year for the cause of God and his Church is the order of the day. They "pound a preacher's family like experts," for they took possession of the culinary department and my! how they did "raise the fallen, cheer the faint," until we forgot all of our past trouble and looked forward to things better. Our people have given us good attendance on all occasions in spite of the disagreeable times this winter. The people loved their former pastor, Brother Porter. This makes us glad, for if the people love their preachers they will continue this for God is behind this brotherly kindness. Our first Quarterly Conference is now in the past, but its being so early no salary was fixed, yet it was an occasion of spiritual feasting, for our kind, gentle and sweet-spirited presiding elder, Brother Riddle, can bring such. Our people are expecting great revivals at each Church on the charge this year. We must have a sweeping revival on this charge. Pray for us. We propose a house to house canvass among the Methodists soon for the Advocate. Every home to take the Advocate is our purpose.—L. D. Shawver.

**Murchison.**

Our first Quarterly Conference is a thing of the past. We met at Pine Hill February 1 and 2. Brother Turentine was on hand and preached us a most excellent sermon; it did us all good. The good ladies had prepared a most excellent dinner, which showed the prosperity of the country. The faithful stewards raised the preacher's salary and assessed for the preacher \$620, for presiding elder \$80, making \$700, for which we feel very thankful. We are very busy arranging to build our new parsonage. So you see old Murchison Circuit is coming to the front. We have arranged a Law and Order League and every thing is getting better. I think by the close of the conference year we will be in good shape for the next preacher. Our little city is growing very fast in business and population. We are trying to keep the Church work in the lead. We are working and praying for a revival at every place and hope to succeed in the greatest calling of life.—G. M. Fletcher.

**Nugent.**

Our first Quarterly Conference was held January 25, 26, and our presiding elder, Rev. C. N. Ferguson—new as a presiding elder but one among the oldest preachers in the conference—was with us and did some efficient work. Weather was fine Saturday and the conference was held immediately following an old-fashioned, open-hearted "dinner on the ground." The eleven o'clock service was very spiritual and uplifting. At the close of the Sunday morning service one young lady came forward as a backslider and while at the altar happily consecrated her life to Christ and Christian service. After the close of the evening service another young lady came to the pastor and asked for prayer that the joy of Christian service might be restored. We are praying and planning for a revival that will touch the young men and women of our charge. Our Sunday School at Nugent, under the lead-

ership of Brother J. W. Evans, our worthy superintendent, is growing in interest and attendance. We have secured curtains for Sunday School rooms and money to repaint the building and hope to repaper it soon. Other points on work, too numerous to mention, are progressive and spiritual. May the Lord bless us this year and give us souls for his kingdom.—E. L. Yeats.

**Palacios.**

We have ordered pews and choir chairs for our church for which we expect to pay cash. Absolutely no debt is our full purpose. We have ordered quarter-sawn oak pews, four-ply. The bill for pews, choir chairs, pulpit chairs, pulpit and chancel rail will amount to about \$650. We have not had our meeting, yet we have added about twenty-five to our Sunday School and thirty to the Church roll since conference. We feel very hopeful for a great year. To the Lord be all the glory.—B. A. Myers.

**Millsap.**

We have just closed what was considered a successful winter meeting at Millsap, west of Fort Worth. We only continued one week on account of bad weather and some cases of smallpox in the country, but during that time there was a gracious revival among the Church membership, with some conversions and additions to the Church. Brother Bell is doing a fine work among his people and it was a pleasant privilege to be with him again in a revival. I met some fine people while there—Brother Stephens, a friend of former days, Brothers Neal, Doss, Canafax, Johnson and the Strains, twin brothers and their good families. They are all standing nobly by their pastor, Brother Bell is one of God's faithful servants, a successful pastor, full of zeal and consecration to his work. There certainly is a good outlook for him on this work. The Board of Stewards have advanced his salary beyond anything in former years, and we may expect a fine report from this work at the ensuing conference.—James A. Walkup.

**Holland Circuit.**

Possibly many would like to hear from these "low grounds of sorrow." We are getting along very well, as the darkey said, "Considering it is us." This is the blackland belt and the excessive rains enables one to make a "big impression" everywhere he goes, and the bigger the understanding the bigger the impression. As this mud "sticketh closer than a brother," it is very seldom that we can travel at breakneck speed and often we don't get very far before we get "balled up." Never mind, it will not be long until airships will be cheap enough so that preachers—circuit preachers, think of it—will be independent of mud. Well, this is a fine opportunity to cultivate the grace of patience; it is also a fine time for one to get something in his "gourd." This is the beginning of our third year at Holland. All seemed to be rejoiced at our return; in fact, I do not see how a preacher could receive a more hearty welcome. Soon after conference—the day before Thanksgiving—our youngest son, Young, was stricken down with meningitis. These people did all in their power to help us bear the burden. We were forced to believe if we had been a brother in the flesh they could not have been more thoughtful. They can never know until the "secrets of all hearts shall be made known" how much we appreciate their kindness. If such as this would not cause a preacher to do his dead-level best, he would be more ungrateful than the "fowls of the air, or the beasts of the field."—Jno. W. Holt.

**Hempstead.**

We have just closed a good meeting here in Hempstead. Some people would not call it a good one, but we do. It is true that there were not so many conversions and reclamations, but the Church membership was greatly revived and is doing a good work since the meeting. We had strife among the members and with some it was a task to speak to others, but love prevails and the Church is ready to do her full duty. There were about fifteen conversions and nine united with the Methodist Church. Rev. J. S. Huckabee, of Hillsboro, who is conference evangelist for the Central Texas Conference, did the preaching and he did it well, as the results show. Brother Huckabee knows how to preach and he lets the Lord lead him in the work. We can truthfully recommend him to any pastor who wants efficient help in their meetings. We are planning to hold another meeting beginning the first Sunday in July at which time we are going to make a pull for the unsaved of the town. We will be assisted by Rev. W. M. McIntosh, of Iuka, Miss., a man whom we have known in the past, and who is known

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to some extent to Texas Methodism. We have found him to be true steel. Pray for us that we may have a great meeting and that this old stronghold of sin may be shaken and that God and righteousness will prevail. We were royally received on our charge by this people and we find a big-hearted set of people and their pockets are open to the Church and its work. We have a good Sunday School, which is missionary and is doing a good work. The women's work is moving along nicely. About half of the collections are paid, all provided for and will be paid by the last of February. We are expecting the greatest year of our life this year and are putting out every effort to make it such. We find Brother Geo. H. Phair, a superannuate, living here. He looks fine and is living close to God, rendering valuable service to the Church here, and we are glad of his association. We have learned to love him and appreciate his labors. The people love Brother Phair and think he is one of the greatest.—J. E. Buttrill.

**Forreston.**

We are now quite well into another year's work, three months of the new year having passed. This is a good people. Many seem interested in the Church and anxious that this be a year of advancement. Our greatest need is revivals, such as will give the people a larger vision of their duty and of their possibilities. Our first Quarterly Conference has recently been held at Nash. It was a good conference, well attended and full of interest. Brother Whitehurst, the presiding elder, delighted all both in the pulpit and in the chair. The interest of the Church is upon his heart and he gives himself without reserve to the work committed to him. The stewards fixed the pastor's salary and reported \$250.00 or one-fourth, paid this quarter. \$17.00 was reported for the Orphanage, and \$60.00 collected and expended upon the parsonage since conference. The Quarterly Conference session was lively every one present took a part and made a speech and the "Elder," well I lost count on him. I don't know how many he made. Brotherly love prevailed and all seems hopeful for a good year. May we not be disappointed. I am sure if we can get the people to read the Advocate it will be a great factor in helping us to realize our hopes.—S. L. Culwell.

**First Church, Beaumont.**

Rev. Thurston B. Price conducted a three weeks' meeting for the First Methodist congregation Beaumont. The membership was greatly revived, many were reclaimed and sixty members received into the Church. The meeting is considered the best ever held in the Church, making a profound impression on the city. I regard Brother Price as one of the strong men in the evangelistic field. His methods are straight forward and his messages make appeal to the consciences of men.—W. J. Johnson.

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THE PLACE OF LEGISLATION IN THE PROGRAM OF THE CHURCH.

By Henry M. Ratliff, B. D.

Should the Church seek in any way to influence legislation or is this entirely the duty of the State? Our position is that the Church is called to seek needed legislation on any problem that vitally concerns the welfare of humanity.

As to the problem of child labor, there is no doubt whatever, to those who have informed themselves on the question, that there is imperative demand for some preventive legislation for the protection of the childhood of our Southland.

The trouble is not so much that we do not know that it is an evil, or that it is prevalent in alarming proportions in every city, but that we have not had the courage to tackle such a big job with a fearlessness that ignores unpopularity and danger to the death.

There are some causes that should be legislated against. For example, there are many large department stores that pay less than a living wage to the women employees, hence some of them are compelled to seek other means of support than the regular employment.

Perhaps many of us don't know that the great war on the opium traffic in the East, and in China particularly, had its origin among the Christian missionaries.

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er meeting conducted by a few missionaries! If such a tremendous movement for reform can be set in motion in heathen China by a few missionaries with a vision of a social gospel, what social evil in our home land will be able to perpetuate itself when all the forces of our Churches are mobilized against it?

The Social Evil.

When we come to the question of the social evil we are face to face with one of the worst stains on our modern civilization. It is even doubtful if we can be called a Christian people and tolerate such depths of vice as we find in the heart of every American city.

The time has surely fully come when the ministry of the Churches combined should present a united front against this traffic in human souls on the altar of beastliness and lust.

What can the Church do under such conditions as these? It is safe to say that if every evangelical Church would combine with every other one in a community, and proceed for a systematic campaign against this evil, month by month, through the pulpit and the press, it would not be long until the evil would be either abolished or reduced to a minimum.

It is interesting to know that the investigation and findings of the Social Vice Commission of Chicago had its source in a pastors' association. After discussion of the local social conditions, resolutions were passed asking the Mayor to appoint a commission of responsible citizens to investigate the conditions and causes of vice.

Among the chief causes of the social evil is the ignorance of the average youth regarding the nature of the sexual organs. The imperative need of the times is proper education regarding these relations of every life.

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of the public school there would need to be some legislation.

The public school has the growing youth most of the waking hours of the day, most of the months of the year, and a dozen of the most plastic years of the life.

To meet the demands of such conditions there should be some legislation requiring instruction on the question of sexual nature and function, in which the dangers and perils, as well as the sacredness of these God-given faculties, should be taught.

Applicants for public school certificates should be required to pass credible examinations on sexual physiology before being permitted to teach. Besides this study in the physiology of sex, every school board should consider seriously the placing of such books bearing on social purity as are sane and safe, in the school library for the free use by all pupils.

San Benito, Texas.

THE LAMENTATION OF SHULER.

We have read the second chapter of "The Lamentations of Shuler" with interest. But we feel constrained to enter a protest against the general trend of his argument. His assertion that the Church is "full of sin and worldliness, running over with evil practices and bulged out with selfish lusts," is an unwarranted stab at the heart of the only agency God has "ordained" for the world's redemption.

Christ unites with the Church in the great task of the world's salvation. He began the work during his earthly mission. His primary work was local, but now he has called out a working force apart from the world, and has entrusted to them the responsibility of preaching the unsearchable riches of God's eternal kingdom to all men.

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tion of the power of God is here! I cannot allow myself to believe in the decadence of the great Christian system. It may come short of the glory of God in some instances, but the swing of its spiritual pendulum is ever upward, heavenward, Godward.

Her ministry is a ministry of suffering, of duty, of consecration. I do not believe her holy ministry has become a world-fearing, time-honoring, weak-kneed, back-boneless set of serfs who cringe at the feet of public opinion, who bid on the patronage of the ungodly and court the smile of Satan, afraid to speak the truth in love under all circumstances in the face of evils of every kind.

Neither do they run "where sin shows its teeth," nor do they creep with "cat-like softness" upon the "damnable sins that today are tearing men's souls asunder," nor have they "need to apologize to no man for throwing their warm, bold hearts into the very midst of "the fight against sin." They are with a vim, heaven-born courage and moral manhood akin to Christ.

Thank God I have so learned the ministry! The purpose of the ministry is a means toward an end—a deeper spirituality in the Church and the spiritual salvation of the world. Its methods are spiritual, not carnal. We are to lead, not drive men. We must "feed the sheep," not beat the sheep. The ministry is the sworn enemy of Satan and his works of darkness. And if we prove unworthy the cause of Christ suffers. Does it so suffer?

More often it suffers from indiscretion and overzeal than from unfaithfulness, I fear.

The burden of the ministry is the salvation of individuals. The universal triumph of the kingdom of God is delayed by our "harsh utterances," and cold denunciations of men and not of measures. But "Sam Jones won by harsh measures and utterances." No, but he won, not by, but in spite of his harsh measures.

No, Brother Shuler, the Church has not gone to seed, nor has the ministry surrendered to the devil.

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# THE SUNDAY SCHOOL

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### EDITORIAL NOTES.

We must again inform our kind readers that neither this editor nor the Advocate handles Sunday School literature. Every little while we receive an order for literature or a request for price lists. All such matter is, of course, at once sent to the Methodist Publishing House at Dallas. But it takes both time and postage to make the transfer of mail, and since this editor is paid nothing for the time he devotes to this work and buys his own stamps and stationery he begs his friends who are in need of Sunday school literature to write direct to our publishers, Smith & Lamar, Dallas, Texas.

Again, let pastors and superintendents of the Central Texas Conference remember that this editor is not now, and has not for a year been an officer of his Conference Sunday School Board. He resigned as Chairman of the Board last year after being appointed to field work. Requests for help for needy schools should be addressed to Rev. A. D. Porter, Waco, Texas. He is Secretary of the Board. Its Chairman is Rev. J. C. Mimms, Belton, Texas.

Read in this issue what Brother Gerdine says of the good the children's Day fund is doing in Korea, then begin to get ready to observe Children's Day. The children of your school would be very glad to help in a work of this sort, we feel sure.

Note the announcements of the Texas Sunday School Association in this issue, and see if one or more of their institutes does not lie within your reach. Cut out the dates and paste them in your hat and attend an institute. Or better, go to the State Convention at Waco.

### THE EDITOR'S QUESTION BOX.

Query: What are the best lesson helps on the Uniform Lessons for 1913?

Answer: There are several that are good. Peloubet's Select Notes and Tarbell's Teachers' Guide are both standard and for general purposes are not excelled. Either can be had post-paid from Smith & Lamar for \$1.10. In copies of five or more these books are delivered at \$1 net. Then there is Arnold's Practical Commentary, edited by Mrs. T. B. Arnold, for 50c, with postage 10c extra where it is sent by mail. For those who desire a vest pocket exposition of the lessons, The Gist of the Lessons by Torrey, The Teaching of the Lesson by G. Campbell Morgan, The Lesson Handbook by Meyer and McFarland, or The Superintendent's Helper by Hurlbut will be found satisfactory. Either of these last can be had for 25c post-paid. And it will pay any Sunday School scholar or worker to invest in one or more of these books.

Q. If you were a superintendent and could afford to invest only two dollars in Sunday School books what would you buy?

A. First, "The Graded Sunday School," by Meyers, and then "Efficiency in the Sunday School," by Cope. For the other quarter I would buy "Legion of Honor Teacher Training Lessons," in vanilla covers.

Q. What single volume would you recommend for study by a Sunday School teacher who desires to get beyond mere expedients and understand something about the fundamental principles of teaching?

A. "The Natural Way," by Dubois. The price is \$1.

Q. What book would you recommend for young parents who desire to bring up their children in the nurture and admonition of the Lord?

A. First, the Bible; second, "Christian Nurture," by Bashnell; third, "The Natural Way," by Dubois.

Q. What would you recommend to a young preacher who needs material for a sermon on Christian Education?

A. "The Culture of Religion," by Wilm.

Q. I have never studied the Old Testament much and know but little about it. I want something that will

give me a brief but comprehensive account of its authorship and make-up. What would you recommend?

A. "The Story of the Old Testament," by Frank Seay. The price is 50c.

Q. I have just been elected President of a Wesley Adult Class and do not understand my duties nor the general idea of the organized class. Where can I get the needed information?

A. Smith & Lamar. Ask for "The Adult Worker and His Work."

### SUNDAY SCHOOL CONVENTION.

The Texas Sunday School Association of all denominations has arranged for a series of County Conventions leading up to the State Convention at Waco March 25-28. Messrs. Hawkins and Adams, field workers, will make tours as follows. All Sunday School workers of all denominations should attend:

#### Mr. W. E. Hawkins' Tour.

- Caldwell—Feb. 8-10.
- Brenham—Feb. 10, 11.
- Sealy—Feb. 12.
- Richmond—Feb. 13.
- Alvin—Feb. 14.
- Bay City—Feb. 15, 16.
- Wharton—Feb. 17, 18.
- Ft. Worth—Feb. 19, 20.
- Port Lavaca—Feb. 21, 22.
- Victoria—Feb. 22, 23.
- Goliad—Feb. 24, 25.
- Sinton—Feb. 25, 26.
- Refugio—Feb. 27.
- Rockport—Feb. 28.
- Corpus Christi—March 1, 2.
- Alice—March 4.
- San Diego—March 5.
- Falfurrias—March 6, 7.
- Beville—March 8.
- Kennedy—March 9.
- Rockdale—March 10.

#### Mr. John M. Adams' Tour.

- Granbury—Feb. 8, 9.
- Stephenville—Feb. 9, 11.
- Comanche—Feb. 11, 12.
- Goldthwaite—Feb. 13.
- Brownwood—Feb. 14, 15.
- Brady—Feb. 15, 16.
- Menard—Feb. 17, 18.
- San Saba—Feb. 19, 20.
- Lampasas—Feb. 22, 23.
- Burnet—Feb. 24.
- Llano—Feb. 25, 26.
- Mason—Feb. 27, 28.
- Junction—March 1, 2.
- Fredericksburg—March 4.
- Kerrville—March 6.
- Boerne—March 7.
- Panola—March 8, 9.
- Johnson City—March 11.

### THE SUNDAY SCHOOL COUNCIL OF EVANGELICAL DENOMINATIONS.

By Charles D. Bulla, D. D.

The Third Annual Session of the Sunday School Council of Evangelical Denominations was held in the First United Brethren Church, Dayton, Ohio, January 21-24, 1913. The object of this organization is to advance the Sunday School interests of the co-operating denominations (1) by conferring together in matters of common interest; (2) by giving expression to common views and decisions, and (3) by co-operative action on matters concerning educational, editorial, missionary and publishing activities. Membership in the Council consists of the general executive and departmental Sunday School secretaries or superintendents, editors of denominational Sunday School literature and denominational publishing agents. There were in attendance seventy-eight delegates representing twenty-nine denominations in the United States and Canada, with an aggregate Sunday School membership of more than fifteen million.

The program was of high order. Among the addresses delivered at the general sessions were the following: "The Co-ordination of Agencies in Religious Education," by Rev. Robert P. Shepherd, Ph. D., of St. Louis, and "Survey of the Sunday School Situation in this Country and in Europe," by Rev. C. R. Blackall, D. D., of Philadelphia. In addition to the four general sessions of the Council, many sessions of the Educational, Editorial, Extension and Publication sections and joint sessions of the Council and Executive Committee of the International Sunday School Associations were held. Friday was given to joint conferences of the several departments of Sunday School work.

The following officers were elected for the ensuing year: President, Rev. R. Douglas Fraser, D. D., publisher and editor Sunday School Publications, Presbyterian Church in Canada, Toronto; Vice-President, Rev. Edgar Blake, D. D., Corresponding Secretary

Board of Sunday Schools, Methodist Episcopal Church, Chicago; Secretary, Rev. Henry H. Meyer, D. D., assistant editor Sunday School Publications, Methodist Episcopal Church, New York; Treasurer, Mr. D. M. Smith, our own capable publishing agent.

Dayton is a flourishing city with a population of 125,000. Dr. W. R. Funk, the genial and big-hearted retiring President of the Council, and Dr. H. H. Fout, and his committee, did everything in their power for the comfort and entertainment of their guests. The reception and banquet tendered the Sunday School Council and the Executive Committee of the International Sunday School Association, in the tea room of the Rike-Kumler Building, on Tuesday evening, was a pronounced social success. Many witty and true and brotherly words were spoken.

The delegates gladly accepted the invitation of the National Cash Register Company to visit their plant on Thursday. Luncheon was served and the work of this great manufacturing company was explained in a most interesting illustrated lecture. While crossing the Atlantic on an ocean liner in 1889, the attention of Jacob Ritty, a merchant of Dayton, was drawn to the device in the engine room that recorded the revolutions of the propeller shaft. He returned home and invented the cash register that records the nickels and dimes and quarters that are given in exchange for goods and insures accuracy in recording transactions. The millionth National Cash Register has been delivered. The plant covers seventy-four city blocks. Four-fifths of the wall space of the one mile of building is glass. The welfare work of this company in the interest of 6000 employees is worthy of the highest commendation.

A visit to Dayton is not complete without a glance through the factory of the Wright Company, where heavier-than-air flyers worth \$5000 dollars each are made in two weeks by the force of skilled workmen.

The days were crowded full of hard work and high fellowship. No man can estimate the importance of the work done at this meeting of the Sunday School Council in the Gem City of the Miami.

### STORIES OF CHILDREN'S DAY FUND.

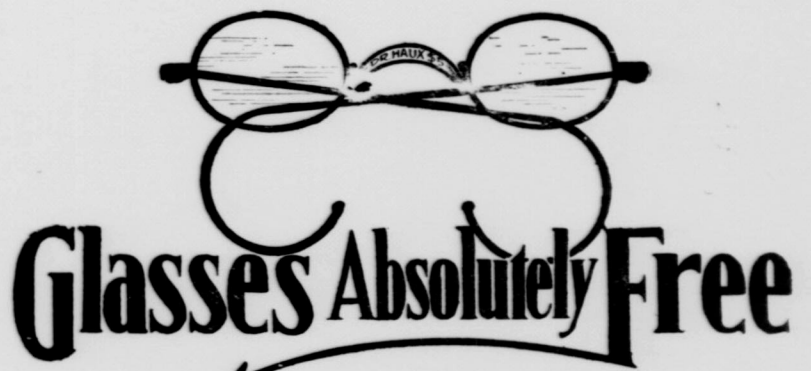
Every year when the General Sunday School Board meets a part of its work is to decide on the appropriations for Sunday School work in the mission fields made possible by the ten per cent of the Children's Day Fund received from the various conferences, as provided in the paragraph from the Discipline referred to above. This is a very interesting part of the Board's work, for there are always letters from the missionaries telling of the great things even small sums can bring to pass when used in establishing and maintaining Sunday Schools for the bright-eyed children who cherish so carefully the picture cards and lesson books given them. Without this money given by the Sunday Schools of our own land, there would be few lesson helps in our schools in any of the foreign fields occupied by our Church.

Here is what Rev. J. I. Gerdine, one of our missionaries in Korea, has to say of the use of the appropriation made by the General Board for that field:

We have received through the Treasurer of the Board of Missions the appropriation from the Sunday School Board for Sunday School work in Korea. In expressing thanks for this appropriation, I wish to write you something of our plans for improving our Sunday School work.

In the first place it is necessary to state that very little has as yet been done to develop this interest. Our Christian people are members of the Sunday School, but the extent of the work has been merely Biblical instruction for the church people. This, of course, is of great importance, but does not fulfill the idea of modern Sunday School work. We have had absolutely no Sunday School literature except the lesson quarterly. The schools have been largely composed of adults. Even the children of Christian homes have not, as a rule, been gathered into the Sunday School, unless they happened to be in one of our day schools as well. The reason why we have done nothing more to develop the Sunday School is that the work of organizing and indoctrinating the adult Church has taken our first attention. This should not and must not continue longer.

Through the gift of your Board we are now able to put in our first Sunday School secretary. The man selected for this important part is Mr. C. W. Kang, who seems especially fitted for such work. He was a student under Brother Houshell in the Union Methodist School at Seoul for several years. Later he was Brother Cram's assistant in Songdo and recently has been associated with Brother Wasson both in Church work and in teaching the



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Bible in the Anglo-Korean School. He has now moved to Seoul and will give his time to Sunday School work. He has taken up Dr. Hamill's book on teacher training which was printed in Korea a few years ago, and will begin organizing classes in our larger Churches for the training of teachers. He is also working on the problem of getting into the Sunday School, first, the children of the Church, and second, the children of non-Christian homes thus making the school the evangelistic agency that it should be. He has also taken up the question of Sunday School equipment, such as maps, cards, certificates, etc., on which line, as also stated, nothing has been done. To this may be added the matter of grading the schools, which is something sure to stimulate interest in the work.

It is a fine field and I rejoice that we are now able to make a real beginning. Accept our hearty thanks for the needed help you are giving us.—Sunday School Visitor.

### AN ENDORSEMENT.

I write to endorse, with both hands up, what you say in your last week's Advocate concerning the kindness of the railroads mentioned to the preachers of the State. It is a great kindness, and one which all the preachers should appreciate and esteem, and as you say, the one that does not do so is unworthy of such a mark of generosity on the part of the railroad world. I want to add further that I believe it is the duty of every preacher to discourage unjust suits against the railroads on the part of the people. I have known in my few years of observation numbers of suits filed when the cause of the hurt for which damages were sought, were not the fault of the road at all, but simply grew out of the inexcusable carelessness of the party suing. I have for years thought that there was a principle of justice involved just here that should not be overlooked by the ministry. I

must confess that I lose respect for a person that undertakes to bring from a corporation money to which he has no claim, just as much as I would if he were to seek it from an individual. The principle of injustice is just the same in either case. I have often tried to work out how the railroads of our State with the yearly filing of untold number of suits against them manage to keep out of bankruptcy. In one little town, of less than 2500 inhabitants, a lawyer told me that he and his partner had suits filed or ready to be filed against one road of over a quarter million of dollars. I thought that if that were a fair estimate of the towns of that size along the line of that road, I did not see how it could keep out of the hands of a receiver.

Another evil I have heard of being practiced against the roads by men whom you would regard as good citizens is that of not surrendering their tickets to the conductor, because he, the conductor, fails to take them up, and using them on another occasion. I have had men to tell me of doing such a thing, and laugh about it as though it were a thing about which they should be congratulated; a species of shrewdness to be commended. Is it not a species of rascality to be condemned, I think so.

As preachers we should show our highest appreciation of the kindness of the railroads by keeping absolutely the regulations demanded.

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DISTRICT CONFERENCES.

Table listing district conferences with dates and locations: Cuero, Stockdale, 8 a. m., March 25; Abilene, Baird, March 26; Sulphur Springs, Cumber, 8 p. m., March 27; Sweetwater, Lorraine, March 28; San Marcos, Wadler, 7:30 p. m., March 31; San Antonio, Bandera, 7:30 p. m., April 1; El Paso, Fleming, April 1; Greenville, Campbell, 2 p. m., April 14; Austin, Flatonia, April 15; Gainesville, St. Jo, April 15; Georgetown, Temple, 9 a. m., April 16; Pecos Valley, Portales, April 17; Sherman, Whitesboro, 9 a. m., April 22; Weatherford, Olney, April 22; Dallas, Grand Prairie, 9 a. m., April 24; Etoile, Carrizo, May 1; Amarillo, Hedley, 7:30 p. m., May 2; Amarillo, Canyon, May 2; Gatesville, Oglesby, May 15; Waco, Anilla, 10 a. m., May 15; Brownwood, Winters, 3 p. m., May 15; Stamford, Throckmorton, June 26; Cisco, Cisco, 7:30 p. m., May 27.

Rev. Earnest E. Robinson, of the Polk Street Church, Amarillo, recently entertained his entire Board of Stewards and a number of invited guests at the parsonage, and his good wife who knows how to do things, gave a delightful luncheon to the company. It was a time of good fellowship and communion. Toasts to a variety of topics of special and social interest were discussed by those present, and the evening was delightful. It brought the pastor, his family, and his officials into intimate contact and the result is helpful and inspiring. Dr. Robinson is popular with all his people and his work is very prosperous.

The eight months' old baby, of Rev. and Mrs. Walter Douglass, of Forney, died last week and the funeral was attended by Rev. A. L. Andrews, presiding elder. Brother Douglass was away from home attending the burial of his venerable father at the time of the death of his baby, making the affliction a doubly sad one. To the outside world, the death of a babe makes but little impression, but to the hearts in the home circle it is one of the most pathetic and acute sorrows that can come to that circle. We have passed through it more than once, yes more than twice, and we know whereof we speak. May the good Lord bless and sustain the father and the mother in this bereavement.

Four years ago Burkburnett held a local option election in its voting district and routed the saloons by a majority of eight. Time went on, the oil industry developed, a cosmopolitan population moved in; and a few days ago the antis got up a petition signed by seventy-six names and the election was on again. It was a fight from the start. And last Saturday told the story. The drys won not by eight majority as before, but by sixty-four majority--just eight times eight! The men who stand by the oil enterprise up there stood by local option and helped to win the day. They know the evils of the saloon and did not want the pesky thing foisted on them again. On with the battle!

THE TRIUMPH OF TEMPERANCE.

For twelve years the temperance forces of this Nation have been trying to prevail upon Congress to pass a law amending the Inter-State Commerce Act, so as to prevent men in wet territory from shipping liquor for sale and barter in dry territory. This law has been one of the great hindrances to the enforcement of local and State prohibition. In many counties and in many States the people have banished the saloon, and the State laws help them to enforce their will; but these outside States enable liquor dealers, under the guise of Inter-State Commerce, to flood these dry sections with intoxicants. And strange to say, Congress for all these years has sat there and steadily refused to report a bill out of the Judiciary Committee to remedy this evil. But the prohibition people have never ceased their efforts, and they have made such progress throughout the land, that finally, the eyes of Congressmen and Senators have been opened, and the present session has taken hold of the question in dead earnest.

Last week, the House called the bill from the committee and after three hours of debate, in which the anti leaders, under the inspiration of the liquor dealers and brewers of the land, did their best to cripple it with amendments, but failed signally; and when the vote was reached, it carried by 264 to 64! All our Texas Congressmen voted for it except Burgess, Burleson, Moore and Hayden. And Texas will keep her eye on them.

The bill as passed went to the Senate, and last Monday the same tactics practiced in the House were repeated, but with the same result. It was overwhelmingly adopted, with both Senator Culberson and Senator Sheppard voting for it. It now goes to the President with every indication that he will sign it. Thus, after years of struggle and persistence, we have come into our own so far as Congress is concerned. On with the battle!

A SUNDAY IN DENTON.

Last Sunday I spent in Denton. Though Denton is only about thirty miles from Dallas, from some cause or other I have been there less than most any town in North Texas. But Rev. O. T. Cooper had occasion to visit Washington, D. C. and he engaged me to spend last Sunday with his excellent people. The town has greatly improved in the past few years. Some of the streets are well improved and they have good sidewalks in many portions of the town. It is a town of schools. The State has two there, the North Texas Normal with more than 1000 students attending it and there would be more if the accommodations were sufficient, and the School of Industrial Arts with more than 400 students, and if they were prepared to accommodate them the number would be double. This takes a multitude of young people into Denton for the most of the year and many of them are Methodists. We also have a number of the teachers who are Methodists.

Our Church, therefore, holds an important position, along with the others, in that excellent community. It is always incumbent to make the Church a place of attraction so as to win and hold these young people under proper influences. Those good people in our communion thoroughly believe that in Rev. O. T. Cooper they have the man for the pastorate of that Church. He is young, optimistic, thoroughly trained and in touch with college life. He has that sort of a spirit, and he is one of the most popular ministers in the town; he has gotten a strong hold on a great many of the students at these schools. They are in the Sunday School and at the Church service, filling the house to overflow. They are already planning to enlarge their Sunday School department so as to make room for all. We have a membership in the Sunday School of more than 400 and in the Church of more than 500. Among them are some of the best

and most influential people in the community. They have improved their Church, renovated, painted and papered it, and put sanitary carpet on the floor, and beautiful pews. It is now a very attractive auditorium.

Sunday morning was a rainy day and forbidding, but to my surprise the house was full of people and a more intelligent and appreciative people I have never faced. They entered heartily into the service and I never felt more at home. I was never accorded a more cordial welcome and at the close of the service scores and scores of them grasped my hand and expressed interest in the service and in the work of the Advocate. It is wonderful what a hold the Advocate has on the people where they take and read it. I was made to feel that I was among its friends.

At night there was another practically full house despite the mud and the drizzle. The singing at both services was good and inspiring, and we closed the day with another service which seemed to be profitable. It is an inspiration to stand before that sort of people and preach the word of life to them. We have no more earnest people in any town than Denton. That is one of our really good appointments and it opens one of the finest fields to the preacher in the conference.

I visited the home for girls at the Industrial School, built by our good women throughout the conference, and presided over by Mrs. Carroll. It is a magnificent brick structure, well furnished and filled with more than sixty girls. Mrs. Carroll is admirably adapted to that sort of work. She is a mother to the girls and at the same time an excellent teacher of good morals and religion. It is like a great big well-regulated home, and it is popular with the College. As an evidence of its popularity, every room is already engaged for the opening next fall. The State has the school well manned with fine teachers and extensive additions and improvements are now in progress. It is the most useful institution, all things considered, now supported by the State. It trains young womanhood in the real affairs of life, as well as in literary matters. Every girl in Texas, rich and poor, ought to take the course prescribed in this institution.

G. C. R.

DEATH OF REV. W. O. MENEFFEE.

Rev. W. O. Menefee, a valuable citizen and a useful local preacher, died recently at the home of his daughter, Mrs. Emma Jones, in Cleburne, at the advanced age of eighty-five years. He was born in Bolivar, Hardeman County, Tennessee, and in infancy was brought by his parents to Texas, locating in Angelina County. In his childhood they moved to Brazos and finally located in Falls County, where the town of Marlin is now located. While here the Indians raided that section but were encountered by the Rangers. Several of the latter were killed, but the savages were routed. Here Mr. Menefee grew to manhood and soon after the above battle, General Sam Houston appeared on the scene and made a treaty with the Indians. Mr. Menefee was present when the terms were agreed upon. But as time progressed the Indians again became troublesome, and the Menefee family moved to Houston. Here Rev. W. O. Menefee was married to Miss Mary Jane Armstrong and in 1849 they moved to Leon County, where they resided until 1854 when they settled in Johnson County near Nolan River about eight miles from where Cleburne now is. Sometime after that Johnson County was organized and Mr. Menefee became Justice of the Peace in his district in which position he served with great usefulness. He was one of the Commissioners that selected the present location of the county site. It was then called Camp Henderson and they named it Cleburne. He served four years as a brave soldier in the Confederate army. He was a prominent Mason, a

splendid Christian gentleman, and in all the walks of life he was true and faithful. He reared a family of ten children, all of whom are living, and they too are excellent men and women. He lived to a good purpose and passed to a glorious reward.

DEATH OF MRS. I. A. THOMAS.

It is with sadness that we chronicle the death of this good woman, the beloved wife of Rev. I. A. Thomas, pastor at Paradise. She was buried last week from the residence of their son, at Terrell, and the funeral was attended by Rev. O. P. Thomas, Rev. C. Pugsley, and Rev. A. L. Andrews. This death comes as a heavy blow to our brother and his family, and it creates a vacancy that never can be filled in that home. But she lived a noble, self-sacrificing life, as the devoted wife of a faithful itinerant preacher, and her whole household and scores of others rise up to call her blessed. Her end was peace. May strengthening grace support the husband and the children.

A TOUCHING SORROW.

The two-year old, the third and baby daughter of Brother and Mrs. G. M. Boyd, pastor of our Church at Floresville, Texas, died after a brief illness on the night of the eighth of February, 1913. Little Florence was born at Beeville, Texas, and was the light of the parsonage home. They called her the Morning Star. Her sweet voice was the first one heard in the room of the parents each morning. Her cheerful face and kind disposition hung the hearts of her parents and all the relatives on hers. Her favorite words with her right hand waving were, "Bye, bye." To all of us these words are now changed, "Come this way."

THE MEXICAN REPUBLIC IS AGAIN IN THE SPOTLIGHT.

Since the day that Francis Madero, Jr., was inducted into office in the Republic of Mexico, as the successor of President Diaz, there has been more or less disturbance in certain sections of the country. But of late it had died down and not much was being heard of it. But last Saturday night the Rebels organized afresh in the capital city, stormed the prison and released Felix Diaz and General Bernardo Reyes, being held by the government. Diaz at once headed the excited mob, seized the arsenal and the powder works, and then undertook to storm the Palace and capture the President and his Cabinet. But they were repulsed by Federal troops led by Madero and about 200 persons fell in the encounter, among them General Reyes. The forces under Diaz retracted their steps to the arsenal where, at this writing, they are still holding their ground and demanding the surrender of the Palace and the resignation of the President. He is stoutly refusing the demand and is claiming that he has loyal troops enough to quell the disturbance and reduce things to order. But from all reports the revolution has taken on a very serious aspect and, in authoritative quarters, it is not thought that Madero will be able to handle the situation successfully. Other sections of the Republic are evincing signs of sympathy with the Diaz movement.

It will be remembered that sometime ago General Felix Diaz started a disturbance at Vera Cruz, but was captured and sentenced to death; but instead of executing him, he was brought to the capital and incarcerated. His name seems to have inspired a following and now, without any system or order, or even supplies, he is at the head of the revolution and the outcome is problematical. In the meantime, Mexico is in a fearful plight and every interest of the country is suffering.

Governor Colquitt professes to be a local option Democrat, but when the two branches of the Legislature passed a resolution endorsing what is known as the Kenyon-Sheppard bill, then pending in Congress, proposing

to amend the Inter-State Commerce Law, so as to prohibit wet districts in one State from shipping intoxicants in the dry districts of another State, and thereby annull local self-government, and the resolution was sent to the Governor's desk for his signature, he refused to sign it, but let it go to his Secretary of State without his signature! When asked by a newspaper correspondent why he did not sign it, he replied, "Because I did not want to!" But Congress passed the bill last Saturday by a vote of 260 to 64! Four Texas Congressmen voted against it: Burleson, Burgess, Moore and Slayden--all from anti districts.

The laymen of the Baptist Church throughout the South recently held a great meeting at Chattanooga and it was largely attended. Prominent men of that communion were present and the discussions were of a high order. Our Baptist brethren are taking notes of the Methodists, and since we have made so much out of gatherings of this character, they, too, have fallen into line and following our example. No Church organization can longer fail to recognize and put to the front the capable laymen. They are men of business and when they lay aside great financial interests for the time being to congregate at a given point for the consideration of Church affairs, is one of the most hopeful signs of the times.

We have seen an outline of the program of public addresses and subjects to be discussed during the meeting of the Board of Education in Dallas this spring. The list of speakers is an assurance of a great feast of good things, and our Educational work will get an uplift that will be an inspiration in helping work out our problems in Texas. The program will "climax" in a day set apart for a visit to the Southern Methodist University and a great mass-meeting in the afternoon. At this meeting the Commissioners' purpose to announce the result of the strenuous campaign for funds they are now conducting. They will have cultivated every inch of soil in their efforts to reach the million mark and the announcement of the final result at this great mass-meeting will be of interest. This promises to be an extraordinary and an historic meeting.

Rev. Theo. Copeland, of St. Louis, conducted a meeting recently at Troy, Mo., and was having fine results. But on their way to service one evening, Rev. Charles Lynch, the efficient pastor, suddenly dropped dead. This, of course, threw the membership and the town into mourning, for Brother Lynch was a most popular and useful man. We were put in possession of the above facts by a private note from Brother Copeland.

Rev. W. J. Johnson, of First Church, Beaumont, aided by Rev. T. B. Price, has just closed a very fine meeting. The Church was greatly vitalized, many backsliders were reclaimed, and sixty members were added to the Church. When the new members were received, Brother Johnson read and expounded the General Rules, and in the afternoon preached a searching sermon to a congregation of men on "How to Catch Men." His Church is in first-class condition and every department is making progress.

Our loyal old friend and brother, V. M. West, in last week's issue in speaking of the Advocate's visit to his home all these years, said among other things, "I sometimes see things in it not exactly to my notion," etc. So does every man who has any convictions and views of his own. A paper that meets the "notion" of every man who reads it, would be a paper without individuality and without variety. Brother West, who is one of our most valued correspondents, doubtless writes something now and then, not according to the notion of a good many who read after him, but this does not detract in the least from the



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value of his communications. The Advocate gives every man a free lance and as long as he conforms to the rule of strict propriety, there is no embargo laid upon his liberties. And the editor enforces the same rule upon himself. Variety in a newspaper is the spice of life and as long as variety does not reach the stage of impropriety, every man who writes for the Advocate is given the widest latitude in expressing his views. But this does not imply that what he writes is always according to our notion or the notion of anybody else. It is his notion.

Rev. J. F. Lawless, of the West Texas Conference, is in his second year as a young preacher, but he is working hard and doing things in the Llano country. His parsonage has been renovated and the debt of some years is being paid off. And the most of his conference collections are provided for.

We send men to Austin to make laws for us and they are all supposed to be law-abiding men, and generally speaking they are men of that character. Yet one of them openly confessed that he had engaged in a gambling game at poker with a number of his friends a few evenings before. How many more of them thus break the laws of the State we do not know; but we hope their number is exceedingly limited. It has come to a pretty pass that a man sent to Austin to make laws for the people permits himself to become a lawbreaker.

## PERSONALS

We had a pleasant visit from Dr. J. G. Smith, of Port Arthur, this week. He is a worthy laymen of our Church down there.

Rev. W. T. Singley, of Carbon, was a pleasant visitor to this office recently. He is moving along delightfully in his charge, and he never forgets the interests of the Advocate.

Rev. W. H. Crawford, of Palmer, was a pleasant visitor at this office recently. He is a man who sticks to his job and looks after all interests of his charge. And withal he is brotherly and popular.

Rev. J. G. Putman, of the Stamford District, was in Dallas last week and we were glad to have him visit this office. We have no firmer friend than he and the Advocate receives his attention throughout his territory.

Rev. E. L. Ingram, of Wills Point, passed through the city last Monday on his way to Houston to attend the meeting of the Texas Conference District Commissioners of Southern Methodist University, and he made the Advocate force a pleasant visit.

The Advocate was delighted to have a visit this week from Rev. Jerome Duncan and Rev. S. G. Thompson, of Fort Worth. The former is just back from California on a visit to his sick brother, and the latter is the successful pastor of Missouri Avenue Church. They report things in good condition over that way.

Mrs. Berte Latta, of Dodd City, has issued invitations to the marriage of her daughter, Miss Iona, to Rev. Bert H. Hall, pastor of our Church at Windom, and the happy event will

be consummated at Dodd City, February 19, 1913. The Advocate extends congratulations with many earnest wishes that the anticipations of the popular couple may be more than realized.

Rev. Earnest L. Lloyd, pastor at Stephenville, not only reaches his people effectively through his pulpit and pastoral work, but at the invitation of the editor of the weekly Tribune of that town, he is also reaching the entire reading circle of that paper with pungent and helpful articles and paragraphs. Brother Lloyd is a useful preacher and a successful pastor.

From a letter from Rev. S. E. Wasson, Barnesville, Ga., we quote the following, knowing his brethren in Texas will be glad to hear from him: "Methodism is taking on some appearance of new life in old Georgia. I am very pleasantly situated in this town. Have a membership of nearly 600, and a fine congregation. I rejoice with you in the wonderful success of the great University idea."

While at Denton last Sunday we were entertained at dinner with our kinspeople, Mr. and Mrs. Otis King. They are members of the Church there and friends to the Advocate. It was pleasant to be their guest. Also we spent a delightful night under the hospitable roof of Brother and Sister Francis, two of the substantial Methodists of that good town. Professor Williams, of the School of Industrial Arts, showed many courtesies. He is an active member of our Church.

### FROM ANOTHER STATE.

I find I cannot do without the Texas Advocate. As long as the good Lord lets me live and I can make the money to pay for the Texas Christian Advocate I want it. I cannot understand how some Methodist families can do without their Church paper. I have received many copies that I thought were worth the cost of the paper for a year. I am glad to see the pastors of Texas are beginning to arouse themselves in behalf of the Advocate, for it is a wonderful help to any Christian to read it. Tell me what a man reads and I will tell you what he thinks about, and Solomon says: "As a man thinketh so is he." So if a man reads religious literature it will make him a better man, and the better a man's life is the greater good he will accomplish, and, best of all, the greater reward in the life to come. I am doing my best to serve the Lord and will as long as I live. I have many friends in Texas, and I have a great desire to see prohibition all over the State.

J. S. WINFIELD.  
Russellville, Ark.

I think this is the thirty-seventh year this paper has been coming to my home. Expect it to continue to the end of my pilgrimage.

O. F. ANSLEY.  
Dallas, Texas.

### HE "GETS THERE."

Now please inform Venus that every one of my twelve stewards are subscribers to Advocate. You can also tell Kincheloe that this is my thirty-sixth new subscriber.

E. V. COX.  
Temple, Seventh Street.

I will do my best to get twenty new subscribers. Have sent three since conference.

B. S. CROW.  
Graford, Texas.

Bro. Crow has also been rounding up renewals and has sent quite a sum collected since conference.

This is fifteen since conference.

J. M. BOND.  
Azle, Texas.

### SAN ANTONIO METHODISM.

San Antonio Methodism, under the wise leadership of Rev. S. H. C. Burgin, the presiding elder, is perhaps the most aggressive Protestant denomination in the city. Although we have had but little sunshine since conference, yet there have been nearly three hundred accessions to the Churches. Every pastor seems to have the revival fire burning in his heart and a fixed determination to make this the greatest year in the history of the San Antonio District.

Since Christmas Bishop E. D. Mouzon has been visiting the Churches in the San Antonio District. He has preached for nearly every pastor and has held a number of prayer-meetings. The preachers and congregations ap-

preciate beyond measure the service he has given them. His sermons and prayer-meeting addresses were an inspiration to all. This writer had the pleasure of hearing him preach a few weeks ago. His sermon was great. Those who heard that message can never forget it. Bishop Mouzon is a great and good man.

Bishop E. R. Hendrix spent last Saturday, Sunday and Monday in the city. At 11 a. m. Sunday he occupied the pulpit of the Laurel Heights Methodist Church. The Bishop preached to the largest congregation ever assembled in that splendid building. At night he preached at the Mexican Methodist Church, as the immediate purpose of his visit to the city was to look into the work among the Mexican people. Monday morning he addressed the ministers of the city at a special meeting in the parlors of the Young Men's Christian Association. Most of the Protestant ministers of the city and a number of prominent laymen were present. For an hour he had the undivided attention of his hearers. His address was a masterly one. His subject was, "The Federation of Churches." No man in America is better qualified to discuss this question than Bishop Hendrix. For the last four years he has been the honored president of the Federation of Churches of America, an organization which represents 37,000,000 of Protestants. By his scholarship, pulpit ability and statesmanlike leadership he has won wide recognition outside his own denomination.

From San Antonio Bishop Hendrix went to Mexico where he is to preside over the three Annual Conferences of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South, in that country.

Within the next three months the new McKinley Avenue Methodist Church, of which Rev. S. B. Johnston is pastor, will be completed. The contract has been let and the workmen are busy excavating the basement. It will be modern in every respect. The main auditorium will have a seating capacity of 600. The building complete will cost approximately \$20,000. This Church was organized in 1909 with a membership of sixty-nine, the majority of them having been formerly affiliated with the Travis Park Methodist Church. Brother S. B. Johnston is beginning his second year as pastor of this Church. In fifteen months he has had 225 accessions. His Sunday School is one of the largest in the city. Our presiding elder, Brother Burgin, has secured a lot in the Los Angeles Heights Addition. Work will begin at once on a chapel to cost about \$1200. A Sunday School will be organized with an enrollment of seventy-five or a hundred. Brother Burgin has also arranged to have preaching there every Sunday. In the course of time there will be a strong Methodist Church in that growing suburb.

GASTON HARTSFIELD.  
February 8, 1913.

### BISHOP LAMBUTH AND DR. REID AT MERIDIAN COLLEGES.

The Meridian Male and Meridian Woman's College were highly favored Sunday, February 2, by a missionary rally conducted by Bishop W. R. Lambuth and Dr. Reid, secretary of the laymen's missionary movement. Bishop Lambuth preached at eleven a very deeply spiritual and effective sermon on "Prayer," which proved a blessing to quite a number of young men and young women who are preparing for the Lord's work in various walks of life. It will be the means of a closer walk with God for many of these young people.

Bishop Lambuth gave the story of his travels in Africa looking for a mission station, in the afternoon at three o'clock. This was listened to attentively not only by the large audience of students and teachers, but quite a number of people from the city from various Churches. This was a most thrilling and inspiring story, and will be a great blessing to all who heard it. It will serve to show us a little something of our duty and opportunity to carry the blessing to the colored people beyond the seas. Bishop Lambuth spoke very tenderly of the great Presbyterian pioneer missionary, Samuel Lapsley, who was a college mate of President J. W. Beeson, of the Woman's College. The Presbyterian missionaries if Africa were a great help to Bishop Lambuth in giving the benefit of their experience and furnishing men and equipment for his caravan, and helping to suggest a location for a mission.

In the evening Dr. Reid gave a great address on "The New Republic of China and Our Opportunity." Dr. Reid not only showed great familiarity with his subject, but showed a broad grasp and statesman-like knowledge of the situation. Dr. Reid spent many years in China and Korea and understands mission work as few people do. He and Bishop Lambuth are prepared to speak on missions as few living people, both of them having

had such broad experience on the field and such experience of travel and study of the subject.

Between the afternoon and evening services Bishop Lambuth and Dr. Reid met a large number of student volunteers in the colleges and answered any questions they had in their minds to ask. Both gave God's counsel to the volunteers. Their interest and prayers will be a lasting benediction to them in helping them to settle not only their call, but the field of labor. Many recruits for many fields will be found from this band of volunteers. In fact one of the main objects of the visit was to find suitable material for new missionaries.

This was Bishop Lambuth's second visit to the colleges, he having preached the commencement sermon for us before he was made Bishop. The students and teachers who heard him then learned to love him and were delighted to have him with us again, and he in turn seemed genuinely glad to make a second visit. He is a man that walks close to the Lord and is doing great work for the Master.

The colleges were delighted to have these two men of God and Christian workers to hold three services for them. It will be a memorable day in the Christian work of the colleges. The colleges have a very strong missionary spirit and a large number of volunteers to foreign fields as well as preachers and Christian workers for the various places in the homeland. Visits from such men are always very helpful. We thank God for being so favored and ask the prayers of his people that we may continue to prepare young people to go out to bless the world and help bring it to Jesus.

J. W. BEESON,  
President M. W. C., Meridian, Miss.

### WACO METHODISM.

Waco Methodism under the able leadership of Rev. W. B. Andrews, presiding elder, is leading Methodism in this conference. Notwithstanding the winter has been one of rain, slush and cold almost every Sunday after conference being one of bad weather, yet the pastors of this city are doing things. It would take more space than is allowed to tell all that our preachers are doing. Each Church reports fine congregations and an increase of membership, and each congregation thinks that it has the best pastor and preacher in the district.

I am better acquainted with the affairs of Fifth Street Church than any other. Ashley Chappell and his crowd are doing things. Every Sunday is a great occasion. One Sunday the stewards presented the pastor with a gold watch, another the choir rendered a special program and every sermon is a great one. The result of this year thus far is: Sixty-eight have united with the Church, the Sunday School has held up to high-water mark, the prayer-meeting is a revelation and all the societies of the Church are doing splendid work. Truly Waco Methodism is on the up-grade in this the stronghold of one of the greatest Churches of Texas. The Methodists of Waco are making progress that is truly wonderful.

M. C. DICKSON.

### SWEETWATER DISTRICT.

I have just completed my first round on the Sweetwater District. I have found a good set of men in charge of the various works. They have been received kindly by the people, and in most cases they have assessed good salaries for the condition of the country.

The people are hopeful and heroic. They have suffered many reverses, but they still hold on to God by faith and cling to their holy religion.

I was in the Cabinet when the Colorado District was made, and with pleasure associated in the Cabinet with her first presiding elder, Rev. J. T. Griswold. When he had served out his quadrennium, Rev. Simeon Shaw was read out as presiding elder of the Colorado District. Both of these brothers wrought conscientiously and well; and the same are held in high esteem and love by the people. The work of the Church prospered under both administrations, and their

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impress is on this part of our Methodism.

The last four years were years of hardship and self-denial. Both the preachers and people have met with many things to discourage them. But the growth has been marvelous. A great many debts were made during the prosperous times, and, to my surprise, many of them were paid during the severe drouth through which the people have passed.

My predecessor did his best and the people hold him in high esteem as a great preacher and a conscientious, brotherly man. We rejoice to know that his work prospers at First Church, Abilene.

We are worshipping in the new church at Sweetwater, a monument of the push, energy and untiring efforts of Rev. A. M. Martin and his good people.

Rev. J. W. Hunt and the Snyder Methodists broke dirt for their new church last Monday. Hunt has a fine hold on these splendid people and they will follow his leadership in more ways than one. We have no more successful preacher and worker in our Texas Methodism than this same J. W. Hunt. Other enterprises may be projected before the year closes.

The Preachers' Meeting and Missionary Institute is a thing of the past. It was a good, religious occasion. Rev. W. E. Lyons and his excellent people gave us a warm welcome and contributed much to the good of the occasion. Lyons is in high favor with those people. They believe in him and his work.

All the other preachers are just as faithful and are doing good work. When I meet with the hardships that some of them are passing through I feel like uncovering my head in their presence. We hope to make this the best year of our lives.

J. M. SHERMAN.

### Byers.

We are well into the work of our third year on this charge. When the weather will permit, our congregations are large and the interest in Church work is splendid. We have one of the best Sunday Schools at Byers in the Bowie District. Brother Elmo Cummings is the efficient and wide-awake superintendent. He is ably assisted by an energetic band of faithful and cultured teachers. Our first Quarterly Conference was held recently. Brother Morris was detained at home on account of sickness. Rev. J. W. Hill came down from Wichita Falls and preached a truly great sermon and held an interesting session of the Quarterly Conference. I always find it highly profitable and invigorating to be associated with Brother Hill. In him you find combined a great preacher and a great pastor. We have been pounded generously. A large crowd came to the parsonage on the occasion and good cheer and fellowship prevailed. We are praying and planning for some good revivals during the year. The outlook is very hopeful. We have received thirty-four members since conference.—Chas. P. Martin, Feb. 19.

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### ANNUAL REPORT OF THE CHOON CHUN MEDICAL WORK, 1912.

This report in point of time covers ten months and ten days. Half the day only has been given to the work as the forenoon has been given to the study of the language; however, the day only has been given to the work from time to time required much of my attention in order to be ready for the regular afternoon's work in the dispensary.

The dispensary having been closed for about one year when I took charge found the medical work disorganized and a native building much in need of repairs in which to carry on a medical work. But I soon adjusted myself to the new surroundings and went about treating such cases as came to me.

The first month we treated only fifty-two patients, but this number gradually increased to two hundred and twenty-five, which did not include the repeats. However small this work might appear numerically, yet the year marks the largest and perhaps the most successful year's work in the history of this medical mission. The people dependent upon us for their medicines have learned that we are their friends in times of affliction. Many have renounced their heathen practices and become Christians. In one instance nearly all of one large, influential family, including mother, daughters and grandchildren, have become believers and ardent patrons of this dispensary because of our treatment of one of the daughters who sought us after all else had failed to relieve her. At first the daughter was persecuted by her family, while being treated, but at last they were changed to Christians, friends and patrons.

The native Bible woman who preaches to the women while in waiting for medicines has been a strong factor in propagating the Gospel as a part of our administration. Some of the women have been taught to read during their continued visits to the dispensary, which has enabled some to read the Bible tracts that we give out to the patients.

Another feature of the dispensary work this year has been to teach the heathen that dog meat is not a suitable diet for sick people and that dog's liver is not a suitable poultice for sores, all of which is the custom among them in times of sickness. I am strongly of the opinion that many a dog has escaped having hydrophobia by being killed and eaten. The practice prevails mostly during the summer months when there is much sickness, because it is believed that dog meat possesses special virtue in either relieving them of their present illness or preventing future illness. But to my certain knowledge some have died as the result of eating dogs. My present helper, now an earnest Christian and Sunday School teacher, ate dog meat before he was a Chris-

tian. But I assure you he is far from doing such a thing now, as no Christian would think of doing such a thing. I mention this custom only to show one of the many ways in which Christianity is making these people better. The atrocious practice of sticking needles red hot into the flesh of people as a means of treating the sick is fast abating as the result of Christian influence. And it is nothing short of a seven-day wonder to them when we treat their sick and actually get them entirely well without using these red hot needles. I have restricted the use of the hypodermic needle as far as possible because they surely say it's the "chim" that Americans make and if I did not explain at length that the syringe contained medicine they would return home believing stronger than ever in the use of these Korean "chims." A few of the native Korean doctors have secured a discarded antitoxin syringe from some source and are injecting a decoction of opium, which invariably relieves the pain, and some have been relieved of their lives as the result of an over-dose of opium. During the course of the year we have treated many cases of poisoning as the result of taking native herbs bought from the native Korean doctors. Many of the wives and concubines are committing suicide by drinking concentrated lye, but some do not die right away and become patients at this dispensary. Every effort is made to convert them to Christianity that they may see the awfulness of their doings.

Just now we are looking forward with greater hopes than ever because of the success already gained in presenting the gospel as a part of our administration.

### Statistical.

Total number patients treated... 1696  
Total number of repeats treated... 1254  
Total ..... 2950

NEWTON H. BOWMAN, M. D.  
Representative Trinity League, Dallas, Texas.  
Choon Chun, Korea.

### SENDS TWO ARTICLES.

By request of the pastors of the Gatesville District Epworth League Conference, I am sending for publication in the Advocate, two papers that were read at our District League Conference that met in Clifton, Texas, June 5, 7. The papers are: "How to make the Charity and Help Department Helpful," by Mrs. W. R. Nael, Crawford, Texas, "How to Win the Irreligious by the Social Department of the Epworth League," by Miss Lorraine Teague, Moody, Texas.

MISS CARRIE SWILLING,  
Secretary-Treasurer,  
Clifton, Texas.

### HOW TO MAKE THE CHARITY AND HELP DEPARTMENT HELPFUL.

In the great heart of our Lord, next to his love for the salvation of an immortal soul, lay his love for work among the sick and poor. This is true because it was of next greatest importance to men. The value Jesus puts on anything is always in keeping with its worth to mankind. Man, his good, his happiness is always first with God. I do not believe that anything has any value in God's eye that does not help men. When John the Baptist sent his disciples to Jesus for proof of his divinity, he put this work I am now to discuss on the high plane of divinity by saying, Go show John again those things which ye do hear and see: the blind receive their sight, the lame walk, the lepers are cleaned and the deaf hear, the dead are raised up and the poor have the gospel preached to them. To insure success in this, the choice work of Him "who went about doing good," I would suggest as imperative in importance that the committee that is placed in special charge of this department should be selected with wise discrimination as to their natural fitness. Warm-hearted, generous souls, sympathetic natures, inexhaustible patience, an affable manner, an intuition to discern between the false and the true among the claimants for help—these are some of the Christlike qualities that will determine the efficiency of this responsible committee. The channels through which charity and help may flow out and find their way into the abodes of want and misery will reveal themselves to the heart of every one who is a sincere lover of his fellow man.

There is a world of affliction to alleviate. Misfortune brings discouragement, destitution and despair. There is want, sickness, privation, suffering and sorrow abounding everywhere. The needs of humanity should awaken us from lethargy and

irresistibly impel us onward in the broad field of benevolent activity. Our charity and help department opens a medium through which works of grace and benevolence may be applied. No Church ever had put into her hands greater opportunities than the Methodist Church has in the organization of the Epworth League; but great opportunities bring great responsibilities, and how may we best succeed with the work committed to our hands is a question that will interest the angels. The President of this department should be large-hearted and liberal-minded. He must have a deep-seated, earnest, ardent love for humanity. The motive determines the value of charity. A cup of water may be a little gift, yet if given in His name it has its reward. Truly "man looketh on the outward appearance, but God looketh on the heart." However large the gift, however kind the thought, however flattering the words, it were all in vain except as it is transfigured by the love of Christ. True charity whether in word, thought or deed, is the product of a true relationship of the heart toward God and man. Without the element of love, all efforts at charity and help are a mere travesty; with it they are heaven-born, honoring God, uplifting humanity and ennobling self. If we would make this department a success, we must have a noble, settled purpose; without this success is impossible. A fixed purpose to "do all the good you can to all the people you can, in all the ways you can."

There is much more in life than merely the pleasure of the passing moment; and if we put our time in thinking where we shall spend eternity, we will be more anxious to work in Christ's vineyard, and faithfully discharge all the duties assigned us, by doing our best, no matter if that best is seemingly poor. Some of the calls may seem important and well worth the effort, while others may be but to brush up the crumbs from the Master's table, but even they may be fed to God's sparrows. "The highest experience of charity is charity towards the uncharitable."

For us to pray for the baptism of holy power on the Church, unless we propose to use this power in the prosecution of His full work, is trifling with God. That Church that stilted herself high above the poor, sick, suffering ones of earth, except in her prayers, need not expect a baptism of God's spirit. Go and do God's work and you will never want for his power. Lo I am with you always, even unto the end, is his eternal, unchangeable promise. If Jesus were here today in his body and you were to ask him if this or that was a true Christian Church, would he ask you what is your theology, the number on your Church register, your wealth? No, never, but where are your poor and sick and suffering people? Are you an angel of mercy to them? And in the last great day the test of our salvation will be I was sick and naked, and in prison. Did you visit me, clothe me, feed me? Inasmuch as you have done it or neglected to do it, unto one of the least of these you have or have not done it unto me. Our heaven or our hell will depend on this combination work for body and soul. The religion that fusses over creeds and kinds of faith and never gets down in this world among the sick and suffering people, is a travesty on the religion of our Lord Jesus Christ. That sort of religion that the priest had who looked with a heart of stone on the poor, suffering man who fell among thieves and then went to the temple to pray for his soul. Fellow Leaguers, let us see to it that our fervent prayers to God for the sick and suffering ones bear the stamp of sincerity, by the conversion of our lives into practical, visible angels of mercy among those people. That man whose lachrymal fountains open wide while he groans in prayer for the salvation of a soul and then turns a deaf ear and a closed pocket book to his cry of pain and hunger, in God's eyes, is a most detestable hypocrite.

The work of the Salvation Army is a living proof of the power that human kindness wields over the most obdurate. Take the Sisters of Mercy out of the Roman Catholic Church and you have destroyed their strongest magnet. A poor criminal was converted through the instrumentality of a good Samaritan. Someone asked him what it was the Christian man said to him that converted him. His reply was not so much what he said to me, but he took my hand in his and helped me, and said, "Jack, we will make a man of you yet." O, fellow Leaguers, this is it. If the pure hands of the Son of God were not too white to touch the filth of this world; if His great heart recognized the outcast man and woman as His brother and sister if the cry of pain touched His heart and made Him fly to their relief—if

we refuse all this, have we any right to claim discipleship unto Him?

Every member of the Charity and Help Department must do his or her part of the work assigned them. No machinery will run if even one wheel refuses to revolve. The machine then becomes powerless. Each member must come into heart to heart touch with humanity and learn to have compassion and love for them as did the Savior; then will our Charity and Help Department "be rich in good works." And the influence that emanates from them can never be measured; like the waves formed by disturbing the waters of a placid lake, it flows onward and onward on every side, widening in its blessings until it can only cease when checked by the shores of eternity.

With a prayerful heart take the Word of God as your light and sure counsel, "put on the whole armor of God," perform the allotted task, do it well and at set of sun you shall hear the "Well done" and receive the reward.  
MRS. W. R. NAIL,  
Crawford, Texas.

### HOW TO WIN THE IRRELIGIOUS BY THE SOCIAL DEPARTMENT OF THE EPWORTH LEAGUE.

Since the time when first the human heart-strings felt the touch of death's cold fingers, when on the earth shroudless and coffinless, death's first-born lay, the question has resounded through the ages to the present day, "Am I my brother's keeper?" "Yea, thou art thy brother's keeper. All over the land, his destiny thou holdest in trust within my hand."

As thou wouldst keep thy soul fit for the eye of thy help thy brother prepare to meet his God. Then, how are we Leaguers to do this? By getting in friendly touch with humanity. God uses many different means of touching a soul through human instrumentality. Thousands have been saved by a song, a smile, a kind act, a handshake, by an admonition, or blessing of a loved one, by Scripture texts distributed, by various other means of personal work.

The Social Department of the League gives us an opportunity to become a helper to those who need help. Many souls are too timid and reserved to come to regular meetings, and join in our services, until we first have, through the different social features of our League, found an opportunity to let them know that we would do them no harm, but would do all in our power to help them to a better life.

The Social Department broadens the field of our League service, and practically puts us in position to reach and save our entire community.

One secret of the great good done by the Salvation Army in the street work of our cities is the fact that they come in friendly touch with the souls they would lead to Christ.

The opportunity of the League in its Social Department in making life pleasant and helpful is as great with the young people as that of the Salvation Army with the street work.

Oh, what a great service each of us could perform in this League work if we would will to do our best. At the gateway of life each soul finds, as it were, a block of purest marble (time) a chisel and mallet (ability and opportunity) placed at his disposal by an unseen messenger. What shall he do with the marble. He may chisel out a perfect life, full of service to our Lord, or he may chisel out a failure.

Oh, may the lives of every Leaguer be chiseled according to God's approval and for the same cause and under the same banner, may we all be true soldiers of the cross, and at last receive a glad reward.

"Where the purified battalions  
Are formed in deathless ranks,  
Where the hosts of heaven muster  
On the calm eternal banks."

MISS LORRAINE TEAGUE,  
Moody, Texas.

### THE PLAINVIEW DISTRICT INSTITUTE.

The Missionary Institute and Pastors' Conference of the Plainview District convened at Hale Center, Texas, January 28-30. The weather was open and beautiful, which made possible a good attendance.

A splendid program had been carefully arranged by our energetic presiding elder, Rev. J. T. Hicks. After the opening devotional services, led by our presiding elder, each preacher gave brief reports as to the general state of the Church. The year's work is starting off well in most every charge, with an increased interest both as to spiritual and financial matters.

The subjects for discussion em-

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braced every phrase of our Church work, and each speaker demonstrated beyond every doubt, that he had given his subject special thought and preparation. Most every phase of the Sunday School was carefully considered. Every interest of our missionary work was strongly represented by men who had prayerfully investigated the needs of the field. Preaching as to the aim and ruling Spirit received special emphasis by various members of the institute. We did not forget our educational interest.

Seth Ward College was forcefully presented by Rev. S. A. Barnes, culminating in the adoption of a resolution that on the first Sunday in March, or as near thereto, each pastor shall present the needs of the college to their respective charges.

The need of more spiritual power was keenly felt by each one present. The prayers, the discussions and the preaching demonstrated the fact that the one burning passion of each preacher was to be a soul-winner.

The preaching was well done. Revs. T. C. Willett and S. A. Barnes gave two most helpful sermons on evangelism, and Rev. W. M. Lane preached a very profitable sermon on missions. The spiritual tide was high from the beginning, reaching its height in a soul-stirring sermon on Why do our sermons not produce conversions? by Rev. A. B. Roberts.

A resolution of appreciation of our presiding elder, Rev. J. T. Hicks, for his untiring efforts and faithful service and pledged him our love, prayer and co-operation in the Plainview District was unanimously adopted. Rev. J. A. Sweeney, the faithful pastor, and his good people made us feel at home during our stay with them.  
M. S. LEVERIDGE, Sec.

F. E. E.  
We heard a man say the other morning that the abbreviation for February—Feb.—means *Freeze* early, and that man looked frozen in his utterance. It was apparent that he needed the kind of warmth that stays, the warmth that reaches from head to foot, all over the body. We could have told him from personal knowledge that Hood's Sarsaparil gives permanent warmth. It invigorates the blood and speeds it along through artery and vein, and really warms the men and women, boys and girls, to every cold weather and robs the attacks of disease. It gives the right kind of warmth, stimulates and strengthens at the same time, and all its benefits are lasting. There may be a suggestion in this for you. (Advertisement.)

Wisdom is a native possession and springs up like a fountain; while knowledge is acquired, artificial, and like a vessel may run dry.



# Obituaries

The space allowed obituaries is twenty to twenty-five lines, or about 170 or 180 words. The privilege is reserved of condensing all obituary notices. Parties desiring such notices to appear in full as written should remit money to cover excess of space, to-wit: At the rate of One Cent Per Word. Money should accompany all orders. Resolutions of respect will not be inserted in the Obituary Department under any circumstances, but if paid for will be inserted in another column.

**Poetry Can in No Case be Inserted.**  
Extra copies of paper containing obituaries can be procured if ordered when manuscript is sent. Price, five cents per copy.

**BROWN.**—Henry C. Brown was born April 23, 1845, in Hopkins County, Kentucky; died at Overbrook, Okla., September 11, 1912. He was happily married to Miss Lou Prather January 21, 1912. To this union eleven children were born, six of whom mourn the loss of their loving father, five having crossed the dark river and joined the invisible host. Mr. Brown was converted and joined the M. E. Church, South, in 1870. He came to Texas with his family in 1881. Henry C. Brown was a good man; faithful to every trust committed to his hands. Honest and true, he never failed his friends, nor disappointed them. As husband he was always loyal and loving; as father, devoted kindly and sympathetic. To the writer he was, indeed, a brother. In our manhood we labored together, together we fought against the disadvantages of penury, and together we sorrowed and rejoiced. He loved the Church and its service, and delighted in the honor and responsibility of the stewardship. His end was peace. His answer to the summons to go was, "Ready." The battle had been fought, the victory had been won. "Serrant of God, well done." Sorrowing wife and orphaned children, look up. Behold your loved one waiteth your coming to the home eternal and God-built.  
J. F. ALDERSON.  
Jackson, Texas.

**BUNTING.**—Mrs. Louisa McQuery Bunting departed this life January 8, 1913, after an illness of a few days. The subject of this sketch was born in Kentucky January 27, 1831 married to Needham Bunting in 1849, remaining in Mississippi two years, then settling in Bell County, Texas, in 1852, where they lived till the close of the War, in which Mr. Bunting took an active part. It was still pioneer days when Mr. and Mrs. Bunting came to Grimes County and made their home about three miles from Navasota. Here they suffered the ravages of yellow fever, losing three children. Later they moved to what is now Lynn Grove, where Mr. Bunting died in October, 1892. Since the death of her husband, Grandma Bunting has made her home with her daughter, Mrs. Rose Harrington. Grandma, known far and near in South Grimes, was a faithful, earnest Christian, respected and loved by all who knew her intimately, evidence of which was the throng which gathered at the grave in Courtney Cemetery, where Brother Phair, of Hempstead, conducted the funeral service. Deceased leaves two sons—Thomas J. Bunting, of Waller County, and Derelda Bunting, of Cass County, and one daughter, Mrs. R. Harrington, of Wallace Prairie, Grimes County, besides numerous grandchildren and great-grandchildren. We shall meet her in that City Beautiful where we shall know as we are known.  
BEN BURROW.

**BOYD.**—John S. Boyd was born in Navarro County, Texas, November 26, 1871, and died in his home in Austin, Texas, on January 22, 1913. He was married on February 25, 1896, to Miss Louise A. Gustasson. He is survived by his wife, five children, his mother and father, two brothers and two sisters, and many friends who mourn his death. He was converted and joined the Methodist Church under the ministry of the writer about three years ago. During his last sickness, which was protracted for several weeks, he bore his suffering with Christian patience and fortitude, and when told that his sojourn on earth would soon end, entertained no fear of the future and so met death calmly with the Christian's hope of ultimate triumph. As a citizen he was peaceable, law abiding, progressive and in sympathy with every movement calculated to benefit his fellows. As a business man he so conducted himself as to establish himself in the esteem and confidence of all who dealt with him. As a husband and father he was loving, tender, devoted. His sphere in life was an humble one but he was rich in character. He was sympathetic and unassuming, honest, truthful, and industrious. Truly a good man is gone but his influence will still be felt for good. His body was laid to rest in the Oakwood Cemetery, Austin, May the comforting grace of God sustain and keep those who mourn his death.  
E. A. HUNTER.

**MOSS.**—Brother T. W. Moss was born January 5, 1848; died January 20, 1913, at his home in Coryell County, Texas, near Slater. Brother Moss was converted and joined the Methodist Church in 1883. Served as steward most all of his Christian life. He saw his class built up last year from fifteen to fifty members, and a new church-house erected. He leaves a wife, one son, daughter-in-law and two grandchildren and a host of friends to mourn their loss. Weep not, you can meet him again. His pastor.  
J. W. BOWDEN.

**MCCORMICK.**—Mrs. Edna McCormick was born near Nashville, Tennessee, December 25, 1823; died near Dexter, Texas, December 29, 1912. She was converted when a child and had been a devoted member of the M. E. Church, South, for about thirty years. She leaves a large family of children and grandchildren who will miss her because there is no one to take the place of mother. Let us be prepared to meet her in that home beyond.  
J. W. CANNON, Pastor.

**BURK.**—The subject of this sketch, Francis Marion Burk, was born in Jackson County, Tennessee, September 28, 1826. Was converted and joined the Methodist Episcopal Church, South, in 1846. He married Miss Sarah H. Shepard January 3, 1850. To this union there were nine children born. Moved to Texas in 1866. His wife died September 4, 1873, and on March 5, 1879, he was married to Miss Ella Moran, and to this union there were four children born. After living in this world eighty-six years, and in the Church for sixty-six years, on December 1, 1912, God said, it is enough, come up higher, and his spirit took its everlasting flight to the city of God. He loved God and the Church and was perfectly submissive to God's will. He said: "I settled the question long ago and have trusted the Lord a long time. I am still willing to trust Him. There is not a cloud before me." He leaves a host of friends here, and to know him was to love him. May God comfort the wife and children and help them to be faithful to the end. May we all meet around God's throne some sweet day. J. W. TINCHER.

**PLENTT.**—Brother and Sister A. H. Plentt had the death angel visit their home, January 23, 1913, and little Adolph William was carried to the mansions above. "Of such is the kingdom of heaven." The little one had been a sufferer nearly all of his life, and was an object of deep devotion on the part of his parents, their love being intensified because of his affliction. But heaven has an attraction now it never had before, and the desire to meet their loved one will prove an additional motive to the parents to press upward to their heavenly home. May God's richest blessings rest on the bereaved ones.  
J. H. CHAMBLISS.

**MOXLEY.**—Rev. James A. Moxley was born in Talladega County, Ala., May 11, 1852; died at his late home in Quitman, Texas, after a brief illness of pneumonia, January 11, 1913. He was converted in his eighteenth year under the preaching of Rev. Robert Ragan, and joined the Presbyterian Church, and was admitted on trial to preach. But after some preparation to attend the school of theology, he declined the task. In 1877 he came to Texas, and was married on October 9, the same year, to Miss Saralis Mitchell. Four children blessed the union, two boys and two girls. One girl and boy preceded him to that peaceful shore. He is survived by his wife and two children, Mrs. Minnie Simms, and Marvin Moxley. In the summer of 1879, he and his wife joined the M. E. Church, South, in a meeting conducted by Uncle Sam Jones at Stinson Chapel, and was licensed to exhort August 24, 1889, and was granted license to preach August 20, 1890. Was ordained deacon by Bishop R. K. Hargrove at Jacksonville December 16, 1894. Though he never left his farm, he supplied several Churches, and kept up regular appointments, and assisted his pastor in revival meetings. When we arrived on the circuit he met us with open arms, and we were counting heavily on his help, but alas! we were called to old Ebenezer Cemetery to conduct his funeral service. And when we arrived and saw the large concourse of people that had come through the mud for miles to pay the last tribute of respect to him, and saw the sad faces not only of his family, but of his neighbors, we thought he surely lived the gospel he preached. His remains were conveyed to the cemetery by the Masons, of which lodge he was a member. May the Lord bless those who grieve, and may they walk as he walked and in the final triumph of God's children, may the circle be unbroken around the throne of God.  
W. M. BASS.

**RIPPY.**—Little Mitchell Rippy, the four-year-old child of Brother and Sister Toga Rippy, departed this life January 12, 1913, at Stony, Texas. His father, Toga, preceded him over a year ago. This leaves his mother and two little sisters, with his many friends and near relatives to mourn their loss. Mitchell was a very bright boy and much loved by all who knew him. His quick departure left many sad hearts; yes, broken hearts which cannot understand save as they see things in the light of the Christ-life. This is another from the ranks of the Rippy family. May this be an admonition to the living that they too may be called soon to go. Christ's sayings are, "Suffer the children to come unto me and forbid them not for of such is the kingdom of heaven." May the blessings of God, the Father, rest with the bereaved ones. We laid him to rest by his father's side January 14, 1913, in the Krum Cemetery to await the time of judgment.  
L. D. SHAWVER.

**COOPER.**—Robert M. Cooper, son of Brother Wylie and Sister Lizzie Cooper, was born in Hill County, Texas, June 6, 1886, and died near Crews, in Rannels County, December 26, 1912. Deceased professed faith in Christ in 1911, and joined the Methodist Episcopal Church, South, in 1912, and at once became an active worker for his Master. His friends miss him, and his loved ones, with broken hearts, mourn because he is gone. He was in the prime of life, and having just given his heart and life to his Lord, was just now, it would seem, ready to live, but God took him away. We do not understand. But we know God does all things well. Just before dying he called the family around him, and talked to them of their hope of eternal life. In going he said he was prepared, and asked all to meet him in heaven. May God's love and mercy rest gently upon the grief-stricken loved ones, and may His grace sustain them during this dark hour, is the sincere prayer of their pastor.  
J. NELAND HESTER.  
Novice, Texas.

**BUFFINGTON.**—Benjamin Franklin Buffington was born in Shelby County, Miss., January 15, 1869; moved to Texas, 1872, and settled near Pennington in Trinity County. Afterwards he moved to Groveton, Texas, and joined the M. E. Church, South, when eighteen years of age. He was married to Miss Julia Hayes in 1887. By this union four children were born unto them, three boys and one girl. Two of the boys and little girl preceded their father to the glory world. A broken-hearted wife, son and sister are left to mourn, with a host of relatives and friends. His ambition was to render some service to God and the Church. He has always filled some office in the Church. No more faithful steward and Sunday School superintendent a pastor ever had. At the time of his death he was steward, assistant Sunday School superintendent and choir manager. He was always at his post of duty, true to God, Church and pastor. We shall never forget his faithfulness in helping to build our church at this place. It was the last work of his life. Brother Frank, as we all called him, was the most patient sufferer that I ever looked upon. He said to me a few days before his death, "I am so glad that you are here. I want you to put me away. I am ready to go. My only regret is that I have not lived all the time up to my highest privileges, but all is well." We shall miss him in every department of Church work. The little children loved him and followed him gladly. He departed this life on the morning of January 18, 1913, about 10 o'clock, leaving unmistakable evidence of a triumphant and abundant admittance into the city of God. We laid his body to rest in the old family cemetery at Pennington to await the resurrection morn. We pray for the consolation of God's grace to abound more and more to the wife, son and sister, who have been so deeply afflicted. God bless the faithful companion. She shall wear a crown some sweet day. His pastor.  
J. W. CULLEN.

**KENT.**—Little D. C. Kent was born July 23, 1912; died January 23, 1913; making its age exactly 6 months. This was a fine, robust, sweet little babe, the idol of its fond parents' hearts. But little D. C. has gone. We cannot understand why this pretty little jewel was taken away. But, after all, the Lord knows best and we can only bow submissively to his will. The little bud has only been transplanted to bloom in heaven. To the bereaved parents I would say, trust God and some sweet day we will meet him again. His little body was laid to rest in Pecan Gap Cemetery to await the resurrection morning.  
S. L. HABERN, P. C.

# Women's Secrets



There is one man in the United States who has perhaps heard more women's secrets than any other man or woman in the country. These secrets are not secrets of guilt or shame, but the secrets of suffering, and they have been confided to Dr. R. V. Pierce in the hope and expectation of advice and help. That few of these women have been disappointed in their expectations is proved by the fact that ninety-eight per cent. of all women treated by Dr. Pierce have been absolutely and altogether cured. Such a record would be remarkable if the cases treated were numbered by hundreds only. But when that record applies to the treatment of more than half-a-million women, in a practice of over 40 years, it is phenomenal, and entitles Dr. Pierce to the gratitude accorded him by women, as the first of specialists in the treatment of women's diseases. Every sick woman may consult Dr. Pierce by letter, absolutely without charge. All replies are mailed, sealed in perfectly plain envelopes, without any printing or advertising whatever, upon them. Write without fear as without fee, to World's Dispensary Medical Association, Dr. R. V. Pierce, Prest., Buffalo, N. Y.

## DR. PIERCE'S FAVORITE PRESCRIPTION Makes Weak Women Strong, Sick Women Well.

**BEAVER.**—The Methodist Church and the entire community of Pearsall suffered a great loss December 19, 1912, in the death of Mr. C. H. Beaver, who was one of the best known and most useful laymen in the West Texas Conference. His face was a familiar one at both the Annual and the District Conferences; and his business ability and sound judgment helped the Church in many emergencies. One of his very last acts was to start the work of projecting a new parsonage enterprise for his Church here. He was one of the best loved men I ever knew. He was won with the missionary spirit, and his work for Mexico has won for him the love of those humble people. They miss their friend. Not only was Brother Beaver a Christian of sterling qualities, but he was a business man of great worth to the community. He was identified with the promotion of almost every worthy enterprise in Pearsall since his residence here. He was born in Ohio in 1859. His parents went West and settled in Kansas where he grew to manhood. He was married to Miss Martha Cornelia Kerr in Parsons, Kan., in 1878. He came to Texas the same year and settled in Atascosa County, later coming to Pearsall, where he resided until his death. He leaves a wife and one son who have the deepest sympathy of the entire community.  
E. E. SWANSON.  
Pearsall, Texas.

**LAW.**—Mrs. Sarah Law was called to her heavenly reward Thursday morning, January 17, 1913. She was tenderly laid to rest in the Gonzales Cemetery beside the remains of her husband, who preceded her to the glory world nearly forty years ago. The services were held at the residence of her nephew, Mr. Ed Titcomb, where she had made her home many years. She was born March 20, 1820, in London, England. She came to this country in 1849, and has lived in this country ever since. She has been a devout, faithful member of our Church for over thirty-five years. Sister Law was a regular attendant at the Church services until about five or six years ago. Since that time she has been unable to attend, regularly, on account of her health. We had the happy privilege to call on this matured saint a few days after our arrival here. We found her rejoicing in God her Savior. She had made all necessary preparations for her departure to the heavenly country many years ago, and was just waiting for the glad summons. Only lacking a few months of being ninety-four years old, she was one of the oldest, if not the oldest, persons in Gonzales County. Her faith in Christ was a triumphant faith, and in that faith she lived a bright, happy, consistent, Christian life, and in that faith she died. She has gone on to join that "innumerable company," the Church of the firstborn, the Church triumphant.  
A. B. DAVIDSON.

**PERRY.**—Lucile Perry was about two years of age and went to be with God and the angels December 30, 1912. Scarlet fever invaded that happy home and after five days of suffering with this awful enemy, little Lucile was taken away from Brother and Sister Henry Perry. She was a very bright child, and the idol of the family. She is now with those of whom Christ said, "Suffer little children to come unto me, and forbid them not: for of such is the kingdom of God." The father, mother, sister and brothers have a treasure in heaven and may God help them to follow on until they shall again see their loved one.  
JOHN W. WARDLOW.

**BLACK.**—Dr. W. F. Black was born April 7, 1855; converted when quite young and lived a consistent life in the Methodist Episcopal Church, South, until the Lord called him home December 28, 1912. Brother Black

leaves two sisters and one brother and an aged father and one son and a broken-hearted wife to mourn for him. The best of all, in these dark hours, is to know that our loved ones are ready. Our dear Brother Black was ready and waiting when the summons came. Brother Black was stricken with paralysis a few days before his death and was never able to speak any more. We thank God that he had spoken before he was stricken. Just a few days before his death he said to his wife, "We don't know when we will have to go. I intend to be ready when I am called." He always had family prayer, and that was the last thing he did in his home. We will meet him over on the other shore. May the Lord bless the lonely wife and bring us all safe home at last.  
S. N. ALLEN.

**TIMMINS.**—Robert E. Timmons died at his home near Ater, Texas, November 29, 1912, after an illness of some time. Brother Timmons was born in Alabama on January 7, 1848. He came to Texas in sixty-seven or eight, and was married to Miss Sarah E. Wilson November 27, 1875. To this union twelve children were born; all survive their father except two. Brother Timmons professed faith in Christ in his early manhood and joined the M. E. Church, South, and was faithful to his duties in the Church. Brother Timmons camped at the Sardest meeting last summer and rendered some valuable service in the meeting. I would say to the wife and children, weep not as those who have no hope. The Lord will console as we trust him. We are taught in God's word, "Blessed are the dead which die in the Lord."  
W. J. WHITLEY.

**LEE.**—We were all at work in the vineyard when a voice called "Fountain Lee." He laid down his tools and passed out the door. We listened and waited and when Fount came not we knew that God had called him home to that beautiful land where there is no death, nor pain, nor sorrow. Fount was hurt in an accident, while in pursuit of his duties in Dallas, October 9, 1912. He lingered for eighteen hours without regaining consciousness and then his spirit passed back to God. Fount was born in Eudora, Ark., November 13, 1895. We all loved him for he was a boy of such sweet, winning ways. He was ever ready to do a favor for any one. He joined the M. E. Church, South, in Quanah when quite young and was ever faithful to his Church vows. While Fount was loved by his many friends in Quanah, we know he was dearly loved by his sisters and brother, especially by his sister, Creola Barwise, who helped care for him since the death of his mother, who died when Fount was yet a baby. To them we can only say, it will not be long until we too, shall one by one cross the bar into that land where God shall wipe all tears from our eyes.  
A FRIEND.

(Continued on page 14.)

## Kansas Woman Helpless

Lawrence, Kas.—Mr. J. F. Stone, of this city, says, "My wife suffered for ten years from womanly troubles, during two years of which she was totally helpless. She was examined by many physicians, some of whom gave her up to die. Finally she began to take Cardui, and since then has greatly improved in health. The tonic, strengthening, and restorative effects of Cardui, the woman's tonic, on the womanly constitution, are the most valuable qualities of this popular medicine. Cardui acts specifically on the womanly constitution. Half a century of success proves that Cardui will do all that is claimed for it. Try it for your trouble."



# 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.

## CHILD WELFARE DAY TO BE OBSERVED.

The Texas Congress of Mothers and Parent Teacher Association will observe February 17, as Child Welfare Day. How many of the auxiliaries of the North Texas Conference know that the Missionary Society is affiliated with the Mothers' Congress? We are, and for that reason, and many others, the auxiliaries as far as they can should observe this day, or some other more convenient. There is no mothers' club, parent teacher association or any organization upon the face of the earth that is doing more for child welfare than the Missionary Society. Let us co-operate.

MRS. PAUL JONES.  
Dallas, Texas.

## FOREIGN MISSIONS.

### Some of Our Present and Urgent Needs.

Enlargement for MyTyeire, Shanghai, China.  
A school building at Ribeirao Preto, Brazil.  
A home for our missionaries and a school building at Seoul, Korea.  
Buildings at Saltillo and Mexico City.  
School property at Rio, Brazil.

## WANTED.

Music teachers for Laura Haygood Memorial and MyTyeire, in China, and for Wonsan, Korea.  
Kindergartners for China, Korea and Mexico.  
Domestic Science teachers for Brazil and Korea.

There are hundreds of young women studying in these various departments in the colleges of the South. The world needs them, the Master calls to them.

Our glorious assurance for February: "Ye are no more strangers and foreigners, but fellow citizens with the saints, and of the household of God." (Eph. ii. 19).

## GORDON AUXILIARY.

At a recent meeting the following officers were elected by the Gordon Auxiliary:

President, Mrs. A. N. Edwards; First Vice-President, Mrs. Ben Caudill; Second Vice-President, Mrs. Julia Browder; Third Vice-President, Mrs. Annie Maddox; Fourth Vice-President, Mrs. Lela McDonald; Press Reporter, Agent for Missionary Voice, Mrs. Lula Robinson; Treasurer, Mrs. Gabe Mayo; Corresponding Secretary, Mrs. C. E. Simpson; Recording Secretary, Mrs. Joe Ray.

We start in the new year with renewed zeal and courage to make this a great year in the society.

We have twenty-one members and are hoping and praying and working to double this number ere this year comes to a close.

MRS. LULA ROBERTSON,  
Press Superintendent.  
Gordon, Texas.

## ARANSAS PASS MISSIONARY SOCIETY.

On the first Sunday in January the new officers of our Missionary Society were installed in the Church just before services began, having been elected the Monday before. Their names follow:

President, Mrs. Peoples; First Vice-President, Mrs. Potts; Second Vice-President, Miss Patterson; Third Vice-President, Mrs. Crocker; Fourth Vice-President, Mrs. Greer; Corresponding Secretary, Mrs. Foster; Recording Secretary, Miss Black; Local Treasurer, Mrs. McAllister; Connectional Treasurer, Mrs. Riggs; Press Superintendent, Miss Riggs.

The ladies are planning to give a comic social soon, which promises to be of unusual interest. Our new church is going up rapidly.

PRESS SUPERINTENDENT.

## LAVERNIA MISSIONARY SOCIETY.

At a recent meeting of Lavernia Auxiliary, the following officers were elected: President, Mrs. R. G. Martin; First Vice-President, Mrs. W. E. Tewes; Second Vice-President, Mrs. Anderson; Third Vice-President, Miss Janie Scull; Secretary, Mrs. A. M. Dorsett; Treasurer, Miss Alice Sanders; Agent for Missionary Voice, Mrs. A. N. Sanders. We had our bazaar just before Christmas, which was a grand success. With the proceeds we have bought a settee for our church, carpeted the pulpit and church aisles,

and also placed a Bible in the church. We have been wisely guided by our faithful president, who has put her heart and soul in the work. We are small in number but we hope to make up for that fault by our zeal and willingness to do what we can, with our president leading us on. We are planning greater things this year, knowing that every effort put forth in the name of Jesus will accomplish its aim. God beautifully blessed us last year, and our prayer for the new year is to plant our feet on higher ground. Thus wish, joyful hearts. We thank God and press forward, trying to carry out God's great purpose.

MRS. A. M. DORSETT, Sec.  
Lavernia, Texas, Feb. 3.

## REPORT OF THE WOMAN'S MISSIONARY SOCIETY, TEXAS CONFERENCE-HOME DEPARTMENT FOR FOURTH QUARTER.

Membership dues—adults	\$ 988.11
Membership dues—young people	16.95
Life membership dues—Miss Tessie Whitelock, Longview	10.00
Baby Roll dues	7.16
Brigade dues	9.69
Week of Prayer—adults	737.39
Week of Prayer—young people	18.20
Deaconess Scholarship	1.10
Baby Mite Boxes	7.64
Brigade Mite Boxes	21.37
Conference Pledge	1052.20
Relief Fund	57.70
\$2 Assessment for Scarritt Bible and Training School	66.10
Conference Expense Fund	175.38
Immigrant Home—Galveston	39.05
Genie Sells Call Chapel, V. K. J. Home	162.45
Virginia Johnson Home	55.00
Brevard Institute	10.00
Sue Bennett Dormitory	48.45
Mary Helen Hall	14.45
Korean Pastor	10.00
Vashti Home	5.00
Specials	45.00

Total Cash received from Auxiliaries	\$3558.39
Balance brought forward	155.61
Total Receipts	\$3714.00

## Disbursements.

By check to General Treasurer	\$3338.01
Conference Expenses	181.95
To Conference Specials	45.00

Total Paid Out	\$3564.96
Balance in Orange National Bank, February 1, 1913	149.04

## Cash Receipts by Districts.

First, Houston	\$ 500.93
Second, San Augustine	463.80
Third, Navasota	427.69
Fourth, Marlin	419.40
Fifth, Beaumont	406.75
Sixth, Brenham	354.48
Seventh, Marshall	343.54
Eighth, Jacksonville	247.60
Ninth, Pittsburg	225.75
Tenth, Tyler	168.45
Total for Districts	\$3558.39

## Local Work.

Value of Supplies reported to Supply Department	\$1698.75
Value of Supplies given locally	1289.54
Amount expended for Local Mission Work	479.25
Cash expended on Parsonage	4186.25
Cash expended on Building and Furnishing Churches	1077.38
Auxiliary Expense Funds	66.55
Amount expended for City Mission Work	480.75
Amount reported by Voucher from Houston City Mission Board	505.05
Specials	973.65
Total for Local Work	\$10,757.17
Grand Total for Quarter	\$14,315.56

MISS ELIZABETH L. HILL,  
Treasurer Home Department Woman's Missionary Society, Texas Conference, Livingston, Texas.

## BRUCEVILLE AUXILIARY.

The Missionary Society met at the parsonage December 30, and the following officers were elected: Mrs. Joel Kincannon, President; Mrs. Mabel E. Knowles, First Vice-President; Mrs. W. R. Pounders, Fourth Vice-President; Mrs. G. E. Kincannon, Secretary; Mrs. D. A. Newton, Corresponding Secretary; Mrs. E. T. Bruce, Treasurer; Mrs. Ira Abernathy, Agent for our Missionary Voice; Mrs. Joel Kincannon, Press Reporter. We are small numerically, but our faith and willingness to work and with our consecrated list of officers, we are expecting a good year's work. God has beau-

tifully blessed us this year, and our prayer and aim for this year is to make this the best year of our lives. While we are few in number, yet some great poet has said, "In unity there is strength." We expect great things for our Church this year in a spiritual as well as material way. God grant it may be so, and my prayer is souls may be saved this year—even in our missionary meetings. We pray God's richest blessing on our pastor and people.

PRESS REPORTER.

## NOTICE NO. 1, CENTRAL TEXAS CONFERENCE, W. M. S.

At the mid-year meeting of the Executive Committee of the Central Texas Conference, W. M. S., the Conference Corresponding Secretaries were instructed to order from Nashville enough Auxiliary Corresponding Secretary's books to supply every auxiliary with same. I have received those for the Home Department and ask each Auxiliary Secretary to order one at once. The price is 25c. If there are societies which are not able to pay for same, we want to furnish them free. What we want is for you to have the "New Record Books." So please order at once.

MRS. J. T. BLOODWORTH,  
Fort Worth, Texas.

## NOTICE NO. 2.

I have just received a statement from Mrs. Marshall that there were only 252 subscribers to the Missionary Voice in the Central Texas Conference. Of course I know this is a mistake and it does our conference a great injustice. To correct this I am asking each Auxiliary to write Mrs. A. L. Marshall, Nashville, Tennessee, and have her send you a list of subscribers in your Society. Then report the number to your District Secretary at once and she in turn will report to me. Please do this at once. While you are waiting to hear from Mrs. Marshall make a canvass of the membership of your Church and try to secure as many subscribers as you have members in your Auxiliary, and instead of being the lowest in the scale, as Mrs. Marshall has us, let us take our stand at the top. Now, I beg you to act at once. The standing of our conference is at stake. I am jealous of our great conference and can't bear for her to be one whit behind the best. If we will act together at once this will be corrected, and more, our list will be strengthened and lengthened. I beg you again to act. Sincerely,  
MRS. J. T. BLOODWORTH.

## Secular News Items

The war between Turkey and the Allies in the Balkans is still in progress, but there is only meager news from the field given out.

By majority vote of 240 to 65 Congress last Saturday passed the Kenyon-Sheppard Bill, so amending the Inter-State Commerce law as to prevent people living in a saloon State from shipping intoxicating liquors for purposes of sale into a local option or prohibition State. The friends of temperance have been working at the passage of this bill, or one like it, for twelve years, and it is now before the Senate.

Great preparation is going forward at Washington for the inaugural ceremony when Woodrow Wilson will become the President of the United States. The inaugural ball will be omitted, but the remainder of the exercises will be brilliant and memorable. The President-elect has not yet announced the name of any member of his Cabinet.

Judge Barry Miller, of the new Criminal District Court of Dallas County, has tendered his resignation to Governor Colquitt to take effect the first of March, and the Governor has appointed W. L. Crawford, Jr., to fill the vacancy. Judge Miller has had a short but successful career on the bench, but he will soon turn the responsibility over to his young successor.

Col. O. T. Holt, one of Houston's most prominent and wealthy citizens, died last week very suddenly. He was at one time Mayor of that city and stood high as a man and a citizen. The entire city mourns his death as a loss to every circle in the community.

Litigations over the bequest of \$2,000,000 left by the late Mrs. Eddy to the Christian Science Church, of Boston, has been settled out of court and the case dismissed. The suit was brought by her heirs soon after her death, but satisfaction was granted them by the trustees of the fund, and last Saturday the case was dismissed. The Church will get the bulk of the

large sum thus bequeathed to it by the founder of that cult.

President Taft signed on Saturday the joint resolution passed by both Houses of Congress, providing for the erection of a memorial to Abraham Lincoln in the city of Washington.

The United States Senate passed last week the amendment to the Constitution for an income tax. This is the first amendment to the Constitution since the days of reconstruction, and is the sixteenth to that immortal document since it was drafted.

President Taft's record as a judge maker is unsurpassed in our history. Of the 195 Federal Judges he will have named 114 when his term of office ends. These include five members of the Supreme Court.

According to the geological survey at Washington, D. C., Colorado has sufficient coal to serve the world for the next 300 years—371,000,000,000 tons of coal today lie unmined in the borders of that State. Each year she produces ten million tons of coal.

The British Board of Trade has issued regulations to become operative March 1, requiring all British sea-going ships to carry lifeboats and life-saving appliances for all on board. The lessons of the Titanic are beginning to penetrate the British mind. The resignation of Bruce Ismay was announced a little while ago.

United States Senators Watson and Chilton, of West Virginia, were recently exonerated of the charge of fraud in securing their election two years ago and the announcement to that effect was made by the committee on elections last Saturday.

A man who had been asphyxiated, and was to all appearances dead, recently was revived and restored to normal condition by the use of the newly-invented pulmotor.

The art of color photography in Europe has attained such a degree of perfection that photographs of the great masterpieces are now made in practically the original colors.

The calendar year of 1912 marked a new record for the United States, insofar as foreign commerce is concerned, according to figures made public by the bureau of foreign and domestic commerce. The imports for that year totaled \$1,818,133,355 as compared with \$1,532,359,160 for the corresponding period of 1911.

By the will of the late Robert Arthington, of Trainmouth, England, four and a half million dollars is left to the Baptist Missionary Society and the London Missionary Society. The only attached condition is, that the money shall be used among heathen, and not among Moslems, who already know the true God.

A real live woman Senator sits in the Colorado Legislature. She is Senator Helen Ring Robinson, and she seems to be a good Senator, as Senators go.

Jefferson County, Ala., is reported by the Birmingham "News" to have had a murder for every week-day in the past year, and ten murders in the first nineteen days of this year. The county has a population of 226,476. It enjoys the unenviable distinction of a larger ratio of crimes of violence than any of the large cities or frontier communities.

The University of Georgia, the oldest State University in the world—it was chartered in 1785—celebrated its one hundred and twenty-eighth anniversary January 27. Georgia also claims the first female college in the world—chartered to confer degrees on women—the Wesleyan College, Macon, Ga.

Hon. James H. Berry, former United States Senator and Governor of Arkansas, died at Bentonville, Ark., January 31, aged seventy-two years. At the time of his death he was Major General in command of the Arkansas Division, United Confederate Veterans.

Col. Goethals estimates that 25,000 American troops will be necessary to guard the Panama Canal. This stirs up Andrew Carnegie, the apostle and promoter of international peace to characterize the idea as "madness," and he inquires, "Pray, tell us, against what enemy you need this further protection?"

The British explorer, Captain Robert F. Scott, who has been absent for some time in his effort to reach the South Pole, is dead. It is said that he and his party did in fact reach the end of their quest, but on his return they



Mrs. L. A. Kidd-Key

I take this means of inviting all my former Pupils to the Annual GEORGE WASHINGTON PARTY

the date of which has been changed from the 22d of February to the TWENTY-FIRST

SINCERELY,  
MRS. L. A. KIDD-KEY.

were caught in a fearful blizzard and several of them perished. Several others with him escaped and are said to be in good health.

The Beall Sneed trial for the killing of Al Boyce, Jr., last summer in Amarillo, is now in progress at Vernon. It was brought there on a change of venue. It is exciting a great deal of interest in the Panhandle country and its conclusion will be awaited with concern.

A five-acre polecat farm will be established in Cooke County. The farm will be fenced and several hundred polecats will be brought here. The animals will be raised for their hides.

The annual sale of articles that have found their way to the Dead Letter Office because of the neglect of persons to place return addresses on mail took place last week, and netted \$10,861.

That Belgium, France and Germany are far ahead of the United States in waterway development; that it is due largely or entirely to politics in this country, for over half a billion of dollars has been spent in improving the rivers and harbors, and most of it wasted, is stated and shown to be a fact by Herbert Fuller in an article on the interesting subject in Century Magazine. If it is politics that holds our country back, can the fault not be eliminated by right legislation?

Fruit and frost are a bad combination, and awfully expensive. The recent freeze in Southern California was a serious affair for citrus fruit growers. Thirty million dollars is the estimated damage, and not more than twenty per cent of the crop was saved. Yet State Horticulturist Cook says that where oil pot smudges were used an average of eighty-five per cent of the fruit escaped injury. Scientific farming pays.

Don't think less of your system than you do of your home. Give it a thorough cleaning, too. Take Hood's Sarsaparilla. (Adv.)

## IMPORTANT CHANGE.

Please announce that the date of the session of the Decatur District Conference has been changed, and it is to be held at Bridgeport, March 28 to 30. S. C. RIDDLE, P. E.  
Decatur, Texas, Feb. 7, 1913.

## Mrs. Vest Felt Like Crying

Wallace, Va.—Mrs. Mary Vest, of this place, says, "I hadn't been very well for three years, and at last I was taken bad. I could not stand on my feet. I had such pains. I ached all over. I felt like crying all the time. Mother insisted on my trying Cardui. Now I feel well, and do nearly all my housework." No medicine for weak and ailing women, has been so successful as Cardui. It goes to the spot, relieving pain and distress, and building up womanly strength, in a way that will surely please you. Only try it once.



BEEVILLE DISTRICT INSTITUTE.

The writer was present and enjoyed the program of one of the three Missionary Institute meetings, the last meeting having just closed at Harlingen, Beeville District, West Texas Conference.

The subjects discussed were of a high order and alive and vital to our Church. The way that fine body of splendid young preachers, together with a presiding elder that loves his preachers, handled their subjects was an inspiration indeed.

But there was one part of that program I want to mention, and incidentally give vent to this writer's feelings. We had a certain "Book Review." While I have forgotten the name of the writer I still remember the book, the title of which was "The Cruciality of the Cross." I am sure we who love the old standards of the Methodist Church should not be quick to forsake "the ancient landmarks which our fathers have set."

In the latter part of that book the writer gives us something like this: That we are living in a day when too much stress is put on the blood of Christ; that some of our preachers preach sermons that fairly reek with blood and could be called "bloody sermons." I say, God help Methodist preachers not to lose sight of the blood.

But, to go further, this writer says that stress should be put only on the fact that Christ gave or laid down his "life;" that he would have died by any natural cause, even poison or strangulation, or even bled to death, and yet his death would have been just as efficacious. In other words, it was the fact of his death and not the shedding of his blood that procured man's redemption.

I have just this to say: My mother believed, in the old fashioned way, that the blood of Jesus Christ cleanseth from all sin. She died in that faith and has gone home rejoicing. She sang the old song, "The Blood! The Blood is all my Plea; Hallelujah! It cleanseth me," and "There is a Fountain Filled with Blood." God help us to seek and ask for the old paths and walk in them. A. M. FOSTER, L. P. Corpus Christi, Texas.

BROTHER THOMAS RELIEVED.

Please announce in Advocate that Bishop Mouzon has relieved Rev. I. A. Thomas from the charge of Paradise Circuit, North Texas Conference, and has appointed Rev. R. S. Marshall, of Lott, Texas, to succeed him. Brother Thomas requested that he be relieved with great reluctance, but felt forced to do so by protracted illness of both himself and his wife, who has since received her discharge from the Head of the Church.

Brother Thomas had started off in his new charge with good prospects for a successful and happy year and I am sure his people regret exceedingly to have to give him up. He is in the home of a son in Terrell, 603 Johnson Street. Let the brethren remember him in prayer and I suggest that some of them write to him. Benefit of the companion of nearly a third of a century, he must be lonely indeed, as he has but little to do now but await the summons to a happy reunion in the realms of immortality. S. C. RIDDLE, P. E.

IMPORTANT CHANGE.

Executive Committee of the Board of Church Extension of the Northwest Texas Conference will meet March 19 instead of April 12. Let the preachers note what Dr. McMurry says in the Advocate and get their applications ready and in the hands of Brother Riley for March 19. J. H. CHAMBLISS.

BOARD OF CHURCH EXTENSION. CENTRAL TEXAS CONFERENCE.

The Executive Committee of the Board of Church Extension, Central Texas Conference, will meet at the Publishing House, at Dallas, Tuesday, March 11, in its annual mid-year session. All those having applications to the General Board should send them to Rev. C. R. Wright, Corsicana, Texas, by March 1. This will insure the presence of your application before this committee whose indorsement it must have before it can possibly reach the General Board. J. J. CREED, Chairman.

MISSIONARY INSTITUTE—MARLIN DISTRICT.

Our Missionary Institute will be held in Calvert, Feb. 25-27. Rev. A. A. Wagoner will preach the opening sermon February 25, at 7:30 p. m. Let every preacher be present. I. F. BETTS, P. E.

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TEXAS CONFERENCE TAKE NOTICE.

The Executive Committee of the Board of Church Extension of the Texas Conference, will meet at St. Paul's Methodist Church, Houston, Texas, March 11th, 1913, at 10 o'clock a. m.

If you are going to apply to the General Board, for aid (loan or donation) read Par. 395, Art. 9, 1910 Discipline, follow it in detail in the preparation of your applications; and get them into the hands of the Secretary, Rev. A. A. Wagoner, Cameron, Texas, by March 4th, so that he can make any corrections necessary before the meeting of the Committee.

If you have not a blank application, send to Brother Wagoner, and he will furnish you, and give any information you may need.

A Word of Exhortation: Do not make an application to the Board unless you need it badly and have every reason to believe your cause is of such importance that the Board will grant what you ask for. As an Executive Committee, we must protect the Parent Board as far as we can without injury to any one. If you have any special business with the Board, meet us at Houston.

JESSE LEE, President Board of Church Extension, Texas Conference.

McKinney District Meeting Place Changed From McKinney to Plano.

Let all pastors and laymen who will attend the meeting, take notice that the district meeting, to be held February 19, has been changed from McKinney to Plano. The change will cause no inconvenience, as Plano is accessible to all. The conference will convene Wednesday afternoon at 2 o'clock and the last session will be held in the evening of the same day. It will be seen, therefore, that so little time will be required to attend that all pastors and many laymen can easily be present. Let no one think he will not be missed if he does not attend, for every charge will be checked and every pastor and his committee will be noted. Brethren, make your plans to be at the meeting and let nothing keep us from doing our part in this greatest work now before us. Yours to serve, C. C. YOUNG, District Com.

OLD-TIME CAMP MEETING.

There will be a camp meeting beginning on Friday night before the fourth Sunday in July, at Power's Chapel, on Travis Charge, Marlin District.

Power's Chapel is an old camp ground where there have been camp meetings held for forty years or more until the last twelve or fifteen years; and we are planning for another outpouring of the Holy Spirit where many have been made to rejoice over receiving the blessing, and seeing their loved ones saved.

Our Presiding Elder, Bro. I. F. Betts, is making plans to have all the preachers in the western part of the district present and do the preaching.

There are a great many who used to come to the "Chapel" and camp, and we are expecting many of them back with us to camp and enlist in this great campaign. There will be preparations made for a nice camping place; there will be plenty of good water and shade. Power's Chapel is six miles east of Rosebud, or ten miles southeast of Travis.

Anyone who wishes to get any information concerning this writing, meet at Travis, and I will be glad to tell you anything concerning the meeting.

Yours in the work, JAMES W. COLE, P. C.

A Warning.

To feel tired after exertion is one thing; to feel tired before is another. Don't say the latter is laziness—it isn't; but it's a sign that the system lacks vitality, is running down, and needs the tonic effect of Hood's Sarsaparilla. It's a warning, too—and sufferers should begin taking Hood's at once. Buy a bottle today. (Advertisement)

CONFERENCE NOTICES.

Committees Sweetwater District. Committees for Sweetwater District Conference are as follows:

On License and to Recommend to the Annual Conference—Rev. A. M. Martin, Rev. M. W. Clark, Rev. J. W. Smith and Rev. W. E. Lyons. On Deacons' and Elders' Orders—Rev. W. E. Caperton, J. W. Hunt and J. C. Moore. J. M. SHERMAN, P. E.

Georgetown District.

Please announce that the District Conference for the Georgetown District, will convene Wednesday morning, at 9 o'clock, April 16, at Seventh Street Church, Temple, and will continue three days, closing Friday evening. T. S. ARMSTRONG, P. E.

Sulphur Springs District.

The Sulphur Springs District Conference will meet at Cumby on Thursday, March 27, at 8 p. m. Opening sermon by Rev. L. P. Smith. Committee assignments as follows: On License and Admission—P. C. Archer, S. L. Habern and W. B. Byars. On Elders' and Deacons' Orders—J. B. Gober, C. W. Glanville and J. C. Gibbons. R. C. HICKS, P. E.

Pecos Valley District.

The Pecos Valley District Conference will meet in Postales, April 17-21, 9 o'clock a. m. Rev. H. W. Cart will preach the opening sermon Wednesday evening. J. B. COCHRAN, P. E.

Corsicana District—Second Round.

Blooming Grove Station, Feb. 16-17. Harmony Ct., at Brushy, Mar. 1-2. Frost Ct., at Emmett, Mar. 2-3. Kerens and Powell, at Powell, Mar. 8-9. Horn Hill Ct., at Cedar Island, Mar. 15-16. Groesbeck Station, Mar. 16-17. Purdon Ct., at Mt. Zion, Mar. 22-23. Dawson Station, Mar. 23-24. Barry Ct., April 5-6. Eleventh Ave., April 6-7. Chattfield, at Tupelo, April 12-13. Rice Station, April 13-14. Kirvin Ct., April 19-20. Mexia Station, April 20-21. Corsicana Ct., at Eureka, April 26-27. Wortham and Richland, at R., May 3-4. First Church, May 4-5. Big Hill Ct., May 10-11. Thornton Station, May 9-11. JNO. R. NELSON, P. E.

Uvalde District—Second Round.

Hondo St., Feb. 8, 9. Tehuacana, Feb. 9, 10. Crystal City, Feb. 15, 16. Carrizo Springs, Feb. 16, 17. Catulla Sta., Feb. 22, 23. Eagle Pass, March 1, 2. Moore, at Leona, March 8, 9. Devine, March 9, 10. Asherton, at Big Wells, March 15, 16. Leakey, March 19. Uvalde Sta., March 22, 23. Batesville, at L. P., March 23, 24.

Rock Springs, March 26-30.

Utopia Sta., April 5, 6. Sabinal Sta., April 6, 7. Del Rio, April 12, 13. Millett, April 19, 20. Pearsall Sta., April 20, 21. Laredo Sta., April 26, 27. The Uvalde District Conference will convene in Carrizo Springs May 1-4, 1913. S. B. BEALL, P. E.

Waco District—Second Round.

Aquilla, at Lebanon, Feb. 22, 23. Mart, March 2, 11 a. m. Clay Street, March 2, 7:30 p. m. West, at Elm Mott, March 8, 9. Bruceville and Eddy, at E., March 15, 16. Lorena, at Oak Grove, March 16, 17. Fifth Street, March 23. S. Bosque and Horn, at Harris, March 29, 30. China, at Coyote, April 5, 6. Riesel and Axtell, at Axtell, April 12, 13. Riesel and Axtell, at Axtell, April 12, 13. Calm, April 13, 14. Hewitt, April 19, 20. Herring Ave., April 20, 21. Bosqueville, at Bosqueville, April 26, 27. Elm Street, April 27, 8 p. m. Austin Ave., May 4, 11 a. m. Morrow Street, May 4, 8 p. m. District Conference will convene at Aquilla May 15, 16, 10 a. m. Delegates will be elected this round. W. B. ANDREWS, P. E.

Greenville District—Second Round.

Jones, Bethel and Wesley, at Wesley, March 1, 2. Celeste, at Celeste, March 8, 9. Campbell Cir., at Caney, March 15, 16. Wesley Sta., March 16. Kavanaugh Sta., March 23. West Lee Street Sta., March 23. Commerce Mis., at Mt. Zion, March 28-30. Commerce Sta., March 30, 31. Lone Oak Cir., at Lone Oak, April 6, 7. Floyd Mis., April 13, 14. Merit Cir., at Antioch, April 19, 20. Fairlie Mis., at Kizer, April 26, 27. Wolfe City Sta., April 27, 28. Kingston Mis., at Kingston, May 10, 11. Caldo Mills, at Hendrix, May 17, 18. Greenville Mis., at C., May 24, 25. District Conference will convene in Campbell, at 2 p. m. Monday, April 14, and will continue in session until Wednesday night. Let every member be present all the time. C. M. HARLESS, P. E.

Terrell District—Second Round.

Fate Cir., at Millwood, Feb. 22 and 23. Royce City, Feb. 23, 24. Garland, March 1, 2. Rockwall, March 2, 3. Chisholm, at Allen's Chapel, March 8, 9. Terrell, March 15, 16. College Mound, at Morrow's Chapel, March 22, 23. Elmo, March 29, 30. Scurry, at Wilson's Chapel, April 5, 6. Forney and Mesquite, at M., April 12, 13. Crandall, at Seagoville, April 13, 14. Mahank, April 19, 20. Kemp and Becker, at B., April 26, 27. Pleasant Mound at Rose Hill, April 26, 27. Ounilan, at Oak Grove, May 3, 4. Lancaster, May 10, 11. Hutchins and Wilmer, at H., May 11, 12. Kaufman, May 18, 19. A. L. ANDREWS, P. E.

Gainesville District—Second Round.

Marysville Cir., at Sivals Bend, March 1, 2. St. Jo Mis., March 8, 9. Woodbine Cir., at Whaley's Chapel, March 15, 16. Bonita Cir., at Starkey's Chapel, March 22, 23. Denton St., March 23, 24. Broadway Sta., March 29, 30. Myra and Hood, at Hood, April 5, 6. Pilot Point Cir., at Mustang, April 12. Pilot Point Sta. (Q. C. Friday night), April 13. Aubrey and Oak Grove, at Cooper, April 19. Denton Sta. (Q. C. Friday night), April 20. Era and Spring Creek, at S. C., April 26. Valley View Sta., April 27, 28. Sanger and Woliver, at S., May 3, 4.

CLASSIFIED ADVERTISEMENTS

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Fairland, 7:30 p. m., March 9. Trinity, 11 a. m., March 16. Oak Lawn, 7:30, March 16. (Quarterly Conferences)

Grand Prairie, March 23, 24. Tyler Street, March 26. Cedar Hill and Duncanville, March 29, 30. St. John's, April 2. Forest Ave., April 6, 7. Cochran's Chapel and Maple Ave., April 12, 13. Ervay, April 16. Irving, at Bethel, April 19, 20. First Church, April 23. Trinity, May 13. St. Mark's, May 14. Wheatland and DeSoto, May 17, 18. Oak Lawn, May 21. Grace, May 25, 28. District Conference at Grand Prairie, April 24, 9 a. m. O. F. SENSABAUGH, P. E.

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Rosston Cir., at Bolivar, at S., May 3, 4. Montague Cir., at Dye Mound, May 17, 18. Dexter Cir., at —, May 24, 25. District Conference at St. Jo, April 15-17. Opening sermon by Rev. G. A. Lehnhoff. Committees:

On License, Admission and Re-admission—J. E. Roach, O. T. Cooper, I. E. Wood. On Elders' and Deacons' Orders—S. M. Black, J. W. Sloger, W. A. Thomas. J. F. PIERCE, P. E.

Dallas District—Second Round.

(Preaching Services) Grace, 11 a. m., Feb. 16. First Church, 7:30 p. m., Feb. 16. Forest Ave., 11 a. m., Feb. 23. Ervay, 7:30 p. m., Feb. 23. Tyler Street, 11 a. m., March 2. St. John's, 7:30 p. m., March 2. St. Mark's, 11 a. m., March 9.



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OBITUARIES

(Continued from page 11)

BROWNING.—Sister S. A. Browning was born in Georgia, May 10, 1836, and died December 22, 1912. Sister Browning was the wife of Rev. F. J. Browning, and was a faithful wife. For more than forty years she labored in the vineyard of her Master. They moved to Texas early in life. Sister Browning has one brother, Brother Richardson, who lives at Sweet Home, Arkansas, and a niece residing at Texarkana, Texas, and a brother-in-law, brother to Rev. F. J. Browning, Laketon, Florida. Sister Browning was a devout Christian, a loyal member to her Church, and good neighbor. We regret her departure, but God doeth all things well and saw fit to take her away.

PRESTON FLORENCE, P. C.

MIRETT. — Mrs. B. Mirett, of San Diego, Texas, departed this life at 6 p. m. on January 6, 1913. She was born in Kentucky on June 6, 1844. She was 68 years and 7 months of age. Her maiden name was Ina Musselman. She was converted at San Diego and joined the Methodist Church under the ministry of Rev. Wright. She was indeed the right arm of the Church. Her home was the preachers' home, regardless of denomination. She was hospitable and charitable almost to a fault. She was a faithful wife, a motherly soul, a loyal member of the Church, an active Christian. She leaves a husband and a Mexican girl she raised to mourn their loss, besides numerous friends and her pastor, who feels that no one can fill her place.

C. W. PERKINS.

CRAIN. — Sarah Elizabeth Crain (nee Rhodes) was born at Mt. Pinson, Madison County, Tenn., May 21, 1852; died at her home in Nacogdoches, Texas, December 9, 1912. She was converted and joined the M. E. Church, South, when nine years of age. She came to this city in the early days and was for years the only Protestant in the community. Yet she was loyal to her faith, her Church and her God, and lived to see her own congregation with a magnificent plant and a flourishing membership of more than a half thousand. She was a reader of the Advocate from its beginning and loved every interest of God's kingdom. She was married to Giles B. Crain March 4, 1868, and to them were born thirteen children—ten boys and three girls—only five of whom survive her. Her husband and seven children have preceded her to the other world. Her life was one of many sorrows, yet, like her Lord, she became "perfect through sufferings." By her sublime faith, her godly life, her holy influence, she "being dead yet speaketh."

S. STEPHEN MCKENNEY.

ODOM.—Mrs. Katie Ann Odom (nee Edwards) was born in Tennessee January 27, 1862, and with her parents removed to Arkansas, near Searcy, where she spent several years of her childhood; from thence with her parents, she came to Johnson County, Texas, where she grew to womanhood and on June 12, 1878, she was married to R. P. Odom, now one of our efficient and consecrated local preachers. To this union were born ten children. Three daughters and six sons survive to mourn the loss of a saintly mother. Sister Odom was converted at Cottonwood, Texas, in 1886, and united with the M. E. Church, South, in which communion she was ever a loyal and consecrated member until God called her to her reward on the morning of January 18, 1913. Her remains were laid to rest in the Cross Plains Cemetery. We weep not as those who have no hope, but as those who suffer loss for heaven's gain. The children can no more claim her wise, motherly and saintly counsels, or her husband share with her his hopes, fears, sorrows or joys, yet all may so live that there will be a blessed and glorious reunion in the mansion beyond the skies. Her Pastor.

A. LEE BOYD.

DORSEY.—Pearl Gertrude Dorsey, daughter of C. W. and Mary Dorsey, was born near Kaufman, Texas, November 26, 1899, and departed this life at Elmo, Texas, November 26, 1913, that being the thirteenth year of her birth. She gave her pure, innocent heart to God at the age of ten. She was always in her place at Church and Sunday School. Pearl had a sweet disposition, was loved by everybody and will be sadly missed, but if she could she would tell us not to weep for her, for her sufferings are over. Pearl leaves behind to weep for her three sisters and one brother and her father. May God in his mercy put his arms around this family of loved ones and lead them through the trials of this life to the home above, where they will reunite to part no more. Her pastor,

E. B. JACKSON.

MILLS.—Mrs. Martha Elvira Mills, (nee Ferguson), was born November 21, 1828, in Florida. She was married in 1847 to Rev. John William Mills and for twenty-seven years, till his death in 1874, shared all the various vicissitudes of the pioneer Methodist preacher's life. In 1870 they came to Texas from Georgia. This was done at great sacrifice of comfort, and in doing it she relinquished fine educational advantages for her children to accept such as the new country afforded. But she murmured not for the will of God led her here. One year they lived in Panola County; then settled in Shelby County and to it and its people her life was given. She was left a widow July 6, 1874, with the care of a large family. But with the real bravery of a true mother she took up her burden and fulfilled it well. She was a school teacher and her scholars yet recall her teaching and her character. Also she had a class in Sunday School and when occasion demanded superintended the school for she would not let it die out. God gave her ten children, all but one of whom lived to be grown, two of these, however, have since died. And into her care and her heart, to share both with her own children, she took her stepson, J. M. Mills, now of the Texas Conference. There are forty-four grandchildren living besides the thirteen which have died, and forty great grandchildren. Very intimately was she connected with our Methodism and its ministry. J. M. and J. W. Mills, J. M. Smith, A. J. McCary and L. B. Elrod are in the connection of her kin. Of her children Mrs. Myers of Dallas, and Mrs. Hughes, of Teneha, have died; Mrs. Ramey lives at Chillicothe, Mrs. J. M. Smith at Harleton; the others, Mrs. W. W. McCary, Mrs. W. G. Carnahan, Mrs. W. E. Wilson, John W. and Robert W. Mills live at Center in Shelby County. All these she saw and talked to in her last illness and her words were fraught with the benison of heaven. After a few weeks of sickness, following some years of ill health, she left us for her "mansion in the sky" on January 13, at 3:15 p. m., dying at the home of her daughter, Mrs. W. E. Wilson. She had reached the age of eighty-four years, two months and twenty-two days. For two weeks the end had been imminent but it gave her no concern, no anxiety, except that she was convinced the time had come and was anxious to have the struggle over that she might be at rest. She talked to us so sweetly, so sublimely of the future and of her trust. Some things were remarkable about her. First and foremost, her radiant and beautiful Christian character. No one doubts or in any way wishes to question her standing with men or with God. All acclaim her a saint. Then, too, the unusual clearness of her mind and judgment was remarkable. She had full control of the powers of reason and was a constant and capable adviser of loved ones. For this reason they miss her more. The life habit of unselfishness and of strong desire to be no trouble to any one was with her to the end and was a noticeable trait of her character. She had reared a family of good children and they with all the care possible lavished their good services upon her to the very end. These long years she has been left with us to bless and to comfort us and in her presence we have rejoiced. Her voice, her smile, her faith, her unselfish love have been ours and we are so much the richer. But because she has been with us so long, therefore, we miss her the more and feel the loneliness more keenly. God help us to emulate her example, to follow her footsteps, to meet her in glory. "Precious in the sight of the Lord is the death of his saints."

C. B. GARRETT.

FRIOU.—Little Samuel, sweet baby boy of Brother and Sister Creed Friou, of Cleburne, Texas, was born January 14, 1913, and only lived a few short hours. Its stay was brief, but long enough to win the love of papa and mamma and a place in their memory that will go into eternity with them. In his death we feel the ties of heaven stronger and those of this old world less strong. Then, weep not, papa and mamma, for he has gone to hold the mansion in the skies for us, there to await our coming.

L. L. FELDER.

HUDSON.—Little Susie Fay Hudson, daughter of Brother and Sister L. B. Hudson was born July 7, 1904, and died at her home in Kirk, Texas, January 30, 1913, at 2 o'clock a. m. Her little spirit winged its way home to Jesus who said, "Of such is the kingdom of heaven." Susie was the idol of her parents and home; the sweet, happy, loving face won her the admiration of all who knew her. Both old and young alike knew her only to love her. She greeted everyone with a smile and was a child unusually bright for her age. She is mourned for by the entire community. Weep not for her, bereaved ones; Jesus look-

MARY R. HARKRIDER.

ed down from heaven and saw Susie was too pure for this old world, with its sin and cruelty. She is among the blood-washed throng of that innumerable host of God. Her little body was followed to the Church by her little schoolmates carrying flowers. Brother Jordan, the great-grandfather of Susie, spoke at the funeral, making a very consoling talk to the sorrowing ones. Every one in Kirk knew Susie. Both old and young mourn her death. We do not understand God's ways, yet we know he doeth all things well. Not our wills, but God's be done. We thank God we are not separated from our loved ones forever. We shall meet again. O the joy, never more to be separated! No more sorrow, no more funerals! God help us to so live that when our summons comes we will be ready.

O. B. TURNER, P. C.

RODGERS. — Araminta Cassandra Rodgers, daughter of S. A. and Maryline Rodgers, was born in Franklin County, Tennessee, June 30, 1869. She came with her parents to Cooke County, Texas, in 1876. She was married to Selly Nichols in 1881; moved to Crockett County, Texas, in 1884, and came back to Denton County, Texas, about 1898. She professed religion and joined the Methodist Episcopal Church, South, the same year. The above is a brief statement of the life of a truly model woman. Modest and retiring, she nevertheless wielded an influence for good in every department of life. She had two children, both girls, who grew to womanhood and married before her death. She spent the last years of her life with a younger brother, loved and respected by all. Her life was a sad one, but the grace of God was her staff and stay. She died on the table while undergoing a second operation for cancer of the stomach in October, 1912. She expressed her unshaken confidence in God. Peace to her ashes.

JOHN W. MURPHY.

SAMPSON.—Mollie Rebecca, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Thomas O. Sampson, was born in Mississippi May 1, 1852. There she was reared and received her early training. She was married to Capt. W. B. Murphy in Verona, Mississippi, in 1869. Came to Texas and settled in Falls County soon after their marriage. She was the mother of seven children who survive her. Capt. Murphy, a Confederate veteran, her husband, also survives her. Sister Murphy was a lifelong Christian, not knowing the time when she did not love and serve God. She joined the Methodist Church when a little child. She was a devout Christian. She died in the home of her daughter, Mrs. Sidney Allison, in Marlin, Texas, December 12, 1912, and, followed by a large concourse of sorrowing friends, she was carried to the silent city and tenderly laid away.

HER PASTOR.

KEMP. — Dempsey C. Kemp was born January 18, 1897, in Cameron, Texas, and died December 13, 1912. He was the oldest son of Jeff and Lena Kemp. At the early age of two and one-half years he started to the Methodist Sunday School and had almost an unbroken record until the time of his death. He was only fifteen years of age, yet he had been endowed with so many lovely traits of manhood that everyone knew him only to honor him. He told the truth under any and all circumstances. He was blessed with more than ordinary intellect for a boy of his age. Dempsey loved his mother devotedly and honored his father at all times. Comforting and appropriate Scriptures were read from the Bible Dempsey had received from the Sunday School for an unbroken record of ten years. He was always courageous and even on his bed of affliction was a hero. He assured the doctors of his readiness to go. The influence of his life will continue to live and bless humanity. Bless God for such a life as Dempsey Kemp lived. His aunt,

MARY R. HARKRIDER.

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NOBLE.—Mrs. Isabella Noble (nee Gillatly) was born December 11, 1843; departed this life January 11, 1913. She was married to Wade Noble August 23, 1881, who preceded her to that home not made with hands. She was a member of the Methodist Church since early childhood and was a devoted Christian and gave her life for others when needed, giving the last three years of it to her brother, who has been an invalid for that time. She leaves one son, George Noble, and her stepchildren, brothers, sisters and a host of friends to mourn her loss. But to you, dear friends and loved ones, weep not as those who have no hope, for she went to sleep on earth to wake in heaven, there to await your coming. Will you meet her there? "Asleep in Jesus; blessed sleep, from which none ever wake to weep." Her pastor,

W. W. THOMAS.

McGLAMERY.—Mrs. J. B. McGlamery was born January 7, 1864, and died February 1, 1913; converted and joined the Baptist Church at the age of thirteen. She was married to J. B. McGlamery in 1883. They moved West and she joined the M. E. Church, South, in 1898. She was a devoted wife in time of trouble and happiness; her life was one of the knowledge of God, putting her trust in Jesus in all things. Her life was as bright as the sun rays upon a snowy peak, and her influence was always for good. As a mother she never got too tired to lend a helping hand to her children. We will miss her, but we know where she is. She has children gone on before her, and she leaves a husband and six children; they were all at her bedside at death. To her devoted husband and children we express our heartfelt sympathy. We know we will meet her when we cross the river. When we meet her again we will meet to part no more.

MARCUS M. CHUNN, P. C.

REDDING. — Mrs. Fanny Redding (nee Rind) died at her home in Mobeetie, Texas, December 7, 1912. She was born at Wheelock, Indian Territory, February 13, 1841. Her father was Rev. H. G. Rind, a missionary from the Southern Methodist Church to the Choctaw Indians. He was in charge of a seminary for many years at Wheelock, Indian Territory. She was married to Dr. H. C. Redding August 2, 1866. They resided for many years in Arkansas at Sevier, where the husband practiced medicine. Afterward they resided at Navajo, Greer County, Oklahoma, and thence moved to Mobeetie, Texas. The good Father in heaven has called home a noble soul. She did not remember the day she united with the Methodist Church. She lived a consistent member of the Church. Her life was one that characterized itself in usefulness. There was never born to them any children, but several orphan children resided in her home and these were the idols of her home. She is known as the good wife of Dr. Redding. They were both loved and highly respected by all. They loved the Church and for many years have been ardent supporters of the Church they loved so well. Sister Redding was strong and invincible in her pure character. It was through her influence that her husband was first led to Christ. She leaves a husband and a host of friends behind her. May heaven to them be brighter and the good husband who now remains to live this life alone, may he realize that heaven brightens as he enters nearer that golden shore. A beautiful flower has been plucked from our flower-garden and transplanted into the eternal flower-garden on high where it will bloom forevermore and its colors never cease to radiate while time shall last and the sweet fragrance of this blossom will never cease to remain with us. Peace to her ashes. Thou art gone, but not forever. Her last battle has been fought and her sufferings are over and her faith has won for her a crown. Let us follow her that we may enjoy with her in the years to come the glory upon which she has entered.

L. JACKSON.

COX.—John J., the first child of Captain W. R. and Mrs. Synthia Cox, was born near Jonesville, Lee County, Virginia, January 29, 1866. He was converted and joined the Methodist Church twenty-one years ago at Mullin, Texas. He came to Texas as a telegraph operator in 1885 and served at Caldwell, Temple and Santa Anna. He was married May 28, 1886, to Miss Emma Martin, of Santa Anna. To them were born six children. Two

boys and two girls survive. He began the practice of law in Mullin in 1890. Moved to Temple in 1904. He moved to San Angelo in March, 1911, for health consideration of a son. He was a severe sufferer for many years and came to our local sanitarium January 20, 1913, for an operation. I had a personal talk with him a few hours before he died and he gave the best of evidence that he was ready to go. He died on his birthday—January 29, 1913. The writer conducted the funeral amidst a profusion of friends and flowers at the Masonic Temple. To the bereaved we extend sympathy of scores of friends.

E. V. COX.

Temple, Texas.

MOREHEAD. — Mrs. Victoria Williamson Morehead was born at Douglas, Texas, January 20, 1869; departed this life December 22, 1912, at her home in Colera, Okla. She was a good, true wife, a fond, loving mother and a friend to all who knew her. Many friends and loved ones were around her to do all they could, but earthly hands could do no more, and God called her home, where sadness, pain and sorrow have an end and she can rest from her troubles. How glad we were to see her rejoice in a Savior's love, and tell us that the way was so bright and that she could see her dear, good mother, who had preceded her over yonder. All who stood around her deathbed felt the presence of the Holy Spirit, as she said, "He is my God, your God and our God, and I am ready to go home." She told each of her loved ones good-bye, and said, "I love you all and hate to leave you." Gave each one a farewell talk and encouraged them to get ready for death, to live good Christian lives and to meet her in heaven. "God calls me. I will go. I want you to come after awhile, and we will be happy together again." It was a sad scene for those who witnessed her parting moments with her kind husband and little children. It is so hard to give our loved ones up, but we do not sorrow as those who have no hope. She requested them to sing "Tis so Sweet to Trust in Jesus." Then she praised God and seemed so happy. I'll never forget the deathbed scene of my dear sister. I expect to meet her again.

ADELIA.

ALSTON.—John Wesley Alston, Jr., was born in Leon County, Texas, March 15, 1877, and died at his home in Thornton, Texas, January 9, 1913. He moved to Thornton with his father in 1890 and was closely connected with that place until his death. He married Miss Emma Wilson June 13, 1895, and as a result of this happy union, three girls came to bless their home. He was converted and joined the Methodist Church during the summer of 1908 and lived in the Church until his death. Brother Alston was a man whose experiences with men were many and varied, and yet he never allowed any man to harbor an ill feeling toward him. He had a mother and one sister who had gone on before to welcome him "on the other side." May our Heavenly Father be a husband to this broken-hearted widow and a father to these bereaved children. Only a short while until you will meet him "over yonder," never again to say good-bye.

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BUSSEY.—Webbie Bussey was born March 16, 1887; departed this life December 2, 1912. Webbie was born and reared in five miles of Timpson. She was a good girl, kind, upright and honest. No object of charity or pity appealed to her in vain. To her immediate relatives she was as kind, true and loving a daughter and sister as any one ever could be. All through her illness she would ask her mother not to grieve for her. She would sit all day and read her Bible, seemingly never to tire, and would sing the lonely hours away at night when sleep for her was impossible. Webbie confessed her faith in God six years ago, but never united with any Church until last summer. Last February she saw her days were few here on earth, so she gave up her employment and retired home to spend her remaining days with her loved ones. All through her illness she complained but little. Her favorite songs were "Sweet Bye-and-Bye" and "Tis So Sweet to Trust in Jesus." In her very last days she asked God to call her home. He comes in our field and plucks our sweetest flowers and we ask not the reason why. He bears our best loved things away and our hearts are desolate. But weep not, dear mother, for she is borne unto that bright home where she will meet those who have gone before and where sorrow comes no more. Let us strive to meet her. Let us live so that when we are called we can be ready as she was. She was laid to rest in the Blair Cemetery, Rev. Lindsey conducting the funeral services. ONE WHO LOVED HER.

BLACK.—Mrs. Sarah Emma Black (nee Armstrong) was born in Wilcox County, Alabama, October 15, 1833. She was married to H. H. Black in 1851. She had three brothers, all of whom were Methodist preachers—Revs. J. M. and E. L. Armstrong, deceased, and the surviving brother, Rev. R. C. Armstrong, of Fort Worth, Texas. There were three sisters, Mrs. R. E. Green, Mrs. Susan Stovall and Miss Elizabeth Armstrong, all deceased. She was the mother of nine children, four of whom survive her: Mrs. B. W. Whittaker, of Dallas; Mrs. Ella Beck, Orange; Mrs. M. S. Woods and Mrs. J. M. Bond, of Lufkin. There are seventeen grandchildren and ten great-grandchildren. This good mother in Israel was converted and joined the M. E. Church, South, in early girlhood, and remained a devoted Christian all her life. A day or two before she died she said to her pastor: "I have served my day; I want to go home." So, January 12, 1913, she was no more to earth, for God heard her prayer and took her home to live with him in the house of many mansions.

W. H. VANCE, Pastor. Lufkin, Texas.

Quarterly Conferences

NORTH TEXAS CONFERENCE

McKinney District—First Round. 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. CHAS. A. SPRAGINS, P. E.

Bowie District—First Round. Post Oak, at Post Oak, Feb. 15, 16. Crafton, at Red Bud, Feb. 22, 23. Sunset, at Sunset, Feb. 23, 24. Dundee Mission, March 1, 2. T. H. MORRIS, P. E.

Gainesville District—First Round. Montague and Dye Mound, at M., Feb. 15, 16. Dexter Mis., at Mt. Zion, Feb. 19. Rosston Mis., at Rosston, Feb. 22, 23. J. F. PIERCE, P. E.

Sulphur Springs District—First Round. Bradhear, at Sherry, Feb. 15, 16. Sulphur Bluff, at Netta, Feb. 22, 23. Purley, at Harmony, March 1, 2. Winnsboro Sta., March 2, 3. Birthright and Tira, March 8, 9. Sulphur Springs Sta., March 9, 10. R. C. HICKS, P. E.

Greenville District—First Round. Greenville Mis., at Salem, Feb. 15, 16. Caddo Mills Mis., at C. M., Feb. 22, 23. C. M. HARLESS, P. E.

Paris District—First Round. Paris Circuit, at Elbethel, Feb. 15, 16. Lamar Ave., Feb. 16, 17. Depot Circuit, at Cunningham, Feb. 22, 23. W. F. BRYAN, P. E.

Decatur District—First Round. Mexican Mis., at Bridgeport, Feb. 15, 16. Willow Point Mis., at Willow Point, Feb. 16, 17. Oak Dale, at Barton's Chapel, Feb. 22, 23. Jacksboro Sta., at Berwick, March 1, 2. Bryson and Jersey, at Bryson, March 2, 3. Justin and Roanoke, at Roanoke, March 8, 9. S. C. RIDDLE, P. E.

Terrell District—First Round. Crandall, at C., Feb. 15, 16. A. L. ANDREWS, P. F.

Sherman District—First Round. Sadler and Gordonville, at Gordonville, Feb. 15 and 16. R. G. WOOD, P. E.

Sherman District—Second Round. Whitewright, February 23, 24. Pilot Grove Cir., at Blackmon's Chapel, March 1, 2.

Key Memorial, March 15, 16. Waples Memorial, March 22, 23. Belis Cir., at Moore's Chapel, March 29, 30. Van Alstyne, April 6, 7. Collinsville and Tioga, at Ethel, April 12, 13. Trinity, April 20, 21. Whitesboro, April 26, 27. Howe Cir., at Ferguson's Chapel, May 3, 4. Sadler and Gordonville, at Sadler, May 10, 11. Pottshoro and Preston, at Pottshoro, May 17, 18. Harless Chapel, May 18, 19. Sherman Cir., at Southmayd, May 24, 25. District Conference will meet at Whitesboro, Tuesday, April 22, at 9 a. m. Opening sermon Tuesday, at 11 a. m., by J. R. WAGES. R. G. MOOD, P. E.

CENTRAL TEXAS CONFERENCE

Gatesville District—Second Round. Moody, Feb. 15, 16. Clinton, Feb. 17, 18. 7:30 p. m. Manserville, at L., Feb. 22, 23. Meridian Cir., at Montgomery Springs, March 9, 10. Meridian Sta., March 9, 10. Vaidy Mills, at V. M., March 10, 11. Gatesville Sta., March 10, 11. Copperas Cove, at Falcoke, March 22, 23. Killeen Cir., at Brown's Creek, March 29, 30. Nolanville, at N., March 31, 11 a. m. McGregor, April 5, 6. Jonesboro, at Union Grove, April 12, 13. Evans, at —, April 16, at 11 a. m. Fairy and Lannam, at L., April 19, 20. Hamilton Cir., at —, April 26, 27. Hamilton, April 27, 28. Crawford, April 30, 2 p. m. Gatesville Cir., at —, May 4. District Conference will be held at Ogeesby including the second Sunday in May. S. J. VAUGHAN, P. E.

Cleburne District—Second Round. Brazos Avenue, Feb. 16. Burleson, at B., Feb. 22, 23. Grandview Cir., at G. B., March 1, 2. Main Street, Cleburne, March 2 and 23, at 7:30 p. m. Alvarado, March 8, 9. Venus, March 15, 16. Godley, at Concord, March 22, 23. Lillian, at P. G., March 29, 30. George's Creek, at White Ch., April 4. Granbury Cir., at Hill City, April 5, 6. Glen Rose, April 6, 7. Joshua, at Egan, April 12, 13. Blum, at Lone Willow, April 19, 20. Morgan, at Morgan, April 26, 27. Walnut Springs, April 27, 28. Cresson, at Long Creek, May 3, 4. Granbury Sta., May 4, 5. Grandview Sta., May 10, 11. Pastor's Conference and Missionary Institute at Alvarado, Feb. 27, 28. W. W. MOSS, P. E.

Georgetown District—Second Round. Salado, at Bell Plains, Feb. 15, 16. Taylor, Feb. 23, 24. Bartlett, April 5, 6. Granger, April 5, 6. Thrall, at Beauvais, March 8, 9. Belton, March 16, 17. Holland, at Wilson's Valley, March 22, 23. Belton Cir., at New Hope, March 29, 30. Hutto, at Round Rock, March 2, 3. Florence, at Wesley Chapel, April 12, 13. Georgetown, April 13, at p. m. Temple, at Seventh Street, April 20, at 11 a. m. Temple, First Church, April 20, at 8 p. m. Troy, at Pendleton, April 26, 27. Rogers, May 4, 5. T. S. ARMSTRONG, P. E.

Cisco District—Second Round. Thurber, Feb. 25. Breckenridge, March 1, 2. Eastland, 7:30 p. m., March 7. Ranger, at P. Grove, March 8, 9. Strawn and Mungus, at M., March 15, 16. Gorman, March 22, 23. Gordon, at Mt. Zion, March 29, 30. Rising Star, April 5, 6. Pioneer, at P. Valley, April 5, 7. May, at Bethel, 11 a. m., April 8. Sipe Springs, at Beattie, 11 a. m., April 9. Cisco Mis., at Bluff Branch, April 12, 13. Scranton, at S., 11 a. m., April 16. Deslemona, April 19, 20. Staff, April 20, 21. Cisco Sta., April 27, 28. Wayland, May 3, 4. Caddo, May 4, 5. Eolian, May 10, 11. Carbon, May 17, 18. District Conference, at Cisco, 7:30 p. m., May 27. Delegates will be elected this round. C. E. LINDSEY, P. E.

Brownwood District—Second Round. Robert Lee, at Hayrich, Feb. 15, 16. Bronte, at Bronte, Feb. 16, 17. Hanges, at Concord, Feb. 22, 23. Norton, at Hatchel, March 1, 2. Winchell, at Trickham, March 8, 9. Ballinger, March 15, 16. Wingers, at Darsco, March 22, 23. Glen Cove, at Crews, March 29, 30. Brownwood Mis., at Green's Chapel, April 5, 6. Indian Creek, at Bethany, April 12, 13. Coleman Sta., April 16. Talpa, at Valera, April 18. Goodluck, at Wesley Chapel, April 19, 20. Coleman Mis., at Thrifty, April 26, 27. Santa Anna, April 30. Banket, May 3, 4. Brownwood Sta., May 10, 11. District Conference will be held at Winters beginning May 15, at 3 p. m. J. H. STEWART, P. E.

Weatherford District—Second Round. Grafard, at Lucile, Feb. 15, 16. Azle, at Peden, Feb. 22, 23. Springtown, at Knob, Feb. 23, 24. Millsap, at Mt. Vernon, March 1, 2. Miner, Wells, at M. W., March 9, 10. Santo, at Brazos, March 15, 16. Weatherford Circuit, at Weiland, March 19. Aledo, at Ben Brook, March 22, 23. Couts Mem., March 29, 30. Weatherford, March 29, 31. Whitt Circuit, April 5, 6. Loving, at Loving, April 12, 13. Graham Mis., at Rocky Mound, April 15. Graham, at Graham, April 16. Elbasville, at Murray, April 19, 20. New Castle, at True, April 26, 27. Olney Mis. Institute and District and Quarterly Conference, April 22-25. JAS. CAMPBELL, P. E.

Waxahachie District—Second Round. Milford, at Hamlet, Feb. 15, 16. Trumbull, at Carrol, Feb. 22, 23. Ferris, Feb. 23, 24. Britton, at Webb, March 1, 2. Emis, March 7, 9. Palmer, at Garrett, March 8, 9. Ovilla, at Onward, March 22, 23. Maypearl, at Auburn, March 29, 30. Red Oak, at Boyce, April 12, 13. Mansfield, April 15. Middleton, April 16. Forrester, at Colliers Chapel, April 19, 20. Waxahachie, April 20, 21. Bethel, April 25, 26. Italy, April 25-27. Hardwell, at Avalon, May 3, 4. Italy, May 4, 5.

Pastors' Conference and Missionary Institute, Feb. 19, 20, at Mansfield. J. A. WHITEHURST, P. E.

Cisco District—First Round. Carbon, at Jewell, Feb. 15, 16. F. V. LINDSEY, P. E.

Hillsboro District—First Round. Lovelace, at Lovelace, Feb. 15, 16. HORACE BISHOP, P. E.

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Cuero District—Second Round. Ganado and Louise, at Louise, Feb. 15, 16. Edna, Feb. 16, 17. Provident, at Light's Thrs., Feb. 20. Llanos, Feb. 22, 23. Hallettsville, at Rock Island, Feb. 23, 24. Port Lavaca and Traylor, at T., March 1, 2. Port O'Connor, at Bloomington, Tues., Mar. 4. Nursery, at Ford Tran, March 8, 9. Midfield, at Markham, March 15, 16. Palacios, March 16, 17. El Campo, Tues., March 18. Smiley, at Westhoff, March 22, 23. Nixon, March 23, 24. Pandora, at Caddo, March 29, 30. Stockdale, at Stockdale, March 30, 31. Cuero, April 5, 6. Laveria, at Sutherland Spgs., April 12, 13. District Conference will convene at Stockdale, at 8 a. m., Tuesday, March 25. Tuesday and Wednesday will be given to the cause of Missions. The Women's Societies will participate. Thursday and Friday will be given to the routine work of the District Conference. JOHN M. ALEXANDER, P. E.

Beeville District—Second Round. Calallen, at Riviera, Feb. 15, 16. Robstown, at Banquetta, Feb. 22, 23. Bishop, Feb. 23, 24. Karnes City, at Pettus, Feb. 26. Rockport, March 1, 2. Aransas Pass, March 2, 3. Floresville, March 5. Kenedy, at Kenedy, March 6. Oakville, at Bethel, March 8, 9. Beeville, March 12. Mathis, March 14. Corpus Christi, March 15, 16. Taft, at Gregory, March 16, 17. San Benito, March 22, 23. Brownsville, March 23, 24. Harington, March 26. Mercedes and LaFaria, at LaF., March 27. Sinton, at Odem, March 29, 30. Kingsville, April 5, 6. J. H. GROSECLOSE, P. E.

Llano District—Second Round. Marble Falls Cir., at Walnut, Feb. 15, 16. Marble Falls Sta., Feb. 16, 17. Blanco, at Blanco, Feb. 22, 23. Johnson City, at Round Mountain, Feb. 25. Goldthwaite, March 1, 2. Mullen, at Mullen, March 2, 3. Star, at Pleasant Grove, March 8, 9. Center City, at Bethel, March 9, 10. Llano Cir., at Willow City, March 15, 16. Llano Sta., March 22, 23. Cherokee, at Cherokee, March 23, 24. San Saba Sta., March 25. Richland Springs, at Lockett, March 27. Lometa Cir., at Bend, March 29, 30. San Saba Cir., at Colony, March 30, 31. Marlin, April 5, 6. Fredonia, April 5, 6, 7. The District Missionary Institute will be held at Lometa, Feb. 11, 13. W. COWAN, P. E.

San Marcos District—Second Round. Manchaca, at Creedmoor, Feb. 15, 16. Kyle and Buda, at Kyle, Feb. 18. Dripping Springs, Feb. 22, 23. Lubbock, Feb. 26, 27. Gonzales, March 1, 2. Lockhart, March 2, 3. Staples, at Harris Chapel, March 8, 9. Martindale, March 12, 23. San Marcos, March 16. Seguin, March 22, 23. Belmont, at Mill Creek, March 25, 26. Leavelle, March 27, 28. Waelder and Thomsonville, at Thomsonville, March 29, 30. Missionary Institute and District Conference at Waelder March 31 to April 3. Opening sermon March 31, 7:30 p. m. by Rev. Theophilus Lee of Lockhart. THOMAS GREGORY, P. E.

San Angelo District—Second Round. San Angelo, Chadbourne St., Feb. 16. Miles, Feb. 22, 23. Eden, at Live Oak, Mar. 1, 2. Lohn, at Pear Valley, Mar. 3. Brady, Mar. 8, 9. Rochelle, at Live Oak, Mar. 9. Junction, at Junction, Mar. 15, 16. Menard, at Menard, Mar. 17. Sonora, Mar. 22, 23. Eldorado, at Eldorado, Mar. 29, 30. Ozona, Apr. 5, 6. Sterling, Apr. 12, 13. Water Valley, at Carlsbad, Apr. 20. Garden City, at Fairview, Apr. 24. Midland, Apr. 26, 27. Midland Circuit, at Prairie Lee, Apr. 26. Paint Rock Circuit, May 1. F. B. BUCHANAN, P. E.

Austin District—Second Round. West Point Cir., at Muldoon, Feb. 15, 16. Smithville, Feb. 16, 17. Elgin, Feb. 22, 23. McBride Cir., at Watterson, Feb. 24-26. Bastrop, March 1, 2. Manor, March 8, 9. Webberville Cir., at Colorado Chapel, Mar. 15, 16. University Church, March 16, 17. Liberty Hill and Leander, at L. H., March 22. Walnut, March 29, 30. St. Luke's, March 30, 31. First Church, Apr. 6, 7. South Austin, April 11, 12. Ward Memorial, April 12, 13. The District Conference will meet in Flatonia, April 15-18. V. A. GODBEY, P. E.

San Antonio District—Second Round. Fairview Cir., at Campbellton, Feb. 15, 16. Pleasanton, Feb. 16. Travis Park, Feb. 23. Prospect Hill, Feb. 23. West End, March 2. Alamo Heights, March 2. Poteet Cir., at P., March 9. South Heights, March 9. Harper Cir., at Ingram, March 9. Kerrville, March 16. Center Point, March 16. Boerne Cir., at Comfort, March 23. Alamo, March 23. San Antonio Cir., at Oak Island, March 30. Government Hill, March 30. Bandera, April 6. Medina, at M., April 6. Missionary Institute and District Conference at Bandera April 1-4. Opening sermon April 1, 7:30 p. m., by Rev. Nat. B. Read. S. H. C. BURGIN, P. E.

NORTHWEST TEX. CONFERENCE Sweetwater District—Second Round. Sweetwater Sta., Feb. 16; business meeting April 2.

Hermleigh, at Guinn, Feb. 22-23. Roscoe, at R., March 2-3. Roby, at Fairview, March 8, 9. Westbrook, at Cuthbert, Mar. 15-16. Blackwell, at Hylton, Mar. 22-23. Roanoke, Mar. 27, at 3 p. m. Sweetwater Conference, at Loraine, Mar. 28-30. Snyder Sta., April 6, 7. Colorado Sta., April 13-14. Colorado Mis., at Plainview, April 19, 20. Fluvanna, at Crowds, April 26-27. Sweetwater Mis., at Ada, May 3-4. To the brethren of the District: I did the only thing possible to meet your various days on the Missions and Circuits. J. M. SHERMAN, P. E.

Abilene District—Second Round. Clyde, at Eula, Feb. 15, 16. Clyde Mission, at Oplin, Feb. 22, 23. Hawley, at Hodges, March 1, 2. Anson, March 2, 3. Trent, at Cross Roads, March 15, 16. Merkel, March 16, 17. View, at Buffalo Gap, March 22, 23. First Church, Abilene, March 23, 24. Caps, at Wiley, April 5, 6. St. Pauls, Abilene, April 6, 7. O'Neil, Jim, Feb. 20, April 12, 13. Cross Plains, at Cotton Wood, April 19, 20. Nugent, at Hamby, April 26, 27. Putnam, at Moran, May 3, 4. Baird, May 4, 5. The District Conference will meet at Baird March 26-30. C. N. N. FERGUSON, P. E.

Vernon District—Second Round. Vernon Cir., Feb. 15, 16. Estelline Cir., March 1, 2. Dumont Mis., March 7. Paulsba Sta., March 8, 9. Fel. Cir., March 15, 16. Tolbert and Fargo, March 19. Quannah Sta., March 21. Quannah Mis., March 22, 23. Medicine Mound Mis., March 29, 30. Crowell Mis., April 4. Kirkland Cir., April 5. Childress Sta., April 5, 6. Chillicothe Sta., April 12, 13. Margaret Cir., April 19, 20. Odell Mis., April 26, 27. Vernon Sta., April 28. Crowell Sta., May 7. The Vernon District Missionary Institute will be held at Quannah Feb. 12, 13. The opening sermon will be preached by Rev. A. W. Hall Tuesday, Feb. 11, at 7:30 p. m. J. G. MILLER, P. E.

Stamford District—Second Round. Haskell Sta., March 1, 2. Weinert, March 3, at 11 a. m. Sunday, March 5, at 2 p. m. Ward and Leuders, March 8, 9. Albany, March 12, 13. Bomarton, March 15, 16. Seymour Sta., March 21, at 8 p. m. Seymour Mis., March 22, 23. Goree, March 29, 30. Westover, April 5, 6. Haskell Mis., April 12, 13. St. John's, April 20. Throckmorton Sta., April 23. Throckmorton Mis., April 24, 11 a. m. Woodson, April 26, 27. Avera and Bethel, May 10, 11. The District Conference at Throckmorton June 26-29 and will embrace the fifth Sunday. J. G. PUTMAN, P. E.

Clarendon District—Second Round. Lakeview, at Union Hill, Feb. 15, 16. Newlin, at Salisbury, Feb. 22, 23. Hedley, at Hedley, Feb. 24. Shamrock, Mar. 1, 2. Wheeler, at Locust Grove, March 3. Plymouth, at Lee's Chapel, March 5. McLean, March 8, 9. Wellington Circuit, at Olympus, March 15, 16. Wellington Station, March 17. Moberlie, at Moberlie, March 22, 23. Caline, at Gageley Valley, March 25. Miami and Pampa, at Pampa, March 27. Washburn, at Fairview, March 29. Claude, March 30, 31. Goodnight, at Sunny View, April 1. Ouzel, at Quail, April 5, 6. Canadian, April 12, 13. Groom, at Groom, April 19, 20. Clarendon, April 27, 28. The District Conference will convene at Hedley, May 2-5. Opening sermon by Rev. W. M. Pope, May 2, at 7:30 p. m. J. W. STORY, P. E.

Plainview District—Second Round. Tulia Sta., Feb. 15, 16. Plainview Mis., Feb. 22, 24. Bartonite, at Pierce's Chapel, March 1, 2. Hale Center, March 4, 3. Kress, at Vigo, March 8, 9. Lorenzo, at Estacado, March 15, 16. Crosbyton, at Cove, March 16, 17. Lockney Mis., at Roseland, March 22, 23. Lockney Sta., March 23, 24. Dimmitt, at Owen, March 29, 30. Silverton, April 5, 6. Turkey, at Whitehat, April 12, 13. Matador, April 13, 14. Afton at Dickens, April 19, 20. Lubbock Sta., April 21, 8 p. m. Lubbock Mis., April 22, 10 a. m. Happy, at Lakeview, April 26, 27. Plainview Sta., April 29, 8 p. m. J. T. HICKS, P. E.

Big Spring District—Second Round. Seminole, Feb. 23, 24. Andrews, at Shafter, March 1, 2. Stanton, afternoon, March 4. Big Spring Sta., afternoon, March 5. Big Spring Mis., March 8, 9. Gail, at Gail, March 15, 16. Coahoma, at R. Bar, March 22, 23. Plains, March 30, 31. Brownfield, at Gomez, April 5, 6. O'Donnell, at T. Bar, April 8, 9. Tahoka and Slaton, at Slaton, April 12, 13. Post, afternoon, April 14. Lamesa, April 19, 20. W. H. TERRY, P. E.

Amarillo District—Second Round. Dalhart, Feb. 15-16. Stratford, Feb. 22-23. Lipscomb, Mar. 1-2. Polk Street, Mar. 8-9. Buchanan Sta., Mar. 9-10. Hereford, Mar. 15-16. Canyon, Mar. 16-17. Vega, Mar. 22-23. Ochiltree, Mar. 29-30. Plemons, Apr. 5-6. White Deer, Apr. 12-13. Blodgett, Apr. 19-20. Middle Well, Apr. 26-27. Channing, Apr. 27-28. District Conference, at Canyon, May 9-14. The Amarillo District Conference will meet at Canyon, May 9th to 14th. Opening Session Friday Night, May 9th. O. P. KIKER, P. E.

TEXAS CONFERENCE Bonham District—First Round. Brookston Ct., Feb. 15, 16. Telephone Ct., Feb. 22, 23. Forest Hill and Bell Chapel, Mar. 1, 2. Ravenna Ct., Mar. 8, 9. Windom Ct., Mar. 15, 16. O. S. THOMAS, P. E.

Navasota District—First Round. Bryan Circuit, at Union Hill, Feb. 15, 16. Bryan Sta., Feb. 16, 17. E. L. SHETTLES, P. E.

Jacksonville District—First Round. Cushing, at C., Feb. 19. Mt. Selman, at M., Feb. 15, 16. Elkhart, at Elkhart, Feb. 22, 23. Brushy Creek, at B., Mar. 1, 2. J. T. SMITH, P. E.

San Augustine District—First Round. 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.

Houston District—First Round. Cedar Bayou, Feb. 12. Iowa Colony, Feb. 16. Arcadia, Feb. 16. JAMES KILGORE, P. F.

Tyler District—First Round. Tyler Circuit, at Bascom, Feb. 15, 16. Cedar Street, Feb. 17. Mt. Sylvan, at Harris Chapel, Feb. 22, 23. Lindale, Feb. 24. J. B. TURKENTINE, P. E.

Marlin District—First Round. Milano Cir., at Gause, Feb. 15, 16. Warren, at Sta., Feb. 16, 17. Travis Cir., at Travis, Feb. 22, 23. Rosebud Sta., and Bohemian Mis., Feb. 23, 24. I. F. BETTS, P. E. 510 Chambers Street, Marlin, Texas.

Brenham District—First Round. Wharton, Feb. 16, 17. Richmond, Feb. 22, 23. Rosenberg, Feb. 23, 24. Sonerville, March 2, 3. S. W. THOMAS, P. E.

Beaumont District—First Round. Nederland, at Sab. Pass, Feb. 15, 16. Warren, at Midway, Feb. 22, 23. Woodville, at Woodville, Feb. 23, 24. W. SOLOMON, P. E.

Marshall District—First Round. Kilgore Cir., at Danville, Feb. 13. Elysian Fields Cir., at Bethel, Feb. 15, 16. Longview, Feb. 19. Hallville Cir., at Hallville, Feb. 22, 23. Bettie Cir., Glenwood, March 1, 2. F. M. BOYLES, P. E.

Pittsburg District—First Round. 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. Teaching Wednesday and Thursday 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. O. T. HOTCHKISS, P. F.

Marlin District—Second Round. Normangee, at North Zulch, March 1, 2. Marquette, at New Baden, March 8, 9. Jewett, at Oakwood, March 9, 10. Franklin, March 12. Roagan, at Stranger, March 15, 16. Marlin, March 16, 17. Davilla, at Davilla, March 22, 23. Buckholts, at Buckholts, March 23, 24. Cameron, March 30, 31. Calvert, April 5, 6. Durango, at Cego, April 12, 13. Lott and Chilton, at Lott, April 13, 14. Leon Mis., at Liberty, April 19, 20. Centerville, at Leoma, April 26, 27. Fairchild and Deas, at Mt. Zion, May 3, 4. Teague, May 4, 5. Wheelock, at Edge, May 10, 11. Bremond, at Beck Prairie, May 17, 18. Hearne, May 18, 19. Kross, at Alto Springs, May 24, 25. Milano, at —, May 26. Travis, at Sneed's Chapel, May 31, June 1. Rosebud Sta. and Bohemian Mis., June 1, 2. Stewards are urged to keep up with their collections. If you fall behind now it will cripple you all the year. I hope there will not be a pastor in this district that will not be a pastor in the district with his assessments in full. At least have them all secured in good subscriptions. Collect all you can. Above all, let us pray and labor for a sweeping revival all over the district. I. F. BETTS, P. E. 510 Chambers St., Marlin, Tex.

NEW MEXICO CONFERENCE

Pecos Valley District—Second Round. Elida, Feb. 8, 9. Deiter, Feb. 9, 10. Clovis, Feb. 15, 16. Texico, Feb. 17. Blacktower, Feb. 18, 19. Rogers, Feb. 22, 23. Hagerman, Feb. 26. Malaga, March 1, 2. Carlsbad, March 2, 3. Lovington, March 8, 9. Sacramento Mount, March 15, 16. Odessa, March 22, 23. Pecos, March 29, 30. Hope, April 5, 6. Dayton, April 12, 13. Artesia, April 19, 20. Portales, April 26, 27. Roswell, April 26, 27. District Conference at Portales April 17-21. J. B. COCHRAN, P. E.

Albuquerque District—Second Round. San Marcial, Feb. 15, 16. Magdalena, Feb. 15, 16. Albuquerque, Feb. 22, 23. Cerrillos, Feb. 25. Watrous, Feb. 26. Melrose, March 1, 2. Moriarty, March 8, 9. Carrizozo, March 15, 16. Corona, March 22, 23. McAlister, March 29, 30. Star, April 5, 6. Ricardo, April 8, 9. Tucumcari, April 12, 13. Tucumcari Cir., April 19, 20. San Jon, April 26, 27. Cimarron Cir., May 3, 4. Cimarron, May 10, 11. H. MESSER, P. E.

El Paso District—Second Round. Marathon, Feb. 16. Ft. Stockton, Feb. 19. El Paso—G. Hill, Feb. 23. El Paso—Mission, Feb. 23. Alamogordo, Feb. 26. Tularosa, Mar. 1-2. Las Cruces, Mar. 5. Lordsburg, Mar. 8-9. Deming, Mar. 12. La Mesa, Mar. 15-16. District Conference at Deming, New Mexico, April 9-14. E. D. Lewis will preach the opening sermon Wednesday night. First business session Thursday morning. J. ALLEN RAY, P. E.





THE KNICKERBOCKER SPECIAL.

Charter Members \$100,000 Club.

Rev. W. A. Thomas and Wife, San-ger.

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Wm. Nickels, Eden.

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New Members Previously Reported.

Rev. H. D. Knickerbocker, Waco.

R. H. Kirby, Austin.

Mrs. Lula B. Wilson, Austin.

R. L. Ball, San Antonio.

J. O. Terrell, San Antonio.

H. C. Carter, San Antonio.

Ed. Rand, San Antonio.

New Members Since Last Report.

C. A. Milam, Glen Rose.

Rev. J. G. Miller, Vernon.

A. A. Thompson, Corsicana.

Nominations.

C. A. Milam, Glen Rose, elected

new member.

2. Albert Bentley, Temple.

3. F. A. Downs, Temple.

4. Joe Childers, Temple.

5. "Pink" Downs, Temple.

6. Capt. L. E. Wilson, Temple.

7. Dr. R. R. White, Temple.

8. A. C. Buchanan, Temple.

9. Dr. A. C. Scott, Temple.

10. C. M. Campbell, Sr., Temple.

11. Chas. M. Campbell, Temple.

12. James E. Ferguson, Temple.

13. Dr. J. E. Harrison, San Antonio.

14. Dr. John R. Nelson, Corsicana.

15. Rev. W. H. Vaughan, Waco.

16. Rev. Sam R. Hay, Houston.

17. Rev. W. E. Johnson, Beaumont.

18. Rev. Will Reatro, San Marcos.

19. Rev. J. G. Miller, Vernon, elected

new member.

PARAGRAPHS FOR KNICKERBOCKER'S SPECIAL.

All aboard for the next station

stagnant for us! Let everybody

note that some of the nominees are being

elect. The very first nominee, C.

A. Milam, of Glen Rose, has been

chosen unanimously—voting for him-

self with both hands up. We now

center upon him the illustrious de-

gree of "C. J." which being interpret-

ed in the classic language of today

means "Knickerbocker Jack." Scarcely

had we gotten Rev. J. G. Miller's name on

the nominee column, when lo! he

scanned the ballot box with a glaucous

eye and is elected. Others who had

not even gotten on the nomination

column, but held the caucus, generous-

ly nominated themselves and wrote

the secretary to cast a unanimous

vote of the whole convention in their

behalf and are duly elected. The

heaven is working. There are a

whole lot of folks thinking about

getting on this train of mine. Let them

see the seed and let me reap the

fruit and their destiny will be the

destination of a glorious success. All

aboard for the next station!

SQUAD LEADERS OF KNICKERBOCKER SPECIAL.

I have appointed the following lead-

ers of squads. Their duty is to in-

crease the number of passengers in

their squad from nothing to ten. The

first one who goes over the line with

ten enrolled members of my great ex-

ursion to the golden land of big

success gets a specially designed gold

medal. The present members will be

equally distributed among the squads.

All who come in through the various

workers will be equally distributed

but any who are influenced to join

by any squad leader will be credited

to that squad leader's bunch. Here

they are. Watch 'em get busy!

Squad No. 1. Dr. M. L. Graves, Gal-

veston.

Squad No. 2. Hon. Geo. T. Jester,

Corsicana.

Squad No. 3. Hon. John W. Robbins,

Austin.

Squad No. 4. Rev. W. F. Bryan,

Paris.

Squad No. 5. Rev. C. B. Garrett,

Center.

Squad No. 6. Judge C. C. Walsh,

San Angelo.

Squad No. 7. Hon. R. M. Kelly,

Langview.

Squad No. 8. Rev. J. E. Harrison,

San Antonio.

Squad No. 9. Col. A. F. Bentley,

Temple.

Squad No. 10. Dr. John M. Moore,

Nashville, Tenn.

A VISIT TO VERNON.

On Friday, January 21, the District

Commissioners of the Northwest Tex-

as Conference convened at Vernon.

The meeting was well attended and

plans were made for a vigorous every-

member campaign throughout the

conference. Several elders were present,

Boaz and Young were present from

Paris and aided to the discussion of

plans. In the afternoon they under-

took a campaign in behalf of Southern

Methodist University but found a

\$12,000 church debt as an impossible

barrier.

On Friday night Dr. Boaz delivered

an address to a very appreciative

audience. At the close of the

lecture a few leading men were

called together and under the

leadership of Hall, Miller, Boaz

and Young a whirlwind campaign

was started to raise the church debt

by six o'clock Saturday evening.

Promptly at nine a. m. a large

committee met in the director's room of

the Waggoner National Bank. It was

found that \$5400 had already been

credentially pledged. The pastor, A.

W. Hall, made a statement of facts

and turned the meeting over to H. A.

Boaz who followed with a few re-

marks. Those present manifested

much enthusiasm and the work was

started at once. By six o'clock the

church debt of \$12,000 was guaran-

teed. A good day's work, and the

pastor, presiding elder, and people were

all happy—so was Dr. Boaz.

At eleven Sunday morning, in spite

of a bitter cold morning and frozen

streets and walks, a good congrega-

tion was present and heard with in-

terest the claims of Southern Metho-

dist University. The church debt

having been provided for on Saturday,

the way was open for the University.

A liberal response was made. Vernon

had pledged \$685 some time since and

the present trip resulted in \$3345 in

new pledges. This makes a total of

\$4030. Rev. J. G. Miller, presiding

elder, took passage on the "Knicker-

bocker Special." Additional pledges

will be made as soon as the people

recover a little from the payment of

the church debt.

Young left Saturday at noon for

Seymour where he presented the

Southern Methodist University to our

people there, securing \$750.

BELLEVUE TO THE FRONT.

Bellevue, Texas, January 30, 1912.—

Frank Reedy, Bursar, S. M. U., Dal-

las, Texas. Dear Reedy: This is to

notify you that two twenty-five dollar

bonds will be forthcoming in a few

days which will complete the amount

necessary to have a room named for

"Bellevue—one thousand dollars in

good subscriptions.

FINIS A. CRUTCHFIELD,

Bowie District Commissioner.

Hurrah for Bellevue and its splen-

did pastor, F. A. Crutchfield!

BROTHER YOUNG SWEEPS

CORSICANA.

Dr. Boaz and I came to the good

city of Corsicana Saturday evening

for the purpose of presenting the

claims of Southern Methodist Uni-

versity. It rained in torrents all day

Sunday, consequently we had but few

folk at the 11 o'clock service. Never-

theless, we did some business. This

we followed up with a personal cam-

paign Monday and Tuesday. On a for-

mer visit Dr. Boaz secured \$3500. We

have secured during this trip \$3650

more, making more than \$7000. Good

for Corsicana!

Our commissioner, Gov. George T.

Jester, Brother Jno. R. Nelson, presid-

ing elder, and Brother C. R. Wright,

pastor, gave us freely of their time to

the campaign. We left Corsicana

Tuesday evening for Waco to meet

the District Commissioners on Wed-

nesday. We were very much gratified

to have an attendance upon this

meeting of eighteen commissioners

and presiding elders. Plans for the

Every-Member Campaign were made

and adopted at this time. All of the

commissioners and presiding elders

are very much interested, even en-

thusiastic with reference to the Every-

Member Campaign. They say that the

Central Texas Conference will meas-

ure up to the highest expectations

during the campaign. We feel confi-

dently such will be the case. We go

from here to Vernon to meet the

commissioners of the Northwest Texas

Conference. More anon.

J. D. YOUNG.

A VISIT TO MERIDIAN COLLEGE.

At a recent meeting of the Commis-

sion of Education Meridian College

applied for a statement of correla-

tion. This worthy school wishes to

be in line with the great movement

to systematize our educational insti-

tutions, and promptly arranged to

meet all the requirements demanded

by the committee on correlation. And

as rapidly as possible are they equip-

ping themselves to do a great work

for our young people. They are now

in the midst of their fourth session

with twelve college and university

trained teachers. They had an at-

tendance last year aggregating four

hundred twenty-six, and the quality

of their work is acceptable to the

Universities of the State. There is

something peculiarly charming in the

spirit of this student body of young

men and young women that seems

that they almost, as a family, look

carefully after the interests of the

school as a whole and are very will-

ing to assist each other. A more

harmonious faculty and student body

could not exist. In the midst of heavy

rain and freezing weather, practical-

ly the whole student body attended

Sunday School and Epworth League.

Quite a number sought opportunity

to express their desire for a com-

plete university education to equip

themselves for the very best possi-

ble in Church and State. They have

four modern buildings, but not by

any means sufficient accommo-

dations for all the students that

desire to attend. They need at least

two more dormitories, or certainly

double the capacity of the present

ones. President Winfield and Com-

missioner Wilson have great plans